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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 2 - 8, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday May 2 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.



**Wednesday May 5 Free Soup
Dinner from 4:30 to 6:00PM Take Out Only.**

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Officiant: Vickie Calby

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: 22:24-30

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

Sleepless in Montrose

My mind wanders to some unexpected places when I can't sleep in the middle of the night. Last night, a question popped into my head. How well do you know Jesus? I think my mind was going there in response to the good shepherd reading on Sunday. *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep*

know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father." John 10:14-15 My response to my question was "I think I know a good bit *about* Jesus," which, of course, is entirely different than *knowing* Jesus.

In a Bible study several years ago, we brainstormed about what behaviors one exhibits when he/she loves someone. We filled up a whole page of newsprint with conduct indicative of one in love. You want to be with that person. You want to spend time with that person. You want to get to know them better. You seek that person out. You want to behave in a way that endears you to that person. You write letters (or texts or emails) and you call them on the phone. You want to do nice things for them, just to name a few.

So I think if I am going to get to know Jesus, who loves me, better, I need to be with him more so I can learn to love him. I need to spend time in prayer; time to sit and listen for what Jesus lays on my heart. The reading in Forward Day by Day for Tuesday was Luke 6:12. *"Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God."* The author of the meditation commented, "If Jesus Christ, fully divine and fully human, needed to take time to pray, we should not imagine we can make big decisions without lots of time in prayer." The Father knew Jesus and he knew the Father. We also should not imagine we can know Jesus without spending time with him. I know I need to love Jesus in my behavior in order to know him better. That will require more of my time in prayer.

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: 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.

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

9 Photos this week.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gospel - I am the good shepherd

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my father.
(John 10:11-18)

THIS WEEK

April 25th Service



Church was suspended again. The April 25th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Carol Marker. The readings were done by Lynne Graham. Mary Ann DeWitt 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.



New Cabinet in Parish Hall

When you get a chance, check out the new cabinet in the Parish Hall. It was added to house various computer equipment to work the flat paneled TV screen that's hanging over the fireplace.



More Exterior Plaques

About a month ago, we put some pictures of outside plaques around the church. Well, someone read the article and sent photos of several from the Memorial Garden that were not included. Here is one.



Late-April in Susquehanna County

April showers bring May flowers. A walk in the woods above Lake Ave. in Montrose finds May apples already up. St. Paul's two Bradford Pear trees are just beginning to strut their stuff. Montrose residents were doing their first grass cut this weekend. – a sign of things to come. And trees are beginning to show leaves. On Sunday we had a full moon that was large and bright.





Think Spring – we have this to look forward to! Walks in the Memorial Garden.



