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Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

**April 25 – May 1, 2021**

**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**

**Morning Prayer Sunday April 25 at 10:00AM**

Watch live streamed on YouTube.

Go to St. Paul's website

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher, Karen Blye-McAbee & Carol Marker

Officiant: Carol Marker

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: 23

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18



**A Short Warm Message**

Spring promises many things- flowers, warm sunshine, mowing lawns, planting gardens, picnics, and enjoying the great outdoors. We dream of the beautiful panoramic landscapes that God has created for us to marvel. But Spring also has its bad times. Long days of rain, cold cloudy stretches of time, the return of occasional snow, and the Montrose mud season make their appearances to remind us that we have to accept the bad with the good.

Here I am sitting in sunny Florida enjoying beautiful sunny, warm weather and loving relatives. But even here, Mother Nature has her moments. This past Sunday we were blessed with a full day of cloudburst thundershowers, resulting in flooded streets and even some buildings in low spots. But afterward came the sun and sudden bursts of new green leaves on the live oak trees and rich green grass which was dead brown the day before the rain. Perhaps this is a sign for us that indeed, Christ has risen from the dead to eternal life.

Whether in Montrose, Pennsylvania or Homosassa, Florida, all these things are there for us to see. The miracles in and of life and growth are all around us, constant reminders that the Lord is with us and in us throughout our lives to help us and to support us with whatever we face. Joy, happiness, security, suffering, illness, sorrow, loneliness, depression, wealth, poverty, comfort, peace, and war- God is with us in all these and more. May the Lord always be with you. Tom U.

## Easter Treat & Bread Donations

For many years while growing up, our parents took us to Ontario, Canada for summer vacation. We stayed on an island in a rustic cabin and therefore entertained ourselves in the evening by playing games. My father always brought along a drawstring leather bag full of pennies. This was our poker money. Although I am quite sure we children did not measure up to Dad's skill level, nonetheless, we had a great time learning the rules of the game. Before each new round, Dad would say, "OK, ante up." The pennies that we threw into the pot bought us a seat at the table for the next game.

As part of our Lenten discipline this year, we were asked to keep track of items that we chose to forego as a means of abstinence or fasting. The total cost of these un-purchased items could be donated towards the Easter treats for the recipients of Meals on Wheels. In this case, the "ante up" is retroactive to the beginning of Lent, but is no less meaningful at the end Lent. Our donations offered in observance of Lent, bought us the satisfaction of having served a marginalized group of our neighbors that we could not serve one on one.

Please send your Lenten donations to the office earmarked "Easter treats." Also, please remember that St. Paul's donates bread for the Food Pantry distribution on the second Friday of the month. The bread is purchased from Hometown Market and costs about \$350/month. Until we can resume our bread basket donation during church services, please send any contributions to the office earmarked "bread." Thank you all for your generosity. Matthew 25:35

## MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

**First Wednesday of the Month:** Free Soup Dinner St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Second Friday of the Month:** Montrose Mobile Food Pantry South Montrose Community Church 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration required by calling 570-533-3980

**Third Monday of the Month:** Free Soup Dinner South Montrose Community Church 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Fourth Friday of the Month:** Food Distribution Endless Mountains Health Care 2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration required by calling 570-278-5529 or email at [mrobinson@endlesscare.org](mailto:mrobinson@endlesscare.org)

**\*\*Please note** that the Free Soup Dinners are take-out only during the pandemic\*\*

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Patrick Gallagher, Johanna Masters & Jeannine Ball.

**Birthdays for April:** Naomi Bennett 4/27.

**Birthdays for May:** Robert Kimmell 5/1, Trent Caine 5/2, Richard Marker 5/10, Scott Finlon 5/14, Carole Canfield 5/23, Gaby Warriner 5/26, Katherine Syle 5/28, Lucas Bartron 5/29 & Jerry Sock 5/29.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Amen.*

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.*

**Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:** you can call the parish office during

office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham  
570-934-1160.

**11 Photos this week.**

**Your tithes and pledges** can be mailed to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.

### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

#### **The Gospel - Touch me and see**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. *(Luke 24:36b-48)*

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup> Service**

Church was closed again. The April 18th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham. The readings were done by Vickie Calby. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube. Just go to the web page and click on the red button.



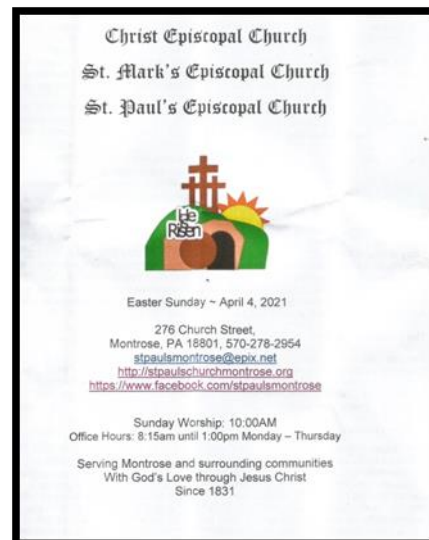
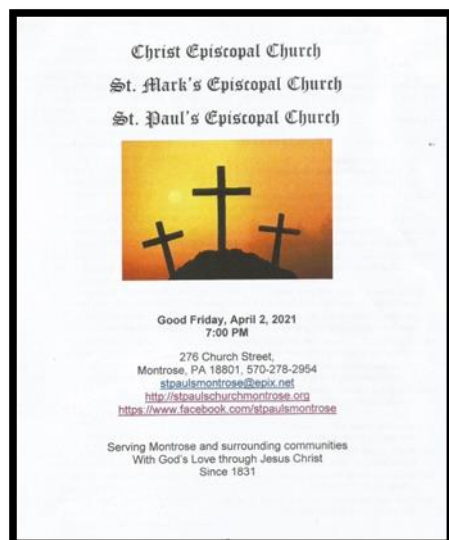
#### **Parish Hall Floor Refinished**

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the floors in the Parish Hall and Guild Room were refinished by Cole Flooring of Clark's Summitt. We were supposed to redo them this time last year but it was delayed due to Covid. Since church is closed and the parish hall can't be used, we thought that it was a good time to have it done. When church opens, take a peak, they're beautiful and will be waiting for us for Sunday coffee hour.



## Preparing the Bulletins

Did you ever wonder how those bulletins, which appear in your email on Thursday or at the back of the church each Sunday get done. Well, it doesn't happen magically – it's a lot of work. It's a cooperative effort between Betty and Lynne. Good job ladies!



## Mid-April in Susquehanna County

*Flowers appear on the earth. The season of song has come.* Forsythia is blooming along our roads and in the yards and daffodils are at their peak. The forsythia didn't bloom at all last year due to a cold spell. St. Mark's magnolia is putting on a show as are the ones in town. Salt Springs waterfalls are beautiful this time of year with high rushing water. And turkeys in the early morning were checking out the golf course before the golfers started teeing off.



## Who are these folks?

Yup, it's Vera and Bob Dunn and Tom and Barb Undercoffler down there in sunny Florida saying hi. And don't they don't look to pleased with themselves. You think they are missing our snow? Anyway, they send a wave out to us. Bob and Vera look like they were thinking about taking a balloon ride! Tom and Barb appear to be picking the neighbor's flowers!. Hmmm! Maybe this Florida thing isn't such a bad idea after all.



**Think Spring – we have this to look forward to!**

