

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

October 16 - October 22



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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

Bible Study today and we have reached chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians. Everyone knows chapter 13. At least they have heard it at every wedding service they ever attended. Chapter 13 is titled 'Love'.

"Love is patient love is kind. It is not proud. It does not boast..." It is what we care to call 'one of St Paul's purple passages.' Meaning that he excels and for once says just the right thing.

"There remains these three Faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love." So, this short chapter ends.

There is much that we can appreciate and cherish as well as learn about 'love' in Paul's writing to the Corinthians. Perhaps we should have experienced love earlier as in childhood, I for one did not. Yet I saw it with a certain envy in the families and homes of others. Nor did I experience it during school days. There were things we loved, music we loved, places we loved but never people.

How then could we ever say that we loved God or his Son Jesus Christ when love was a stranger to us in all our growing experience? I learned of love through friendship in college days when someone expressed surprise that I had never ever read AA Milne nor met with a certain 'Pooh Bear' in an Enchanted Wood.

Pooh Bear is not Pride and Prejudice, but it teaches just as many lessons about love as you could possibly need in life. So too the "Little Prince" in his encounter with the 'Red Fox.' Love comes creeping into our lives in unexpected ways. Watching the love of devoted 'sisters', or the devotion of a mother. Love is a series of glimpses and possibilities that flit and flee in the blink of an eye. We miss them at our peril, cherish them when they are gone, harbor them in our 'deep heart's core.'

Read again chapter 13 with Pooh Bear in mind. Something to cherish, never to be forgotten. Friends come, go and fade. Love stays for a lifetime. Amen.

# View from the Pew:



And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. Luke 9:16-17, NRSV

Dear fellow parishioners,

Serving as your Senior Warden is an honor. More than being the chair of our leadership, I have had the opportunity throughout the year to witness the many ways that you contribute to the church and to our neighbors. While we do spend a lot of time in our vestry meetings talking about our finances and operations, we spend even more discussing how we can serve our neighbors and focus our work in the world.

More Than Enough, our campaign for this year's pledge campaign, calls us to remember that when we share what we have with the world, miracles happen. Our theology of giving focuses on the three-legged stool of Wealth, Works, and Wisdom, the ways in which we make our gifts to the world. In today's letter, I would like to focus on Works.

In his epistle, St. James reminds us that our faith and our works are both necessary to activate our true calling as Christians. It is not enough to simply believe, but we must act on that faith to serve our neighbors and change the world. You do this all the time by working with Stop the Stigma, crafting sleeping bags for the homeless, making pots of soup, distributing warm coats, and in so many other ways.

Your works are not just about the programs our church sponsors or arranges in our community, or the things we pray for on Sundays; they are also about the way you pursue your career, participate in the civic life of our community, volunteer your time, and are active in social causes. We are called to be the body, and I have seen you be the hands, heart, and head of God in our community.

Inspired and informed by your faith, you give so much to our neighbors.

Thank you for all that you do for the Church and for the world. This week, you will have the opportunity to pledge the gifts you will make in the coming year to help our church and our neighbors. I ask that you pray with us as we prepare for our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude and consider how you will contribute your gift of work.

God's peace,

Lynne

## **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 [jdwarri@me.com](mailto:jdwarri@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.

# Weekly Reflection:



## On Generosity

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice...” – Luke 18:1-8

I attended Seminary in New York City. It was an amazing experience being out in the fast-paced city. Even though I was from a location that tended to greet, or at least acknowledge, passerby's I had quickly adapted to the head down fast walking culture that was dominant in Manhattan. I had also gotten accustomed to ignoring the people lacking permanent shelter along every New York Street. I had perfected the art of responding to people yet not really listening to what those on the streets were asking from me. Really, I had ceased to notice the face of God in the people around me.

One day while moving quickly through a crosswalk a man started talking to me. I responded that I didn't have any money and kept moving. He shouted at me, that he wasn't even going to ask for money. I stopped embarrassed and turned to listen closely to what he was saying. He just wanted to offer a compliment as he had seen me a few times around the block. I never would have compared myself to the unjust judge, yet there I was prejudging without even taking the time to listen.

Frequently, when thinking about those who are experiencing homelessness, we understand generosity to be the sharing of a few coins, or dollars received when leaving a store. Sometimes we may leave food, tents, some clothes, and while all those things are important and useful how often are we generously listening? Do we just assume that what those experiencing homelessness most want from us is money? Not to imply that tangible resources are not necessary but to recognize that listening to people is an act of generosity. To give of one's time, to respect the reflection of the face of God is an act of generosity, an act of justice. |

The Rev. Glenna Huber is the rector of Church of the Epiphany in the District of Columbia, a congregation with a long-standing primary ministry with those experiencing homelessness.





# Sundays Service

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## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Karen Blye  
McAbee

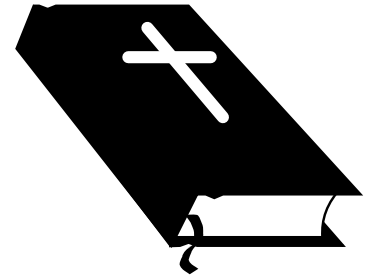
Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Organist: Joyce Printz

## This week's Hymns:

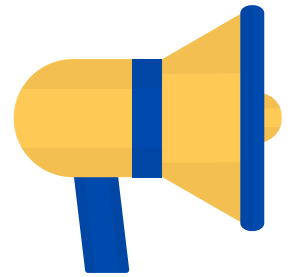
I come with joy to meet my lord  
Spread, O spread, thou mighty word  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Lord dismiss us with thy blessing



## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

# Happenings and Announcements



## Morning Prayer at Meadow View

This week, Oct. 19, join us at Meadow View at 10am as we offer Morning Prayer and Hymn sing.

## Mother Liz is away

Mother Liz will be out from 10/16-11/8. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please call Lynne Graham at (570)934-1106



### 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, Vanessa Smith, Rebecca 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:

Carol Arnold 10/3, Al Leigh 10/12, Benson Bartron 10/13, Vickie Calby 10/19, Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23, Carol Marker 10/31



### This Months Anniversaries:

Dan & Lynne Graham 10/5  
Jerry & Maggie Sock 10/20

### 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.

# Susquehanna County



We are collecting coats in  
October & November

## **Distribution Dates**

Christ Church: Susquehanna: Oct. 21-22

Christ Church: Forest City: Oct. 27, 28, 29

St. Marks Church: Nov. 3-4

VFW Great Bend: Nov. 14-15

St. Paul's Montrose: Dec. 14-15

# Last Week's Service and Events

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 9

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

The October 9th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Ellen Ely read as lector. Joyce Printz 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.

Wade in the water,  
Wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.





## Dead Tree Cut Down

A dead white birch tree was cut down in the Memorial Garden this week. The tree had been planted with two others in 1967 as part of the Memorial Garden's original planting scheme. It had been girdled by someone a couple of years ago which killed it. It hung over Ellie's memorial stone. Thank you JJ Carpenter Tree Service for cutting it down.



## Mother Liz is off to Israel

Mother Liz is traveling to Israel on the 16th of this month. She received a fellowship grant from her seminary and will be participating in an educational program there. She will return to St. Paul's on Tuesday, November 8th. If you talk to her this Sunday, wish her God Speed on her trip.



## REMEMBER WHEN

October 30, 2020 - Yep, it snowed!



## EARLY OCTOBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it." After the summer of blue skies and billowing white clouds, fall skies have arrived.

Almost overnight, the trees have changed, giving us one of the most colorful falls we have seen in a while. The weather has been cool at night but perfect during the day. However, the leaves are falling off early so take your fall trips now. It's applesauce making time and it is not only fun, it makes the house smell fall-like. More mushrooms – they keep growing. The geese have begun their practice flights with their young to get ready for their big migration. Their honking is stirring and is the pre-eminent fall sound. What a great time of year.

