

**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

January 7- January 13



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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 Pew:

## Auld Lang Syne

While doing our gift exchange on Christmas Eve, I made the suggestion (with the ap-proval of our son and daughter) that we do a Pollyanna exchange next year. Immediately, in unison, seven 20 year olds asked, laughing “What’s a POLLYANNA Gan?” I was dumbfounded—not one had a clue!!

After the laughter subsided, and some explanation, they realized it was what they call “Secret Santa”

This time of year I tend to think of what happened in the past year and in the years past. So many changes over time – even our verbal expressions. Then I found the following....

“Heavens to Murgatroyd! The other day a not-so-elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle. About a month ago, I illuminated some old ex-pressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry. Back in the olden days, we had a lot of moxie . We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop, or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when was the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys, and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth. Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee-high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff!”

I know I haven’t heard the end of the Pollyanna ribbing but they all did agree to the Secret Santa. Cool -- Should be a blast!!

Happy New Year,

- Wanda Peirce

## **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: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: 29

The Epistle: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Sandy S. & Nancy D.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Hospitality: Gaby W. & Teddy

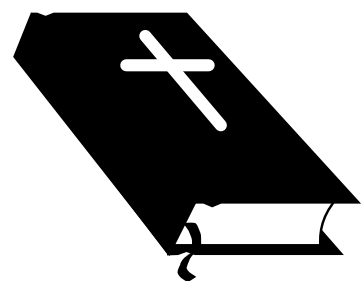
## This week's Hymns:

Christ, when for us you were baptized

On Jordan's Bank

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

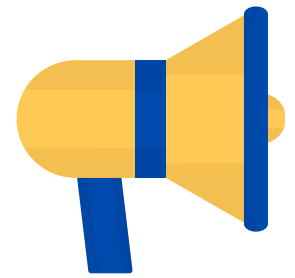


## This week's Gospel according to: Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

# Happenings and Announcements



## Annual Meeting

Correction to the Calendar for this month, The Annual Meeting will be held on January 21 @12:00 after Church Service unless there is snow then it will be held January 28 @12:00 after Church service. All are welcome!

## Sleeping Bags

The second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 10am are when the members of the Sleeping Bag Ministry meet downstairs here at the church to sew together sleeping bags for the homeless.

The next meeting is January 10th.

Come join us!



### For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Bishop Michael Curry, The O'Reilly-Bush Families, Harry Peirce

### 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:

Charles Cesaretti 1/2, Karen McAbee 1/4, Ann Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, David Calby 1/24, Marsha Jones 1/26



### This Months Anniversaries:

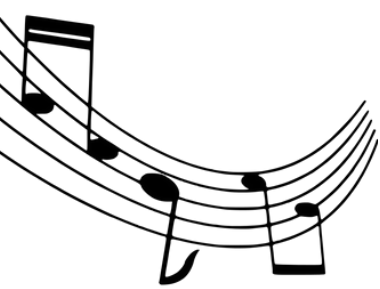
### Our thanksgivings:

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 – Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2023**



In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago



The live-streamed December 31, 2023, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was officiated by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Tom Undercoffler read as lector. 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.





## Andrew's Bread

Who knew? Did you know that our video guy is also a talented baker? Well Andrew Wurth is all that. His homemade bread at coffee hour was a big hit. Quite delicious.

## Snow Rake Added

If you look close, a snow rake was added above the Chestnut Street door two weeks ago. We have had snow from the roof fall there onto the sidewalk next to the door and added this for safety reasons.



## Seasonal Diaper Drive

This is the last call for diapers. We will be taking what we collected to CareNet and Women's Resource Center this week. Thank you for your generosity and your support of this community project.

## Christmas Past

"Those were the days my friend, we thought they would never end." It was January 2019, and it looks like those young folks were having a good time!



## New First Aid Kit

After the other one broke, Kate got us a new first aid kit. It will be kept in the kitchen on top of the defibrillator. Let's hope that we don't need it.



## Warriner Merry Christmas.

John sent a recent photo of Anna in her new apartment that was not put in last week. A bright home for Anna to shine her light!



## Tree Removed

On Tuesday this week, the big double maple behind the church was taken down by JJ Carpenter. The tree, which hung over the church, was removed for safety reasons.



## THE NEW YEAR IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“We joyfully pray with grateful hearts to welcome blessings in the New Year.” Although it didn’t stick, we woke to a dusting of snow on Saturday and Monday mornings. The woods are wet and muddy and Salt Springs was running high. It’s worth the short drive north on 29 to take a look. St. Matthew’s was decorated for Christmas. A neat plant that was surviving the winter and had pretty red leaves. Happy New Year.

