



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

December 22- December 28



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

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You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call John Warriner at 570-278-2317.

Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden

Vickie Calby, Jr. Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer

Wanda Peirce, Clerk

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Dan Graham

Vera Dunn

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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 Pulpit:

Luke

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

View from the Pew: Wanda Peirce

Angels Among Us

We've all heard that saying many times. There's even a song by the group Alabama called "Angels among us". If I ever had even the slightest doubt it was true, that doubt has been put to rest many times over in the last 2+ months since Harry's accident. It started with several of our lake families who helped Harry the night of the fall. Who stayed the entire night at the hospital with me. Who took care of our house and fur babies till I got home. Our St Paul's family and Emmanuel families, lake family, and our many friends and relatives who shop for me, give me rides, pray, send encouraging messages daily and sit with Harry at the hospital when I'm not there. These are the angels among us that we know. Then there are the ones we don't know – Like the awesome staff at Wilson ICU and Good Shepherd Specialty. Like the lady, who's a friend of a friend, that offered me (and Brindi and Shadow) her house to stay in that is 6 miles from the hospital in Bethlehem. Or the lady at the self-checkout at Weis. After seeing the stressed foggy headed look on my face (Harry has done shopping for 25 years), emptied the cart, rang everything up and then gave me a big hug. When I started to cry she hugged me more. And the girlfriend of one of my contractors who, after meeting for the first time, offered to have me stay at her home when Harry goes to the rehab facility. All Angels among us. We feel so thankful and blessed.

Sundays Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: 80:1-7

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: John Warriner

Altar Guild: Barb U. & Sandy S.

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

Creator of the stars of night

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus



This week's Gospel according to: Luke

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Happenings and Announcements

Harry Peirce Update

Update- been a good week. 4 days of in chair and 8+ hours off vent. Sat on edge of bed supporting himself with shoulders and arms. Yesterday was a sleepy restful day and today out of bed and going for 12 hours off. This morning Harry had a swallow test and passed with flying colors. Was able to have a real dinner of Roast beef, mashed potato, carrots, applesauce. For time being they will have him on feeding tube at night and food during the day to build up his appetite. The joke around the hospital today was that they all wanted beer for him!! He is also working on 14 hours off the vent and did so yesterday as well. His smile today was infectious and so proud of himself. "One moment at a time-prayers work" also a picture from Rich. So nice of our 3 granddaughters, Victor n Martha, and Bob n Vera to join us for Eagles visit!!! Lol



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Harry Peirce, Linda Landis, Todd Davies



This Months Birthdays:

Dan Graham 12/4, Vera Dunn 12/13, John Warriner 12/31



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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

The December 15th, 2024, live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read the announcements and Vickie Calby served as lector. Penny Jagers played a prelude, 3 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.



Mr. Fix It

Here's a typical photograph of John Finlon as he fixes yet another thing. This one was a bad outlet under the kitchen counter. He's St. Paul's electrician, plumber and overall handyman. We are lucky to have him.



Coats for our Community

Coats for Our Community had their last distribution date this week. They will be set up here at St. Paul's to coincide with Susquehanna County Interfaith's Christmas Bureau on December 18th and 19th. We have distributed over 1,300 coats so far at eight sites plus the Food Bank. The Montrose High School Key Club under Ms. Halliburton helped set up the coats this week.



Collections for Diapers

Once again, during Advent, we will sponsor a community diaper drive to help us focus on the birth of Jesus. Please bring in donations of any size diapers and put them on the chairs in the choir section. Thank you for your generosity.



MID- DECEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things—not the great occasions—give off the greatest glow of happiness." It's been a cold, snowy week. The deer hunters earned their stripes as the temps were really low and the wind high. Snow, Snow, Snow. Christmas is less than a week away! Get ready.

