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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.

May 16 - 22, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday May 16 at 10:00AM

Watch live streamed on YouTube.

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This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Officiant: Karen Blye-McAbee

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm: 1

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp and he spotted that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by chains. All that was holding them back from escaping the camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't just use their strength to break the rope and escape. They could easily have done so, but instead, they didn't try at all. Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape.

The trainer replied, "When they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible. No matter what obstacles are placed in our way to hold us back, we know that they can be overcome. Regardless of prior failures, unhealthy life situations, or self-doubts, we can trust that all is possible with God's help. We can be set free.

Lynne

**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

****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 May: 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.

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

9 Photos this week.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Gospel – Abide in my Love

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15:9-17)

THIS WEEK

May 9th Service

Church indoor services are still suspended. The May 9th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by John Warriner. The announcements and 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.



Father Bill's Morning Prayer

In this wet, cold, Monday morning we rise to pray and thank you Lord for the good work of the weekend.. Our prayer today, lies in the hope of returning to church next Sunday. Our doors now locked, wait for a re-opening. Perhaps it will go un-noticed, but for us 'few' it will be a celebration. Hopefully this week, Lord, the message will go out; "Come and worship, sing, pray, be thankful, mourn a loss, come together."

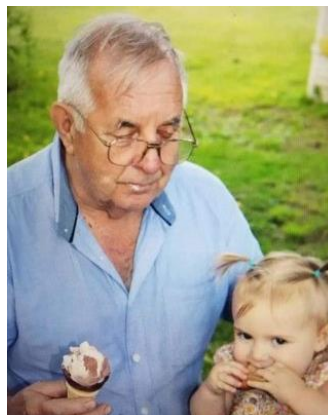
Lord, open those old doors on this Ascension Sunday and let the light of your Gospel be heard, and for all to hear of faith or no faith. Amen

Ralph R. Very (1945-2021)

Long time St. Paul's parishioner, Ralph Very passed away on May 3rd. Born in Springville, he graduated from Montrose high and served four years in the Navy. Ralph was married in our church in 1967. His wife, Marlene, predeceased him. A private service was held at Fairdale Cemetery where he was buried on Saturday, May 8th.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Ralph, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Ralph's family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Paul's Sign

Don't forget. We are always looking for inspirational sayings to put on our sign. If you have a favorite one and would like to submit it, please sent it to one of the Vestry members.



May In Susquehanna County

"I thought that spring must last forevermore; For I was young and loved, and it was May."

Spring is bursting forth here but it is often slower than we would like. We had frost the beginning of the week, rare for spring. Most of the trees have leaves now and the violets are up in the grass in the Memorial Garden. There was lots of rain this week but cool weather has produced fog. Hummingbirds arrived from their long journey from South America and they were looking for food. And a red spotted newt was found next to St. Francis in the Memorial Garden.



Think Spring – Memorial Garden Magnolia

