

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

May 28- June 3



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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:

Saturday, May 20th about 200 people got together at Split Rock resort for Gather 23 – Putting the pieces together. Our keynote speakers were The Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons and Lisa Kimball, PhD.

from The Virginia Theological Seminary. Their keynote topics were Naming the Pieces: Being Church Today and Putting the Pieces Together: Living Acts 2. In addition to their dynamic keynote addresses, they each led a breakout session. Lisa spoke of a grant project about formation that she had been in the middle of when Covid hit and Tricia spoke about Evangelism, what it is and what it's not.

The images below are central to their overall thesis of how to overcome our tendency towards feeling like the statue on the left; empty inside, needing to be filled by something, anything and growing towards becoming like the statue on the right; still transparent in nature, however dancing having left space for the Holy Spirit to shine through us. The second image of Rowan Williams contains a quote about the mission of the church for all of us.

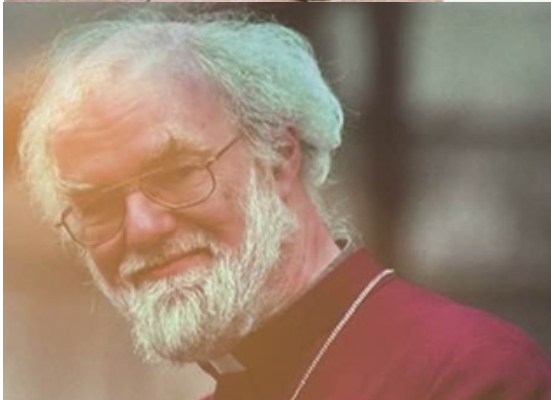
In addition to their sessions, I attended one presented by the Bishop regarding his ministry and how it fits into the Diocesan puzzle, and another presented by The Rev. Dennis Reid, formerly of the Diocese, now in Idaho. His session dealt with conflicting scripture and how everything fits together despite the conflicts.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch with time for fellowship with folks from around the Diocese and the day ended with the Bishop giving puzzles to presenters and attendees alike. This was followed by praise-filled worship which was led by the youth of the Diocese. An enjoyable time was had by all, and we are invited to join together again next year on May 4, 2024, for Gather 24.

-Mother Liz



The Episcopal  
Diocese of Bethlehem



"The purpose of the church is to form people into the kinds of people who can receive the gifts God wants to give."

— Rowan Williams

# View from the Pew:

## MAKING FRIENDS

We have been moving around for 30 years, due to John working for the Military & Government. It was such an experience. Starting over every 3 years, I always told our kids you'll only be the new kid at school for a short while! The best thing to do is put yourself out there. Shortly enough, they made friends and got involved with sports. John and I made friends with other parents going to the games. Five years ago, we both moved to Elk Lake, just the two of us. I was terrified to put ourselves out there.

It seems easy for me to tell our kids how easy that was. I told John, here we are all alone, we need friends. It was not as easy like I thought. Shortly after, we got a call from a dear friend, Vickie, inviting us to pub night. Everyone was so friendly and kind. Then, we felt that this is a good start and here we are with great friend's; the kind you can settle with permanently.

-Gaby 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

May  
28



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Organist: Jeanette Davis

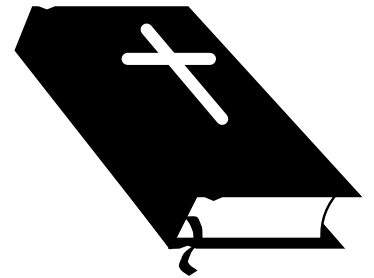
## This week's Hymns:

Hail thee, festival day!

Spirit of the Living God

Come down, O Love divine

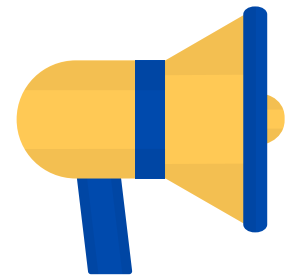
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit



## This week's Gospel according to: John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

# 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!



### **For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:**

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, Victor, Ralph Bunnell.

### **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:**

Jerry Sock 5/29, Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, Jack Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21



### **This Months Anniversaries:**

Barb & Tom Undercoffler: June 22, 1962  
Carol & Richard Marker: June 22, 1973

### **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.

# **Vestry Highlights**

May 17, 2023

Mother Liz opened the meeting with prayer and we approved the agenda with the addition of transportation for the Christmas in Montrose tours.

The April 20, 2023 minutes were approved.

Mother Liz led the Bible study of John 17:1-11 in which Jesus prays in particular for his disciples, asking God to protect them by the power of his name so that they may be one as he and the Father are one because he will no longer be in the world.

## **New Business:**

Vickie updated us on the Christmas in Montrose tours. Previously we had agreed to donate towards the transportation for the Friday evening historic and church tours. She has not gotten firm information about the cost yet. Dan will make a 15 minute presentation on the history of St. Paul's when the tour stops at St. Paul's.

We undertook a Mutual Ministry Review of all our ministries at St. Paul's and beyond. This offered us a chance to talk about what was working well and where we needed improvement.

We reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report.

## **Looking Ahead:**

Stop the Stigma meeting May 30 @ 4:30pm

Soup Night June 7 @ 3:30

Barbara Crafton will speak on June 24, 9-2

Morning Prayer at Meadow View Wednesday, June 21 @ 10

"Gather 23", May 20 – The Rev. Tricia Lyons, VTS, keynote speaker, Split Rock Lodge

Stop the Stigma Day Camp, July 5-7

St. Matthew's service, August 13


The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

Our next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.




# Last Week's Service and Events

LAST WEEK – 7th Sunday in Easter – May 21th, 2023



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”



The live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. John Warriner read as lector. We were without our organist. Liz discussed Gather 23. The service included four hymns. 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.



*Dont forget to WEAR RED this  
Sunday for Pentecost!*



We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirt!

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**We need your help!**

For Montrose's Independence Day celebration, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host the Annual Community Breakfast. In the past years we have served over 250 breakfasts to anyone who comes through our doors on the 4th of July from 8am-10am. That is a lot of sausage, eggs and pancakes!

That being said, we are going to need a couple extra hands in our kitchen this year. We are loads of fun and will appreciate any help we can get this year, in hopes of breaking last years 250!

If you are willing to join the fun in our kitchen this year, please email Lynne at: [lbgraham52@gmail.com](mailto:lbgraham52@gmail.com)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

### July 4th Breakfast

July 4th is a long way off, but we have started looking for volunteers to help with the annual breakfast St. Paul's is hosting again. If you're willing to help this year or know someone who would like to, please let Lynne know.

### New Flag Pole

We put up a new flag a couple months ago but it kept wrapping around itself so we had to buy a better pole. The pole, which has ball bearings, should do the trick and will be ready for Memorial Day. The flag has a light above it that comes on when it gets dark and can stay up all night.





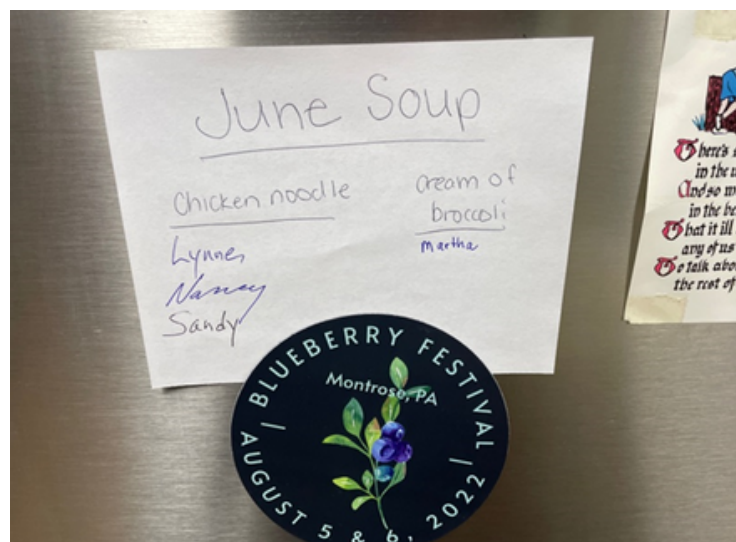
## St. Paul's Lines Upgraded

If you had wondered who was putting in all those phone lines around town the last month it was Frontier. They are upgrading our service to fiber optics and the workers knew Jack Lasher. It should increase our internet speed considerably. Check out Kate and Liz next week and see if they are smiling.



## Sleeping Bags/Soup Night

It was the 4th Wednesday this week and our sleeping bag volunteers were in Room 4 working away. David, Carol, Carol, Teddy and John. We are always looking for anyone that wants to help. It's easy and its fun. And, we are always looking for soup makers. Is your name up on the June soup list on the refrigerator? Why not give it a try. This month we're offering chicken noodle and cream of broccoli.





## MID-MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“May is the gateway to summer.” Everything is still green but it is getting dry. Last Tuesday night it dropped to 26 degrees here. Any tree (Oak, Ash, Walnut, and Locust) still budding out lost all their leaves. Other things like grapes, wisteria also were hit. They should rebound and grow new leaves. Our rhododendron at church is just starting to bloom. Andres flowers and veggies are on sale. A robin has a nest in the Memorial garden and is sitting on three eggs. Eastern Painted Turtles are laying eggs. They always seem to want to cross the road so watch out for them. We need some rain – Summer is still a month away.

