

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

June 25- July 1



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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:

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Pentecost begin with Genesis. Abraham is visited by three strangers. Abraham welcomes them with typical Arab hospitality. He provides food of cakes, milk and a young, roasted calf. In turn the strangers foretell that Sarah will give birth to a son in her old age. Sarah laughs.

It is this paradoxical situation that continually demonstrates the intervention of the Jewish God, when all the odds seem to be stacked against success. At no time in Genesis does anyone appear to be born in a natural fashion without the intervention of miracle, sign, or simply the divine. Is it possible that this is more of a Jewish literary device that grabs the attention of the Jewish listener?

Paul writing to the Romans in Chapter 5 has already spoken about this divine intervention in earlier chapters. He questioned the nature of Abraham's faith, deciding that it was a free gift and nothing meritorious or accredited to Abraham himself. Simply put: Abraham was justified through the faith that God gave him as a free gift.

So, what justifies we Christians? Paul asks and then answers. Like Abraham, it is nothing that we ourselves have done. Rather we too are justified by faith. It is a faith won for us by Christ dying on the cross. He died for us, and his sacrifice expedites and eradicates all our sinfulness. We are justified by faith because through faith we unite with Christ's sacrifice.

In the Gospel Jesus chooses and sends out his Apostles to every village and town in Galilee. They carry the news of repentance and salvation from sin. They are instructed to preach, teach, minister, and heal. One cannot but think that in this 'sending out', Jesus has started the process of the 'expanding Gospel. Like a snowball rolling downhill it grows and expands.

Most of all these readings speak of faith. A faith that is so badly needed in our world and nation. Amen.

Father Bill

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.

View from the Pew: Dan Graham

The Greatest Summer

School's out! Summer vacations when you were a kid fell into two categories – memorable or mundane. A family vacation, camping, or a road trip usually fell into the former. But even though our family didn't go anywhere that year, the summer of 1960 was hardly mundane. It was between my 7th and 8th grades, I was 11 years old, and it was the greatest summer of my youth. The Pittsburgh Pirates were the best team in the National Baseball League.

My best friend and I were in Little League and we were serious Pirate fans. We listened to all the games on KDKA, did box scores, and collected baseball cards -- Clemente, Roy Face, Dick Groat, Bill Mazeroski were our heroes. That summer, we talked our mother's into letting us go to Pirate games by ourselves. That required a streetcar ride into town and then one out of town to the Oakland section of Pittsburgh where Forbes Field was (about an hour). \$4 got you the ticket, streetcar fares (it was less than a dollar to go both ways) and something to drink or eat. She reluctantly let us try it, but only if my brother showed us how to do it first.

Most of the games were in the afternoon then and tickets for the right field bleachers were \$1.75. These were the worst seats in the house but after the 3rd inning, you were allowed to sit anywhere. Those first couple of trips were quite heady for 11-year olds – we thought we were grown up. We got to know the ushers. They let us sit in the better seats and several times gave us rain checks from previous games that got us into the next game free. One of the benefits of sitting in the right-field bleachers was that you were right behind Roberto Clemente. We would start the other bleacher fans chanting "Reba" "Reba" "Reba" and Clemente would turn around and tip his hat – and we would cheer!

Our permission to go was almost revoked when we went to a doubleheader in which both games went into extra innings. We usually got home before dinner but the second game didn't finish until after the streetcars to town stopped running and we had to walk, with several hundred other fans, into Pittsburgh. This was before cell phones, and when we got to town, my Dad came and picked us up. We thought it was a great adventure -- my parents thought we weren't watching the clock! Other than restricting our future games to afternoon ones, we weathered the storm.

School began after Labor Day and my greatest summer came to a close. I think we went to something like 20 games that summer. I still have all the ticket stubs. The Pirates went on to win the league and get into the World Series. We played the mighty New York Yankees -- Berra, Marris, Mantle, etc, etc. The Pirates were definitely the underdogs. At the end of six games, the series was tied 3-3, but New York had outscored Pittsburgh 55-27.

We got to listen to game seven, which was in Pittsburgh, on the school loudspeaker. Mr. Gregory, the principal, like all of us that year, was a Pirate fan. Pittsburgh just kind of stopped that afternoon. An exciting game, the lead changed several times, but at the bottom of the ninth, it was tied. Bill Mazeroski came up to the plate and: There's a drive into deep left field, look out now...! That ball is going ... going ... gone! A homerun, we won! The entire school erupted in cheering. I can hear it still. Pittsburgh would go on to win another World Series, see Franco make an Immaculate Reception, and win six Super Bowls, but for me, nothing compared that October World Series win, the 1960 Pirates, and that summer when I was 11.

Sundays Service

June
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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm: 86:1-10, 16-17

The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist:

This week's Hymns:

We know that Christ is raised

Christ for the world we sing!

Praise to the living God!

Take up your cross, the Savior said



This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,

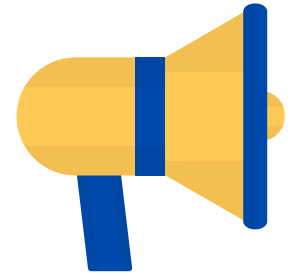
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Happenings and Announcements



Barbara Crafton!

June 24, 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!

Social Night

There will be a gathering at Harry and Wanda Peirce's House on Friday, June 30th at 5:00 pm!



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:

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:

Vickie & Dave Calby: June 9, 1973
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.

Last Week's Service and Events

LAST SUNDAY – Third Sunday After Pentecost – June 18th. 2023



Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou still rejected King!
Thou didst suffer to release us,
Thou didst free salvation bring;
Through Thy death and resurrection,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
We enjoy divine protection,
Life and glory through Thy name.



The live-streamed June 18th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Announcements were by Lynne Graham. Nancy Dooling read as lector. . 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.



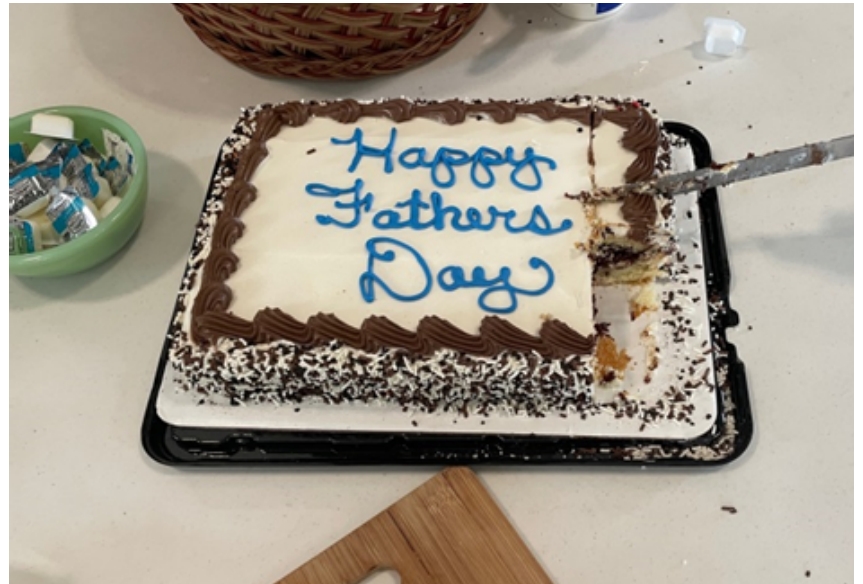


Hitch Hiker

A little hitchhiker got into Mother Liz's car as she was going home this week. She posted a picture of the poor lost kitty on Susquehanna Lost Pets Facebook page but no one has claimed her.

Happy Father's Day

Last Sunday was Father's Day and the photographer got there a little late. The fathers had already started testing the cake. Happy Father's Day to all those fathers out there. May you have many more.



1939 Map of Montrose

In 1939, Mary Sayer Hoopes drew and colored a map of Montrose. The map is large and it is interesting as to what buildings she included and which she didn't. St. Paul's is shown as is our rectory across from the Presbyterian Church noted as "Stimmetz Mint Patch." Rev. Philip Stimmetz was our minister from 1937-1945 and lived in the rectory which is next to the Bartron-Meyer Funeral Home. What a gem!

St. Paul's Ready For July 4th

Cooper Van Cott gave our hedges their annual pre-July 4th trim. We are looking sharp for the parade. In front of the church is one of the best spots in town. Bring your chairs early.





July 4th Breakfast Still Needs Volunteers!

Our July the Breakfast is just around the corner. Thanks to our professional sign maker, David Robbins, who made a great sign to put on the corner of Church and Chestnut. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun. Don't forget to sign up. Talk to Lynne if you are interested.

Meadow View

Yep, the third Wednesday of the month is the Meadow View visit. Joyce was at the piano and Karen Blye McAbee and Caleb Graham were guest singers. As always, it's a lot of fun and very fulfilling.



Social Events

Here are some fun pictures. The Mother/Son dance at Nany Dooling's son Andrew's wedding last week. Nancy had some moves from the looks of it. And, our domestic traveler, John Warriner with grandchildren, Dominic and Everly Golden, in Kansas.



EARLY JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“it's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine ... it's summertime!” It's official, on this Wednesday, June 21st, at 10:58 am, the Summer Solstice kicked off Summer. Our sunsets and sunrises are getting better. Native daisies, not as big as nursery-bought Shasta ones, are blooming and brightening our roads. Hummingbird's are fun to watch. Those pretty little wild flowers, the Devil's Paintbrush, add a small bit of color to the fields and grass. Our streams are up a little with the recent rain but we are still behind. Digitalis is blooming, it's poisonous so be careful. Only two weeks until the parade.

