

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Weekly Update

September 29- October 5



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### Church Closures

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# View from the Pulpit: Father Bill

## ‘Woman.’

Three thousand years before ‘Feminism,’ and the fight for ‘Women’s Rights’, someone wrote in the Book of Proverbs the description of a woman, strong, independent, and the leader of her household, and family. You can find it in Proverbs 31: 10----31.

She rises before anyone, even the sun. She buys land. She plants, sows, harvests crops, and does business deals. She dresses in the finest purple, and her husband sits among the greatest elders, at the City Gate. Despite her talent, strength, creative energy, she is also kind, understanding, and wise.

It is one of those rare passages, quoted at weddings, and funerals, but often lost in a world governed by men, where history is written, by males. They say that true wisdom comes with age. That is not always the case, for as Judge Judy would say: “Stupid is forever.”—Men too gain wisdom. They wise up. For them the penny drops, but usually it takes marriage and a good woman to teach them.

James, in the Second Reading, wants the Christians of his day, to lay aside conflict, disputes, selfishness, and cold ambition, in favor of peace. With pure peace will come gentleness, mercy, and understanding kindness. He states: “Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.”

I know a Jew, who epitomizes this quote. ‘She’, yes, I said ‘She’ is all these things. She is the woman of Proverbs, strong, independent, and creatively brilliant. She is the matriarch of her family, and she is holy, as one who draws close to God. Moreover, she is the chief breadwinner of her family. Ask about her husband, and you will find the slightest of cracks in her good nature: “He is an idiot!”

In the Gospel, Jesus is at pains to teach his disciples. As usual, in Mark’s Gospel, teaching the Apostles is difficult even for Jesus. First, they are men, and second, for the most part they are idiots. Today on the road, they argue as to which of them is the greatest. Jesus teaches with a paradox: “The last will be first. —and—if any would be great, become the ‘servant of all’—become like this little child.”

There are many examples of this in Christian history: Francis of Assisi; Therese of Lisieux; Mother Teresa, and Patre Pio, to name but a few.

There are lessons here for all of us. ‘Do you have a good woman in your life’? —It is the wrong question, stupid!-----The correct question is: ‘ Are you in the life of a good, strong, creative, brilliant woman’? Amen.

# Sundays Service

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## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Psalm: 19:7-14

The Epistle: 5:13-20

Gospel: 9:38-50

### This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: John Warriner

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality: Ellen Ely

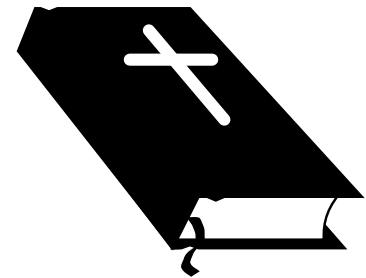
### This week's Hymns:

God of the prophets

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

All who hunger gather gladly

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing



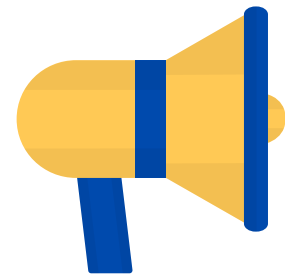
### This week's Gospel according to: Mark

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

# Happenings and Announcements



## **Sleeping Bag Ministry is up and running again!**

Its that time of year when the mornings stay a little bit cooler from overnight and that means that sleeping bags are now back in demand. If you would like to come help out, they meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10 am here at the church, downstairs in Room 1. We hope to see you there!

## **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.



## **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:**

Sandy Nagy 9/6, Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19, Sean Eckert 9/28



## **This Months Anniversaries:**

Harry & Wanda Peirce: Sept. 4 1981

## **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

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 22, 2024

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

The September 22nd, 2024, 10:00 Morning Prayer service was led by Lynne Graham. John Warriner read the announcements and Vickie Calby served as lector. Jeanette Davis played a prelude, 3 hymns and a postlude on the organ. 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.



## Inclement Weather

It's officially fall now and winter is coming. Don't forget--if it looks kinda iffy, turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station. Let's hope that won't be for a while!





## The Recovery Fair

On Saturday, September 21st, the second Recovery Fair was held on the Green. There were activities for the children, free lunch, inspirational speakers, and many educational vendors including Stop the Stigma from St. Paul's.



## Teddy is Leaving

She didn't want a cake or a goodbye party but last Sunday was Teddy Cameron's last.

She is moving to a retirement community near New York City. We will miss her and the soup and sleeping bag folks have lost a good helper.



## Property Maintenance

Fall means it's time for Cooper Van Cott to put some fertilizer on the grass and do some fall clean up. He was zipping around on his spreader this week. Maybe he will ride it in the July 4th parade.



## FALL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“When the air turns crisp and the leaves start to fall, you know autumn is calling.” We finally had some rain, but there was a hint of fall with it. The geese are doing their short flights, still here but they are getting the young ones ready for the big trip to the south. You can hear them honking. Farmers are starting to cut the corn for silage. The woolly bear caterpillars have started appearing. Are they able to predict the winter, who knows? Barberry shrubs have their fall berries on them, kids used to use them for ammunition to throw at each other on the way to school. First one tree turns, then the rest. This red maple decided to start early. An immature bald eagle on a dead deer on Griffis Hill Road. It’s Fall.

