

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

August 21 - August 27



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The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

August 15, 2022

A Personal Statement from Bishop Kevin

As some of you may know, Richard Aaron York III, a co-worker of my son who assaulted him and damaged our home in January 2020, killed himself with a handgun after driving his car into a barricade at the U.S. Capitol and firing several shots into the air.

As survivors of prior crimes committed by Mr. York, we were saddened that our names were identified in various news outlets covering the incidents at the U.S. Capitol. Nonetheless, our hearts ache, and our prayers continue for Mr. York and all those who loved him. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bishop Kevin

View from the Pulpit

Above is a message from our Bishop concerning an incident last week at the Capitol in Washington, D. C. The young man who committed this crime and subsequently took his own life had clearly had a troubled past. This included crimes committed against the Bishop and his family. It is tragic to see so many young men taking their anger and frustration out on others.

I echo the Bishop's prayer for Richard and his family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May his family find consolation in their time of grief.

I was unaware of the incident to which the Bishop was referring from 2020. Can you imagine, with everything we were all going through during COVID and then your son is attacked and your house is trashed by someone in need to whom you have opened your home and hearts? It must have been so difficult for them. I am sad that I was unaware of the situation at the time, so that I could have prayed specifically for them in their need. My lesson from learning of this is to be reminded that we do not know what people are going through if they do not tell us, so we need to be kind even when someone seems unfriendly or mean. Because we do not know if there is something bothering them that is effecting their behavior. God doesn't only ask us to love the neighbor we like, he asks us to love our neighbor, period.

The other thing it makes me think about is openness and honesty about the things on our hearts and minds in our times of trouble. Now I am not suggesting that you wear your heart on your sleeve with every Tom, Dick, and Harry, I am suggesting that you have people that you are close with that you share these things, that you not bottle everything up inside, because it is not healthy to do so. And those who care about you want to be present for you in your struggles. Give them the opportunity to be present for you, pray for you, and assist you when and if you need help. And know that I too am here for you should you have something troubling you.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for all of you and for St. Paul's as I celebrate my first anniversary of ministry with this amazing congregation. I love you all and I look forward to our continuing growth together towards Christ-like love and service in our corner of the Kingdom of God.

The sleeping bag ministry is up and running again! We found a new organization to accept our donations. NOW it's time to clean out your linen closets and storage areas of old comforters that you no longer use. They need to be in useable condition. Please bring them to the church during office hours or on Sunday, if possible. If not, you can leave them by the ramp door.

View from the Pew

Looking at Ourselves

I went to church today and met up with several friendly cheerful faces. They were happy to see me. I was delighted to see them also. I also saw a few individuals volunteering in various ways to prepare for the worship service. I won't mention names because what is important is not who they are, but rather, what tasks they were taking upon themselves to make our Sunday service and the sharing of our Christian fellowship meaningful and mutually supportive.

There were two wonderful people preparing food for our fellowship hour following the service. These two people do this so many times without being asked and at their own expense. They often take this duty upon themselves when no one else has volunteered. In turn, we need to appreciate all they do for us. Thank you for all you do for us. Other persons were quite busy preparing the altar, vestments, and vessels for the service and communion. This involves a lot of detail, planning, and organization upon the shoulders of just a few people. More shoulders are needed. Our Altar guild needs more participation, giving this duty top priority when one's monthly assignment occurs. Thank you for all you do for us.

There are two or three other individuals who, during the week, take it upon themselves to remove fallen and dead trees on the church property, paint, do extra cleaning, and oversee the hiring and the work done by contractors. They spend so many hours making sure that work has been properly completed. These individuals have been seen making all sorts of repairs inside the sanctuary and outside. They have also donated many, many hours of muscle power and gallons of sweat. Thank you for all you do.

And then, also, we have to recognize those who have cleaned up messes made by others who use our facilities. This can be very discouraging. Thank you for doing these frustrating chores.

And lastly, but not in the least, Lord, we thank you for bringing us all together to love, share, and support those around us who do so many things for us.

Your brother in Christ's church,

Tom Undercoffler

Sundays Service

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21st



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms: 103:1-8

The Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Karen Blye

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Ellen Ely

Organist: Joyce Printz

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

This week's Hymns:

I come with joy to meet my lord

Bless the Lord my soul

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

O for a thousand tongues to sing



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Happenings and Announcements



International Overdose Awareness Event

An event, sponsored by 'Stop the Stigma', will be held on the Montrose Green on August 26th at 5:00 PM.



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 & 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

10th Sunday After Pentecost – August 14th, 2022

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us, thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame;
by thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy name.**

The August 14th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Karen Blye-McAbee read as lector. Cathy Hammons 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.

**Holy God, we praise thy name.
God of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.**



Church Street Tree

Our tree keeps getting smaller! The large tree that was on Church St. in front of St. Paul's, estimated to be 100 years old, was blown over in a storm last week. We have the area cleaned up and on Monday, Mike Davenport cut it so that it could be "stump ground." The last task is to take the remaining stump out and fill the hole.



International Overdose Awareness Day

We owe a big thank you to Rob Gregory of R&R Tree Service of Montrose who volunteered to hang the International Overdose Awareness Day banner at the top of Public Ave. The event will be held on 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!



MID-AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"This morning, the sun endured past dawn. I realized that it is August: the summer's last stand." Still dry but a little cooler this week. If you drive anywhere in the county outside of the town, you will see one of these orange signs somewhere. It seems all the roads in the county are being worked on. Purple Loosestrife considered a noxious weed and an [invasive species](#), has bloomed and brightens up the roads. Cone flowers around the house attract butterflies including the Common Buckeye. The first planting of onions is picked and drying in the sun. Summertime in Susquehanna County.





Montrose Mobile Food Pantry

August 12th was the second Friday of the month and it was the day the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry distributed their food. This month, 219 portions were distributed. As you know, St. Paul's pays for the bread. Contributions to cover the cost can be put in the breadbasket at the rear of the church.



Trehab Food Pantry

Patti McNab, St. Paul's neighbor on the corner of Cherry and Cedar Streets., recently became the manager of the Trehab Food Bank on 29 South. She said that they always welcome food, produce and donations particularly bread, peanut butter, and jelly.



Tomatoes

No Mid-August Susquehanna County Weekly Up-Date would be complete without a picture of tomatoes from the garden.

