

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

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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

We are mid-way through August and it is hot and muggy as it is supposed to be. Sunday I celebrated at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville, PA which is why we did not stream our service. St. Matthew's as you may know has no modern amenities. Outfitted with oil lamps in place of electric, it is like stepping back in time to another era.

The weather was, well, hot... and muggy. No surprise there. Oh, also, since there is no electric, the organ is an old pump organ. So, in lieu of having Cathy pumping away in order to make sounds emanate from the instrument, we opted for a spoken service.

I would like to thank Bob Kimmel for making the church ready for the service. He cleaned and polished it up, brought an extension cord in so that we had air circulation with fans, procured a porta-potty, and he and his wife set up a tent and chairs and brought beverages and the fixings for an ice cream social. Perfect for an outdoor gathering after church.

God was indeed praised by one and all. And we were blessed to worship in such a peaceful and historic church. Until next time, may God continue to provide and care for St. Matthew's Church.

One other thing I would like to mention before I sign off for the week. August is make a will month and I would be remiss if I did not mention it. If you have not made one, or your situation has changed since you made it, or if you haven't reviewed it in a long time, there is no time like the present to do so. Ensure that your wishes for the disposition of your estate are written down formally so that your loved ones are properly cared for.

Consider this an extension of my talking about stewardship these last two weeks. Do not let your possessions be scattered to the winds the way that the rich farmer's were. And we would be most grateful should you discern that you wish to include St. Paul's in your estate planning. Finally, I should mention that it is also the perfect time to do your funeral service planning. Your family will be forever grateful to have it taken care of. Please contact me so we can sit down and plan together.

God bless you and keep you.

View from the Pew

Summer is the season for garage sales. It's a time to clean out and go through things, decide to keep or let go, organize and then move forward afterwards creating a little more space, less stuff, and a feeling of relief. I had one this year. It's a lot of work preparing for it. Going through every closet, cupboard, and drawer. You have to set some rules to help you make the decision whether to keep it or get rid of the item, otherwise you end up keeping more than what you are putting in the garage sale. A good rule of thumb is if you haven't used it in the last year, it's time to let it go. Of course it's not that easy or cut and dry. Sometimes it's hard to let go of things that have been around for a long time, even though it hasn't served its purpose for some time. Decluttering is not for the faint of heart, you have to be tough and be in the right frame of mind.

Having a garage sale is also fun. It's a very social event, spending all day visiting with friends that stop by hoping to get some new treasures and meeting new people. It's fun to watch where your stuff is ending up; with a new owner in a different place.

All in all, a garage sale ends up leaving you with a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of starting fresh. Letting go of things and stuff is good for the soul.

In life I believe, every once in a while it's important to take inventory of ourselves; see if there are any parts of our lives that need to be cleaned up, gone through, taken off the shelf and let go. Surrendering things that don't work anymore creates a great sense of relief and freedom.

Let go and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Love to all, Karen

Sundays Service

Aug
14th



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms: 82

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Karen Blye

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Karen McAbee

Organist: Joyce Printz

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

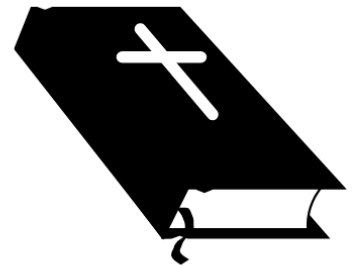
This week's Hymns:

Sing, ye faithful

I want to walk as a child of the light

Holy God we praise thy Name

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Last Week

9th Sunday After Pentecost – August 7th, 2022

The August 7th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was held at St. Matthew's in Stevensville for our annual service there. It was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham gave the announcements and Tom Undercoffler was the lector. There was a great ice cream social after the service. Thanks to Bob Kimmel for all the work setting it up.



St. Paul's Tree

All that is left of our once beautiful tree is a stump. We have a picture of it in 1939 from across the street and it was fairly tall then. Its absence gives the church a new look!



Cathy Hammons is Leaving

St. Paul's organist, Cathy Hammons, is moving to Gettysburg. We will miss her musical talents and her warm smile. We bid her Godspeed at a dinner in her honor last Friday evening. Cathy's last Sunday as our organist will be September 4th.



Kate Got Married

On Saturday, August 6th, our church administrator, Kate Bennett, married her fiancé, Cole Aukema. The wedding took place at the groom's father's farm. They are off on a two week honeymoon out west. Kate is Naomi Bennett's granddaughter.

We wish Kate and Cole all the best in their life together.



Early August in Susquehanna County

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date." It was the hottest week so far. Sunflowers are at their height and when in fields, they are stunning. Uh oh!, that provocateur of fall sneezing has just started to appear! Golden rod and ragweed are the two largest culprits of fall hay fever. We've had a little rain – enough for a few fungi to grow, but not in numbers like we usually have. Wild Asters are beginning to bloom, adding purple to nature's palette in the fields and along the roads. Rose of Sharon, that old time favorite, is blooming. There was one near grandpa's back fence. Summer is here.





Once a Gardener, Always a Gardener

John Warriner took this candid shot last Sunday out the ramp walk and caught Mother Liz doing a natural thing for a person who likes flowers. She was pulling weeds!



Sunset at 30,000 feet

Spectacular sunrises and stunning sunsets have appeared in the Weekly Update every now and then. Here's one of a sunset at 30,000 feet taken last week on the way to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport from Charlotte. If you think these celestial creations are inspiring and beautiful down below, you ought to see them from above. Heaven certainly must look like this.



Old St. Matthews

St. Matthews in Stevensville, Bradford County was built in 1824/25 on the east-west road from Montrose to Wyalusing (now 706) on the north side of Wyalusing Creek. The congregation, whose parishioners were mostly from Connecticut and had settled the area fairly early, was organized by the Rev. Jackson Kemper in November of 1814. Located originally in Pike Township, the church was described in records as "the church at Pike" and "the church at the creek". Their charter was signed in 1817 (Thirteen years before St. Paul's) and the building consecrated by Bishop White in the fall of 1826. Bob Kimmel provided the early postcard below c.1910.

