

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

July 3- July 9, 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

Two decisions came down from the Supreme Court last week that were very distressing to many. The first overturned a one hundred- and seven-year-old law which barred people from open weapon carry in the state of New York. The second was the overturning of Roe vs. Wade which addresses abortion rights. I have grave concerns about both decisions and their impact on our society.

As I have said from the pulpit, I do not profess to know the answer to these issues, however, I do know what to do when I find myself at a loss and in despair, I can pray. I pray that God will touch the hearts of those who fear for their safety, those who fear for their future, and those who fear that they are trapped by circumstance. I pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit and their way will be made clear. I thank God for all His blessings upon each one of us. May He continue to bless us and keep us from harm. Below is the Presiding Bishop's statement regarding the Dobbs decision.

Mother Liz

## **Statement on Supreme Court Dobbs decision by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

June 24, 2022

Office of Public Affairs

Today the Supreme Court released its decision in the case of Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The court has overturned the constitutional right to abortion that was recognized in the seminal 1973 case Roe v. Wade.

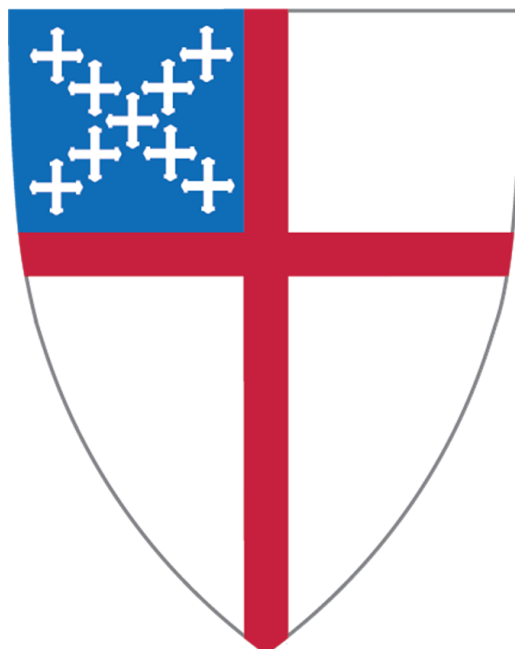
While I, like many, anticipated this decision, I am deeply grieved by it. I have been ordained more than 40 years, and I have served as a pastor in poor communities; I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact this decision will have.

We as a church have tried carefully to be responsive both to the moral value of women having the right to determine their healthcare choices as well as the moral value of all life. Today's decision institutionalizes inequality because women with access to resources will be able to exercise their moral judgment in ways that women without the same resources will not.

This is a pivotal day for our nation, and I acknowledge the pain, fear, and hurt that so many feel right now. As a church, we stand with those who will feel the effects of this decision—and in the weeks, months, and years to come.

The Episcopal Church maintains that access to equitable health care, including reproductive health care and reproductive procedures, is “an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being” (2018-D032). The church holds that “reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender” (2018-D032). The Episcopal Church sustains its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them” (2018-D032). As stated in the 1994 Act of Convention, the church also opposes any “executive or judicial action to abridge the right of a woman to reach an informed decision...or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision” (1994-A054).

The court’s decision eliminates federal protections for abortion and leaves the regulation of abortion to the states. The impact will be particularly acute for those who are impoverished or lack consistent access to health care services. As Episcopalians, we pray for those who may be harmed by this decision, especially for women and other people who need these reproductive services. We pray for the poor and vulnerable who may not have other options for access. We urge you to make your voice heard in the way you feel called but always to do so peacefully and with respect and love of neighbor.



# View from the Pew:

Happy Independence Day to all. What a great 246 year old tradition this national holiday has become. This land transitioned from a group of rebel immigrants and native inhabitants to a country of patriots and citizens. It has not, however, been without its hardships along the way - through civil war, protests both violent and nonviolent, marches, two world wars, and various other armed conflicts. Some agree and some disagree, but the common denominator here is our freedoms that we have been granted to be able to be on either side of the equation, within limits.

Independence comes in various forms: children growing up and becoming independent from their parents (sometimes too soon before they're really ready); new nations throwing off the reigns of tyranny, and the oppression of oligarchies, authoritarianism, and dictatorships. Some nations are in potential danger of going in reverse and getting sucked back into a non independent state, which I think is (or should be) the opposite of the natural order of things. It depends on how you look at it. From a Darwinian perspective, it's a dog-eat-dog world - the law of the jungle with the survival of the fittest. Let's hope that Ukraine along with the help of enough of everyone else will prevail.

May God bless us all!

- John Warriner



## **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](mailto: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  
3rd



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: 66: 1-8

The Epistle: Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Organist: Cathy Hammons

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

## This week's Hymns:

Wade in the water

When I survey the wondrous cross

Love divine, all loves excelling

God of our fathers

O beautiful for spacious skies



## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

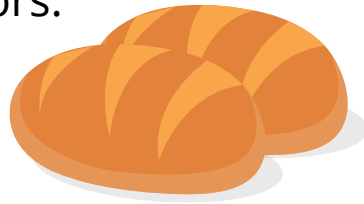
The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

# Happenings and Announcements



## Mobile Food Pantry

This Friday volunteers are needed from 9:30-3:00 at the South Montrose Community Church for packing and distribution of food to our neighbors.



## Salad Night

This month's salad night will be on Wednesday July 6th from 3:30-5:00.

We are offering egg salad and chicken salad sandwiches with a grain salad, cookie and applesauce.



## 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 & Suzanne Beamish.

## Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

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



## This Month's Birthdays:

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



## This Month's 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

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 26th

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.

The June 26th live-streamed 10:00 am Morning Prayer Service because Mother Liz was on a much enjoyed vacation. The service was led by Lynne Graham. Lynne also did the announcements and Karen Blye-McAbee read as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ. The service included a Prelude, an organ meditation, and Postlude, along with two hymns. 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







## July 4th Breakfast

You may see these flyers around town announcing the July 4th breakfast at St. Paul's. The tables are set up and duties assigned to the many volunteers and hopefully we are ready for the onslaught. We served about 250 people last year. If you are not volunteering, come in and have some of Jack Lasher's pancakes, John Warriner's eggs or John Finlon's sausage.

## Bell Tower Door Painted

Just in time for the July 4th parade, the Bell Tower door got a new coat of traditional Episcopal red. The color red symbolizes the "blood of Christ", which is the "entry" into salvation. Red was painted on the north, south, and east doors of early church making "the sign of the cross" marking the church as a safety zone from spiritual dangers. The red doors of Episcopal churches also once signified that the mortgage had been fully paid. Thanks Patrick for the shiny new-looking door.



## 100-Year-Old Magnolia Tree

When you come out of church next week, or when you are sitting watching the parade, take a look at the tree in front of the bank, which of course, used to be the Montrose Inn. It's a beautiful magnolia tree. It must have found the location to its liking. We have a picture of St. Paul's taken at Easter in 1939 from next to it and the tree was blooming and partially in the picture. Due to its size in 1939, the tree is over 100 years old. Hard to believe.

## Chestnut Street Entrance

The Chestnut Street entrance has been getting spruced up with some new paint, brighter lights and a new look. The large majority of all non-church parishioners enter this door for classes and AA meetings and it is the first impression they get of St. Paul's. While not finished yet, it definitely provides a more inviting look and is ready for July 4th. Thanks to painters Patrick and Lynne, decorator advisor Carol Marker, bulletin board creator Karen, and lighting specialist John Finlon.





## LATE-JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Summertime and the liv'n is easy. Catfish are jumping and the cotton is high. It's late June here and getting a little dry, The vistas are still breath taking. Black-eyed Susans are early this year and just beginning to bud. This female painted turtle was photographed laying her eggs. She lays them where they will be in the sun. That import from the mid-west, Catalpa trees, are blooming and are striking when you see one. Finally, early blue berries are ripening and are ready for picking. It doesn't get better than this.

