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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.

Oct. 24 - 30, 2021

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.

Bible Study (Oct. 21) first and third Thursdays of the month. We will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Lynne Graham
Coffee Hour: Barb & Tom Undercoffler

Readings for this week

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm: 126
Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Altar Flowers this week are from Karen Blye-McAbee In Memory of Robert W. Blye.

First Wednesday of the Month on Nov. 3rd:

Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.

Birthdays for October: Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23 & Carol Marker 10/31.

View from the Pew



There are detriments and benefits to living on top of the hill. The detriments are more obvious in the winter making one wonder how anyone living on a hill before four-wheel drive went anywhere when it snowed. It's as hard to go down sometimes as to get up. The benefits are the views. Lynne and I live in an old farmhouse on top of a hill. We look down on the morning fog.

Our large bedroom window faces directly east and each morning, we see the sunrise. We wake to them – we can't hide from them, they find us. The house I lived in while growing up and the ones we lived in in Maryland had too many trees on their horizon to see sunrises and while I must have seen some, I can't recollect any. In 1972 on Easter morning, I attended a sunrise service on a treeless hill, on the DMZ near a cemetery, that I still remember but in retrospect, my life has been mostly sunrise free.

In science class in high school I learned always, somewhere, there is a sunrise and it is morning. That bright streak of light extending from arctic to the Antarctic, that glittering boundary between day and night on our spinning sphere is always there. Because dawn is not an isolated event does not make it any less special.

I always wanted to be one of those people who got up before the sun and, with a steaming cup of coffee in their hand and while having profound thoughts, gets to see it. But for thirty years our busy life of work and raising a family left no time for sunrises and sleeping to the last possible moment took priority.

But our children are out of the house and we are retired, and sometime during our years here in Susquehanna County, I found time for sunrises or they found time for me. Maybe it started four years ago when we got Sophie. She gets up with the sun every morning to be taken out. Annie, our new puppy, is now on that schedule. Often it is during that exact instant when the sun peeks over Reynold's fields. For that one brief moment, the world stands still and God's in his heaven and all's right with the world.

Cherish the times you can watch the sunrise, there are only so many in a lifetime.

Dan Graham

Vestry Highlights October 14, 2021

Deacon Liz opened the meeting with prayer and we approved the agenda.

We approved the minutes of July 8 and September 9.

Deacon Liz read the Bible study scripture 1 Cor 15:1-11 in which Paul reminded them of the gospel he preached and justified himself as an Apostle along with the twelve and many others

who saw the resurrected Jesus.

Deacon Liz reported that she has continued to be in touch pastorally with parishioners and has interviewed several members of the Vestry to gain an understanding of past and current history. She attended Diocesan Convention and a meeting of Convocation 1. Her hours will be W-TH-F from 10:00-6:00 and 6 hours on Sunday. She will be in her office for anyone wishing to see her on Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00-2:00.

We voted to send a \$1000 donation to ALS in honor of Fr. John Wagner.

The Search Committee has completed the Parish Profile which is available on our website and will be mailed to each parishioner along with a cover letter and a letter about Stewardship and pledges for this year.

Deacon Liz provided the Vestry with the resolution results and election results from Diocesan Convention.

Advent begins on November 28. During Advent we will hold a modified Country Store on December 4 with a bake sale, raffles and food with seating in the Guild Room. We will invite the community to our Memory Luncheon on December 12 at noon after the service. Parishioners will be asked to donate food for the brunch.

The Altar Guild has requested some new linens for the altar. They have money in their budget for this.

We approved a donation of \$200 to the Christmas in Montrose committee.

We reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report. The Finance Committee will hold a budget meeting in November to prepare the budget for approval at the December Vestry meeting. John F. requested that we switch Vestry meetings to the **THIRD** Thursday so Betty has adequate time to receive and prepare the finance report. All agreed.

We will switch Bible Study led by Deacon Liz to the **FIRST** and **SECOND** Thursdays of the month beginning in November. The study will follow a simple supper together.

St. Paul's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for January 16, 2022.

Deacon Liz closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Our next Vestry meeting will be **November 18** at 5:00 p.m.

Lynne Graham



Trehab Feed A Friend Thanksgiving

Last year the program provided "turkey and all the trimmings" to 831 families (2,826 individuals) in Susquehanna County. As the pandemic continues, they are asking for monetary donations this year.

All donations can be mailed to:

Trehab/Feed A Friend
PO Box 366
Montrose, PA 18801

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

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Deacon Liz 212-222-8109.



Donations

You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

2021 Susquehanna County Coats for Our Community



We are still accepting money donations and warm, gently used winter coats. We need volunteers on those days to help us distribute. Anyone willing to help should contact John or Dan.

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.*

9 Photos this week.

21th Sunday After Pentecost, October 19th

All creatures of our Gold and King

Lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,

Pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (*Mark 10:35-45*)

Deacon Liz's Weekly

We're in peak season for the turning and falling leaves. I visited the Lehigh Valley Gorge for a hike and was inspired by the season, so I wanted to take time this week to write about letting go.

We all have things that we prefer to hold onto. It could be concrete things, like our possessions or things that are more intangible like our youth. As time passes, so do the seasons of our life. Our youth fades, children grow up and move away, things which once were shiny and new grow old and tarnished.

We are gifted with one thing which does not fade or grow old with the passage of time. That is the gift of the love of God. No matter how old we get or what possessions we have, God remains with us. God will not let us go but will be with us through all of the chances and changes of life.

I encourage each of you, to let go of the attachments to things that are fleeting and hold on tight to the love of God. Our God is amazing. He will hold us tight each and every day until He calls us home.

Until that day, hold fast to the love of God, continue in prayer, reflection, and doing the good works which God calls you to perform as you travel through the seasons of life.

THIS WEEK

October 19th Service

The October 19th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass with communion was led by Deacon Liz., Lynne Graham gave announcements and Cathy Hammons was the lector. Cathy also played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with four hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube.

October in Susquehanna County

Bonfires and pumpkins, Leaves sailing down – October is red And Golden and brown. It's been a dull fall. After a week of warm weather, it got into the 30s one night and 40s during the day. The trees are mostly colorless this year and the leaves on many trees have already fallen. A praying mantis visited looking for a place to lay her eggs. The gardens are done for the year and the bounty they produced is in canning jars or in the freezer. Russell's U-pick apples are at their peak and it's apple sauce making time. That wonderful smell is a fall one. On Tuesday, a Harvest Moon hung over Montrose letting us know it's almost time for Halloween. It's a Susquehanna Fall.





Remember When -- Hobo Night at the Undercoffler's

