

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

August 11 - August 17



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

Office 570-278-2954, Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:00pm

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

Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden

Vickie Calby, Jr. Warden

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Wanda Peirce, Clerk

Jack Lasher

Dan Graham

Vera Dunn

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<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.



Donations You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

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:

Ozzie

One Sunday last August, after arriving home from church, we received a call from a neighbor needing assistance to free an osprey's talon caught on a railroad tie by the lake. His freedom began our relationship with the Osprey I named Ozzie. For a few days he flew around the lake, fishing wherever possible, and then resting on our lawn by the lake. The Game Warden and a lady volunteer from the Wildlife Rescue Center paid a visit and the Warden got into an intense fight over a fish with Ozzie. When Ozzie won, the Warden decided he was probably OK but asked us to keep an eye on him. Ozzie spent the next several days around our property, on the porch roof, at the edge of the lake, and on our dock. Every morning we would go out on our deck to see where Ozzie was resting. When he was on the edge of the dock, I would get in the kayak, get up close and talk to him. Not the least bit afraid, he would cock his head back and forth as if to say "Yep I agree with you!" I fell in love!!

One morning a few days later, our neighbor called to tell us Ozzie had died in his yard. We were all heartbroken. The warden picked him up and a few weeks later let us know that Ozzie had died from a pesticide poison he had for quite awhile. I did some research on the osprey and found several meanings. In the Bible the Osprey is a strong and powerful creature, an example that there are things in this world beyond our control but we must try to understand. The spiritual meaning of this bird is one word: TRANSFORMATION. The osprey is a powerful symbol of change.

Even now, almost a year later, when I look at Ozzie's picture on the wall (Christmas gift from a neighbor) and think about our talks on the dock—I have tears.

With our changes here at St Paul's, I, for one, will think about this magnificent creature that came into my life, and believe that God will guide us on the journey ahead.

- 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 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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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: 34:1-8

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: Lynne Graham

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality:

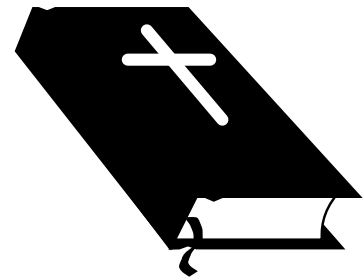
This week's Hymns:

Where charity and love prevail

I am the bread of life

One bread, one body

Rock of ages, cleft for me

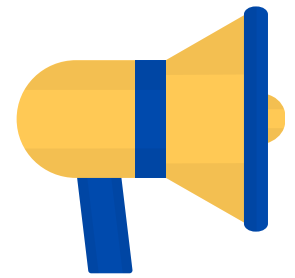


This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Happenings and Announcements



Tilly Turns 1

Matilda Rogers will be turning 1 this month. Kristina, her mom, will be throwing a party for her on, Saturday, August 10th at noon at 863 Linaberry road Montrose pa 18801. All are welcome to attend. Kristina just asks that you bring your favorite dish to pass.



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 John Warriner at 570-278-2317.



This Months Birthdays:

James Bailey 8/2, Matilda Rogers 8/7, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Bob Aiken 8/23, Margaret Burgh 8/28, Patty Aiken 8/30



This Months Anniversaries:

Jack & Carol Lasher: 8/6/1960
Cole & Kate Aukema: 8/6/2022

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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, July 28, 2024



**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**



The July 28th, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist service was officiated by Mother Liz as her last service at St. Paul's. John Warriner gave announcements and was lector and Lynne Graham served as chaliceist. Jeanette Davis played a prelude, 4 hymns and a special postlude in which Mother Liz sang a beautiful rendition of "Shall We Gather at the River". 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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 4, 2024



**Lord, You Give The Great Commission:
"Heal The Sick And Preach The Word."
Lest The Church Neglect Its Mission
And The Gospel Go Unheard,
Help Us Witness To Your Purpose
With Renewed Integrity:
With The Spirit's Gifts Empower Us
For The Work Of Ministry.**



The August 4th, 2024, 10:00 Morning Prayer service was led by John Warriner. John gave announcements and Lynne Graham served as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ including a prelude, 4 hymns and a postlude. 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.



**Mother Liz's
Going Away Party**
On Thursday, July 25th, St. Paul's had a going away dinner for Mother Liz at the Montrose Inn.



Food Bank Accepting Produce

Susquehanna County tomatoes are starting to ripen. If you have a garden and have excess produce, the food bank is accepting donations at their "Farm Market" stand. Squash, zucchini, beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, onions, whatever



Coats for Our Community

We know it's August. We know you're not thinking about winter. But we are!

Coats for Our Community is doing a coat drive during the month of August.

We need clean, warm, winter coats, hats, mittens for the fall distribution season. Coats may be dropped off at St. Paul's Church or at the American Legion Post. Thanks for helping keep your neighbors a little warmer this winter.



A poster for 'Susquehanna County Coats for Our Community'. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. At the top, 'Susquehanna County' is written in a cursive font. Below it, 'Susquehanna County' is written in a smaller font, followed by 'COATS FOR OUR COMMUNITY' in large, bold, black letters. To the right, 'Free Coats' is written in a cursive font. Below that, a white box contains the text 'Donations being accepted NOW!' in bold. To the left of the box is a cartoon illustration of a man wearing a blue winter coat and a white hat with a red pom-pom. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'Help keep our community warm this winter.' Below the banner, the text 'You can drop your gently used coats off at:' is underlined. At the very bottom, two columns of text provide drop-off locations: 'American Legion 154' and 'St. Paul's Church'.

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14515 PA-3001,
Montrose, PA 18801

St. Paul's Church
276 Church Street
Montrose PA 18801

St. Paul's Soup

It's the first Wednesday of the month and it's soup night. This month it was tomato and chicken noodle. While it is a little slow in the summer, orders will pick up again in the fall.

Consider making a pot of soup or helping with distribution. Volunteers are always welcome.



A poster for 'Soups On!' with an orange background and illustrations of various vegetables like tomatoes, onions, and carrots. The text is in black and white. It announces a free soup event on August 7, 2024, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It also mentions pre-orders and donations are appreciated and provides a phone number. A circular callout on the right specifies the menu for the month: Chicken Noodle & Tomato, with a small salad, a roll, and a cookie.

Soups On!

COME BY THE CHURCH FROM
3:30 TO 5:00 FOR
YOUR FREE SOUP!

August 7, 2024
St Paul's Episcopal Church
276 Church Street,
Montrose

Pre-Orders and Donations are
appreciated
(570-278-2954)

Soup Pickup is on the left hand side
of the church by the HO Mart

This Month:
Chicken Noodle
&
Tomato
Comes with a small salad, a
roll
AND a cookie!

LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning, The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color." Blue skies with high clouds. The July heat is gone and we are back more to normal. Cornflowers and Queen Anne's lace are blooming on our roads. Corn is tasseled and getting ready for harvesting. Deer can be seen eating the bumper apple crop that we have this year. Some turkeys chasing their young. It's August, and summer.

