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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.

Nov. 7 - 13, 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.

And Then it is Winter

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my husband. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit! And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will



**Time to turn your clocks
back 1 hour on Sun. Nov. 7th.**

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: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Vickie Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm: 24
Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel: John 11:32-44

Altar Flowers this week are from Barbara & Tom Undercoffler for the Glory of God.

Birthdays for November: Brenda Syle 11/23.

begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

It's Not What You Gather, But What You say and do That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived. Enjoy the winter of your life and know that once it is over you will begin a new season, one that is peaceful, loving, pain free and surrounded by love ones with your Lord and Savior.

- Sandy S.



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.



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.



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 Toy Tags

We have 15 tags. Gifts should be valued at \$30. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the tag securely attached. If batteries are required, please include them with the gift. All Gifts must be brought to the Church by **Dec 5th**.

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, Ray Arcario & Addie Evans.

As we continue to pray for those at Christ Church and St. Mark's, please remember Adeleigh (Addie) Evans in your daily prayers. She is the 6-year-old great-granddaughter of Nina Robinson of St. Mark's. She has been diagnosed with cancer. It would be lovely if we could send encouraging cards now and throughout the year. Her address is 3 James Way, Archbald, PA 18403. Thank you.

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!



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

First Wednesday of the Month on Dec. 1st: 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.

23th Sunday After Pentecost, October 31st

THE GOSPEL

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

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

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.*

12 Photos this week.

commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question. (*Mark 12:28-34*)

Fr. Bill’s Morning Prayer

In our morning prayer we celebrate, though we are all apart currently. October winds and November chills are beginning to hem us in. Yet, cloistered as we are, in kitchen and around the glow of the old log fire, we are united in spirit, in prayer, warmed by your Gospel word, in this Autumnal season.

The Gospel for the 23rd Sunday has Jesus answering the question: "Which is the greatest of the Commandments?"---It is the 'old grey whistle test' of Judaism, much like "do you still love your wife?"

It is the 'hesed' of the covenant on Mount Sinai: "Remember Israel the Lord your God is one and you shall love the Lord your God with all your mind, heart and soul and your neighbor as yourself."-- The words were curtailed to a holy greeting: "The lord be in my mind, in my heart and in my soul." They were written on the smallest parchment, wore around the neck, put in a tube and attached to the house door. Every Jew knew these words. These were the words that they lived by.

The simplicity of Jesus' reply and the essence of the 'hesed' is Quaker like. And I say that because it has a silent power that ends all other debate. All you need is to sit and acknowledge your faith in God, love the God that you believe in and take that love and share it with others in the clear light of each day.

We are each and all called to that friendship and brother/sisterhood. It is the Tom Sawyer moment in our lives when we sit by the riverbank alone on a warm afternoon. Though the fish are not biting, we experience a peace and contentment with the world. All around creation speaks, flowers tilt in the breeze and the great giant green/blue dragonfly hums by. At that moment we seem to bridge the space between God and who we are called to be.

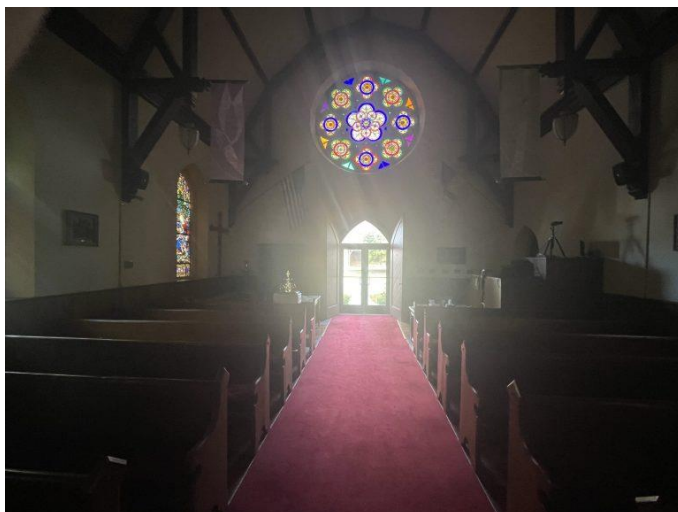
"All you need is love," said Lennon, all those years ago. He never knew that he was really summarizing the greatest of the commandments, for "love is all you need!"

Isolated, alone, distancing we too can borrow the wisdom of our Quaker friends, sitting quietly in our homes. God is love and we are called to love him and breathe that over into the lives of others. Become a Quaker in these days and see that glimpse of the poetic beauty that is 'the hesed of God'. Amen.

THIS WEEK

October 31st Service

The October 31st live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer was led by Lynne Graham, Vicki Calby was the lector and Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with two hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube.



Trick or Treat

Sunday night, October 31st, was trick or treat night in Montrose from 5 to 8. St. Paul's Sandy, Lynne, and Karen (peeking out of the blue unicorn on the left) and the Sullivan's from Holy Name of Mary gave out candy. Town was packed with little ones and a good time was had by all.



Trim in Celtic Room Painted

Since the tubs of coats that we store in the Celtic Room are out on the road, it was a good time to paint the trim. The chair rail was dinged and the pine knots had "leaked through". The knots were shellacked and the whole chair rail repainted. The tubs are coming back next week.

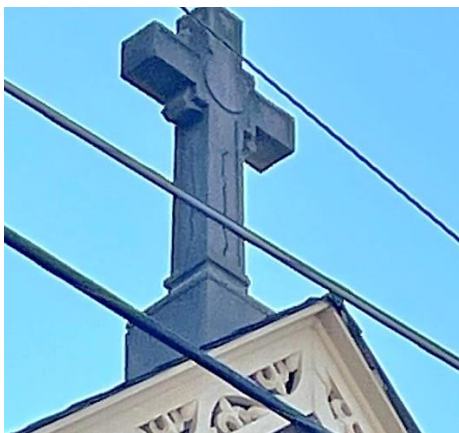


Soup Night at St. Paul's

The year is just zooming by and it's soup night again. Pots of steaming, homemade soup were lovingly created and cooked and brought to church by St. Paul's soup makers. This month's selections were Beef Vegetable and Crème of Broccoli.

Cross Above Chestnut Street Door Cracked

The Parish Hall was built in 1927. There are two crosses on the roof. One facing Church Street over the large window in the Parish Hall and the other facing Chestnut Street over the door. If you look close, you can see that the Chestnut Street one is cracked and there are cracks on at least three sides. Not good and unsafe. On Wednesday, it was removed by a crane by Weather Master Roofing and taken to Binghamton for a decision on if it to see if it can be repaired.





October in Susquehanna County

"I was working in the lab late one night. When my eyes beheld an eerie sight." It's the end of October, it's Halloween, and it's finally fall weather. Many of the trees have already lost their leaves, some are dull, some pretty but some are outstanding. This red maple on High Street in town is just breath taking. After having the second wettest September on record, October wasn't far behind and small rivulets become white water streams. Deer season has opened and Lynne got a close-up picture of Gertie, the mostly white deer on LaRue's land. Pheasants were released at Salt Springs for the hunters and Sophie pointed at one on a walk. Finally, Maggie and Jerry sent a stunning fall picture of the pond behind their house. Just beautiful.



