

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

November 6 - November 12



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801


Office 570-278-2954, Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:00pm

Click on link to email St. Paul's: stpaulsmontrose@epix.net

Click on link to go to our Website: <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

Click on link to go to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.



Donations You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

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

The readings for the Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost begin with the prophet Habakkuk. Not a very well-known prophet but a prophet, nonetheless. He lived in Jerusalem slightly before the Babylonian Exile. The lesson and the words of Yahweh, would seem just as appropriate in our chaotic world today as they were in the time of Habakkuk.

Our second reading is addressed to the Thessalonians from Paul, Timothy and Silvanus. Here Paul gives thanks for the growing Christian community in Thessalonica, their faith and good works. Churches do not pause too often to do that. Christ and Trinity are both churches that have served the community and the poor for many years. Only this week they handed out coats by the hundred and are planning meals scheduled for the Winter months for the community. We cannot say too much about the wonderful work that they do.

Covid was for us a terrible blow and one that we are still in the process of recovering from. We have to remember the mission and purpose of a prophet: "To make sense of the future in the light of the present." Our two churches will do that in the coming months.

In each Vestry Meeting we will prepare for the 'Recession' that is coming in the Spring of 2023. It is not hard to prophesize nor to predict. It is on every news show and economic forecast. This is not a political thing, rather it is a pastoral necessity. When hard times hit for many families, the aged, the sick and the poor, we need to be prepared to reach out and help. We have done it in the past. As food prices soar, rents and interest rates rise, energy bills climb, where will they turn if not to us.?

"What would Jesus do?"-----that is our Gospel. If it means a seven day a week soup kitchen, would you help? if it meant church service with a free breakfast, would you be there? Our politics are the politics of the one we serve Jesus Christ. Our mission is the same as his mission, to bring God's love and salvation to others.

The world may be divided, chaos, war and depression may well seem to reign everywhere, but none of that is within our control. No, we can only do what we can do here in our little place, be it Forest City or Carbondale. We can give shelter; a place to meet; a place to eat and a place to pray. We can visit your sick, your aged and your shut-in, and sadly we can bury your dead. For this is Christ's house and it is open to all in good times but particularly in bad.

Here is the lesson. Like Zacchaeus in the Gospel Christ came for all of us. Come to church, not just to worship but to serve as Christ served. Amen.

10/30/2022
Bill McGinty

Sundays Service

NOV
6



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm: 17:1-9

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: Lynne Graham

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Karen Blye
McAbee

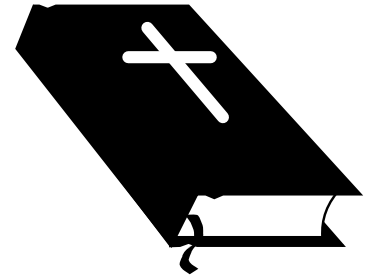
Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Organist: Rudy Sumpter

This week's Hymns:

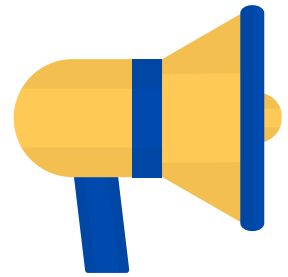
For all the saints, who from their labors rest
The God of Abraham praise
Christ the Lord is risen again!



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Happenings and Announcements



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

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!



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. 14-15

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

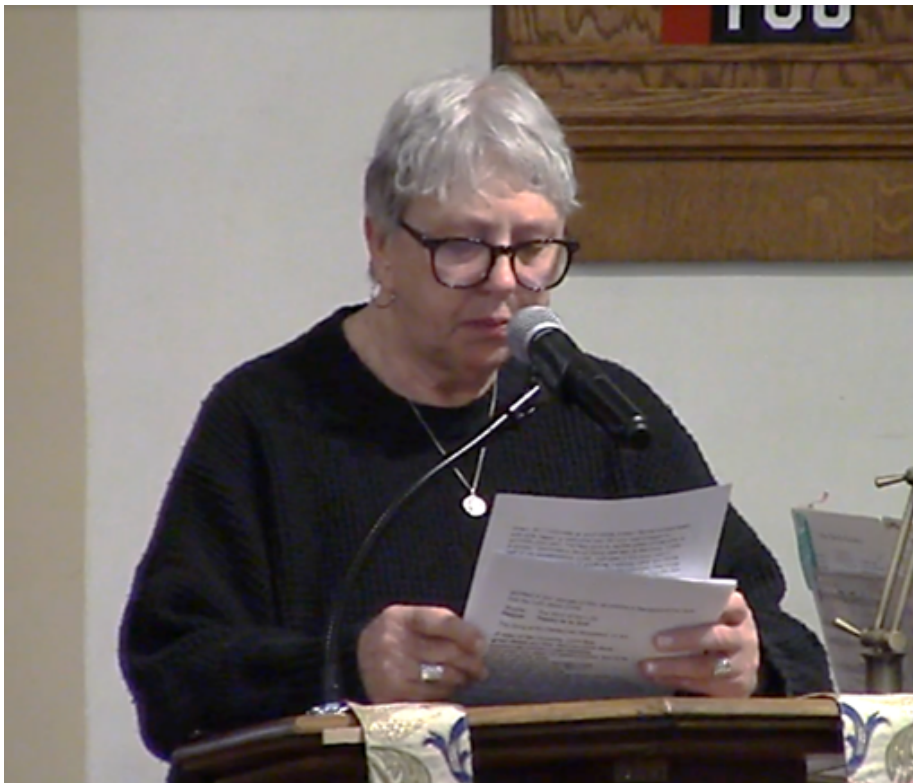
Last Week's Service and Events

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 30

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

With Mother Liz in Israel, the October 30th live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer service was led by Vickie Calby, who also did the announcements. Tom Undercoffler read as lector and Rudy Sumpter 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.

Come, Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove,
With all Thy quick'ning pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.



Coats for Our Community

The coat caravan has left Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City and moved to St. Mark's in New Milford. Coats get added en-route from our basement as they are needed for replacements of the ones given out. Forest City gave out over 200 coats plus blankets, hats and gloves. Coats will be given out at St. Mark's on November 3rd and 4th. Don't forget, we will need some help setting up at St. Paul's in December.



Columbarium

Our columbarium was built in 2015 using the 1857 white oak from the two pews that were removed in the rear of the church. Here's some pictures of it in George Manns' workshop before it was installed at St. Paul's.



Chestnut Street Entrance

The Chestnut Street entrance has a new look. The project, which stretched out over a couple of months, is complete. New paint, lighting, floor and bulletin board have considerably enhanced its look. While most of the St. Paul's parishioners don't use that entrance, most of our non-parishioners do and the entrance way was the first look they had of our church. If you haven't seen it, take a peek.



Goodbye to Karen

On October 27th, a Good-bye dinner was held for long time St. Paul's parishioner Karen Blye-McAbee who is starting a new life adventure in Florida. Held at Michael Angelo's on Court Street in Binghamton, a number of St. Paul's folks showed up to wish her the best. A good time was had by all.



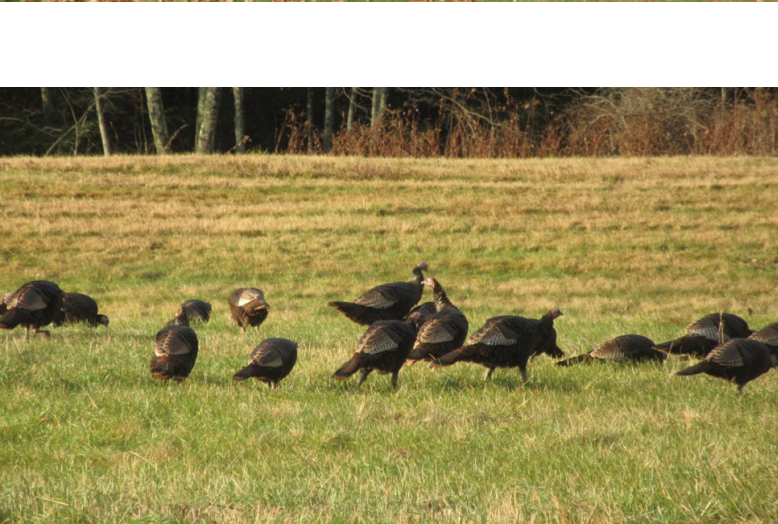
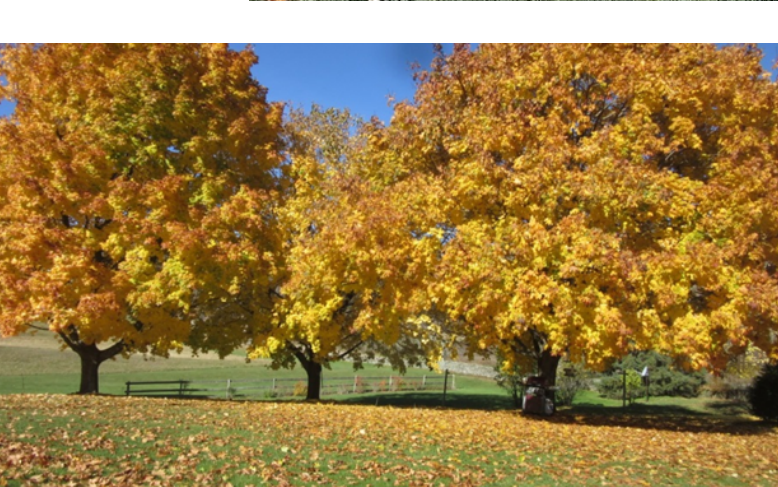
Soup Night

November 2nd was the first Wednesday of the month and it was soup night here at St. Paul's. A trial program that started during the pandemic has blossomed into a full-fledged ministry. Stuffed pepper and chicken noodle were the soups de jour this month. Pots of soup are donated by volunteers and are cooked and distributed at church. Rolls, a cookie, and applesauce are added to the bag and we deliver to the Square across the street. Come and join the fun!



EARLY NOVEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.” The weather has been outstanding. It's been a great Fall so far but this week it got cold at night and there was heavy frost on the ground almost looking like snow. Wood smoke appeared from chimneys in the morning to take the chill off. Except for a couple of types of trees, all the leaves are down and the Montrose Borough guys are actively collecting the piles on the sidewalks. We have distinctly taken on a November look. The turkeys are flocking up getting ready for winter. It's Fall here.



Remember When

Does anyone remember this sign? It was put in around 2006 and was quite distinguished and handsome looking. It's major drawback was it was hard to make changes to. During its tenure, we went from two services to one, stopped the Wednesday service and changed the times.



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 or John Warriner at 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.