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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. 31 – Nov. 6, 2021

View from the Pew

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 on Nov. 11 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: Lynne Graham
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Coffee Hour: Vickie Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm: 119:1-8
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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.



Pain of Loss

The pain of their absence, the crippling affliction of the moments you once shared together, and the struggle to understand the absolute finality of losing someone, is more than unbearable. Losing someone you love feels like the earth is shattering around you. How can you move on without this person? Are they really gone? The normal tasks of everyday suddenly seem impossible to complete without breaking down. The grief and trauma leave a mark on your heart.

The memories I have of the people I loved and lost are with me every day. The way my Nana was strong enough, even in her weakest moments, to hold my baby (her first Great Grandchild). My eyes filled with tears as I watched her touch the tip of her finger on his nose. He was only a few months old, and she got to witness the overwhelming joy in my eyes as I became a new mother. I show my son the pictures of them often, in hopes that he'll know her and who she was in my life.

No one can prepare you for the moment someone is truly gone. We spend our days getting angry and frustrated with those closest to us. It's funny how the saying goes, "we hurt those we love the most". I wonder why that is. Maybe it's because we don't know how else to channel our feelings and these people in our lives make us comfortable enough to express what is on our mind in the truest form. I don't know what it is, but it seems backwards to me. Although I find myself snapping at times and letting my frustrations get the best of me, I try to pray for everyone I love before I lay my head to rest at night. It is important for me to keep

those people close to my heart even if we are miles apart.

I'll leave you with a quote from a Native American prayer that brings me to tears and touches my heart in ways I cannot put into words: "I give you this one thought to keep- I am with you still. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle Autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone- I am with you still- in each new dawn."

- Lindsay Golden

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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



Interfaith Christmas Dinner

Interfaith is asking for donations of stuffing mix for the Christmas Dinner give away. We have been asked for 50 boxes. All donations will need to be at the church by Dec. 1.

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.

St. Paul's Altar Flowers: If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$46.00 with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office prior to the week that you are doing flowers. For those wishing to supply your own flowers please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and fill out an altar flower card indicating you will do your own flowers. Thank you!

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.

Birthdays for October: Carol Marker 10/31.
Birthdays for November: Brenda Syle 11/23.

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.

13 Photos this week.

22th Sunday After Pentecost, October 26th

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

THE GOSPEL – Go, your faith has made you well.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (*Mark 10:46-52*)

Deacon Liz's Weekly



This week I went to see Bold Independence: African American Quilts from the collection of David Wally, and Every Stitch Counts: Works from the Social Justice Sewing Academy, a national youth education program that bridges artistic expression with activism to advocate for social justice.

The exhibits were beautiful, soulful, and deeply thought provoking. The works in Every Stitch Counts particularly challenged us to reflect deeply on our baptismal covenant to seek peace and justice for all people.

The quilts in Bold Independence were from the early twentieth century and provided a glimpse into the history of black quilt making which was handed down by slaves. The museum provided correlating artwork from the museum's African collection to help us more fully understand the rich cultural ties to the patterns and meaning seen in the quilts. Some of the patterns in the quilts were meant as messages to fellow slaves regarding escaping from their masters. One I found particularly beautiful and striking in its message was Drunkard's Path which was created to let people know when they should take a circuitous route to freedom.

The other exhibit consisted of quilts which were more direct and honest about contemporary issues in society, from race relations and equality to food insecurity and climate issues.

The quilt that impacted me the most was of an American flag which was comprised of fabric with black figures on it and statistics sewn into the fabric about slaves for sale, thus advertising the goods available. It was truly provocative and quite a lesson about American history.

If you have an afternoon to take a ride down to Scranton, I highly recommend the exhibit for quilters and non-quilters alike. It is a slice of Americana worth experiencing. And is truly a gift to take the time to ponder the depth of the messages contained within the artworks. The exhibits will be there until December 27th. It is truly not to be missed!

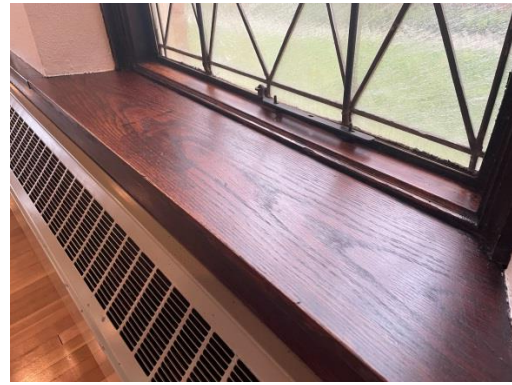
THIS WEEK

October 26th Service

The October 26th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass with communion was led by Deacon Liz., Lynne Graham was the lector and Cathy Hammons 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.

Parish Hall Windowsills Refurbished

Our Parish Hall was built in 1927. After ninety-four years, the windowsills were starting to seriously deteriorate. Water from the windows being left open and plants without proper coasters had left their mark. Several pieces of trim were missing and we had a leak. Larry Guidici came and refinished them. He removed the remaining stain and varnish, sanded, re-stained and varnished them. Larry was the individual who painted our Altar ceiling. They look great. Hopefully they will be good for another 94 years.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Fellowship after church is a very important time on Sunday. We welcome visitors and catch up with one another. Please consider hosting coffee hour. It doesn't have to be fancy-just something to nibble on while we exercise our gift of gab. We will help make the coffee if you don't know how. Sign up on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



Matt Kinney

Matthew Kinney, 14, of Springville, son of Kristina Kinney and Martha Cobb and Steve Kupscznk's grandson, passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021. We loved having Matthew at church and we will miss him. Services were held on Wednesday, October 20 at Bartron Myer Funeral Home on Church Street. Buried Button Cemetery, Springville.



Rainbow over Church

Last Friday, while driving up 29 and coming into town, there was a brief rainstorm and a rainbow to go with it. Rainbows are rare in the fall and it was right overtop Montrose. "The first rainbow to appear, was brilliant and so clear. It was God's promise of no more rain, a promise that still remains."



Andrew Wurth 5th Year Anniversary

Way back in October of 2016, Al Leigh brought on high school student Andrew Wurth to help video our service. Andrew has been our faithful cameraman for five years now and we are very grateful to have him with us every Sunday. Thank you, Andrew!



October in Susquehanna County

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book. It's the end of October and fall is in the air. Bird boxes are empty now and look lonely. They will wait patiently for spring to bring their new occupants. Winterberries have made their showy appearance. They must not be tasty, as they are not eaten until mid-winter. Their color is striking against the snow. Fall and Halloween decorations appear on the roads adding a country appeal. The deer appear in the fog in the early morning to eat the remaining apples. Rut has started which isn't good for drivers. Halloween is next Sunday. Trick or treat anyone?



Picture Identified.

Some time ago we put an old picture in the Weekly Highlights and asked if anyone knew what the event was. One person actually remembered. It was a Halloween party after church on October 27th, 2013.

