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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.

Jan. 16 - 22, 2022

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.

The Annual Meeting is on January 16.

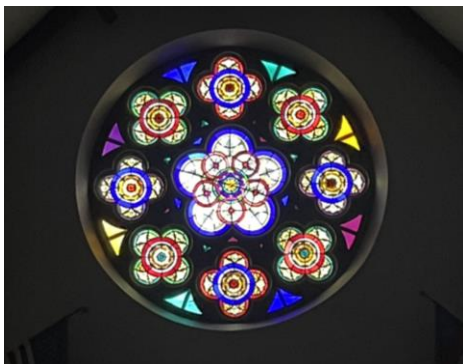
Bible Study 1st & 2nd Thursdays. We will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Vickie Calby

Readings for this Week

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm: 36:5-10
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11



View from the Pew

The new year has rung in with its promises and unknowns. Most of the family has scattered off to their various origins and back to their own lives. I've heard people say that sharing is a valuable trait, but maybe not in all aspects. After almost two years, the Covid-19 virus found a host among one of us, and within a week, every single one of our household tested positive, from the five year old grandchild to the 50 some year old grandparents. They say that most of us on the planet will end up contracting this disease.

The year ahead has a lot of potential to be great for so many of us: safely traveling the world; finding our new meaning of normal; finding peace in the simple pleasures around us; surrounding ourselves with relationships that serve us and make us happy.

For most of us, it feels like the year has come and gone in the blink of an eye. In some ways it feels like we are back to where we started with the spike in numbers of positive cases. In other ways, we have grown so much with vaccinations and boosters and knowledge. We grow stronger each year with research and doing our part to help the world overcome this ongoing pandemic.

- Lindsay Golden / John Warriner

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, Carol Marker & Ellen Ely.



GRIEF GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2022

The dates listed below are available for men and women groups, dependent on the need at that time.

Montrose Location (Tuesday) - 526 Church Street, Auditorium

March 15th – April 19th

May 17th – June 21st

August 22nd – Sept 27th

October 24th – November 29th

Susquehanna Location (Wednesday) – 695 Jackson Avenue

March 16th – April 20th

May 18th – June 22nd

August 23rd – September 28th

October 25th – November 30th

If interested in attending, please call Ginny at 570-278-1776

or email edconsultant@interfaithsc.org

Birthdays for January: Molly Brunner 1/16, Anne Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, Nathaniel Syle 1/20, David Calby 1/24 & Marsha Jones 1/26.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

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



Reminder with winter comes winter weather!. This is just the annual reminder to say: if there is ice or snow and there is a question about church being canceled, listen to WPEL at 96.5 FM.

First Wednesday of the Month on Feb. 2nd: Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.

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.*



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11 Photos this week.

First Sunday After Epiphany, January 9th

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

THE GOSPEL- I baptize you with water

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*)

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Praises be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

Deacon Liz, View From the Pulpit

This week we were inhibited from in person worship by the weather. A big thank you to Lynne, Dan, and Andrew for braving the elements so that Morning Prayer was still available online.

Below is a portion of my sermon for your reflection. The attendant excerpt is Luke 3:21, "As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him."

Luke's gospel is filled with instances of Jesus at prayer, As the story unfolds, Jesus will pray before he calls the disciples, before his transfiguration, before he teaches the disciples to pray, before his betrayal, and before his death on the cross. Prayer is an essential element of Jesus' ministry. He

prays at times of decision and transition. In praying, he is an example for us. We are called to ministry fashioned after Christ and we are called to prayer like Christ.

Prayer is how we communicate with God. Whether we pray corporately or whether we pray privately, it is key in our relationship with God. God longs to be in relationship with us, and prayer is central to that relationship. We may pray established prayers which are written down or we may speak in the language of the heart with words or without them. God is as close as our breath and hears our sighs which may be too deep for words. God does not care how we pray God only cares that we pray.

Let us nurture our relationship with God through prayer. He longs for connection with us, and longs too, to assist us in our walk with Him as we seek to live our life in His loving care and guidance.

THIS WEEK

January 9th Service

It was an icy morning and the rock salt buckets were in full use. The January 9th live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham. Dan Graham was the lector. The Wise Men reached the manger up near the altar. Our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube.



Soup Night at St. Paul's

It's a new month and new year and January 5th, being the first Wednesday of the month, was soup night again. Pots of steaming, homemade soup were lovingly created, cooked and brought to church by St. Paul's soup makers and community volunteers. A salad, roll, applesauce and a cookie got added to the bag. Winter hours are 3:30 to 5:00. This month's selections were beef vegetable and corn chowder. We are always looking for new soup makers and the comradery is great. St. Paul's will reimburse for any ingredients.



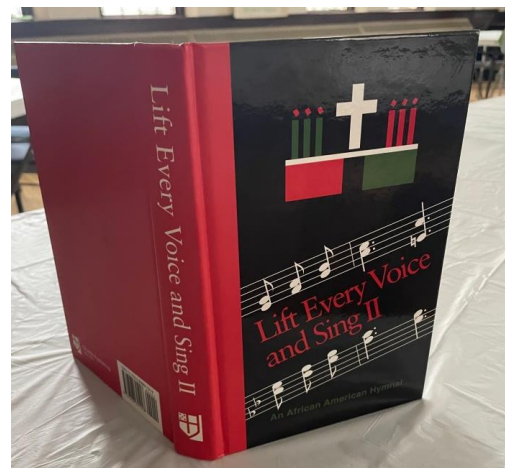
Epiphany

We three kings of Orient are... Thursday, January 6th, was Epiphany and right on schedule, our Wise Men made it to the crèche. They began their journey at the back of the church on Christmas Eve and they advanced up from windowsill to windowsill following the star. St. Paul's new manger welcomed them.



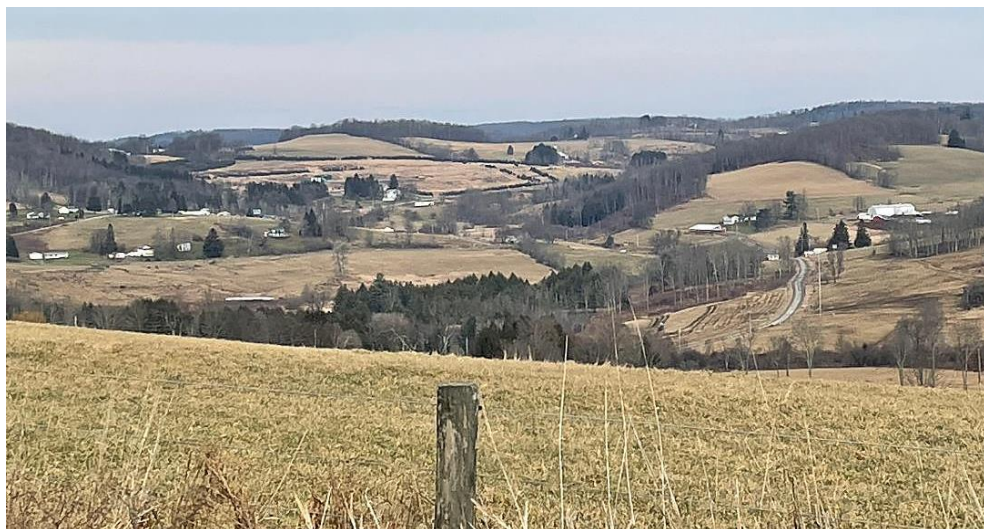
WHAT DO COLOR MARKERS MEAN ON THE HYMN BOARD?

Sometimes on the hymn board a red paper marker appears before the page number of the hymn. That means that the hymn is in *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. If a green marker is used, the hymn is found in *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



EARLY WINTER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Still in early winter, our weather changed this week. Our fields finally lost their green color that they had since April and which was replaced by winter brown, and then white. There was a cresant moon this week with cloudless, cold nights with lots of stars – a quarter moon rising on the milky way. It snowed on Friday and we had a little taste of winter but on Sunday we had an ice storm. It was freezing all week. Button up Montrose, winter is here.



OLD PICTURE OF CHURCH ST 1912

This 1912 photograph of Church Street looking east from South Main Street toward St. Paul's showed Montrose to be a sleepy, bucolic town. One car on the left and the town's first gasoline pump on the right near the wagon are shown but horses still made up the preferred transportation mode. You can see the Presbyterian Church's steeple above the trees on the left but St. Paul's is hidden by trees. Telephone poles were added in 1900 and a fire plug is visible in the lower right, but the street would not be paved until 1918. The fountain that was at the bottom of Public Ave. in the middle of the street is shown. In that year, the Rev. Ernest Wood was our rector. He lived in the rectory up the street from church with his wife and daughter. He left St. Paul's shortly after Easter in 1913 and became an Army Chaplain. He went overseas in 1917 and saw action at Aisne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the World War I Victory Medal.

