




ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

July 11 - 17, 2021

Morning Prayer Sunday July 11 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 Lasher & Vera Dunn
Officiant: Cathy Hammons
Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Coffee Hour:

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15
Psalm: 85:8-13
Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

They sat huddled together. His arm around her, her head lying on his shoulder. I suspect she is just weary, not asleep. His face, a study of profound sadness. The watcher, me, can feel how he longs to make everything better, knowing, he cannot.

I want to speak to him, give a smile, let him know others care and will pray for them both, but I do not. It is plain to see his focus is for her only, he has no wish for anyone to invade his thoughts.

Her name is called; he helps her up and they walk through the door...to what?

An opportunity lost. An opportunity to give comfort, to hold a hand.

A moment in time that has stayed me for more than a week now. Those two faces never far from my thoughts. I wake-up in the night, the tears come, I say another prayer.

I make-up scenarios for the outcome of their story, trying to make if healing, health, and happiness. I am just not sure...

I pray for her doctors, praying for God to give her doctors the ability to heal her. I pray for them both, praying that God gives them the strength needed to get through what comes next.

There is little else a stranger can do...

Why am I so intensely affected? Maybe, because I looked suffering in the face that day, and felt helpless.

They sat huddled together, now they stay huddled in my heart.

Vickie Calby



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.

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 July: 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, or go to St. Paul's website and click on the donate button for online giving.

16 Photos this week.**6th Sunday After Pentecost****THE GOSPEL – Is not this the carpenter**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. *(Mark 6:1-13)*

Father Bill's Morning Prayer

On this Fourth of July, Independence day, there are a few things that I Lord, am grateful for and find worthy of praise. Lord, they have precious little to do with 'fireworks' or waving the flag. I have little to say about our cities, though I hear most in the West were founded by Spanish monks.

No. I do not wish to celebrate wars, or weapons, Generals or Great Political figures. I think they get enough praise and recognition. In a sense, I suppose that you could call them 'American Icons', but they are not for me. My prayer goes out to celebrate something different.

I'd like to thank you for Bears, Brown Bears, Black Bears, Grizzly Bears, I think that they are just magnificent and worthy of a prayer. Nobody really has them anymore, except us. Mostly because Gifford Pincho, reforested most of New England in the first half of the 20th century. It had been bereft of trees since the Civil War. Habitats are important. With them come Deer, Bob Cat, Beaver and just about every other critter.

I marvel at Wild Turkey. They abound in the woods as do many other creatures. Eagles, Hawks, Falcons and birds of prey, you can see them along the river, high in Pine trees or even sitting on a fence by the side of the highway. The sheer variety of birds is astonishing here in America. Hard to understand why we do not celebrate them more.

You have to say a prayer of praise when you first see the Rocky Mountains. High? I would say they were high. Yet, the Rockies do not come alone. They come with forests of Pine Trees, Lakes, Rivers and Waterfalls. From New Mexico to Montana, the Great Divide stands majestic in all weathers. They contrast with plains and prairies, deserts and grasslands. The variety that is America is awe-inspiring. We live and dwell in Cathedrals that touch the sky.

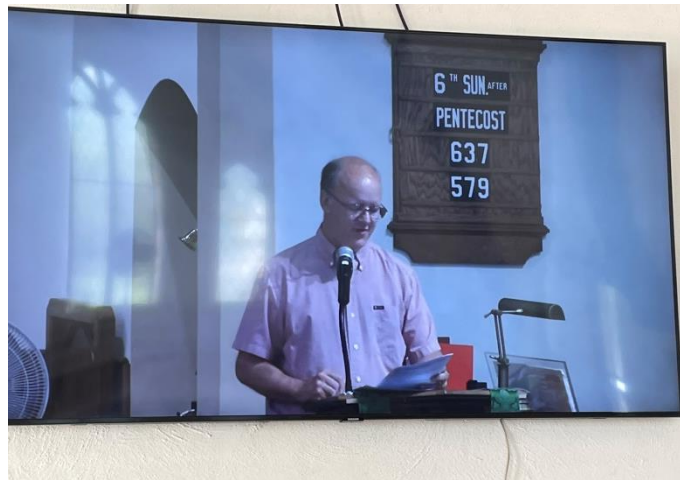
I love coastlines, the sound of the Ocean, the rocks and pools, the Lighthouses of Maine. I pray by the Great Lakes, but I meditate by the sea and along the Jersey shore. There is so much to thank you for Lord in this land.

There are people of every size, every color, every shape, every language and they come together like a magnificent patchwork quilt, hand sewn and stitched with loving care. We are a people worth celebrating, a nation of peoples. We are the 'Family of Man'. That is what I celebrate on this great holiday. Save the flags and the fireworks, I will be content with just smiles on this our Nation's Birthday. Amen.

THIS WEEK -- IT WAS A BUSY ONE

July 4th Service

The July 4th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by John Warriner. 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. The photograph shows what John looked like live-streamed on our TV in the parish hall.



Watching the Parade at St. Paul's



July 5th Breakfast a Success

St. Paul's hosted the Community Breakfast on July 5th. Pancakes, eggs and sausage with orange juice and coffee made up the breakfast du jour. Proceeds will benefit *Stop the Sigma*. Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who helped make the breakfast a big success.



St. Paul's Free Soup Night July 7th

As we all know by now, the first Wednesday of the Month during the summer is Salad Night at St. Paul's. This month the choices were chicken salad and tuna salad. Parishioners volunteer to make the salads, generally we need about four, and to help distribute it to senior housing residents and shut-ins. It's a lot of fun and helps our community. Let us know if you would like to help.



St. Paul's Memorial Garden Sign Gets New Look

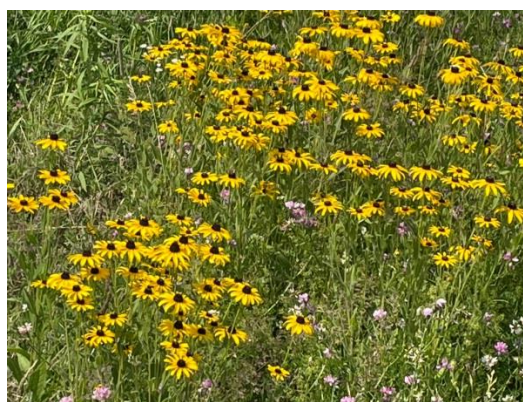
Our engraved bluestone sign that was put in the Memorial garden in the 1970s has been washed and the engraved letters painted. For the first time you can see the letters. As always, take a peek if you are over that way. It is to the left of the garden walk.



Summer in Susquehanna County

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

Hot days and hard thunderstorms. The grass is growing gangbusters. More flowers – Poppies are blooming and their bright red flower is recognizable. Three fledgling tree swallows are trying to decide whether or not to leave the security of their nest and go out into the world. Once they fly, they don't go back. Baby cows are still being birthed and Martha has a new member of her farm. Native black-eyed Susan's are early but can be found starting to bloom in the fields. Early summer is worth waiting for.



July 5th Breakfast and Parade Pictures

We started cooking at 6:00 am, had three skillets going for eggs, five griddles for pancakes, and the oven for the sausage. We used 60 dozen eggs, boxes of pancake mix and close to 800 sausages. It was washed down with about 250 cups of coffee. Wow! What a morning it was.

