

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

August 27- September 2



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**Donations** You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

### 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:

Last month while I was scrolling on Facebook I came across a post for a little free pantry that was placed outside a church in Ohio. This made me think of the many people in our area who are food insecure. Families, some with two parents, others single-parent led households, elderly folks, all struggling financially and unable to meet their basic needs. While unemployment maybe at a record low, underemployment is still a serious issue in the country and here in Susquehanna county.

Many of our local helping institutions require people to meet specific guidelines in order to receive assistance. In order for them to be able to assist as many people as possible, there are limits placed on how much assistance any one person or family may receive. In addition, there are those who experience great shame because of their need and avoid asking for help.

That is where the little free pantry comes in. Since it is free will, and not guarded, all who are in need may come and take what they need any time of day or night, no questions asked.

This is where we come in. The way that the little free pantry works best, is that those who have need, they may take what they need. For those who have been blessed by God's abundance, they may offer assistance by giving of their abundance and placing pantry items in the pantry for those in need. Here is a link for you to cut and paste into your browser so you can read more about the little free pantry and to see pictures of pantries across America.

<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

What is needed first, before pantry items, is the donation of a pantry. My hope that someone has an old hanging wardrobe in their garage, attic, or barn that they might be willing to donate so we could outfit it with shelves in order to turn it into a pantry.

Please e-mail me or call the office if you by any chance have an old wardrobe that's still in reasonable condition that you would be willing to donate that we could use for a pantry. The pantry will be placed outside next to the parish house entrance so that people could access it at any time day or night.

-Mother Liz

# View from the Pew:

The traveling nurse up the street, who has been our neighbor's caretaker for many months now, injured her toe and asked me to take her to EMHS Emergency Room. I was happy to help out as she has no family around. On our way, we had a discussion about finding the goodness in people. She told me, "My daughter says, 'Mama, no matter where you go, you always find good people.'" She is a lovely, Christian woman; hard not to like. One is easily drawn to her because she is so open and kind and patient.

I know she struggles with the person she cares for who can be very difficult at times. It brought to mind the number of people each of us may struggle with over a lifetime. Last month, at the Mobile Food Pantry, we had a woman come through who was angry and belligerent. I can only guess that something had pushed her over the edge that day. Her lashing out was probably a way of venting, rather than anger at any particular person.

When packing up our brother for his move to Florida, I came across a paper that had been given to him at some point by a religious group reaching out to the residents at his assisted living facility. I'm glad I read it instead of tossing it in the trash, because, though simple, it is true. Through kindness and patience and diligent care, our brother blossomed. I share the words with you here.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not! You change the batteries.

When people you care about mess up, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them to change their batteries.

Some people need AA-Attention and Affection.

Others need AAA-Attention, Affection, and Acceptance.

Some people need C-Compassion.

Others need D-Direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly, and share your Light.

Lynne

## **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

August  
27



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm: 124

The Epistle: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Cathy Hammons

Organist: Cathy Hammons

## This week's Hymns:

When morning guilds the skies

God is Love, let heaven adore him

I come with joy to meet my Lord

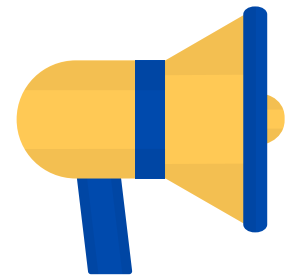
Christ is made the sure foundation



## This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

# Happenings and Announcements



**As we look toward the start of a fresh school year, Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary offers this prayer.**  
**Please pray for all of the school staff, learners, and families who love and support them all.**  
**Blessings for a safe and fruitful school year**

## Hawaii Relief

Here is a link to give through the Bishop's pastoral fund (not just for Holy Innocents', but for relief efforts on Maui, working with "A Cup of Cold Water," our amazing regional houseless ministry ->

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/?fbclid=IwAR2-](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/?fbclid=IwAR2-KbYPa3SxxlZK6lw1vbU_PZAVAu605QQ42eYHipBUrU0oo8jqngpbHg#/tithely/give-one-time/1530960)

[KbYPa3SxxlZK6lw1vbU\\_PZAVAu605QQ42eYHipBUrU0oo8jqngpbHg#/tithely/give-one-time/1530960](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/?fbclid=IwAR2-KbYPa3SxxlZK6lw1vbU_PZAVAu605QQ42eYHipBUrU0oo8jqngpbHg#/tithely/give-one-time/1530960)

Please copy and paste link into your browser to donate.



## 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:

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Bob Aiken 8/23,  
Margaret Burgh 8/28, Patty Aiken 8/30



## This Months Anniversaries:

Jack & Carol Lasher 8/6/1960  
Cole & Kate Aukema 8/6/2022

## 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 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – August 20, 2023

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

The live-streamed August 20th 10:00 00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Announcements were by Vickie Calby and 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.





## Rain, Rain, Rain

Patrick is having a hard time keeping up with the grass. But it's August, it keeps raining, and the grass keeps growing. By the way, the rain has also created a bumper crop of garden weeds.

## Old Safe

It always is amazing how many of our parishioners have never been downstairs or upstairs in our building.

There is an old safe downstairs that was probably installed before 1927. It was so heavy, that when the classrooms were built in the 1970s, they just built it into the cinder block wall. All the heavy gold bullion has been removed (ha,ha), but if you get downstairs outside Room 1 where the sleeping bags are made, take a look. It's a piece of St. Paul's history and really neat.



## Grasshopper Photograph

This photo was taken last August and we still get requests to run it again. Caught this guy right in the middle of a jump. You can sing "The Flying Young Man on the Flying Trapeze" when you look at it.



# Susquehanna County



## Coats for Our Community

You may see this flyer in the Independent, at the various distribution places and on our St Paul's Church Facebook page. We are getting ready to kick off the cooler seasons.

### You can drop your gently used coats off at:

**American Legion 154**  
14515 PA-3001, Montrose,  
PA 18801

**St. Paul's Church**  
276 Church Street  
Montrose PA 18801

**St Marks Church**  
115 Main St, New  
Milford, PA 18834

**Pivot: Physical Therapy**  
417 Grow Ave  
Montrose PA 18801

## 2018 Flood

While we were complaining about all the rain we got recently which is causing us to add a French drain on the east wall of the church basement, we were sent this aerial photograph of Lawton in August 2018. This picture was where Rt. 29 dead-ends at 706 at Flynn's store. As we moan about the current rain, remember it could always be worse.





## LATE-AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“August is the Sunday of summer.” The blues of winter, which gave way to the reds of summer, are being replaced by the oranges of fall. The sunrise and sunset this week looked a lot alike. Wild purple asters have appeared on the roads to brighten them up. The rain has made everything green, although much of the grass is still under water. If you can keep annuals like zinnias and ageratum alive through June and July, they take off in August. Finally, the tomatoes are three weeks late but finally coming in. It’s been getting cool at night and all the parents will be doing the happy dance next week when school starts. Late August in Susquehanna County.

