

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

August 28- September 3



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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: Father Bill

Paul writing to the Corinthians is upset and mystified. He had left behind him a unified, harmonious Christian community. Now word has reached him in Jerusalem that conflict has broken out in Corinth among the people that he has left behind.

"You have got to be kidding me!" he tells Luke. "This is Corinth for God's sake! It is a seaport made up of cut-throats, pirates, the scum of the earth and you tell me that the Christians are fighting among themselves! I do not believe it."

Paul has heard from a woman by the name of Chloe. The problem is a simple one. The community is fractured between those who having been following Paul or Peter or this new guy Apollos.

Once the problem has been explained to him Paul replies in 1 Corinthians chapter one. "Who was it that was crucified on a cross?" Paul asks. "Was it Paul, Peter or Apollos? I think it not! Where you baptized into Paul. By no means. You were baptized into Jesus Christ."

"Don't you know about the 'foolishness of the cross?'" Paul asks. The Jews pride themselves on growing wealth and the Greeks on obtaining wisdom. But God's wisdom and wealth is different. To the world it is foolishness, but to us who are 'in Christ' it is the wisdom of God. Belong to this foolishness. Belong to this cross and you will touch the core of your God. For this we have journeyed from Abraham to Moses and from Moses to David and from David to the Christ.

"We are in the midst of paradox. it is the paradox of the cross. Embrace it. Be proud that you belong to Christ and that he has called you out of darkness into Light.

Something here for all of us. Read Chapter one of 1 Corinthians. Tell me what you think. Amen.

Father Bill

View from the Pew:

Rhythms

An annual event at the Graham property happened this week without fanfare. We woke up and the barn swallows were gone. We had 7-nesting pairs in two barns this year. While not as punctual as the famous San Juan Capistrano ones, they arrive the second week in April from their several thousand mile journey, have two broods, and leave the third week in August. They are welcome guests for we wake up to their cheerful chirping every morning while nesting and appreciate their voracious diet consisting of flies and mosquitoes. We look forward to their arrival as their appearance means spring will indeed finally come -- their departure means that fall is coming. The barn swallows are a welcome part of our lives.

They are a part of this old farm.

Our life here has a certain rhythm to it dictated by the seasons and events. Its cadence ebbs and flows but is always the same. The photos I take each year are interchangeable. We are comforted by the assurance that the geese will come and go, a garden will be planted, there will be leaves to be raked and muddy roads to navigate, the smell of wood smoke, snow that will need to be shoveled, soup to make and of course, the return of the swallows in the spring.

There is comfort in knowing that a rhythm exists and where we are in it.

Like our lives, church too has its own rhythms, its own seasons with its own assurances. Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter -- each with its own altar hangings and vestments. We expect one to follow the other, and they do -- year in and year out. Like our rhythms, each new church season provides us comfort -- comfort that it arrived when it was sup-posed to -- comfort that God's in His heaven -- All's right with the world.

- Dan Graham

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

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Sirach 10:12-18

Psalms: 112

The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: John Warriner

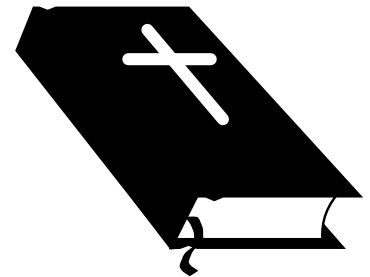
This week's Hymns:

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

All who hunger gather gladly

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

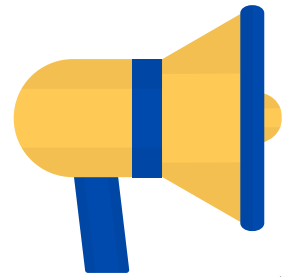
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Happenings and Announcements



Sleeping Bag Ministry



is looking for donations of comforters or blankets.

Donations can be left at the ramp door if Kate is not in the office or dropped off on Sundays.

Soup Night



is coming up fast so if you would like to donate your time or some soup please contact Lynne!



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.

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:

Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19, Sean Eckert 9/28



This Months Anniversaries:

Harry and Wanda Peirce: September 4, 1981

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 21

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

The August 21st live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Ellen Ely read as lector. Rudy Sumpter 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.

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!



International Overdose Awareness Day

The event will be held on Friday, August 26th at 5:00 in United Fire Hall. Please come show your support for those touched by addiction so we can Stop the Stigma associated with it!

Please join us at an International Overdose Awareness Day event as we gather to call for an end to a preventable health crisis which is claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of people every year while also remembering those who have been lost, and recognizing the grief of the loved ones who have been left behind.


Stop the Stigma!

Friday, August 26th – 5pm
inside the United Fire Company hall

Sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, PA

Featured at the event:
Educational Resource tables • Inspirational Speakers • Music
A Memorial to Those Lost to Addiction • Free Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember those who have died without stigma, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.
In late August each year, people and communities around the world observe International Overdose Awareness Day with political declarations, memorials, vigils, community education sessions, naloxone demonstrations, and more.
The campaign is administered by Penington Institute, an independent public health organization based in Melbourne, Australia.
For more information go to endoverdose.org or lifesavers.global.

HOPE 

St. Paul's Gets New Flag

A new flag and flag holder replaced St. Paul's flag at the bell tower door this week. The old one had pulled out of the wall and Old Glory was hanging kind of low.



MID-AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“August is like the Sunday of summer.” Well it’s mid-August here and we finally got a little rain. Not as much as we need, but it’s a start. The Memorial Garden said thank you! Monarch butterflies are starting to appear, looking for milkweed but getting nectar from flowers. It seems that every state route in the county has been getting a layer of oil and chips. They are everywhere. If you are a gardener, you are in the middle of canning and freezing all those tomatoes and vegetables that you have been weeding and watering since April. It’s always during the hottest part of the year. Summertime in Susquehanna County.

