

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

April 9- April 15



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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:

Holy Week....."and you should love your neighbor as yourself." Should you? Always? What about the person who maligned you, lied about you, blackened your name, stole your reputation? Will you love that person?

What about the teacher who has an eye on your head of department job, and finds subtle ways of undermining you with the Principal or the Headmaster. "Don't get me wrong, Headmaster, I love Jennifer, I just wish for the benefit of the children that she was a better communicator. Perhaps she could benefit from the course that I went on, and that would lift the department from its present low morale!"

"Helen thinks that she is the 'Queen Bee' in this company, but I think more people know that I am the one with the best ideas."

Politics in the last ten years has taught us that words count. Jesus told his disciples that it is not what goes into a person's mouth that is unclean, but what comes out of their mouth. There is nowhere in the Gospel where Jesus condones sin or sinfulness. He defends the woman taken in adultery, but then tells her: "Go and sin no more." Constantly he attacks the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees and their hypocrisy.

To this end, I don't think that we need tolerate it neither. "Love your neighbor," cannot be a blanket excuse for sinfulness, cruelty or the evil that men/women do. Steal my car and I can replace it. Steal my reputation and it is much more difficult to get it back again.

So, what would Jesus do? --- Well, I think we know the answer to that question in the way Christ's trial and death play out. Ridiculed, mocked, lied about, condemned, spat on, Jesus did not retaliate or even answer the charges. "Father, forgive them," he said from the cross, "they know not what they do."

Wow! --- Is that the answer? Love even your enemies? Sorry to say I need a lot of love to cover that number of people. It's hard, isn't it? But then Jesus never said that it would be easy. Forgiveness? Now that is a very tough virtue to practice and really mean. I pray for people I find it hard to forgive. I don't know if that is exactly the same as 100% forgiveness. I know that we must forgive in order to be forgiven ourselves.

"Love your neighbor?"--I hope so, especially in this Holy week. Amen.

Father Bill

# View from the Pew:

Submitted by Sandy Seeger



## 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:

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Jeanette Davis

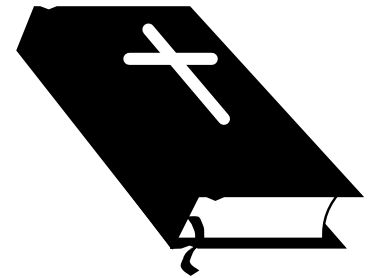
## This week's Hymns:

Jesus Christ has risen today

The Strife is o'er, the battle won

Now the green blade riseth

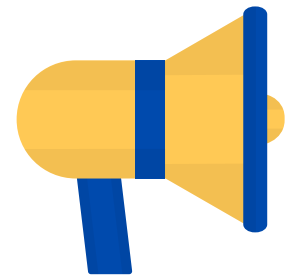
He is risen, he is risen!



## This week's Gospel according to: Luke

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

# 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.

## **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

## Palm Sunday in Lent– April 2, 2023

The Palm Sunday live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements Vickie Calby read as lector. Joyce Printz was our organist. The service included the Passion, which was read by Vickie Calby, Mother Liz, Lynne, Nancy Dooling and John Warriner. 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.



## Meals on Wheels Easter Treats

On Thursday, March 30th, several volunteers including folks from Christ Church, Susquehanna, assembled bags for the Meals on Wheels Easter treats. It's become an Easter tradition. The bags included the eggs that had been dyed previously, chocolates from Gertrude Hawkes, jellybeans, and a note saying Happy Easter. It was fun.



## China Found a New Home

On Thursday, March 30th, South Montrose Community Church helped us pack up china dishes and cups to take to its new home. As you remember, their church burned down and they lost everything. They are having their first service on Easter. God speed South Montrose.



## Lenten Book Study

The April 5th Lenten Book Study on Wednesday was the last one. Lasting five weeks, it was led by Mother Liz. We studied the book *River Through the Desert* by Richard Sewell. Through the landscape of the Holy Land, we made a pilgrimage re-imagining what it means to travel with Jesus during his ministry. Since this Wednesday was also soup night, for our dinner, we all tested the soups we were giving away.



## Trout Season Opened

What would Susquehanna County be without trout fishing? Last Saturday, on April 1st, Trout season opened. These kids were showing off their catch at Salt Springs.

## Soup Night

What would the first Wednesday of the month be without St. Paul's soup night? We are up to seven pots now – yep, count them. This month was Split Pea and Italian Wedding soup. Soup, salad, roll, applesauce and a cookie. Lots of fun, lots of comradery. Our next soup is May 5th. Come and volunteer or make a pot of soup.



## EARLY SPRING IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Easter is here and spring is, too. The week started with some remaining snow but the daffodils didn't seem to mind. The woods are brown. But listen, open your window and listen. The main harbinger of spring, the spring peepers, are peeping. One came to visit on our door. Their collective noise is a welcome spring sound. The aspens are starting to leaf out. Our first spring flower, that dandelion lookalike, Coltsfoot, is blooming along the roads.

There was a full moon on Wednesday and it came out before dark.

