

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

October 8 - October 14



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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:

A conversation between the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton.

When you think about being rooted, what comes to mind? Where we are, our place on land, is important to our spiritual groundedness, our connection to spirit-filled natural resources. We are part of a larger family of kin that includes all that God has made and reaches beyond the cosmos. Our kinship places us in relationship that is about mutual responsibility to care for one another.

How do you understand abundance?

We have everything we need. Are we doing everything we can to live in reciprocity, within an understanding that we are mutually responsible for one another and are called to live within a cultivating relationship with our environment and all live within it? Stewardship is asking the question, “What do we need to grow to continue to be in good and right relationship, in recognition of our kinship with all that is, in which we all thrive?”

What image comes to mind when you hear the phrase Rooted in Abundance?

I think of a beautiful image of the tree of life in aboriginal art. The image shows the relationship of being in a circle where animals and plants, people, land and air and water are all interdependent. Wisdom and care for eight generations, including past, present, and future, inform decisions and stewardship in a reciprocal relationship.

What is it that grounds you?

Place, context, environment, communities, Creator, the community I am serving. Wherever the Creator has put us is where we are in spiritual relationship. It is often said, “Wherever you go, there you are.” I would add, “Wherever you go, the Sacred is there.”

What role does gratitude play?

Gratitude is a spiritual practice. Indigenous elders are giving thanks all the time: “Thank you, Creator, for the gift of the cedar tree.” And then thanking the cedar tree for the gift it gives. Gratitude for our gifts invites us into community, and thus into responsibility for the flourishing of our community, which is our kinship with all of creation.

If we put all this together, what does being rooted in abundance look like for you, in your context?

It’s a circular understanding. All community is responsible for each individual to nurture a sense of being meaningful and valuable. And every person has responsibility for meeting the needs of the community.



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, a Shackan First Nation member, is the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, WA, and the vice-president of the House of Deputies

View from the Pew:

The fall season is a magical and colorful time of year heading towards the end of a seasonal cycle. Everything is getting ready to go dormant before winter sets in, where it will refresh and recover itself. Plants are dropping their seeds to make way for the continuation of their respective species and hardening off to withstand the brutally cold winter temperatures, until the spring can send a signal for regrowth. A blanket of leaves falls to help protect and insulate the ground for the next three months and then becomes compost to aid in next year's life. Some animals are gathering nuts for their survival and others getting ready to hibernate for that long winter's nap, while others migrate south to warmer more hospitable climates. The smell of leaves in the fall evokes childhood memories of jumping in leaf piles, and the smell of burning them later, Halloween and candy corn, harvest time, and Thanksgiving with all its joy of being together with family, and delicious turkey with cranberry and stuffing dinners, followed by pumpkin pie. It's the time of year for tucking in cosily for winter.

Off the coast of Vancouver Island, Canada, in the eastern part of the North Pacific Ocean, I was about 15 nautical miles off the coast when I stepped out onto the weather deck of the ship I was on and could immediately smell the distinct aroma of fallen leaves, even though there was no land in sight yet. It's such a warm and comforting smell. Back to Northeast Pennsylvania, where everything is preparing to hunker down for a long winter, the fish in the lakes start to slow down as the waters cool, where they will school together towards the bottom deeper parts where the water is warmer.

Because their metabolism has slowed down, they don't need to feed as often. The picture here is a sunfish happily springing out of the water getting a free handout of food. You wouldn't think of fish as being sentient beings, but they do possess a certain amount of awareness. In a fish tank, they do recognize their owners. Or in a lake, they'll distinguish me from a couple kids stepping out on the dock. When I step out, about 20 of them will swim out from under the dock. When the kids come out, they scatter away like grease in a pan of water from a drop of Dawn liquid detergent. Now, of course, they are not on the same level as human beings, but it gives you an appreciation for different walks of life. They even let me run my fingers along their bodies briefly. It could be just wishful thinking, but it seems to me like there's something at work here besides solely biology.

- John 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 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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms: 19

The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Gaby W. & Barb U.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: The Peirces

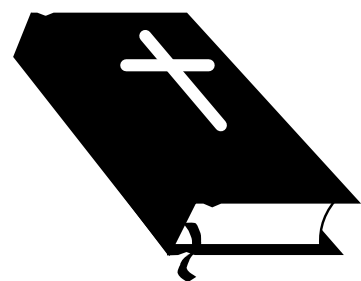
This week's Hymns:

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

My song is love unknown

The church's one foundation



This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

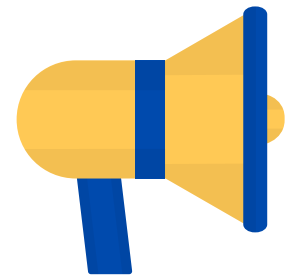
this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

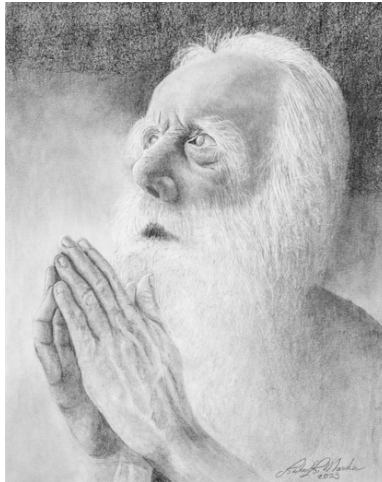
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Happenings and Announcements



Artist Open House Weekend

Our very own Richard Marker is contributing to the Artist Open House this weekend. His incredible art will be displayed here in the Parish Hall, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12:30-5, Monday 10-5. Come check it out!



Social Night @The Undercofflers

Friday October 13th, is Hobo Night at the Undercofflers. Please bring a chair and a dish to pass while we roast some hot dogs over the fire! Contact Barb for directions!



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, The Maginley Family, Sandy Seeger

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:

Vickie Calby 10/19, Robert Smith 10/23, Carol Marker 10/31



This Months Anniversaries:

Dan & Lynne Graham: October 5, 1974

Jerry & Maggie Sock: October 20, 1984

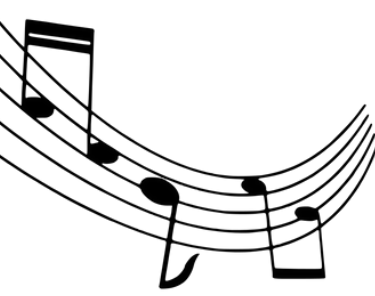
Our thanksgivings:

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 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost – October 1, 2023



Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.



The live-streamed October 1st, 10:00am Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Also this past Sunday was a second service at 2pm, a Blessing of the Animals Service in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. 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.



Burrr – It's Time to Close the Doors

After this beautiful week we are were having here in Montrose the heat will be coming on at St. Paul's and it's time to start closing all the exterior and interior doors. On September 23, the Fall Equinox began officially bringing in Fall. The nights are cooler and the days are getting shorter.



Coats For the Community

We have started collecting coats from the community to use in our coat distribution this year. Collection sites have been set up at Pivot, St. Marks, the American Legion and St. Paul's.

Fall Tree

There is a tree near Dan's house in the neighbor's yard that is the first real predictor of Fall. The neighbors call it the Fall Tree. It is the first tree to turn red, and it has done just that.



Sophie's World

Andrew Wyeth's famous painting, Christina's World is recreated here with a photo that could be called Sophie's World.



Getting Ready for Winter

We have to do a number of items to get St. Paul's ready for winter. Cooper Van Cott is putting down some fall fertilizer and Dusty Davis was tuning up our furnaces to make sure they run efficiently during the winter.



Those Were the Days

Good cooks – good friends. Barb, Carol, Maggie, Nancy, Carol and Stephanie were making something tasty. Some things never change.



Poogpops Is Open

If you like subs, it doesn't get much better than Poogpops on Public Ave near the gas station. They just opened and if you get a chance, stop in and try a local sub. Yummy!



EARLY AUTUMN IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“September Morn. We danced until the night became the dawn. Two lovers from some romantic play. September morning still can make me feel that way.” Fall is in the air here in Susquehanna County and the trees are just thinking about turning. Turkeys and deer are in the fields. Small geese families are gathering together and getting ready to flock up and head south – those that are going. You can hear them flying low at night honking and getting the young ones ready. Frogs join the crickets and katydids at night for their fall cacophony. It’s still raining and funny looking fungi are still appearing. Dew will soon become frost. It’s Autumn in Susquehanna County.

