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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 6 - 12, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday June 6 at 10:00AM

If you are unable to attend in person worship
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This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Barb Undercoffler

Officiant: Carol Marker

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms: 130

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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



"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

Memorial Day 2021

I'm a veteran. I know this because the clerks
at Lowe's give me a half-hearted "thank you for
your service" when I use my card to get a 10%
veteran's discount. Fifty years ago this week,
I landed in Korea and spent fourteen months
on the DMZ there. It seems hard to believe.
Where do the years go?

Memorial Day, originally Decoration Day, was
established after the Civil War to remember the
soldiers who had died. It is celebrated today
with parades and the decoration of graves.
When I was young, our town had a parade on
Memorial Day every year. Not as big as
Montrose's July 4th one, it was well attended by
most of the people in our town. If you weren't
in it, you were watching it. The Boy Scouts,
Girl Scouts, Little League teams, church
groups, all marched behind the town's two fire
trucks. In front of the fire trucks, walking four
abreast, were the young vets, WWII guys who
were followed in convertibles by the old WWI
guys, and even a couple of Spanish American
War vets. Leading everyone, was the high

school band. Following everybody were bystanders and all the siblings and parents who had kids marching. We marched from the high school through town to the cemetery to the Civil War section where there were prayers from the ministers and speeches from the vets about sacrifices and about their comrades who didn't come home. The young marchers had to sit and listen, but we were really checking out the hot dogs and sodas we got for marching when the speeches were over. Afterward, I would go with my Dad to pull weeds and put flowers on his mother's grave. Good memories.

My parade marching days are, of course, long past. As I grew older, I gained an understanding of what those speakers were trying to say and after serving myself, I understood the significance of those young soldiers' sacrifices. America remains free, politically and religiously, because of those sacrifices. While it's a cliché and over used, freedom isn't really free. We should remember those who served and honor those who gave their lives to give it to us. On Memorial Day, thank a veteran for our freedom. They will appreciate it!

"Did they beat the drum slowly, did they play the Fife lowly, did your comrades walk the death march as they lowered you down?"
- Dan Graham



Coffee Hour Resumes

Woo hoo!! We're back in business! One of the things that we are good at is coffee hour. An opportunity to be with one another and share a cup of coffee brightens up our Sunday. Because this is our first fellowship since March 2020, we will have a pot luck of sorts. Feel free to bring something to share—store bought or otherwise—but join us in any case for some catching up and a renewal of an old St. Paul's tradition. See you then!

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 & Betsy McKenzie Bailey.

Birthdays for June: Elizabeth Bailey 6/8, Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, John Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21, & Margaret Baker 6/24.

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.

11 Photos this week.

1st Sunday of Pentecost – Trinity Sunday

The Gospel - God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (*John 3: 1-17*)

Father Bill's Morning Prayer

Memorial Day---the day we honor and remember our fallen heroes of every American war and conflict. A day to wear a Red Poppy. A day to pause in Prayer for those who made the ultimate sacrifice or came home wounded in body or mind.

"Father in Heaven, we pray for their souls, give them peace, resting beneath that white cross, many in foreign fields. Let all today honor their sacrifice by choosing to live and rule with honor themselves, that the liberty so hard won, may never be lost."

We pray today for our heroes, those brave boys and girls, who should have been dancing, boys chasing girls. We pray for High Schoolers who never got to see, a Wedding Day or a New Baby Day glee. We pray for their families who carried the loss, year after year till it broke all their dreams.

We pray: thank you Father for Sons and Daughters who stood at post in the worst of times, thank you for their services yesterday, today and tomorrow.

In Prayerful Memory of Our Honored fallen. Amen.

THIS WEEK

May 30th Service

It is so nice to be back in church. The May 30th Trinity Sunday live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham who also gave the announcements. The readings were done by Dan Graham. Mary Ann DeWitt played an ensemble of patriotic songs including the organ Prelude, *America the Beautiful*, Organ Meditation, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and Postlude, the *Star Spangled Banner*. 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.



Soup Night Changing for Summer

Because the need for help with food in Montrose had increased significantly during the pandemic, St. Paul's started a new ministry last December. A free dinner of soup, applesauce, roll, and cookies has been distributed as take-out from the Chestnut St. entrance of the parish house each month. Four or more large pots of soup were made by parishioners for distribution the first Tuesday of the month. With summer coming on, we are going to try a Summer Salad Night this Wednesday, June 2nd. Chicken and Tuna salad will be the "salad du jour" this month, along with a roll and homemade cookies. Volunteers are always welcome.



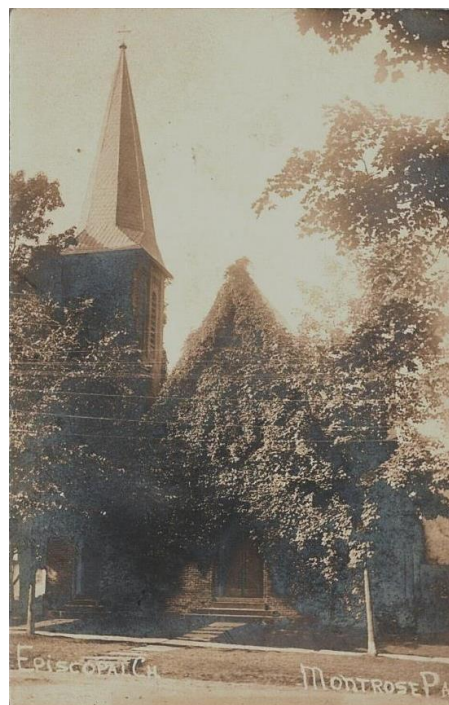
Coffee Station to be Added to Celtic Room

That guy is always building something! After a year delay due to Covid, work has started on adding a coffee station to the Celtic Room in the basement. Cabinets have been purchased but wiring had to be moved first. And that's where John Finlon comes in! He's the go to guy when it comes to wiring. Not sure what we would do without him!



1910 Postcard of St. Paul's

This early postcard was postmarked 1910 was found on E-Bay this week. It was different from the other cards we have as it is an actual photograph. It was sent from Montrose to Auburn Center, perhaps by a parishioner, to check on the health of a friend. Although Auburn Center is only 14 miles from Montrose, this was before you could pick up a telephone and call them. As with all early photos of the church, one wonders how the parishioners got through the door.



Memorial Day Week in Susquehanna County

Memorial Day week started off cold and wet. Gardens are in, weed whackers are out. The parade was Monday the 31st. The geese on Lake Montrose are the proud parents of some little ones. Go down and peek. An American Toad was photographed checking out St. Paul's brand new parking lot. Last Wednesday night, May 25th, saw the biggest moon of the year. Called the Super Flower Blood Moon, it hung over Montrose in the eastern sky. Buttercups replaced dandelions as the yellow flower in yards. Always a favorite of grandparents, they were picked and placed under chins to see which of their grandchildren liked butter! June has arrived.



Spring Clean-up Crew – The're all Smiling

Although they seem to have lost all their garden tools, this spring clean up group of years past looks to be at the top of their game. Great comradery and a lot of fun.



Remember When – It wasn't that long ago

