

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

May 7- May 13



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:

My mother-in-law has Alzheimer's and is the perfect target for scam artists. Two weeks ago she was the victim of a scam again. She had previously been scammed out of \$34,000 a little over a year ago in almost the same exact scheme. Luckily the bank absorbed the loss.

The scammers called her and informed her that she had won the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes and they would be coming to bring her a check for \$300,000 the following day, however, in order to receive the payment, she needed to pay the taxes in advance. All she had to do was go to the bank and get a cashier's check for \$40,000 and she would be all set for their arrival with balloons and giant check in hand.

She told them that she no longer drove and so getting to the bank would be a problem. They said, that's ok, they could pick her up and take her to the bank. And that's exactly what they did. They came to her house, picked her up and drive to her bank. She went in and told the teller that she needed to get a cashier's check for \$40,000. They said no. Thankfully, because this had already happened to her, her son is in charge of all of her accounts, and she can no longer perform financial transactions.

Needless to say, she was very upset because she thought she was going to be losing all of this prize money and in the meantime, the crooks had abandoned her at the bank. She called her daughter (who lives near Harrisburg) to tell her what happened and that she was stranded. My sister-in-law called the police to report what happened and then called her brother (who lives much closer) so he could go to the bank and get her. Her mom called her back to say they called to say they were on their way back to get her which was also reported to the police. The police sent an unmarked car to try to catch them. Frankly, they're not brilliant criminal minds because they came to the house which has video cameras all around and the neighbors have them as well, so the police have the license plate number and, two days later they called her again trying to scam her with the same story again. This time they were a little smarter and sent a taxi to get her.

The police are pursuing them, and we are very hopeful that they will be caught. They will likely be charged for the attempted scam and kidnapping charges since Mrs. Barnes has Alzheimer's. We are very grateful that she was unhurt because things could've gone much worse.

Scam two is insidious. The story comes from Kate. In this one, scammers get ahold of a sample of someone's voice and then use artificial intelligence to create a track of them saying that they been kidnapped, and don't call the police, or the kidnappers will kill them. Kate said that she knows of two incidents of failed attempts. In the first, the mark received a real call from the person who had supposedly been kidnapped who was able to assure her that everything was fine. In the second, the mark did not know that the "kidnapped" child was upstairs. When she heard the commotion, she came downstairs to find her frantic parent who proceeded to tell the child that if they needed money, all they had to do was ask, they didn't need to scare her.

We only know about this scam because of these failed attempts. It would be so easy to fall for this scam because they use what sounds like your loved one's voice. Unfortunately, progress can be used for good, and it can be used for evil. So be aware of the possibilities that are being thought up by criminals because everybody is always trying to build a better mousetrap...

Let us pray for all who are vulnerable to scams, that they will be protected from harm. Let us also pray for those who perpetrate them, that they may see the error of their ways and repent from their lives of crime.

-Mother Liz

View from the Pew:

A few weeks ago we met an out of town visitor in church. We were reminiscing and remembering old friends from years ago when I heard Jack say " We are one big family here at St Paul's". Most of us can often be heard saying the very same thing and so as I frequently do I Googled the definition of family. One definition described family as "all of the descendants of a common ancestor". So as children of God, we are brothers and sisters led in prayer and worship by Mother Liz. We pray for each other sharing our griefs, concerns and sorrows and celebrate together sharing our joys and happy times. Looking forward to coffee hour each Sunday is also a special time for most of us. A time where we get together to catch up on the happenings of the past week sharing news about our church friends and families, and discussing what's happening in the world and in our community. Sometimes, as in all families, we disagree with each other but that doesn't stop the love and caring we have for each other. So yes, we treasure our St Paul's family and are so proud of the hard work and dedication we share with our community and each other.

-Carol Lasher

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 7:55-60

Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Organist:

This week's Hymns:

Christ is made the sure foundation
O Love of God, how strong and true,
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Holy God we praise thy Name



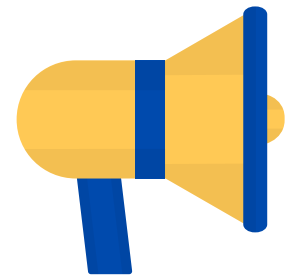
This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, 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:

Mother Liz 5/5, Harry Peirce 5/9, Richard Marker 5/10, Gaby Warriner 5/26, Kate Aukema 5/27, Jerry Sock 5/29



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.



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Saturday, May 20TH

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THE REV. DR. PATRICIA LYONS

DR. ELISABETH M. KIMBALL

and

BISHOP KEVIN

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Last Week's Service and Events

Third Sunday in Easter– April 23, 2023

Hail, O once-despised Jesus!
Hail, O Galilean King!
You have suffered to release us,
hope to give and peace to bring.

The live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and read as lector. Mary Ann DeWitt was our organist. The service included three hymns along with the Prelude.. 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.

I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord,
Forgiven, Loved, And Free;
In Awe And Wonder To Recall
His Life Laid Down For Me.



Concert Series

The Susquehanna Symphony Society continued its concert series on this Saturday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm with Ragtime Rick Pedro at the Jazz Piano. If you didn't get to go to a concert yet, you might want to go to this one. Tickets are \$25. at the door. VFW is hosting the concert.



**Susquehanna
Symphony Society**
Presents

“Ragtime” Rick Pedro
at the Jazz Piano
Saturday, May 6 at 7:00pm

Tickets are \$25 for the concert, seated in cabaret style,
with refreshments, and a cash bar.
Tickets will be available at the door.
Seating begins at 6:30 PM and is limited.
For advance tickets,
and for more information,
please call (570) 396-5813.
Children and students 17
and under are free.

Hosted by:
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16972 PA-706, Montrose, PA

Soup Night

Many folks seem to know now that the first Wednesday of the month is Soup Night as we have been getting lots of business. David made a spiffy new sign and built a frame for it on the steps rail.. Six to eight pots of soup are brought in by volunteers, heated and distributed at church. We deliver to the Square. It's a time of comradery for the volunteers and some nourishment for our neighbors and we get to taste each other's soup. This month's soups du jour were vegetarian vegetable and pasta fagioli. Next month's date will be June 7th and we are planning chicken noodle and cream of broccoli. It really is a lot of fun.



Watch-Night Service at St. Paul's

The following appeared in the Montrose Democrat of December 30, 1920 announcing a Watch-Night Service at St. Paul's. It's a tradition that has apparently gone by the way-side. The service started at 11:00 New Year's Eve and ended shortly after 12:00. The invitation was extended to the public to watch the old year out and new year in. Our minister at that time was Rev. Wallace Martin.



LATE APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“April showers bring May flowers.” Wet, wet, wet this week. It seemed to rain every day and on Wednesday, hail a little. The ponds are full, full, full and there is standing water in many places. The sheer number of blossoms on the apple trees this year hopefully indicate that it is going to be a good year. The garden is tilled and ready for some seeds. It’s a Susquehanna springtime.

