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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. 26 – Oct. 2, 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: Tom Undercoffler

Readings for this week

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm: 19:7-14
Epistle: James 5:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Bible Study Begins

One of the things that we mention most often that we miss is Bible Study. Now, under the leadership of Deacon Liz, we will hold Bible Study on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning on October 7. As we have done in the past, we will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

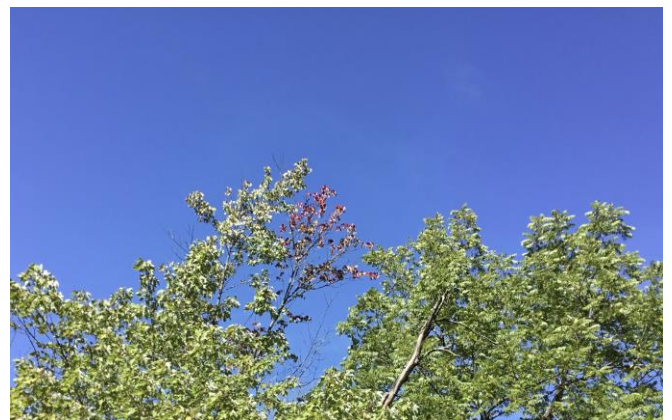
Please join us as we begin to unravel some of the mysteries of the Bible and connect the scriptures to our daily lives. There are Bibles in the Guild Room for anyone not bringing their own. Hope to see you there!

Lynne

View from the Pew

What a difference there is in the climate from the hurricane laden Gulf of Mexico off the Florida panhandle, and other gulf states, to the cooler and crisper airs of the northeast.

It's almost getting to be that time of year to start putting away the fans and thinking about turning on a little heat at night. The temperatures will flip flop from too warm to chilly over the next month or so. Leaves are already starting to turn colors on the sugar maples and sumac. Last night the temperature was just 14 degrees above the freezing mark. Wednesday, the 22nd, will officially mark the first day of fall. The maple tree in the below picture is expressing its multiple personalities and can't decide if it's still summer or fall. I think it's actually showing signs of nearing the end of its life cycle, and the weaker branches will turn before the rest of the tree.



I took advantage of this beautiful day outside. The sky was a brilliant blue that was almost mesmerizing in its background contrast to the foliage of the trees. So far it is refreshing to have the windows open with a cool breeze

drifting through the house. Before long, they will be shut against the bitter colds of winter.

- John Warriner

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 (10:00am to 6:00pm)

*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 6pm)

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.

Birthdays for September: 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 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.*



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.

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

12 Photos this week.

17th Sunday After Pentecost, September 12th

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

THE GOSPEL - Whoever wants to be first must be last

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:30-37)

Deacon Liz's Weekly

SpaceX, Elon Musk's intergalactic venture launched Inspiration 4 this week for a short-term orbital flight. This concludes the summer of billionaires in space. For almost six decades we have had manned space flight and this summer, boyhood dreams of wealthy men came true.

There are those who say that this is a waste of money and effort which could be dedicated to earthly concerns. Furthermore, these men have too much money and should be taxed more effectively so that they are paying their fair share for the common good.

Alternatively, there are those who say that today's space race among billionaires is bringing further development of industry and innovation. There is something to be said for the fact that it is true that innovation will continue and a new industry will flourish. Not to mention that with SpaceX, they are creating the opportunity, in time, for regular Joes and Janes to go to space. But what of the financial costs.

Is it ethical to spend billions of dollars on space flight when our planet is dying? We are killing it with our abuse of the natural world. Ought not our resources be spent in the growth of industry which will help us in the conservation of the planet which supports human life. Why spend all of that money searching out other frontiers when we have a planet here which is in dire need of our help?

I do not pretend to have all of the answers when it comes to this, or frankly any issue, but I for my part, pray for those who are wealthy to use their personal resources in a manner which will benefit humankind and the planet which supports our lives. May we all do our part to support each other and our planet in our own way, even if it is simply by recycling and reusing things which are in our possession that no longer serve a need in our household. The future of our planet depends upon the commitment of all of us to do whatever we can to save it.

THIS WEEK

September 12th Service

The September 17th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass with communion was led by Deacon Liz. Lynne Graham was the lector. 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. Here's some pictures of Andrew doing the live streaming.



Esther Welden's 90th Birthday

On Sunday, September 19th, Esther Welden celebrated her 90th birthday. She was born in 1931 and Herbert Hoover was President at the time. (She's seen 16 presidents in her lifetime!) A party was held at the Montrose VFW. Happy Birthday Esther!



New Pictures for Website

On our website under Parishioners, there are pictures of everyone. We just added two that were not up there -- Ellen Ely and Ann Kiefer -- good smiles, ladies. Take a peek on our website and see what your smile looks like!



Fall Comes to Susquehanna County

And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened." On Wednesday, September 22, fall officially came to Susquehanna County. It's the prettiest time of the year and there was a full moon this week (the Harvest moon) to welcome it. It hung low in the eastern sky over barns and over town. The annuals, after a slow start, always kick in when it gets cool and look great. We can see and hear the combines harvesting the corn in the fields outside of town. LaRue's cows got a special treat this week, pumpkins that were rejected for the vegetable stand. Fall in Susquehanna, it doesn't get much better than that.





Time for a new sign

At one time, St. Paul's had three welcome signs coming into town. These were put up about 20 years ago and were replacements then for older ones. The ones on 706 west and east have disappeared. The last one, on 29 north, is in a sad state of disarray. Bent over and rusty, covered with weeds, it did yeoman's service for our church through rain and sleet, ice and snow. It is being replaced. Well done, good and faithful servant!



Remember When – September 2019 – Those were the days

