

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

July 17- July 23, 2022



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Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

View from the Pulpit: Mother Liz

Photo credit NASA - A view of the edge of a star-forming region in the Carina Nebula. This image reveals previously obscured areas of star birth. Called the Cosmic Cliffs, the region is the edge of a gigantic, gaseous cavity roughly 7,600 light-years away. The cavernous area has been carved from the nebula by the intense ultraviolet radiation and stellar winds from extremely massive, hot, young stars located in the center of the bubble, above the area shown in this image.



This week we received the first images from The James Webb Space Telescope that was launched by NASA in December 2021. Of the handful of images published, this is my favorite. It resembles a mountain range and yet it is so much more. I find myself at a loss for words when I look at it. Seeing something like this for the first time is overwhelming and I find myself thinking that we have no concept of how vast space truly is.

We have been using prayer C since the week after Trinity Sunday and in it is the passage, “At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.” By the will of God all that is throughout the universe was created and has its being. Seeing images of the far reaches of space, at least what we have seen so far, puts the phrase “this fragile earth our island home” in an entirely new perspective. Our planet is but one among billions, scratch that, trillions of planets, stars, and other heavenly bodies throughout the universe. We cannot begin to fathom all that is beyond our grasp and our sight.

It might be easy to become sidetracked thinking about the stories of creation in Genesis and wondering how all of this could be, however, I prefer to put aside the debate regarding creation. I would rather consider the awesomeness of God’s creation in it’s vast and beautiful totality.

Gratitude fills my heart this day as I meditate upon the glory of God Almighty.

Take some time and gaze at the picture and allow its otherworldly beauty to draw you in. Give thanks to Almighty God for the wonder of nature and for the God-given ingenuity of the scientists who developed the capability to bring the images to us. Imagine what other wonders await us in the future.

View from the Pew:

God and peacocks: Part II

Some things are just impossibly beautiful and mysterious, meant for reverence and not explanation. Angels. Michelangelo's Pieta. Notre Dame Cathedral. A newborn baby. And pea-cocks, of course. All created by God as inspiration for His people, especially me.

I've written before about my love for peacocks and my fascination with a rogue bird in Auburn who has taken up with a flock of wild turkeys. Now another peacock appears, this one a gleaming, angelic creature on the run in the woods and fields of East Lemon.

My friend, Mary, spends her spare time trying to win his trust and friendship with strawberries and grapes. She's drawing ever closer — he allowed her to take this photograph recently, but he continues to elude her. Mary has found a home for the bird with a local farmer — if she can catch him. So far, it's been weeks of trying.

I've thought long and hard about the mystery of faith: How we are asked to accept what God does and says on faith and without an explanation. You wonder though if it's something more. Are the peacocks a messenger or guide?

We shall see.

- Nancy Dooling

We would love for you to be included!

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at stpaulsmontrose@epix.net; post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.

Sundays Service

July
10th



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalms: 15

The Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Cathy Hammons

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

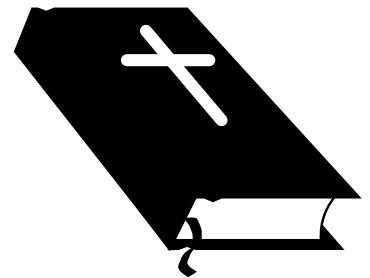
This week's Hymns:

The God of Abraham praise

Humbly I adore thee

Come down, O Love divine

Seek ye first kingdom of God



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Happenings and Announcements



Sleeping Bag Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting concerning the sleeping bags on July 20 at 10am here at the Church. If you can tie a knot, you can help!



Garden Service

Next Sunday, July 24th, the regular service will be held in the memorial garden with a picnic held afterwards! Please bring a dish to pass. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.



Stop the Stigma Meeting

There will be a meeting with the Stop the Stigma group on July 20th at 5:30 PM here at the Church.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Jeannine Ball, Sandy Nagy, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous & Nicole Bechtel.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



This Months Birthdays:

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Maximus Bartron 7/20, Stephanie Calby 7/25



This Months Anniversaries:

There are no known anniversaries this month! If there is an anniversary that we are missing, please contact Kate in the office. Thanks!

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.

Last Week's Service and Events

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 10TH

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.**

The July 10th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and John Warriner read as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.



Salad Distribution – July 6th

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 a chicken salad or egg salad dinner and included macaroni salad (thank you to the Rotary Club for donating their leftovers to salad night), applesauce, a roll and a cookie. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped make it and helped distribute it. The next distribution will be on August 3rd and will be chicken salad and tuna salad. We can always use salad makers. Let Kate know if you can provide a salad.



Mobile Food Pantry – July 8th

On Friday 8th, the monthly food distribution took place at the Mobile Food Pantry at the South Montrose Community Church. As you know, St. Paul's provides the funds to purchase the bread. In addition, parishioners also participate in helping with the distribution. There were 252 portions distributed this month. The next distribution will be on August 12th.





New Parishioner Pictures for Website

Well again, parishioners actually read the Weekly Update. We were reminded that we didn't have Patty Aiken up on our rogue's gallery on the website. Take a peek on the parishioner page to see what your picture looks like.

July 24th Service in the Garden

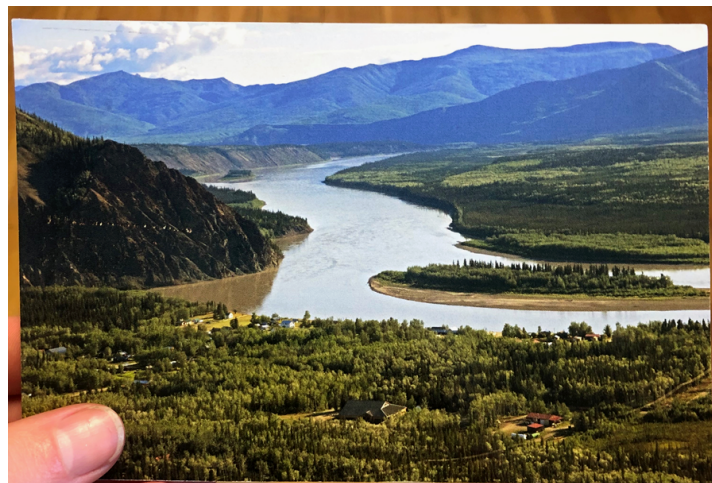
Don't forget. On July 24th, we will be having a service in the garden and then a picnic. Mark it on your calendar; bring a lawn chair and a side dish. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs provided.



Our Traveling Betty

She made it! Our retired Parish Administrator, Betty, has made it all of the way to Alaska! This postcard from her and her husband, Dan, says, "We got to Eagle, Alaska on June 21. It is 65 miles of dirt road to get here some of it single lane with steep cliffs. We can see the Yukon River from Dan's cousin's house. Not sure how long it will take for this post card to get to PA. All of the mail comes by plane. -Betty & Dan"

Thank you for sharing Betty and we are all following you on your journey! Prayers for good weather!



The picture on the postcard is in Eagle, Alaska on the banks of the Yukon River.

LaRue's Farm Stand Is Open

That true sign of summer, LaRue's Farm Stand on 706 west of town is open. The sweet corn is finally picked and for sale (6 dollars a bakers dozen) and according to Kate, our Parish Administrator, is the MOST DELICIOUS EVER and makes summer better every year. It is the best tasting Susquehanna grown corn to locals and even out of towners, bar none, and worth the trip.



Summer Arrivals

Martha Cobb had some new arrivals this week. This mother duck had a gaggle of baby ducklings. Best of luck to the new family and thanks for sharing. Also, Kate just realized, leaving the church on Monday, that we have a little family of robins that have sought refuge right outside the new church door.



EARLY JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“July is hot afternoons and sultry nights and mornings when it’s a joy just to be alive.” We need some rain. But the farmer’s corn is growing in the fields along the roads. Out in the fields, milkweed is flowering and waiting for Monarch Butterflies to taste its nectar and lay their eggs. Grandma’s old time favorite, hollyhocks, which grew by her back gate, are blooming here and bring good memories. Free moments are spent picking and freezing blueberries. It’s a Susquehanna summer.



Remember When

It wasn’t that long ago that we had Morning Prayer in the Memorial Garden on a summer COVID Sunday. On this morning, Carol Marker led the Morning Prayer and was accompanied by Cathy Hammons on piano. The weather cooperated nicely. Can I get an Amen?

