

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

February 23- March 1



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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: Father Bill

“Trust God’s truth.”

The 6th Sunday of the Epiphany, begins with a reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Here the prophet uses Israel’s Wilderness experience to teach about God’s providence. For Israel knew too well, that survival depended on finding those fertile places, where life could flourish, and water was plentiful. Just so, are those who trust in God, and sink their roots in his law and love. Only God, the Lord, can be trusted with the human heart, for God never betrays those who trust in him.

This makes us pause to ask: “Who do we trust with our heart? Who has never, and will never, betray our trust? —Such a person is of more value than a treasure found in a field, or a pearl of great price. Can you on reflection, state that you have ever found a friend like that? ---In all your life, all your troubles, have you ever thought to place all your trust in the God of love, who created you? Why? Why not? Maybe, because God is our Father, and we, his children.”

In the 2nd Reading, from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, he touches on the central theme of his theology. ‘Everything depends on Christ having risen from the dead.’ Resurrection is central for Paul, because he has seen the risen Christ, and experienced that flood of the ‘Spirit’ that changed his life. Without resurrection there would be no Christ to proclaim. With Resurrection our salvation, our rising, is assured. We, ‘ecclesia’ are the result of Christ’s life, death, and Resurrection.

In the Gospel from Luke 6:17f Jesus comes down the mountain and teaches the crowd on the barren plain. Power has left him from all who have touched him for healing. Now he utters the words that we know as the ‘Beatitudes’. They are sacred. They are the unfolding of the great commandment the ‘hesed’ of God that mandates we ‘love our neighbor’. “Blessed are the poor for theirs is the Kingdom of God!”

More than that, the Gospel and the words of Jesus, condemn the rich, the powerful, the merciless, the greedy, and the purveyors of misery, on all who suffer. It is a judgment in the tradition of the prophets, with their ‘Woe Oracles!’ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, you will be hungry; woe to you who laugh, you will mourn. Woe to you who receive praise, for you have heard false prophets.”

Somewhere in the Beatitudes, there is the essence of the word: ‘Truth’. Not a popular word when today politicians state: “Truth is what I say it is!” No, my friend! Long before you were weaned, God stamped his truth on the human soul and heart. Live by God’s truth and you will be loved by God, and you in humility, will love God and his truth. Amen.

Sundays Service

Feb 23



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms: 37:1-12, 41-42

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Lynne Graham

Hospitality: Dave Robbins

This week's Hymns:

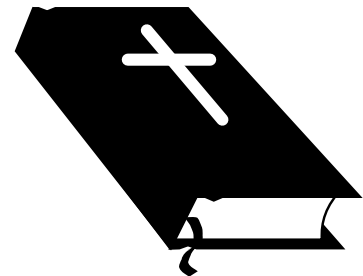
Tell out my soul

My God, how wonderful thou art

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Will you come and follow me



This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website

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

Happenings and Announcements

Pancake Supper Right Around the Bend

Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church is having its free annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, beginning at 5:30. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, homemade desserts and beverages. Please come and join us and bring your friends. Mardi Gras costumes welcome! See you there.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Harry Peirce, Linda Landis, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Rudy Mattes



This Months Birthdays:

Wanda Peirce 2/1, Kristina Rogers 2/24, Carol Lasher 2/27, Nancy Finlon 2/28



This Months Anniversaries:

John & Gaby Warriner: 2/4/1990
Bob & Vera Dunn: 2/20/1971

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, February 16, 2025

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Church has been canceled two weekends in a row because of the inclement weather we have been having here. It's a hard decision to make, but with the possibility of up to three inches of snow that was to fall Saturday night, and to keep us all safe, church service was canceled. The Reverend Susan Treanor agreed to return (again) for next week's Eucharist service. Thank you, Susan.



Fireplace

Don't have a fireplace at home to curl up next to or stare into and think great thoughts? Come to coffee hour after church and warm yourself near ours. It's the best.

Par For the Corpse

You may have seen lights on in the Parish Hall the last couple weeks on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The actors in a murder mystery dinner show have been practicing at St. Paul's. The dinner and show will be at Tall Pines Players Club in Friendsville on March 1st and March 2nd. .



Eggs

It was a bad time for the price of eggs to skyrocket. Price chopper has a dozen for \$5.94. Our pancake supper is coming up on Tuesday, March 4th and we use 20 dozen of them. Martha has asked her chickens to pick up the pace to help us out. Donation of a dozen would ease their burden.



Mid- FEBRUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind, If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" It's been a cold, snowy, icy, miserable Susquehanna County week. For the second week in a row, church was canceled. But, what a difference a day makes. Took the picture of the deer on a sunny but cold Friday night, but there was lots of snow on Saturday and freezing by Sunday. Maple syrup collection, a staple in Susquehanna County, has started. It's a good week for a book and a fire. It's winter in Susquehanna County.

