

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

July 31- August 6



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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

Please keep our Bishop and all of the Bishops at Lambeth in your prayers as they meet to discuss issues which are greatly in dispute amongst the churches in the Anglican Communion.

May we agree to remain in Communion with one another despite our differences.

A Pastoral Word from Our Bishop at Lambeth

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen. BCP 816

Dear Beloved of Bethlehem,

As you know, Bishops within the Anglican Communion are gathering for the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury from July 26, 2022 thru August 8, 2022.

To aid in our preparation, all bishops received a Lambeth Calls Study Guide, which includes ten 'Calls' to be addressed by members within the Communion. Under the Human Dignity Call are provisions that call on bishops to reaffirm resolution 1.10 from Lambeth 1998. These provisions include the following statements:

"It is the mind of the Anglican Communion as a whole that same-gender marriage is not permissible" (I.10, 1998).

"Legitimizing or blessing of same sex unions cannot be advised" (I.10, 1998).

It is the mind of the Communion to uphold "faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union" (I.10, 1998).

Needless to say, this is creating deep concern among our siblings in Christ who are in same-gender unions, as well as for those of us who believe our Baptismal Covenant when we say that we will strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being (BCP 304-5).

Be assured that in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, we shall stand in word and deed with our siblings who are in same-gender relationships. We will continue to honor our shared creation in the image of God, because God is a God of all people.

This was evident at our recent General Convention in Baltimore where the Episcopal Church passed several resolutions, speaking to the full inclusion and protection of LGBTQ+ persons in the life of The Episcopal Church and the world. There is still much work to do and with God's help, we will meet the challenge.

Therefore, the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem will continue to move forward with becoming a community where each person can live in promise, dignity, and wholeness.

Know of my continued care and love,
Bishop Kevin

View from the Pew:

With our Hearts and With our Hands...

St. Paul's Sleeping Bag Ministry is at work with a new energy and a new meeting time. We now gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in room 1 located downstairs. Come - see what we are all about. Last week ten volunteers finished four sleeping bags in two hours and Mother Liz volunteered to deliver twelve finished sleeping bags to Keystone Mission located in Scranton where they were gratefully received by staff knowing they will bring warmth and comfort this winter to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a neighbor or friend to join with us, any amount of your time shared is appreciated. A bag of needed items such as toiletries, socks, winter gloves, scarves, and a prayer is included inside the sleeping bag.

(list of needed items below)

Sleeping Bag Ministry at St. Paul's began in 2017 when Flo Wheatley of My Brothers' Keeper located in Hop Bottom came to our newly formed group to teach the easy process of making a sleeping bag. Flo is the saint of the sleeping bag ministry devoting her life to the homeless since 1995. Her story is amazing. The website is www.TheSleepingBagProject.org. Our visit to Flo's home in Hop Bottom where love, dedication and action meet was an inspiration for all of us from St. Paul's to further the call to ministry.

The homeless community in our nation is astounding and there is cause to be concerned. The numbers are increasing and not decreasing and brings a calling to those of us who can help in a small way of providing warmth and comfort to those in need of our love.

We are asking for the following items which can be left in the Parish Hall or someone can pick up your items from your home. Contributions are to be clean but not new and in fair condition.

Blankets, Flat sheets, quilts, comforters, yardage of fabric – (2 yards or more) Neck ties
Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Combs (Sample Size)
Warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks and more socks.

NO pillows

Can you tie a knot? Then you can make a Sleeping Bag! We invite you to join us.

-Carol Marker

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

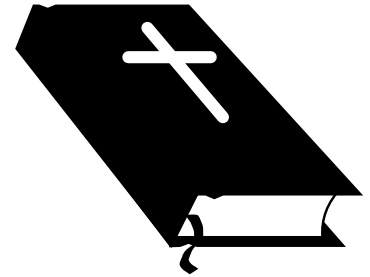
First Reading: Old Testament:
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm: 49:1-11
The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Altar Guild: Carol Lasher
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Lector: Vickie Calby
Organist: Rudy Sumpter
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

This week's Hymns:

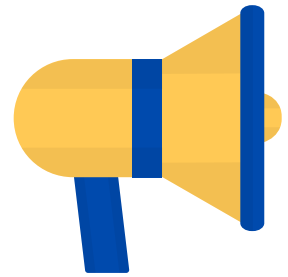
All my hope on God is founded
At the name of Jesus
One bread, one body
Christ is the word's true light



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Happenings and Announcements



✝ DOK Meeting

Daughters of the King will be meeting during coffee hour after the church service on Sunday, July 31st.

Hope to see you there!

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.



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, Joey Monaghan & 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:

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Else Brunner 8/20, Bob Aiken 8/23, Tom Syle 8/25, Margaret Burgh 8/28, James Earley 8/29, Patty Aiken 8/30



This Months Anniversaries:

Jack and Carol Lasher: 8/6/1960

Our Parish Administrator, Kate, is also getting married this month on 8/6.

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

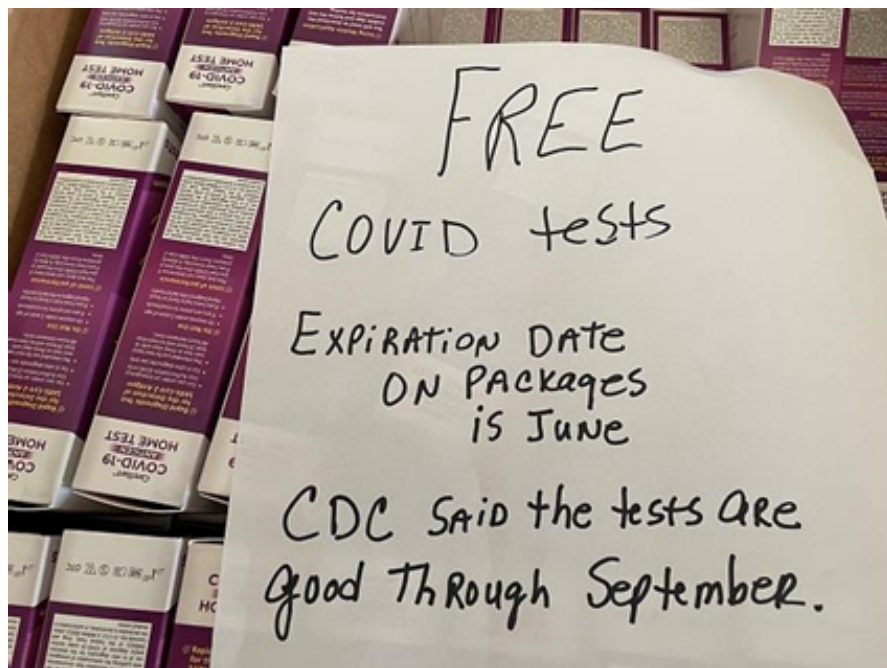
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JULY 24TH

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
July 24th Service

The July 24th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was held in the Memorial Garden. It was led by Mother Liz. Cathy Hammons played the piano and was also the lector. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. A picnic lunch followed the service. The service was not live streamed.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.





Free Covid Kits

John Finlon brought in a box of Covid test kits that are good through September. They are in a box in the parish hall near the door. You are welcome to take as many as you want.

Tree Falls

On Sunday, the 24th about six o'clock, we got hit with a storm of high winds and driving rain.

It took down one of the two trees in front of the church on Church St. Actually, we lucked out. The storm was from the west and the tree dropped squarely on the sidewalk. It could have gone right through the Rose window. Thanks to John Finlon, Mike Davenport and Patrick Gallagher for the major cleanup and cutup. We couldn't have done it without them.



Sleeping Bags

On July 20th, ten ladies and gents (yes, we had a crowd!!) resumed making sleeping bags for the homeless.

All the bags constructed to this point were blessed and loaded into Mother Liz's car for delivery to a homeless shelter in Scranton. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in Room 1 in the Undercroft. Please join us for this easy ministry. If you can tie a knot, you can help make a sleeping bag.

From the left: Ellen Ely, Carol Marker, Dave Robbins, Lynne Graham, Karen Blye-McAbee, John Warriner, Mother Liz, Barb Undercoffler, Carol Lasher.



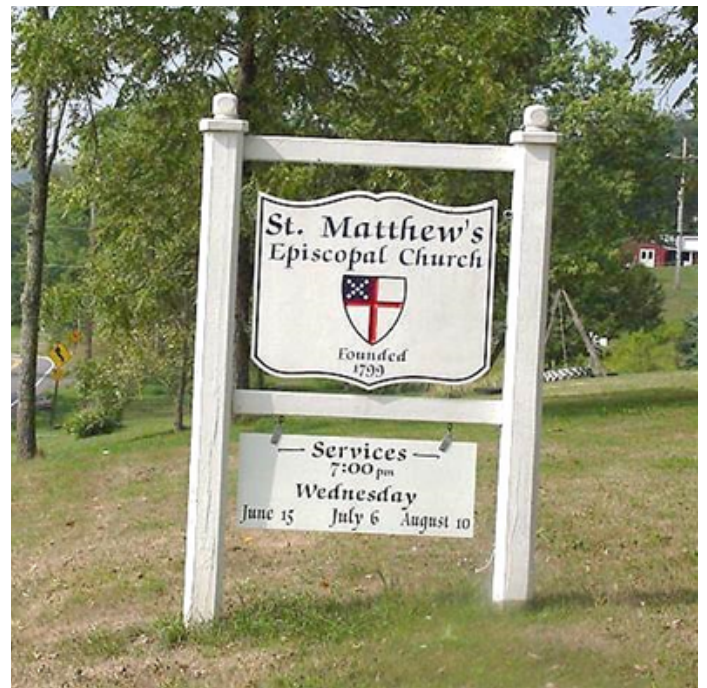
LATE JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August." Everyone's favorite, Queen Anne's lace has begun to grace our roadsides. The woodpile needed for winter is growing and if you ever watch a bee on a flower you will know where "busy as a bee" comes from. One of LaRue's cows was watching over the fence to see what the photographer was doing.



St Mathew's Church

Don't forget, we will have our annual Sunday service at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville on August 8th at 10:00. It's directly west of St. Paul's on Rt. 706.



Remember When

It wasn't that long ago our altar area looked completely different. This picture was taken after the renovations were done and the choir was moved down and the altar rail moved forward. However, it was before the ceiling was painted and the stars added. What a difference.

