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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.

Sept. 12 - 18, 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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Vera Dunn
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Carol Marker
Coffee Hour: Dan & Lynne Graham



View from the Pew

In the midst of all that may feel like it's going devastatingly wrong in our life right now, I want to encourage you to do four things: Pray. Trust. Release. Find peace.

Pray and just pour it all out to God. He's safe. You can be messy and messed up and mad as you get it all out. Prayers don't have to be tidy to be heard.

Trust he is good, and he is working this out even when you can't see it or understand it.

Release it all to him. Resist the desire to control. Resist the desire to fix it all right now. Resist the desire to focus on all the other person is doing wrong. God sees it. Let him handle it.

Find peace in the portion of goodness God has for us today. Look for the lovely. Be a noticer of the good. Even if the tears are still falling, thank God for the gifts he's tucked into today just for us.

Sandy Seeger

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: 116:1-8
Epistle: James 3:1-12
Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Altar Flowers this Week are from Vida A. Kiefer In Memory of Glen Paul Kiefer.

Susquehanna County Coats for the Community 2021 Coat Drive



Coats for the Community has started collecting winter coats for its annual Coats for the Community program, now in its 15th year. The organization is seeking new or clean, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves, along with blankets, to help keep our neighbors a little bit warmer this winter. Children's coats are particularly in demand. Last year, the group gave away more than 1,200 coats. Donations can be dropped off at St. Paul's Church, 276 Church St., Montrose.

Money donations are also welcome and will be collected through November.

Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to these free events. Coats are scheduled to be distributed at the following locations:

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose
October 12 and 13 (10:00am to 1:00pm)

*Christ Church, Susquehanna, October 21, 22 and 23

*Christ Church, Forest City, October 28, 29 (3:00pm to 6:00pm) and 30 (1:00pm to 4:00pm)

*St. Marks, New Milford, November 4 and 5 (10:00am to 2:00pm)

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, December 15 and 16 (9:00am to noon)



90th Birthday Celebration for Esther Welden on September 19 at 2:00pm. No Gifts – Cards are Welcome. Her family would like you to come celebrate with them.

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938.

The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noontime service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud.

The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences.

Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the:

Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Deadline for entries for the 2020/2021 Book of Remembrance is September 20th. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2021/2022 book.

Christ Church Susquehanna Seeks Kitchen Cabinets

Parishioners in Susquehanna are renovating their venerable kitchen, relying mainly on sweat equity. If you know of anyone who may be willing to donate serviceable kitchen base cabinets, please contact Senior Warden Todd @ tamoffett@yahoo.com or via cellphone @ 917-714-4156. CC will retrieve any donations at your convenience.

Birthdays for September: Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19 & Sean Eckert 9/28.

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.

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*

15th Sunday After Pentecost September 5th

THE GOSPEL

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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.

First Wednesday of the Month on Oct. 6th: 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.



Donations

You can scan the QR Code above. 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. Or you can come in person & put your donation in the plate. We would love to see you in Church!

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

10 Photos this week.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” (*Mark 7:24-37*)

Deacon Liz's Weekly

This week marks the twentieth anniversary of September 11, 2001. It is difficult to believe that twenty years have passed in the blink of an eye. And yet for those who lost loved ones that day, nearly three thousand families were changed forever. The father, mother, son or daughter who was present for the holidays was there no longer. A place at the table remains empty to this day. The smile which was so captivating was no more. The comforting hug of a mother's love, absent. We grieve with those who lost dear ones that day.

And yet, we rejoice with our Father in Heaven that they were met by still other loved ones on the other side of the veil. Friends and relatives once lost to them, reunited in eternal bliss. While families here grieve for their loss, they have gratitude for the time that they had together on this plane and they wait in sure and certain hope for the time when they will be reunited.

We grieve too for a certain loss of surety, surety that while there were dangers on other shores, we seemed to be immune from attack. We heard for decades about conflicts in Israel, the Middle East, Ireland, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and more. And yet in America we were safe because we had distance, separation from warring factions. We did what we could, diplomatically and militarily to aid nations under siege and felt that we were above the fray.

I remember that summer, being in Japan, thinking that things were not alright in the world, something was going on. Al Qaida had recently blown a hole through one of our ships in retaliation for something we did, and committed bombings that summer against tourists in Southeast Asia. I arrived home the morning of September eighth and was eternally grateful on the eleventh that I was home with my family, not trapped on the other side of the world.

So many things have changed since then, but one thing has not. Our need for and love of family and friends. Let us express our gratitude and love for those we are closest to and hold them tight because we know not what tomorrow will bring. Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives this day and evermore.

THIS WEEK

September 5th Service

The September 5th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass was led by Deacon Liz. The announcements and readings were done by Lynne. 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.



Presentation is Everything – September 1

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 ham salad and Barb and Martha were making works of art. Very professional. Dinner included applesauce, a roll and a dessert. The Square folks got an additional treat of Beef Summer Vegetable Soup. We return to a soup dinner for everyone next month.



The Perfect Retirees

When Jerry and Maggie moved to the Masonic Village in Dallas last year, who would have thought they would start a second career as models for the retirement community. Well, that's what they are. Take a look at the handout below. Maybe we can get some autographs! And think, we knew them when!



Greg Will be Shoveling and Plowing Again

Greg Garnett (and sometimes his wife and kids) will be doing the walks and parking lot again this winter at church. If you see him, give a big wave and smile but unfortunately, it may be snowing when you see him.



Labor Day Weekend in Susquehanna County

“September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.” September sunrises are peaceful, damp with dew and quiet. The songbirds no longer sing. There was just a stir of coolness in the air this week. That invasive bush, Japanese Knotweed is blooming and you realize how much of it there is along our roads. Fall concord grapes are on the vine ready for picking for eating and making jam and jellies – Grandma’s favorite. Labor Day is the traditional ending of summer.





Old Picture of Montrose

The photograph was taken in 1898 from the Presbyterian steeple looking west down Church Street. You can see the stores going up Public Ave. toward the court house. in the middle of the picture. In the lower left of the picture you can just see the old Old Fellows Hall that was where the Parish Hall would go in 1927. St. Paul's church was just missed in the picture.

