

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

April 23- April 29



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801


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

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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 in Heaven we pause in this early morning light to pray. We acknowledge that you are omni present, with neither night nor day, hour, or time. We pray that we may share the essence of your being and that it brings us hope as your spirit touches ours.

Today we pray for Bob Doyle and Gary Loyack that you may bring them back to strength and health. We ask this in the wake of your Son's death and resurrection that released his healing spirit among his disciples.

Today, reading the Gospel, we know that we too are Thomas. We cannot second guess. We would have been exactly the same as Thomas, unbelieving. In the end it is all about 'touch'. We love to say; "he touched me!" But that is not what is happening here. Instead, it is Jesus telling us: "Touch me!"

"Touch me for I am real. Touch me and believe."

In this season of Easter, we are all invited to reach out and touch Christ. it must be our initiative, our doing, our positivity in believing and in believing receive that power of his spirit to do those things that need doing for the Gospel. Send to us then, Lord, your Spirit into our lives that this week will be a week of living the Gospel, doing the Gospel with all the energy we can muster.

We lay our Mountain Churches before you and we ask that you bless us and make us fruitful at this time. Amen.

-Father Bill

View from the Pew:

Last night I checked in for my flight to Alaska when I went to bed. I was pretty tired, so I decided to order the airplane meal the next day. Unfortunately, I discovered them that I needed to order 24 hours ahead, so there was no meal for me on the flight, except for a small bag of pretzels. The girl at the counter said I should be able to order on board - which was not the case! I reserved premium seating, which gives you a little bit extra legroom, next to the window.

I boarded the plane and got all comfortable in my seat when a woman in the aisle seat in the row behind me asked if we could switch. I couldn't come up with a reason to say no, so said sure. Well, not long after I agreed I saw why. My soon to be row mate in the middle seat was a rather large man. And to make things worse, the middle seat that I came from stayed empty, so I really lost out.

The gentleman then proceeded to lift up the armrest somewhat separating us so he could spill more of himself into my already narrow accommodations.

Pleasing people does not always work out to remain equable. So, he and I got each other instead of him getting the annoying woman. My kids sometimes say it never hurts to ask for something. I disagree. You shouldn't ask someone for something if it knowingly puts that other person in a worse situation. There's something called common decency. I was hungry and irritable now and, being in the right side aisle seat, I spent about six hours listing to starboard.

The trip was worth it, though, after all. I got to be with my sister in Alaska after her gallbladder removal surgery (whatever that's called - something ectomy) that ended up with some complications. And, if you have to look on the bright side of things, this adventure broke my writer's block and gave me something to share.

Now I've vented and feel much better. Thanks for your eyes on this article.

- 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 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.

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalm: 116:1-3, 10-17

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Organist: Jeanette Davis

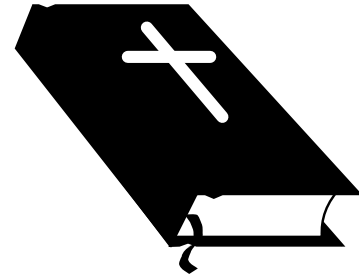
This week's Hymns:

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

We walk by faith and not by sight

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

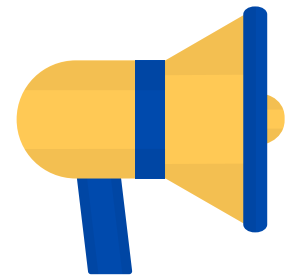
The day of resurrection



This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Happenings and Announcements



Musician Needed!

As most of you know we have been looking for an organist/pianist to play for us on Sundays. We have an ad in the paper but we figured we would reach out here and see anyone knows of someone that could help us out with filling a couple of the Sundays a month. If you think you can help or know someone that does, give Kate in the office a call or email!

Quilt Raffle

On April 6th, raffle tickets for two handmade quilts will be available for purchase at Andres True Value (Montrose) starting at 10am. Tickets are \$1/each or \$5/ for six.

The Drawing will be September 1st. Proceeds to benefit the renovation of St. Mark's rectory in New Milford which will be used for housing a Ukrainian family beginning in May.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, Betsy Arnold & Family, Paula Arnold & Family, Victor, The Dunn Family.

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:

Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Martha Cobb 4/16, Naomi Bennett 4/27



This Months Anniversaries:

There are no anniversaries this month. If you would like to add your birthday or anniversary to the list, call or email Kate in the office!

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

First Sunday in Easter– April 16, 2023

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name
Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth
He Is The King Of Creation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Praise To His Name

The live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Vickie Calby read as lector. Mary Ann DeWitt was our organist. 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.





Painting Class in Celtic Room

Something's always going on in the Celtic Room. Painting class is in full swing. It's on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The painters like the room because of the light. If you get a chance, stop down and see what's being painted.

Food Pantry This Week

As you probably know by now the second Friday of the month is when the Mobile Food Pantry in South Montrose gives out food. It is back at the Community Church lot on 29 South and goes from 11:30 until 3:00. It was a warmer one this time. Over 250 families were helped this Friday. We donate the money for bread. Here's some pictures from this past Friday.



St. Paul's Organ

Our organ was installed 110 years ago last August. This article appeared in a Montrose Democrat of August 8th, 1912. It cost \$320, but \$930 for the renovations it required.

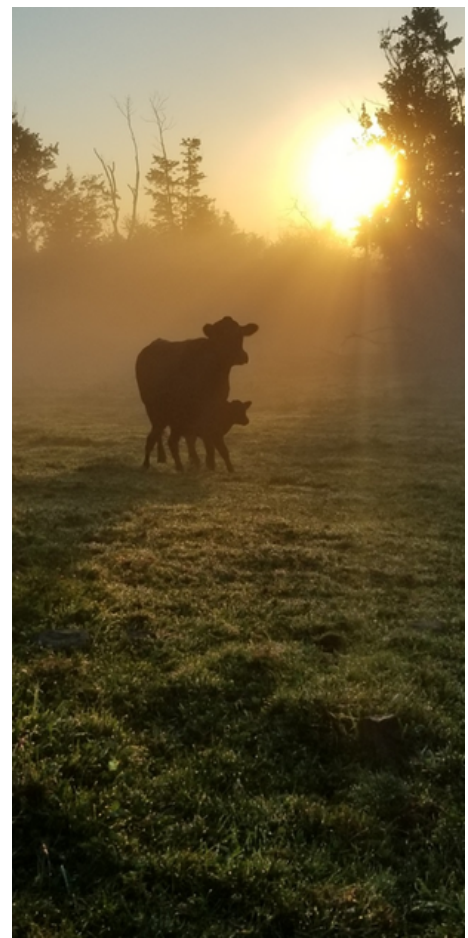
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The organ now being installed at St. Paul's church is to be given as a memorial to the Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner, for so many years rector of the parish. The organ fund was begun two years ago and has now just about reached the required amount.

At a meeting of the Vestry July 16, the following resolution was adopted— It being the expressed desire and request of the donors of the organ fund, including the Working Guild, and other contributors, communicated to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's church that the new organ now being installed should be dedicated as a memorial to Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner, our beloved rector and friend for more than 40 years, therefore we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen unanimously concur in the sentiment thus expressed and at this regular adjourned meeting, July 16, '12, in the same manner so designate the organ such a memorial and direct that a tablet suitably inscribed to that effect be properly placed.

It is believed that all the friends of Mr. Warriner desire to have a part in this memorial, and therefore Sunday, Aug. 11, has been appointed as the date for a special offering for this purpose. The amount needed to pay for the organ itself is \$320.00. In addition to this the following expenses, incidental to the installing of the organ and the new arrangements for the choir, having been incurred; organ chamber \$510.00, choir, room \$120, alterations in the chancel, etc., about \$300. The total amount needed is therefore \$1,250.



My Favorite Spring Picture

Our county's beef cows are just starting to birth calves. It's an exciting time for the owners. I took this one at LaRue's field in the wee early morning about this time last year. Mama, with a brand new baby, was unsure about me and checking me out. But I was able to take the picture from the road and not bother her. It bespeaks of motherhood, spring and rebirth.

Sheep Shearing Time

Springtime is sheep shearing time and it's no different in Susquehanna County. Kate sent these pictures of her wooly neighbors after their haircuts. Their wool is processed.





John Warriner in Alaska

John Warriner sends a shout out from Alaska. He said it was 9 degrees when he got up Wednesday morning but was a balmy 34 when they took the picture. Don't know about you but he doesn't seem to be dressed very warmly. Stay warm John!

New Restaurant Opens in Montrose

The Busy Bee Café has opened near church in the Tannery Building. It's a small town café with an everyday menu, comfort food, daily specials and fresh baked goods. It's open for breakfast and lunch, seven days a week, 7:00 to 3:00.



Sleeping Bag Ministry

The sleeping bags are adding up again! We are always looking for volunteers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10:00. Supplies needed are comforters that are used as the shell of the sleeping bags; toiletries (travel size) such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, lotions, etc.; and SOCKS—men's and women's.

MID APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins." We went from spring to summer this week. It was 80 degrees on Monday and 32 in the morning on Wednesday. The leaves on the trees just exploded. Every road in the county (and the borough) it seems is being worked on. All the trees are lime green with their new leaves and our Ridge Road vista looks like Ireland. Forsythia is at its showiest, and shadbush (serviceberry), apples, crabapples, Bradford pears and quinces are all starting to bloom. It's NEPA at its best.

