

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

## September 3- September 9



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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:

When I was a kid, this was the time of year I both looked forward to and dreaded. The summer was coming to an end, and it was time to go back to school.

Summers usually meant trips to visit my grandparents in Pennsylvania and Missouri, spending time with my cousins and swimming. Often my maternal grandparents would take me and my cousin who was ten days older than me on road trips to places like the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore. I loved those trips; hanging out with Shelly in the back seat where we'd taken smaller bags and jackets and pillows and turned the backseat into our lounge so we could lie down and talk. No child safety seats or seatbelts in those days. It's a wonder we lived to adulthood....

In any case, by this time in August, I'd have returned home, gotten some new clothes and supplies for school and was waiting for the first day which was always the day after Labor Day. Would the schoolwork be more difficult? Would I get picked on at lunchtime? Would I suffer the humiliation of being chosen last for sports? Would the boy I liked tease me, laughing with his best friend?

Sure, I had my group of friends, girls who lived nearby, but I was shy and my best friend who was more confident than me was a year younger than I was, so we were in different grades and didn't see each other until after the school day was done. So I met the new year with enthusiasm tempered by anxiety about the unknown.

I still feel trepidation at the unknown. I think many of us do. But I also see new beginnings as an opportunity to explore the unknown and learn new things so we can continue to grow. All of this is to say that beginning the Sunday after Labor Day we will begin a formation class called Transforming Questions from Forward Movement. We will meet twice a month during coffee hour for approximately an hour and a half.

In this class, we will seek to move into deeper life in Christ by engaging in some of faith's most basic questions: Who is Jesus? Does God answer prayer? How do I read the Bible? Why bother with Church? What do I have to do to be a Christian? Each session we will gather with our coffee, hear a talk on one of the central questions of the Christian faith, and then discuss the day's topic. Through both listening and sharing, we will wrestle with these foundational questions in the context of faith together. As we do so, we will learn more about ourselves, one another, and the Jesus we are seeking.

So welcome back! I hope you are looking forward to coming to class!

-Mother Liz

# View from the Pew:

In 1969, 9 year old Russell Capper sent President Nixon a letter suggesting that a day should be set aside in order to celebrate grandparents. He was told that the president can only do that when a Congressional resolution authorizes him to do so. Following this letter, Marian McQuade was recognized nationally by the U.S. Senate and by President Jimmy Carter as the founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade wanted to educate the youth about the importance of seniors and the contributions they have made throughout history.

In 1977, Senator Randolph, with the help of other senators, introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to “issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as ‘National Grandparents’ Day’.” Congress passed the legislation, and in 1978 President Carter signed the proclamation.

On Christmas Eve of 1997 we learned that we would become grandparents for the 1st time. Our excitement was overwhelming and was even more so in early August 1998 when Samantha was born. The love we felt was only to be matched less than 2 years later when Lindsay and Ben arrived and 4 years later Danielle. We learned very early on that instead of gifts, that none of us would remember, spending time was so very much more fun and rewarding. Our “Christmas gift” weekend trips with Grands only, to Philadelphia, Lancaster, Gettysburg, Annapolis, Corning, Baltimore, Great Wolf Lodge, Washington DC, ETC have been entertaining, fun, and not to mention memorable. When the 6 of us are together there are a lot of “remember whens?”.

We also have the special memories of each—when Samantha (about 4—now 25) drew a picture of me and our dog and was so proud that she had included the bags under my eyes. That masterpiece is framed in my office. When Lindsay (age 6) said “you’re not good looking Gan—you’re a grandmother—they have wrinkles and green fingernails”. When Ben (age 3) laughed himself silly at Pop’s made up nursery rhymes using “adult” words but Ben would only use “ok” words when repeating. Pop was such a good influence!! When Dani (age 2) just stared at us confused when she made hand motions and we started singing the Itsy Bitsy Spider. No one told us she was learning sign language at daycare and wanted more food!!! The memories are too numerous to count. We never dreamed the added joy that would come from getting to know their friends (having a lake house helps) and now having over 20 “adopted” grands that call us Gan and Pop.

It is said that Grandparents and children have a special connection that is proven to make the grandparents live longer and to make the children more emotionally resilient. Well, we know our Grands are resilient and we know they have kept us on our toes and feeling younger. We are truly blessed.

Happy Grandparents Day!

Enjoy,

- Gan and Pop (AKA Wanda and Harry)

**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: Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

The Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Gaby W. & Barb U.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Richard Marker

Organist: Cathy Hammons

## This week's Hymns:

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Take my life, and let it be

What wondrous love is this

Lift high the cross



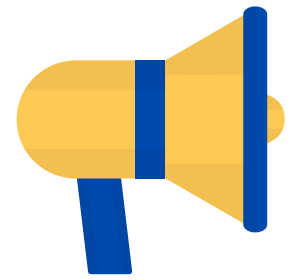
## This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

# 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**

## **Soup Night!**

Soup Night has caught up to us again! We always love to see new faces among the regulars that help us out for the first Wednesday of the month and we always need soup so if you're in the cookin mood, stir up a pot and come help us dish out some deliciousness for our community!

## **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 ->

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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:**

Sandy Nagy 9/6, Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19, Sean Eckert 9/28



## **This Months Anniversaries:**

Harry & Wanda Peirce: 9/4/1981

## **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 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – August 27, 2023**



When morning gilds the sky,  
our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!



The live-streamed August 27th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Announcements were by Lynne Graham and Cathy Hammons read as lector and also played the organ. 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.



## World Wide Travelers Send a Shout Out

Tom and Barb Undercoffler sent back a photo from their German vacation on their visit to a salt mine. The mine was entered from Austria and went into Germany.



## Sleeping Bags

St. Paul's sleeping bag ministry has turned into quite a successful endeavor. The group meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays and they complete a couple of bags each session. Stop in and help, it's a lot of fun and rewarding. If you can tie a knot, you can help. September 13 is the next date at 10:00.







### **Memorial Garden Resident**

This American toad lives in the mulch between the St. Paul's parking lot and the Memorial Garden. It's the second year in a row we have spotted one in that general area – perhaps he's the same one. If you see him, don't run him over!

### **School Started**

Yup, the parents are doing the happy dance as school started on Wednesday, 30th. So if you find yourself behind a school bus from Lathrop Street, drive a little more carefully.



### **Tunkhannock Viaduct**

If you get a chance and have an afternoon off, go see the Tunkhannock Viaduct at Nicholson. It's pretty amazing and worth the trip. Finished in 1915 and 240 feet long, it's one of the 7 Wonders of Susquehanna County and really is a marvel to see. Nicholson Bridge Day is September 10th.





## LATE-AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“The crickets and katydids felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last forever.” You can hear them at night now, letting us know that Fall is coming. It’s still been raining, the skies remain cloudy with breakthroughs of bright sunshine and neat cloud combinations. Rose of sharons are blooming now, summer’s last flowering bush. Those late summer bloomers, golden rod, native black-eyed Susans, and milkweed all grace the fields.

It’s late summer in Susquehanna County.

