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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 4 - 10, 2021**

### **Morning Prayer Sunday July 4 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.

**The Office will be closed on Monday July 5.**



### **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.

### **This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher & Vera Dunn  
 Officiant: John Warriner  
 Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham  
 Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
 Coffee Hour:

### **Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5  
 Psalm: 123  
 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

### **"VIEW FROM THE PEW" THE EMPTY CHAIR**

Mandy Marie asked her pastor, James to come and pray with her father as he was ill. When the pastor arrived, he found her father in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. There was an empty chair sitting beside his bed. The pastor assumed that the father had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me" he said. "No. I was not expecting you." Who are you?" I'm the new pastor at your church," he replied. "when I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was coming. "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the pastor shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer, the man continued, until one day about four years ago my best friend said to

me, Bob, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair, with another chair in front of you., and in faith see Jesus sitting on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, I'll be with you always. Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now. So I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours each day. The pastor was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church. Two nights later the daughter called and told the pastor that her father had passed away. "Did he die in peace?" He asked. Yes, when I left the house, he called me over to his bedside and kissed me on the cheek and told me he loved me. When I got back from the store an hour later he had passed away. But there was something strange about his passing. Apparently, just before daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside his bed. What do you make of that? The pastor wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we all could go like that". WE LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT. 2 Corinthians 5:7  
*Sandra Seeger*

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

### **5th Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **THE GOSPEL - Daughter, your faith has made you well**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She

**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.

#### **12 Photos this week.**

had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. (*Mark 5:21-43*)

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

Thursday morning sunny and peaceful, walked the early morning road with my dog. There is something about the break of day, where no words are spoken, crisp and clear on the dawning tide of day.

We pray Lord, to retain that peace that often times alludes us. The sound of conflict, political rhetoric and disagreement fills the airways, newspapers and Internet. If only it were not so. We search for peace, when we should be building peace; we long for peace, when for so long we took it for granted.

Peace on lazy country mornings walking the backroads with only the nesting hedgerow birds twittering their complaints. Golden fields of Barley swaying in an early morning breeze undisturbed all day. Donkeys that don't want to run, they can see the sea from where they stand, breaking waves just a mile away, cows in the field chewing the cud.

It gets harder to find that place Lord, where the world cannot dial in; message, text, or break the hedgerow barrier I crave. T'is a long way from the dusty lanes of Galilee, or the Roman Great North Road, and further still from the Burren and 'a long long way from Clare to here!"

*"I dream I hear a Piper play, maybe it's a notion  
I dream I see white horses dance, upon that other ocean.  
It's a long long way from Clare to here,  
It's a long long way, it gets further day by day  
It's a long long way from Clare to here."*

Lord as we pray, we ask you for 'Peace of the heart.' Not a bad thing to ask for in these days. A heart at peace seems rested. We need that. Sometimes we only truly find it when we are truly alone. There is a lot to be said for spending time alone. Alone our thoughts unwind, along that winding rosary of life.

Give us that Peace we seek Lord, in these Autumnal Orange tinted years. Our heads cannot take too much noise, brattle, that wake the battle scars of long lost years. Give us Peace, 'Dropping from the veils of the morning, to where the cricket sings....'

In Peace we pray, and praying we find: 'a far far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.' Amen.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **June 27th Service**

The June 27th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Karen Blye-McAbee. The readings and announcements were done by Lynne Graham. Mary Ann DeWitt 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.



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry Back Up and Running**

It's time to start our prayer shawl ministry up again. If you know anyone who is down or grieving or ill or hospitalized, etc., and would be comforted by a shawl, feel free to choose one that will be sent out with our blessing and love. If you like to knit, we'd be delighted to replenish our supply of shawls.

### **Meeting for July 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there was a meeting to get us ready for the July 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast. Duties were assigned. If you want to help, please contact Lynne ([lbgraham52@gmail.com](mailto:lbgraham52@gmail.com)) or Karen ([kbwolfson@hotmail.com](mailto:kbwolfson@hotmail.com)) if you are interested





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

This picture was taken at the 2019 Montrose parade. All those empty chairs left the night before that were in last weeks Highlights, were filled up by 10:00. It's the best seat in the house.



### Summer in Susquehanna County

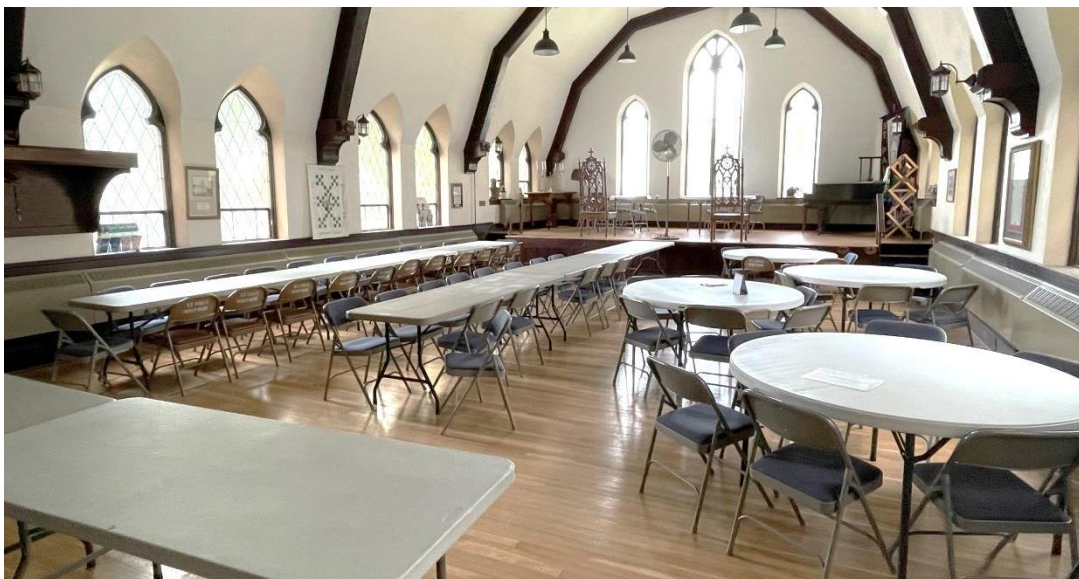
*"Summertime, and the live'n is easy. Catfish are jumping and the cotton is high."* Orange native day lilies are just beginning their one-month dominance of our roads. They are truly July 4<sup>th</sup>'s flower. The first nesting of birds are ready to fledge. This bird box of tree swallows were surely packed in. Snapping turtles are laying their eggs and you might see one on your lawn. Keep back – they hiss, jump and snap. You know it's a Susquehanna summer when LaRue's market on 706 west is open. Their homegrown corn and other veggies are what summer is all about.





### **Parish Hall Getting Ready for Breakfast**

We are starting to set up the Parish Hall for our July 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast of eggs, sausage and pancakes. We are not sure how many folks are coming, so we are also setting up the Celtic Room downstairs. On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30, we are going to finish setting it up, If you can help, come on over.





## Remember When - July 4<sup>th</sup> , 2017

This was our crew for July 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Free cold water and one of our flyers. We opened our bathrooms for a baby changing station that year and had at least one satisfied customer.

