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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.

June 27 – July 3, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday June 27 at 10:00AM

In person worship or 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: Carol Marker & Barb Undercoffler
Officiant: Karen Blye-McAbee
Announcements & Lector:
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Coffee Hour:

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm: 30
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

Friends

In our everyday lives we often take each other for granted. We tend to be so preoccupied with everyday routines so much so that we forget about what really is important in our everyday lives.

Friends. Friends matter a lot to us. Let us take a bit of time to think about this. Friends matter to us. We often confide in friends. We share our joys and problems with friends. Good friends are great listeners. They help to guide us with positive sound advice. Friends share good times with each other. Friends share in love and fellowship with each other. Good

friends pray together. When someone is always there to help and share in anyway one can, you are blessed with a friend. True friends are true to each other forever. Friendship is all-important to us to share, understand, respect, protect, support, and reach out to be there when needed.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is very special. Just look around. We are brothers and sisters who look out for each other. We all care for the health and success of each other. We go out of our way to help others in any way we can, not only through outreach into our community, but also together, with and among each other. We really love each other. We would do anything to help each other when a need arises.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, gave us each other to be what we truly are. Friends. I could use a good hug. We all need good friendly hugs. Love you all, Tom Undercoffler

SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, June 25, 2021

time: anytime between 5:30 and 6:00

place: Tom and Barb Undercoffler's house
506 Melhuish Rd., New Milford

Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair

R.S.V.P. to 570 278-7470

First Wednesday of the Month on July 7th:
Free Salad Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. ***Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only during the pandemic.

A Message from the Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Commission

June 18, 2021

We don't really know why it took almost two and a half years for the good news of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 to make its way to Texas. There have been all kinds of speculation and theories. Whatever the reason, thousands of slaves remained in bondage because the good news that slavery had been abolished, the news that they were finally free, didn't get there. Nobody told them. It could be that there were those who didn't find it important enough to make sure this news spread like wildfire. Or it could have been deliberately withheld because of malignant profit motives. Even after the liberating news arrived, some slave owners continued to enslave people illegally whom the country had declared to be emancipated. It is thought that some were illegally enslaved for as long as six more years.

June 19, 1865 is the day that the good news finally arrived: Juneteenth. Black and Brown Americans have celebrated this day for 156 years despite the persistent obstacles and barriers that prevent them from being truly free.

Juneteenth is important for all Americans because it commemorates the formal end of racialized chattel slavery across the United States. It is important for us as Christians because our **baptismal covenant** requires that we promise not only to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, but also to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being (BCP p. 305).

Juneteenth is an opportunity to tell and retell the story of the consequences of racism and the ongoing struggle for Black

and Brown people; indeed for ALL racial minorities in a nation that is so often willing to ignore, if not deny, the reality of structural and pervasive racism. Black and Brown people have suffered generations of trauma, physical violence, and deaths, and exclusion from fair opportunities for economic growth and the full participation in the benefits of citizenship.

Until each one of us is willing to create true freedom and tell *that* good news, none of us will enjoy full liberation from the oppression of others. Failing to do so leaves us all in bondage.

*Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Episcopal Diocese of Maryland*

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

Birthdays for June: Margaret Baker 6/24.

Birthdays for July: Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Maximus Bartron 7/20 & Stephanie Calby 7/25.

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.*

Coffee Hour Resumes

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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.

13 Photos this week.

4th Sunday After Pentecost

THE GOSPEL - Have you still no faith?

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
(Mark 4:35-41)

Father Bill's Morning Prayer

"There's a storm across the valley; clouds are rolling in; the afternoon is heavy on your shoulder. There's a truck out on the highway, a mile or more away; the winding of his wheels just make it colder!" (John Denver).

Storms----we all have them in our lives. Many of them have little or nothing to do with the weather. Storms destroy. They often come unexpected. They disrupt. Break. Hurt and bring a torrent of pain and suffering. Sunday's Gospel uses the story of "The Storm at Sea", to illustrate the need for faith and trust in God.

The story works on many different levels; from the Apostles needing faith to the Early Christians facing persecution; to the storms in our lives from birth to heartbreak, from divorce to job loss, from sickness to death.

Jesus asks us to have faith. And so we should.

But...we should also have faith in ourselves. Our problem can be that we have no clue as to our own ability, capability, power, resourcefulness or even coping skills. Storms overwhelm us and threaten to destroy. Maybe that is why suicide levels are so high across the country; depression is a major disease; therapists are inundated. The Gospel tells us that we must have faith. Faith in God? Yes, but also faith in ourselves.

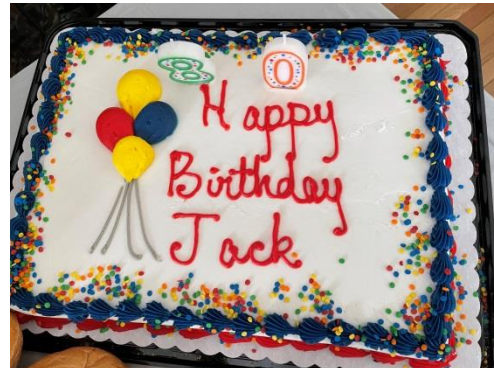
God did not make robots, he made cognitively thinking intelligent human beings with the ability to choose. We all know how resourceful we can be when things are going well. It is when we have fallen down the hole; stumbled, been blind-sided, taken advantage of, when everything has

militated against us and we are down to bare-knuckle flesh and bone that we need to dig deep and remember who made us and how deep our strength truly lies. Lord, we ask for strength that we may be able to do it for ourselves. For in doing it for ourselves, we gain something that adds to our worth, strengthens us and makes us whole people. As whole people we are able to help others. and helping others we live your Gospel word. Amen.

THIS WEEK

June 20th Service

The June 20th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Tom Undercoffler. The readings and announcements were done by Lynne Graham. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with two hymns. 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. We had a special coffee hour. Had a birthday cake for Jack Lasher who just turned 80. Happy Birthday Jack!



Volunteers Still Needed at July 5th Breakfast at St. Paul's

How exciting that we are going to have our Independence Day parade this year! It will be on Monday, July 5th. St. Paul's is hosting the annual community breakfast. The proceeds will benefit Stop the Stigma and go towards sending a child from a family with addiction to camp.

Volunteers are needed to help. Don't be left out! Come join in the fun and stay for the parade. These Independence Day activities are part of the fabric of Montrose. This day will create memories and you will want to be part of it. While many people are involved in the parade or working on the Green, if you are available to help out with the breakfast, (served from 8 - 10 a.m.), we need all the volunteers we can get. There is something for everyone to do, and if you can't participate on the day of, there are a couple food items we need which can be donated. Please let Lynne (lbgraham52@gmail.com) or Karen (kbwolfson@hotmail.com) know if you are interested.



St. Paul's Prime Location for Watching the July 5th Parade

This picture was taken the night before the 2019 parade. Everyone sets up chairs early so they are guaranteed to get a good view. We also set some out for St. Paul's parishioners to use. It's the best seat in the house.



Last Week of Spring – First Week of Summer in Susquehanna County

"June is the gateway to summer." The summer solstice was on Sunday, June 20th, at 11:31 pm. It, of course, is the longest day (sunshine) of the year. Summer is here and welcomed. It was a long, snowy winter. It was a typical Susquehanna spring – cold, hot, and rainy. The tomatoes went in early, only to be met with 40-degree weather the following week. For those of us that are up at 5:30, the summer sunrises are spectacular and worth getting up for. The calves have been born and you have to watch for fawns following their mother across the road. The gardens are in and fresh asparagus, lettuce and broccoli are appearing at dinner. Life is good!



Remember When – July 4th Breakfast

This was our crew for the 2019 July 4th Breakfast.





Choir Members Identified



Last week we put an old picture of our choir in and asked if anyone knew who they were. Sandy Darde sent the following: Back Row David Daniels, Tom Harrison, Warren Morgan (Mary Z 's father), Joe Welden, Bernie Zalewski, Alan Shaffer, Middle Row Charlotte Ellis, Paula Placko, Anne Shaffer, Front Row Mary Ann DeWitt, Marlena Hoffman, Esther Welden, and Mary Zalewski. Thank you Sandy!