

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

November 13 - November 19



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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

In the year 1918 on the 11th day of the 11th month and at the 11th hour, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. Millions of men had died in the four years of the First World War. So much so, that a generation of leaders, businessmen, and inheritors were forever gone from the early 20th century.

They left a vacuum that would fuel the 'great depression,' and be responsible for the demise and sale of so many estates, mansions, and grand houses. Writers of history would say that the cream of a whole generation had died on the muddy fields of Flanders.

Yet it was not those young men who suffered, for they were dead and buried beneath white crosses. No, it was the parents, young wives, fiancées and siblings that were left to bear the burden of sorrow and loss that never went away. Beginning in November of 1918 if ever 'healing was needed, that was the month, the day, and the hour.

Vera Britain was a young woman waiting for her fiancé to return from the war. He did not return. All she received was a letter from the War Ministry that he was KIA. (Killed in action.) The loss would stay with her for the rest of her life.

On this Remembrance weekend, we pray for all who have lost loved ones. Whether they be to war, illness, covid or whatever. So many who have served our nation die a death that takes decades. It is the 'Long Goodbye' of someone who truly died for their country. Today we pray for them, and we pray for all who loved them.

Healing is a process, it should begin with the hugs of friends, and end with our acknowledgement that the pain in our heart is one carved by the name of the one we love.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Bill.

# View from the Pew:

## Community Service

My first real introduction to community service was about 30 years ago when I was stationed in Scotland. It started out as a way to bolster annual evaluation marks and was not altogether altruistic at first. The service was geared towards giving support to a local senior citizens day care program in the village where my wife, newborn son, and I lived. Then one day I unexpectedly found the service, and the people, growing on me. I ended up getting a Scottish small bus driver's license to pick up the residents at their homes and bringing them to their day care center. During the day, we would play games, have cookouts, or put puzzles together. One woman even knitted an outfit for our one year old son. This work related service ended up becoming my sanity break from military life which resulted in benefiting not only myself but also this older generation of such warm and caring people.

After my retirement someone asked what I wanted to do with myself. "Helping others" was my answer. They were thinking along the lines of professional development or something; but to me it was development. Community involvement and interacting in a more meaningful way, rather than trying another way of making a buck. Giving back and not just taking.

I have made some really good friends along the way, like at Saint Paul's where we do community activities such as soup night, making sleeping bags for those in need, coats for the community, Easter treats, bread basket donations, and even getting exercise by raking leaves on the church grounds. And we have a lot of fun together, all with a common goal in mind. Humanity. Or, simply, sharing all of this by writing down what is on your mind to share with others in these weekly articles.

- 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 [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.

# Sundays Service

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## Readings for this Week: This Week's Ministers:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms: 46

The Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Joyce Printz

## This week's Hymns:

Jerusalem, my happy home

All my hope on God is founded

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

My Lord, what a morning



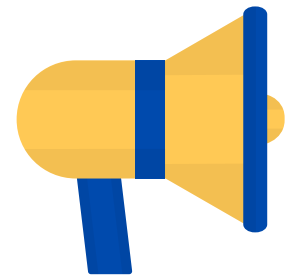
## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



# Happenings and Announcements



## Barbara Crafton

November 12, we will be having a speaker at the church, Barbara Crafton. We will provide coffee hour starting at 9:30 with the speaker beginning shortly after and a potluck luncheon in between. Please let us know if you will be able to provide a dish to share if you are attending!

## Oboe & Strings Concert

November 11, we will be having a concert at the church. Tickets are \$10 for each concert. Pay at the door. Seating is limited. For advance tickets and for more information, please call (570) 396-5813.



### 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

VFW Great Bend: Nov. 15-16

St. Paul's Montrose: Dec. 21-22

# Last Week's Service and Events

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - NOVEMBER 6

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The November 6th live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer service was led by Lynne Graham, who also did the announcements. Nancy Dooling read as lector and Mary Ann DeWitt played the organ. The service included three 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.

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.





## Veterans Day

On Friday, November 11th, Veterans Day will be observed. Originally known as Armistice Day, it honors our military veterans. Several of our parishioners served in the armed services and if you see them at church, often with their hats on, thank them for their service.



## Coats for Our Community

On Monday the 7th, the coat caravan left St. Mark's in New Milford. They gave out 100 coats, plus blankets, hats and gloves. Our basement is getting empty!

Coats will be given out at the VFW in Great Bend on November 16th. Don't forget, we will need some help setting up at St. Paul's in December. We are giving out coats here on December 21st and 22nd.



## New Picture

We just hung a recently donated picture of Christ Praying in the Gethsemane Garden on the second floor hall. If you get a chance, sneak up the Chestnut Street stairs and take a peek. It's quite stunning.



## Clean up Day

On Wednesday, the 9th, several volunteers showed up to help rake leaves. Five truckloads were taken to the borough yard waste dump and there's still a lot more to rake. If anyone is interested in helping next week, let Dan know.



**Pictured: John Warriner, Patrick Gallagher**

## Sleeping Bags

The guys are showing up! With the advent of the new sewing machine, the sleeping bag crew has really been productive. On Wednesday, the 9th, they did three bags. It's fun and rewarding. Stop by and help. They meet next on the second week of the month—December 14 at 10 a.m.



**Pictured: David Robbins, Carol Marker, Carol Lasher, Lynne Graham, Barb Undercoffler, John Warriner**



## EARLY NOVEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Welcome sweet November, the season of senses and my favorite month of all.” After an unseasonably mild October, it has finally got a little chilly. There was a full moon this week, which lit up the landscape. No flashlights needed to walk the dogs. Tuesday was voting day. Did you vote? Drive carefully for the next couple of weeks; deer rut has started and they are not thinking about cars! This small tree has been “buck rubbed” to remove the velvet from the antlers and to let the ladies know he is around. Finally, there is not a leaf left on our trees and the woods have turned to brown. It’s mid-fall here in Susquehanna County.





It Snowed Last Year on November 19th



### Remember When - Thanksgiving

Does anyone remember the year St. Paul's offered Thanksgiving dinner? Turkeys and all the fixings. Looks like Maggie was seeing how tender the leg was!



**Pictured: Maggie Sock, Martha Cobb**