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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.

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

St. Paul's is Open



St. Paul's is open and we can't wait to see you again!

May 23 - 29, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday May 23 at 10:00AM

If you are unable to attend in person worship you can 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: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Officiant: Cathy Hammons

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Vestry Highlights

May 13, 2021

We opened the meeting with prayer and approved the agenda.

We approved the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting.

Lynne read the Bible study scripture Acts 1:1-11 for Ascension Day. Jesus appeared to the disciples and told them to stay in Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism. In response to their question about him restoring the kingdom to Israel, he replied that it was not for them to know the date or time, but that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Afterwards, he was taken up to heaven and hidden from their sight by a cloud.

Property Report: Greg Garnett has filled the sink hole on the east side of the Memorial Garden and put a top coat of gravel on the parking lot. Broadline Construction has given us a bid on replacing the ramp door to the Cloister. The frame is rotten and we need to be able to accommodate coffins. The window

above the door will be replaced at the same time. The floors in the Parish Hall have been sanded and varnished and the Guild Room received additional coats of varnish. A coffee bar area is being installed in the Celtic Room with upper cabinets donated from St. Mark's.

We received a Mission Resources Grant from the Diocese to cover the cost of the technology installations at St. Paul's, St. Mark's and Christ Church. Work has begun in setting up appropriate size TV screens and computers at each church so we can worship together and share resources.

Vanco, the company that will set up our on-line giving has approved our application and we will meet with the representative to set it up on our website on Tuesday. We will hold an educational meeting for everyone to learn how to donate on line if they are interested

John Finlon was not at the meeting. We reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

We need volunteers to write articles for the *View from the Pew* in the weekly updates. Thank you to John Warriner who submitted an article without being asked!! Please email any articles you would like to submit to Lynne.

Tom closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021

First Wednesday of the Month: Free Soup Dinner June 2 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:30-6:00 p.m.

****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: 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*

Ascension Sunday

The Gospel - I am no longer in the world

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." (*John 17 6-19*)

Father Bill's Morning Prayer

Our prayer on this Ascension Sunday is in gratitude for our return. The church is open again and we will gather in prayer, worship and fellowship on this Sunday morn.

Jesus ascended the mountain with his disciples. One last time he spoke, and his words settled on their ears. "Go you and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And I will be with you always even till the end of the world."

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.

11 Photos this week.

With that Christ ascended to his Father and disappeared from their sight. Whatever the story the Gospel tells means, we mark it today as the beginning of Christ's church. A beginning because he left them his spirit and his word and nothing more. Armed with these, the disciples went out into the world and allowed their lives to change. And in changing their own lives they were to change the lives of others.

The legacy of the Ascension, is our legacy. Today we stand and profess our faith anew, resurrected, saved, redeemed. We cannot begin again by counting our losses, but rather by taking up the banner that Christ passed to us. By living his word, teaching his truth, and living in his spirit.

'Raise us up Lord, on this Ascension Sunday to count our blessings, to walk in your ways, to know that your spirit dwells with us, and we predestined, still have journey ahead. Amen

THIS WEEK

May 16th Service

St. Paul's indoor services were still suspended. The May 16th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Karen Blye-McAbee. The announcements and readings were done by Lynne Graham. 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.

Parking Lot gets Resurfaced

St. Paul's parking lot was constructed in 2016. We were told at that time to add a topping in three to five years. Greg Garnett, who does our snow plowing and shoveling, was contracted to do just that. Take a look if you get a chance, it looks great.



St. Paul's Wooden Doors Open

A Sure sign of spring, we opened the front doors of church this week and turned off the heat. They will remain open until the heat goes back on in the fall. The glass doors will remain shut but at night, drivers on Church Street will be able to see the altar.



Karen Holgate's Redbud Tree

Parishioner Karen Holgate died in June 2017 and we planted a redbud tree in the Memorial Garden near the bench to remember her. It bloomed this year for the first time and it's a beauty. What a pleasant surprise! Karen would be pleased.



May In Susquehanna County

More than any other month, May wants us to feel alive.

Spring is the season of new beginnings! Fresh buds bloom, mammals awaken, babies are born. The turkeys are on their nests and laying eggs. We found an egg on the side of the road at Salt Springs. Robins are laying eggs too and this nest was in one of our bushes fronting Cedar St. The female squawked the whole time I took pictures. Spring calves are arriving at LaRue's – a miracle to behold. Lilacs are blossoming in town and are fragrant and the azalea bushes around the property are still blooming. Spring is here!



Remember When



Clean up days were a part of St. Paul's spring rituals. A little weeding, a little clean-up a lot of raking. It was a lot of fun.

Think Spring – Bluebirds

