

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update April 21- April 27



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

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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: Mo. Liz

Wisdom on aging from a Sunday bulletin found in an Episcopal church.

A 17th CENTURY PRAYER (Circa 1675) - Anonymous

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. –Amen

I would also like to thank Jean Grube of the Adult School for extending me an invitation to join her watercolor class yesterday. It was lovely to see some friendly faces and meet some new folks too, as well as exercise my “artistic” side using a book page as a canvas. Hopefully, you can tell what I painted....



View from the Pew:

Sounds of Music

This past Sunday, we were graced with an absolutely wonderful musical performance at the Montrose First Presbyterian Church, which was presented by the Madrigal Singers of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Music can be a lot of things. One of those is inspirational, which in this case was for me. At the risk of being repetitive, some of the introductory remarks I made there you will see again here. Speaking and writing use different parts of the brain. Speaking can tend to be more impromptu and writing to be more polished. In other words, you may get something a bit different now than you did on Sunday.

In Navy boot camp, I was fortunate enough to land a job with the choir which was a wonderful reprieve from the daily berating or receiving some sort of arduous physical “training”. One day one of our company commanders told us that they could pick two of us out of 80 to join the choir. One other recruit and I gave on the spot auditions - mine was a brief rendition of Moon River in a tenor operatic manner. The whole company, including the usually unhumored commander, burst out laughing - not because it was bad, but so unexpected from my normal quiet self. Music gave me a much needed mental break. It even saved me from getting gassed. While I was out singing with the choir on the parade field, the rest of the company was being subjected to the effects of tear gas in the gas chamber. I was utterly happy with my new vocation.

Music has the power to evoke a myriad of emotions. Even the same song in two different renderings can bring out different feelings such as Killing me Softly. The older version is more melodic and the newer one has more bouncy and catchy rhythms to it. Some music was written expressly to elicit feelings of loyalty or patriotism such as alma maters (school songs), coming from the Latin fostering mother, as well as national anthems. Some songs were written as an escape from traumatic life experiences, like those experiencing slavery. Swing Low Sweet Chariot by Etta James was depiction of the Jordan River as representative of the first step to freedom from slavery in earlier U. S. history. The chariot is a metaphor for escaping to freedom. This week, we even used music to uplift the spirits of the residents of Meadow View. Sometimes we choose the music to suit our mood and sometimes the music creates our mood. For example, you may be driving down the country road listening to a nice relaxing piece of classical music which puts you at ease, then along comes some muscle car with weight-lifting, pumping music at 90 decibels. This brings out the the bull pawing the dirt ready to charge feeling. But, probably to this other driver, it energizes them and prevents them from falling asleep at the wheel.

And finally, we still have a music program here at Saint Paul’s with the talented pianist, Penny Jaggars, and of course with the lovely accompaniment of Mother Liz’s vocals, which keep us happily singing along during morning services.

- John Warriner

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: 23

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Gaby Warriner

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Hospitality:

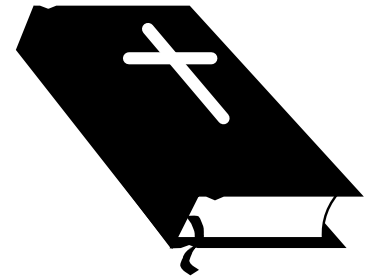
This week's Hymns:

I come with joy to meet my Lord

The King of love my shepherd is

Shepherd of souls refresh and bless

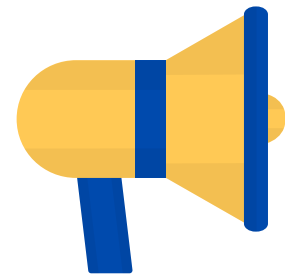
Christ is made the sure foundation



This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Happenings and Announcements



Urgent Request from the Sleeping Bag Crew

Men's ties needed ASAP. You can drop them off here at the church or give them to a friend to bring in but any donations are appreciated.

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.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker,

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:

Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Martha Cobb 4/16,
Naomi Bennett 4/27



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.

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May 4, 2024 – PNC Field (Moosic, PA)
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Panel discussion with
Bishop Kevin and Bishop Audrey
(Diocese of Central PA)

Choose from 21
different sessions

Worship and
fellowship

Lunch and raffle
drawings included in
registration

Learn more and register online: diobeth.org/gather24



The Episcopal
Diocese of Bethlehem

Last Week's Service and Events

Second Sunday After Easter, April 7, 2024

Good Christians All, Rejoice And Sing!
Now Is The Triumph Of Our King!
To All The World Glad News We Bring:
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The April 14th, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Sunday Service was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner gave announcements and Lynne Graham served as chalice. Richard Marker served as lector and Harry and Wanda offered hospitality. Penny Jaggars played a prelude, 4 hymns and a postlude on the piano. 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.



The Communion

The Peace



The Music



Andrew Wurth – 8th Year

Where does time go? Our photo files go back a few years and here's a golden oldie. In October of 2016, we had just hired a young man to do the filming of our service. That's Al Leigh with him when Andrew just started.



Chestnut Street Door

While our new door is in and looks great, we are having trouble programming the lock. All your codes will work on the ramp door and you should use that if you need to. We should have it figured out by this week. Thanks for your patience.



Susquehanna Symphony Society Event

On Sunday, April 14th, the Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers performed a concert at the Presbyterian Church. St Paul's parishioners were well attended. It was the last event of this season.



A Scholarship Created

The Susquehanna Symphony Society will offer the first ever scholarship in honor of Joe Welden. Applicants must perform in the Susquehanna County Youth Showcase Concert in May 2025. Esther Welden and her family were there to kick off the announcement of the scholarship.



MID- APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“April showers bring May flowers.” Well, looks like we are gonna get a lot of flowers cuz it’s really been raining. The streams are all full. The turkeys are out and the males are strutting their stuff. Day lilies are up and the daffodils are in full bloom. The bird boxes that were empty all winter are about to get some residents. Forsythia is in its glory and bulbs besides daffodils are blooming. It’s springtime here.

