

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

# Weekly Update

September 25- October 1



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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*

Hello everyone, as you may know I am having a bout of covid, so I have been away since last Wednesday. I hope that you and yours are well though Susquehanna County is at high levels.

Please continue to take every precaution, handwashing frequently, and masking as needed.

I wanted to share that we are going to have a retreat day on Saturday, November 12th from 10-2pm with The Reverend Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, author of more than two dozen books on spirituality and life. You may remember Barbara from my ordination Eucharist. She was the preacher and gifted us with her words, saying how blessed we are to be called to work together for the spread of God's Kingdom at St. Paul's.

Sometimes a person comes into your life who is so very special that it is difficult to sum up the gifts they transmit to all whom they meet. Barbara is one of those people, and we here at St. Paul's are blessed to have the opportunity to benefit from her wit and wisdom as she shares with us about one of life's dirty little secrets, old age.... Because no matter how we may try to stop the clock, time ticks on and we will age.

I was going to speak a little more about the topic, but my words will pale in comparison, so I will simply say, Barbara is a treasure, and this event is not to be missed, so please join us as we welcome Barbara to St. Paul's this November for some inspiring, thought provoking, and humorous talk about a topic that we can all relate to, surviving and thriving as we continue our journey on earth.



About Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and author of many books as well as of the celebrated "Almost Daily eMo from the Geranium Farm", read by thousands worldwide. She was rector of St. Clement's Church in Manhattan's Theatre district. She was also a chaplain on the waterfront of New York, and served both historic Trinity Church, Wall Street and St. John's Church in Greenwich Village, as well as at St. James, the American Church in Florence. She was a chaplain at Ground Zero during the recovery effort after the WTC bombing. Currently, she teaches at Marble Collegiate Church and at The General Theological Seminary, both in New York City. She leads retreats and quiet days throughout the United States and abroad.

An actress, director and producer, she has worked for many years in combining the lively arts and the life of faith. Her books, articles, and radio scripts have won many awards, including numerous Polly Bond Awards from Episcopal Communicators and the coveted Gabriel Award for religious broadcasting. She has been profiled extensively in electronic and print media. Her video discussions of forgiveness, prayer and many other topics are found at [www.beliefnet.org](http://www.beliefnet.org) and many other sites.

# View from the Pew:

## Circle of Life

Just a short while ago, I had written about the demise of our poor cat. Subsequently, two weeks and one day later, my daughter had a baby girl; our third grandchild. Five months later, there will be a fourth (from another child that is). As Elton John sang in the movie The Lion King, about the circle of life, similarly this reminds me of the comings and goings on this planet of ours. Now, in the song, the circle represents the lion that leaves its droppings, which in turn feeds the grass, which feeds the gazelle, where it finally comes back to the top of the food chain where the lion feeds on the gazelle. There is a slight alteration in this article, and maybe it should be termed the continuity of life. Nobody is eating anyone or anything in this scenario.

Life is fleeting at times, and drags on seemingly eternally at other times. When things are going well and you are having fun is when it seems to pass with the blink of an eye. At other moments (boot camp comes to mind) minutes seem like hours. Ebbs and flows like this in your life make it complete. If we want this to endure, we need to keep a better stewardship of our planet and combat issues like global warming before we become the next species facing extinction. It is anybody's guess as to what God has in store for our future, like the biblical flooding and plagues of the distant past to the Renaissance period of the 14th to 16th centuries where we were blessed by all the beautiful arts of the time. We need to help shape our future and use our God given talents for something other than mutually assured destruction or catastrophic global warming. Don't just wait and count on a miracle; keep the circle of life spinning.

- John 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](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net) or John Warriner at [atjdwarr@me.com](mailto:atjdwarr@me.com); 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.



## Lazarus and the Rich Man

Luke 16:19-31, Jesus' parable is about two completely different people; a rich person whose delight is in self-indulgence and Lazarus, a poor beggar with nothing but faith. The rich man is clothed in both "purple" and "fine linen" which indicates wealth, but also extravagant, conspicuous consumption. He doesn't have a name, it's unknown who he is. Lazarus has nothing but sores and his name. In having a name, we understand he has an important role in the parable, his name gives him a human identity.

Since Lazarus was carried by angels to be with Abraham in heaven after death, we are assured that his was a godly life. The rich man goes to Hades, Hell, alone and tormented.

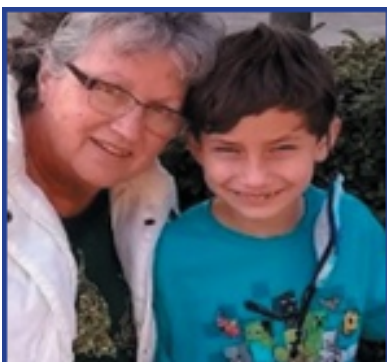
Have you ever been on the outside looking in; maybe looking for shelter, a tank of gas or simply a warm word?

In life, the rich man doesn't help, torment or even acknowledge Lazarus. The culture of the time would not allow Lazarus to speak with, or touch the rich man, he could only hope the rich man would acknowledge him. The rich man does nothing.

Our gifts of time, talent and treasure we receive gratefully from God who expects us to cherish and tend them in a responsible manner. We are called to give back in gratitude to God, with acts of charity and love, a portion of what he has given us.

The rich man didn't descend to Hell because he wore a purple robe or fine linen or because he lived in abundance and was well fed. He used his wealth only for himself. For Lazarus, who was in need, he did nothing and that was his sin.

Lazarus was right there, at his gate but he felt no compassion, took no action.



Catherine Gero: My faith, my family, my friends and my photography complete my life in retirement.



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# Sundays Service

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## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Psalm: 146

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Nancy  
Dooling

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Organist: Joyce Printz

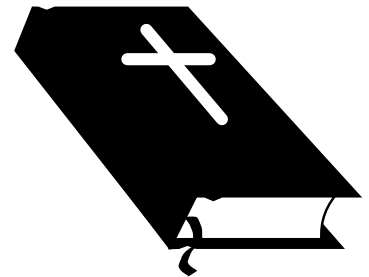
## This week's Hymns:

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

All my hope on God is founded

Crown him with many crowns

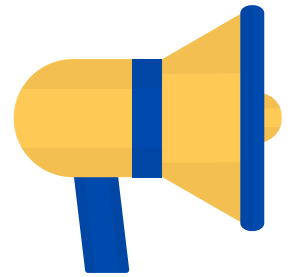
Guide my feet Lord



## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

# Happenings and Announcements



## Save the Date!

Women's Spiritual Retreat at beautiful Camp Archbald, October 16th from 1-5 PM. Local speakers with expertise on wellness topics: Donna Fetzko, Vera Walline, Donna LaBar, Deb Shurtleff. Information, activities and quiet time available. Topics/activities: self care, nutrition, spirituality. meditation. yoga. sensory hike. Healthy snacks will be served. To register, call 570-240-6390 OR send name, phone #, email address and check for \$5 (registration fee) to: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, PO Box 459, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.



### 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, Vanessa Smith.

### 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –  
SEPTEMBER 18

The September 18th live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham. Lynne also did the announcements and John Warriner read as lector to a small but spirited congregation. We wish rapid recovery to those with Covid. There was no music this week. 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.





## 1965 Anne Kiefer Wedding Announcement

Anne Kiefer just gave us an old St. Paul's Messenger from September 26, 1965 announcing the date of her wedding at St. Paul's. The Messenger was a combination of the Weekly Highlights and the Church Bulletin. The Rev. Chester Harris was the rector. He wrote the front page, sort of a View from the Pulpit, the second page was the service, and the third and fourth pages were sort of a What's Happening in the future and a What's Going On with the parishioners. You will see some names included you may know, including Vickie Calby's family, the Risley's, moving to a new residence.

Church School. The Fall, Winter, Spring session of the Sunday Church School began last Sunday. Our Superintendent, Mr. Warren Morgan now has a full complement of teachers to cover the classes we are holding at present. Kindergarten, Mrs. David De Shone; Grades 1 & 2, Mrs. Herbert Syle, III; Grades 3 & 4, Mrs. Arthur Lawton, grades 5 & 6, Mrs. Warren Morgan; Junior High and 9th graders, Mrs. Chester Harris assisted by Mr. E. William Ochse. A very fine evening was spent by the teachers at the home of Mrs. Lawton on Wednesday. Teaching methods and purposes were considered thoughtfully. We still need others who will volunteer as observers, substitutes or helpers in this most important phase of our life!

Wedding Bells! Miss Lura Ann Lawton, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Lawton and the late Arthur Lawton, Sr., will be married to The Rev. Andrew Jensen, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fitchburg, Mass., in early October. Following the wedding they will take up their new work on The Indian Mission on a Reservation located in South Dakota. Here at St. Paul's we have fond memories of Lura Ann's work with the small children and also the splendid inspiration and leadership she gave to the young people of St. Paul's. Our prayers and best wishes will follow this new venture with keen interest.

More Wedding Bells! On Saturday, October 30th, Miss Vida Ann Finlon and Glen Kiefer will make their vows at the Altar of St. Paul's, Montrose.

New Address: Mrs. Charles Risley and her family have moved to a new residence at Fernheim, R. D. 1, Montrose

Hospital Notes: Mr. Thomas Shingler, Jr., was a patient at Medical Arts Hospital this past week. Dr. M. Sumner Smith, Lake Montrose, is a surgical patient at Binghamton General Hospital. Mrs. R. W. Martin is at home after a stay at Binghamton General, but still under the care of nurses.

## Morning Prayer at Meadow View

Third Wednesday mornings of the month are reserved for reading Morning Prayer with the residents of Meadow View. They are so welcoming and we have such a good time sharing the service and making a joyful noise unto the Lord with the help of Joyce Printz at the piano. Come join us on October 19 at 10:00! Hopefully, we won't be standing outside like during the worst of the pandemic!!



## Methodist Church Rebuilding

The Methodist Church that burned down this winter when struck by lightning is rebuilding. Located on 29 south, it's where the Mobile Food Pantry distributes its food on the second Friday of the month. Many of the stained glass windows were saved and will be installed. It should be completed before Christmas.



## Shed Gets a New Lock

Our shed in the parking lot just got new hinges and a new master lock. The door had to be reset. The key is in the office if you need to get in.

## REMEMBER WHEN

Remember that COVID summer when we did Morning Prayer outside? It doesn't seem that long ago. May we have an Amen!





## FALL ARRIVES IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him.” On Thursday, September 22, 2022, the Autumn Equinox arrived in Susquehanna County. It’s Fall – but may the Indian Summer we are having continue. The rain has changed our brown fields to green but after a summer of blue skies, the cloudy ones seem unwelcome. Fungi continue to grow everywhere thanks to the rain – mushrooms and weird things. This young porcupine knew enough to turn its back to us and hunker down with quills outward. Finally, grasshoppers have appeared and they jump in front of you as you walk in the fields. Autumn is a great time of year.

