

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Weekly Update

June 12- June 18, 2022



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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.

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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

Part two of two. My mom grew up never having known her birth father. Though she had a wonderful relationship with her adopted father, she always felt something lacking because she never knew her real dad. All she had was pictures and the stories my great-grandmother would tell her about her sainted father.

Mom spent her entire adulthood wanting to go to Holland to visit the place where her father had died. I did not find out until after her death that she had books about Holland and kept a file of information about making a trip there one day. She never made it.

A few months before her death, Rebecca and I were visiting London and went to the American Chapel at St. Paul's Cathedral. Behind the High Altar there is a semi-circular Apse which is the home of the American Memorial chapel. The chapel is dedicated to the 28,000 American's who were killed in the UK during the Second World War. There are names of the American soldiers at the entrance to the chapel recorded in a 500-page Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour is housed in a glass case. The book is arranged alphabetically. Each day of the year they turn one page to reveal another group of soldiers stationed in England who gave their life in the war. When family members visit, an attendant from the cathedral greets them and thanks them for their loved one's service and opens the case. With a gloved hand they turn to the page where the service member's name is listed, so that the family may see their name.

We arrived late in the day just before closing time. We were greeted as we approached the area behind the high altar where the chapel sits. The attendant asked who we were looking for. We said Uhlenbrock, Philip F. He turned to the US and My grandfather was not there. I was devastated. The attendant told us not to worry, that we could have his name added. There were extra pages at the back of the book for additional names as they became known. He instructed us that all we needed to do was to provide proof that he had served in England to the US embassy in London and they would instruct them to add his name.

It turns out that, because the farmer had buried his body in the field, he had originally been declared MIA, and therefore his name was not on the list provided to the British government when they were creating the book.

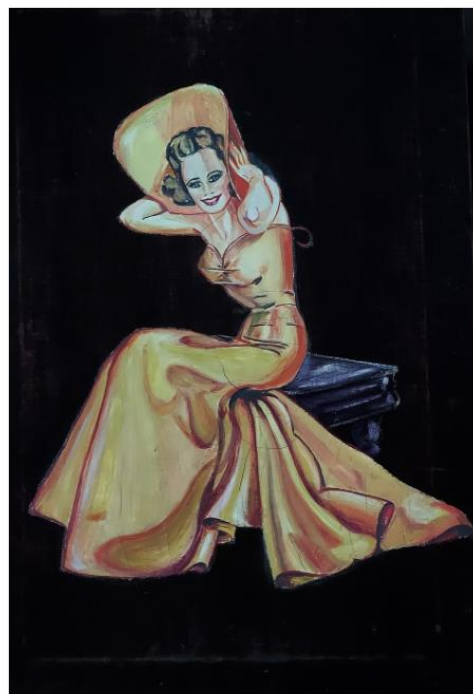
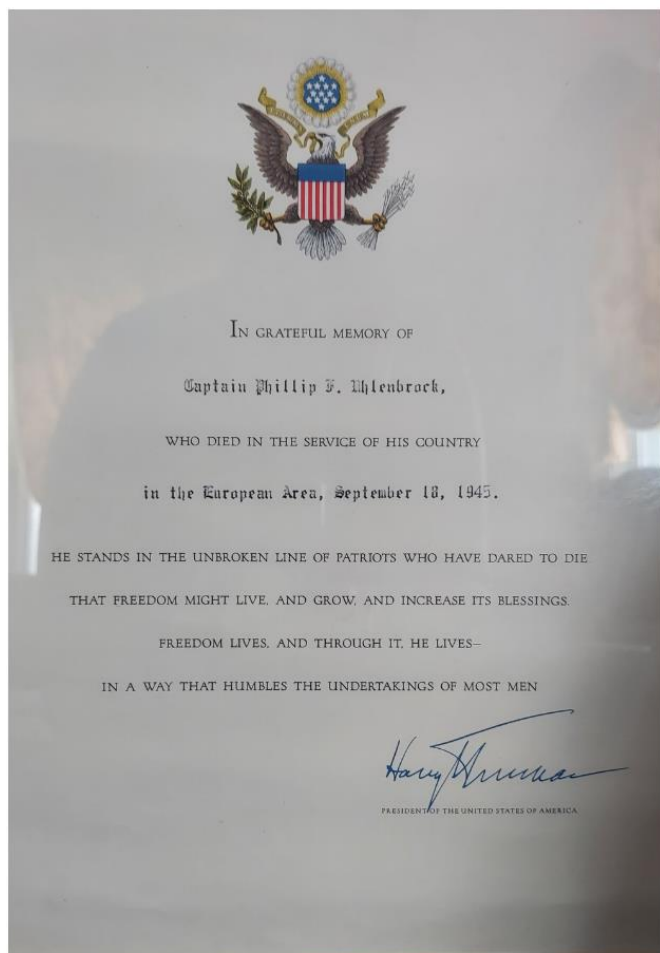


When we returned home, we set about finding his service record information. We contacted the archives in St. Louis and were told that there had been a fire and all the records from that period were lost. I felt defeated. Rebecca remembered that she had a friend who was into historical research, so she reached out to her and asked if she knew of anywhere else we might find the information. In a few short days, she sent us links to files regarding my grandfather's service including the report from the crash. So, despite the fire at the archive, somehow there was a copy of the record online. It truly felt like a miracle. The details of the crash were horrific. My grandfather was trapped in the plane and the officer who survived the crash wanted to try to save him. But my grandfather told him to save himself. He had lost his right arm in the crash and knew he was bleeding out. He did not want his man to lose his life trying to save him.

I debated with myself, should I let my mother see the report? I decided not to show her because I did not want to upset her. What good would it have done for her to know the details? In the end, I do not know if it was the right decision, but it is the one I made.

I mailed the copies to the embassy, and we waited. And waited. And waited. I had not told my mother that we were trying to accomplish this because I did not want to get her hopes up, in case they didn't accept the source of the documentation. Plus, I thought it would be awesome to surprise her if they did accept it. In the meantime, she died suddenly of a heart attack. A few months after her death, out of the blue, after we had forgotten all about it, a letter arrived from the Brigadier General at the US Embassy thanking me for making them aware of my grandfather's courageous service. They added his name in the book. Along with the letter was a copy of the page from the book in the chapel.

One day I hope to visit the chapel again so I can see his name in the Roll of Honour.



View from the Pew:

A story of love

Love comes in all forms. We are taught at a young age to open our hearts to love one another and to show kindness. We are born innocent and are brought into a world in which has been created for us by God; “beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another” -1 John 4:11. As we are raised in our given environments, we at times forget that we must love one another without casting judgment based on the color of someone’s skin, mental illness, religion, and anything that makes someone different from us. The beautiful thing about the world we live in is how diverse it is, and more of us should embrace it more than shutting this type of love and kindness out of our hearts. Maybe the more we all lived a life of acceptance and love, there would be a lot less hatred and violence that has corrupted our innocence and our safety.

-Anna 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; 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

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

This Week's Ministers:

Altar Guild: Karen Blye & Vera Dunn

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Organist: Cathy Hammons

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Lector: Vickie Calby

This weeks Tunes:

Holy God we praise thy name
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Come, Thou font of every blessing
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!



This weeks gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



Happenings and Announcements



With heavy hearts...

Simon Alexander Pease, grandson of The Reverend Henry J. Pease, went home to the Lord on March 1, 2022. The burial service was held at St. Paul's on May 27, 2022.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him.

A message to all!

Thanks to everyone who saved tabs for Lathrop Elementary School. Our grandson Eli's 5th grade class WON the contest this year (with your help) by collecting the most aluminum tabs. So keep collecting because it helps the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton. They help families of critically ill children stay together during their stay in the hospital. So thanks again for your support.

-Barb and Tom Undercoffler



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 Months Birthdays:

Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, John Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21, Margaret Baker 6/24



This Months Anniversaries:

Barb & Tom Undercoffler: June 22, 1962 , Carol & Richard Marker: June 22, 1973, Vickie and Dave Calby: June 9

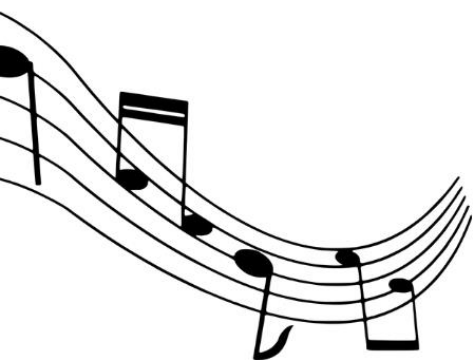
Our thanksgivings:

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.

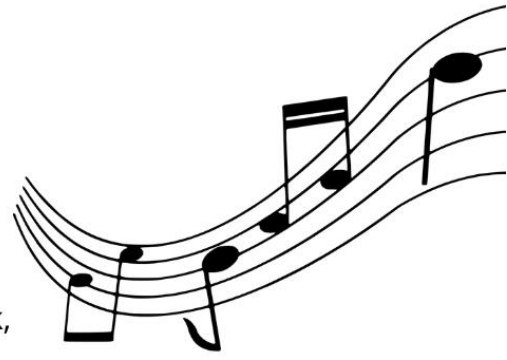
We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have 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

PENTECOST – JUNE 5th



Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.



The June 5th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and also read as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ. It was Pentecost, the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The altar and Mother Liz were dressed in festive red. The service included the Prelude and Postlude, along with four hymns including Every Time I Feel the Sprit. .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.





Baby Shower

On June 4th, the John Warriner family had a baby shower for their daughter Lindsay (Warriner) Golden at their house. Several St. Paul's parishioners were there to celebrate.

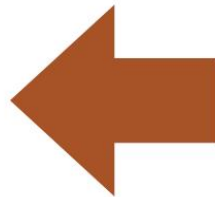
St. Paul's Rhododendron Blooming

Montrose is known for its rhododendrons and St. Paul's has two beauties on either side of the door. While they were not as full as they usually are, they put on quite a show.



Susquehanna
Symphony Society
&
Binghamton
Philharmonic Orchestra
Presents
**The Parlor
City Celli**

June 10, 2022
7:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
276 Church St.
Montrose PA 18801



The Parlor City Celli

On this Friday, June 10th, at 7:00, the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra will present, at St. Paul's, The Parlor City Celli quartet. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Seats are limited so you will need to call (570) 396-5813 to reserve. The next concert will be a percussion trio on Friday, June 17.



Spring Miracles

The bird boxes are being used and babies are hatching. The males switch from feeding the females sitting on the eggs to helping Mom feed the babies. It's nature's life cycle that provides a rhythm to summer and to our lives and never ceases to amaze us.

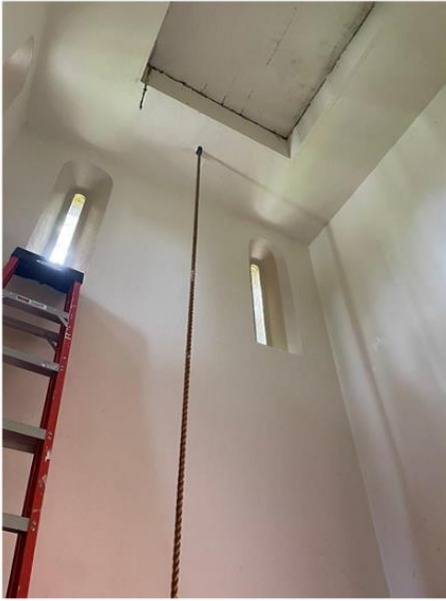


EARLY JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June." What a drop dead gorgeous week. The Baltimore Oriole, our most distinctive visitor during the summer, appears at feeders and is a prolific songster. Also orange in color and noticeable is the Devil's Paintbrush wild flower that appears in fields and grass. Our summer annual flowers are planted now and one of grandma's favorites, marigolds, supposedly keep rabbits away from the gardens. In the grass and in the fields, wild strawberries, that tasty delight of birds and small mammals, are blooming.



Sunday Bell Ringing



We were asked why we ring two sets of bells on Sunday. The old bell in the bell tower is rung from a rope that is hanging in the bell tower. It lets the Montrose community outside of church know that St. Paul's is starting a worship service. It is rung ten times to match the time. Cathy then rings the bell on the organ to let our folks inside the church know that the service is starting. If you would like to ring the bell tower bell let Dan know, he is always happy to have help.



Remember When – July 4th, 2021

St. Paul's has the best seats in the house for watching the July 4th parade. We put chairs out for parishioners the night before to save spaces. We're looking forward to this year's parade after our community breakfast of eggs, pancakes, and sausage. Come add a chair to our crowd on the sidewalk.

