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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.

**Aug. 1 - 7, 2021**

**Sunday August 1 at 11:00AM Service at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville with Ret. Chaplain Cmdr. William Holiman.**

**No Service at St. Paul's on August 1.**

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Psalm: 78:23-29

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

**First Wednesday of the Month on Aug 4th:**

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.

**August 9 through 13 the office is closed.**

The weekly update will go out on August 5 and not again until August 19. Please plan articles accordingly.

**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**

**Love**

Reflecting lately on love and support in a marriage. I have been married to my beautiful and amazing wife, Lindsay for over 5 years now. I have learned more deeply with each passing year that love and partnership in a marriage takes patience and understanding – it cannot function as a one-way street.

A marriage is like a garden. It is not merely enough to set out on the adventure of purchasing the land, the seeds, and the tools to cultivate a beautiful garden. Gardens require

work and attention. They require adequate sunlight, a water supply, and often very specific climates to successfully yield crops and flowers. Most of all, however, gardens require hard work by the gardeners. The success of a garden is not driven by the quality of the tools (although it may help), rather the garden can produce the most beautiful flowers and the most delicious fruit and vegetables through the constant care and attention of the gardeners working the land.

Similarly, the small acts of kindness and attention paid to one another in a marriage allow love to grow and develop over time. It is not enough to merely marry at a point in time and coast on that initial happiness. What seems to be most effective is the unconditional support and care for a life partner. Although we have been married for a relatively short period of time, we have experienced so much. We missed our honeymoon because of a deployment with the U.S. Navy. We have moved a total of 6 times, endured 3 years of law school together, summer internships in big cities, preparing for the bar exam, and a master's degree. We raised our amazing son, who is now 5 years old, and we are now returning to active-duty military service in the U.S. Army. As I look to the future, I see uncertainty, but also adventure. I know that no matter what comes we will endure, so long as we continue to grow our beautiful garden of love together as a family. May we all remember to give our best effort in the small things and to care for our most precious loved ones so that our relationships develop to their infinite potential.

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## Welcome Deacon Liz

Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski as our new deacon. Deacon Liz was ordained to the diaconate on July 24 and Bishop Kevin assigned her to St. Paul's for 6 months. She will visit with us on Sunday, August 8 and begin serving on Sunday, August 15. We will continue with Morning Prayer until we work out the logistics of having the elements consecrated for her to hold a Deacon's Mass with Holy Communion. We will have Deacon Liz with St. Paul's ¾ time—Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

In celebration of Deacon Liz's ordination and to welcome her to St. Paul's, we will hold a special coffee hour after the service on August 8. Come meet and greet our new deacon!

## Social Night

Please come to our St. Paul's Social Night at Bob and Vera's Home on Friday August 6 at 5 pm

Address  
173 Quarry Road, New Milford, PA 18834  
Telephone # 570 465 9352

A side dish would be welcomed. If you like any "special beverage" you may bring that too. (LOL)

Please bring a lawn chair if you have room in your vehicle.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Friday, August 6.

Hopefully we'll see you at St Matthew's Church Sunday at 11 a.m.

Respectfully, Robert and Vera Dunn

**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.

## What Options do you have to Donate?



1. You can scan the QR Code above to donate.
2. You can go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving.
3. Your tithes and pledges can be mailed to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.
4. Of course you can always come in person and put your donation in the plate. We would love to see you in Church!

**Birthdays for August:** James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barbara Undercoffler 8/19, Else Brunner 8/20, Robert Aiken 8/23, Thomas Syle 8/25, Margaret Burgh 8/28, James Early 8/29 & Patty Aiken 8/30.

**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.

**13 Photos this week.**

## **9th Sunday After Pentecost**

### **THE GOSPEL - It is I; do not be afraid**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. (*John 6:1-21*)

### **Father Bill's Morning Prayer**

We have been pondering Lord, as we often do, the nature of faith and your church. Over and over we have heard people say that they are 'spiritual' but not 'religious'. We think that we know what they mean. They believe in something; they just don't feel the need to attend a church to find it.

We are reluctant to dismiss them out of hand, because there is something in their claim that rings true. We have, from time to time, all met that charismatic person, who makes an immediate connection with us. Something of their spirit communes with our spirit. We see it in people genuinely in love with one another, young or old. We recognize it in that nurse, patient relationship, that seems to breathe healing. We know it, when we see some mothers and daughters, grandparent and grandchild. It is not one thing, but rather an amalgam of the human spirit, love, friendship, understanding, courage, empathy

We have felt the loss in Covid days of that vital contact, first on a personal and family level, but also at a community level. From village to the 'Last Night of the Proms', a string or common thread has been broken. As banal as it may sound, it even runs into the commonality that we feel at a Soccer game. As a child I looked down at my school tie, and felt a source of pride that I belonged to something greater than myself. Pulling on the school Soccer Jersey, was for me such a lift of my spirit.

Perhaps, the mistake is not with us, but with those who utter the words: "I am spiritual not religious," because their concept and image of 'religious' is of a restrictive stone building and an ordered mandated schedule. Yet, when "the Rolling Stones" play Hyde Park, they do not feel mandated to go. Rather they feel drawn.

Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus call a meeting in a building, rather he holds his concerts by the lake, in the field and on a hillside. People are drawn. The very word Ecclesiastical, referring to all things religious/church actually comes from a Greek word 'Ekklesia'; which simply means 'Coming Together.'----We as people do that all the time, whether it is a holiday BBQ, going to the Shore; attending a concert or any major event. It is almost an acknowledgement that as humans we need each other; we draw strength from one another; our whole is greater than the sum of our parts.

Maybe, just maybe, we 'religious' or church-goers, are just a little less claustrophobic than the rest of you. We do not truly see the building; rather we engage in an activity. 'Spiritually', we could all possibly stay home and pray and commune by Zoom or Virtually. I have even seen Orchestras attempt to play in such a way. As a musician, that for me would be a poor choice, I need to hear the Trumpets and Brass over my right shoulder, the sweep of the Violins ahead of me, the vibration of the Kettle Drums, the intake of breath of the audience, the smell of the crowd.

The men and women who stand outside Buckingham Palace as ceremonial guards are real soldiers in their red and black uniforms with their bear skin hats aloft. There is a difference when they go 'to war' and fight shoulder to shoulder for each other and for what they believe in. Maybe, just maybe, that is the difference between 'religious' and 'spiritual'. It is good to be 'spiritual' but to be 'religious' you must be prepared to fight for all that you truly believe. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **July 25th Service**

The July 25th live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham. The readings and announcements were done by Karen Blye-McAbee. Cathy Hammons also played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with two hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube. Just go to the web page and click on the red button. The picture below shows how it looked on our big screen in the parish hall.



### **St. Matthews Service Date Set**

Our annual service at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville is set for August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00. It's like a trip back in time and it looks an awful lot like what St. Paul's first church building looked like on the east corner of Chestnut and Cedar. Just go west out of town on 706 and it's on the right a little distance after you get into Bradford County.



### **Sleeping Bag Ministry Up and Running**

Knowing winter is coming and Covid closings are hopefully over, on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, the sleeping bag ladies got together for the first time in 16 months. If you have any old blankets that can be used for bags, please drop them off. And as they always say, if you can tie a knot, you can volunteer to help. Talk to Carol Marker if you are interested.





## Original St. Paul's Stained Glass Window Donated

A stained glass hanging made from one of St. Paul's windows was donated this week by Lois (Warriner) Morgan. Lois is the granddaughter of the Rev. Edward Warriner, minister at our church from 1867-1906. It was made from one of the stained glass windows that replaced the original 1857 windows that were put in our church in the 1930s. .



**Mid-Summer in Susquehanna County** *"In summer, the song sings itself."* The rain slowed down and it left us so, so green, making our summer vistas appear like landscape paintings on one of Naomi's puzzles. Summer is flying by. The farmers have done their second haying that was delayed by all the rain. Walnuts and apples are heavy this year along with grapes and most everything else. Swallow Tail butterflies have begun showing up on the coneflowers. Susquehanna summer!







### **Remember When – Two things that changed our look**

In 2016, major renovations were done to our altar. The choir was moved down off the altar area which was extended almost ten feet. The altar rail was moved forward. The old leak marks in the ceiling were repaired and the ceiling was painted blue with stars from a design by Carol Marker. Additionally, on the outside, an overhang was added to the front door of the ramp walk, completely changing the look.



## St. Matthew's Service 2017

