

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

# Weekly Update

November 19 - November 25



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To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

## **Our Vestry Members**

The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

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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:

Rooted IN Abundance **Deep Roots**



Roots run deep in Appalachia. A college graduate was asked why she returned to Harlan, far from opportunities to use her degree. Smiling she said, “I came home because I want to pick blackberries off of the same bush my grandparents picked from.” Another graduate returned home and explained, “If I don’t come home, who will take care of grandma?”

This rootedness reminds the Venerable Bryant Kibler, Priest-in-Partnership with St. Timothy’s Outreach Center in Estill County, KY, of the Syrian commander and leper Naaman, who took loads of dirt back to Syria with him because God’s healing presence was rooted in that soil (2 Kings 5). As Bryant ministers alongside communities in Appalachia, he witnesses how deeply rooted God’s people are to the land where they have known God’s healing through community and family. A place where abundance is known in caring for loved ones and tasting berries from ancestral bushes.

The mountains and valleys of Appalachia have abundantly provided resources to the rest of the world, especially coal that is used to create electricity elsewhere. Companies have taken from the abundance and cleared out as soon as resources grew scarce, leaving whole communities unemployed. Some families migrate elsewhere. Others stay on the land they love, in mountains and valleys abundant in natural beauty and family connection.

St. Timothy’s partners with many congregations to explore Appalachian culture and to repair homes during summer work weeks. When a team came to assist a homeowner rebuild after the devastating recent flooding along the Kentucky River, the homeowner graciously pointed the team to a neighbor’s house, whose home was more destroyed. “They need you more than we do,” the homeowner announced.

In this place, abundance is rooted in a community that trusts God’s grace to heal what is broken.

The Venerable Bryant Kibler serves as the Archdeacon for the Mountain Region and as Director of Mountain Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

# View from the Pew: STEWARDSHIP

We are about three quarters of the way to meeting this coming year's pledge goal - around 75%. In terms of course grades, this would be a solid mid C. In high school, I would have been ecstatic with this mark, but that would be just affecting myself. Now we are delving into not just our selves, but something which is greater than that - God above, our beloved institution of Saint Paul's and the Episcopal Church, and our wonderful community at large.

Rooted in abundance, this year's stewardship theme, is a very appropriate analogy. Those who have the ability have that power to give and aid those who are less fortunate or to those community programs that rely on the generous contributions of others.

For the most part, we represent that mature forest with its protective canopy providing shelter and sustenance to everything living below, from the rabbits and deer, to the bears, coyotes, and foxes, to the soil and rocks holding everything in place. Rooted in God's overwhelming abundance, we keep this symbolic forest thriving by the symbiotic relationship of taking from God's bounty and giving in thankful return--just as the trees provide the very oxygen that we all breathe and, in turn, return the carbon dioxide that the plants breathe, - a wonderful symbiotic relationship.

When I was a kid, I remember the various fund drives at school. I had to go around getting donations. The easiest to approach were your immediate family and close neighbors. The community at large was a bit harder. I never had that salesperson ability. Now, history repeats itself and I find myself helping out ours and our friends' children and grandchildren with their school's fund drives. It could be for some worldwide humanitarian project like UNICEF and The Red Cross, or something more local like a new school swimming pool. The hardest part is making that commitment, but I believe it is worth it. If you approach this task like a school funding project it may make it seem a little less daunting.

Although pledges are accepted any time during the year, our campaign deadline is 26 November, just a little more than a week to go. Please prayerfully consider how you might respond to God's abundance in your life. If we could get about eight more pledges of \$20-25 per week each, we could make our budget goal for this year. Your pledge of wealth, wisdom, and works helps us carry on our mission to seek and serve Christ in this place. We really need your support with meeting this goal.

- John Warriner

- Lynne Graham

## **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: Judges 4:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 123

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne

Hospitality: Sandy Seeger

## This week's Hymns:

Praise to the living God

Father, we thank thee

Come ye thankful people

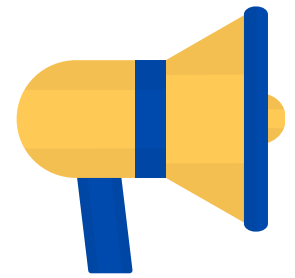
All my hope on God is founded



## This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

# Happenings and Announcements



## The Dunn's Social Night

Our Bob and Vera Dunn, as most of you know, are snow birds and will be leaving us with this cold soon, but before they leave they wanted to have a Social Night here at the church!  
All are welcome, November 17th, 5:00 pm, here at the church.



### 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, Sandy Seeger, Chris Moffett, Matilda Rogers

### 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:

Bob Dunn 11/25



### This Months Anniversaries:

### 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 - Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – November 12, 2023



Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.



The live-streamed November 5th, 10:00 Morning Prayer Service was officiated by Lynne Graham who also did announcements. John Warriner read as lector. Mother Liz was on vacation. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or anytime on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.



## Veteran's Day

The cessation of hostilities in World War I went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, giving us the date, November 11th, that we still use to commemorate Veterans Day. If you see a vet, thank them for their service.



## Meadow View

On the third Wednesday of the month, we read Morning Prayer with the residents at Meadow View. The highlight of the hour is a hymn sing accompanied by Joyce Printz at the piano. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet, pray, and sing with our neighbors. Come join us in the activity room at 10:00.





## Old Picture of Public Ave.

Here's an old photo of Public Ave. in the 1930's. Only Naomi or Esther may remember what it looked like then, but It's been said that Vickie or Nancy may be in the baby carriage crossing the street on the upper left.



## Early St. Paul's Choir Photo

Here's a photo from the archives of the St. Paul's choir. Joe, Dave, Jerry, Jane, Rita, Esther, Mary, Lynne and Cathy. "Who made the angels sing?" Anybody want to guess the year?

## Clergy Days

Mother Liz and her Convocation 1 colleagues discuss social service resources in Susquehanna and Bradford Counties.





## MID-NOVEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully.” Bare trees and sunrises. Heavy frosts. Wood smoke in the air. Mid-November in Susquehanna County.

