

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Weekly Update

February 16- February 22



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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

## “Everything?”

There comes a time, a day, an hour, when you know, with no shred of doubt, that you have been put on this earth for a purpose. If you are fortunate, really fortunate, that time will come to you early. You will have a chance to fulfill that purpose. If not, and it comes to you late, you may well spend whatever time you have left in life, looking back and asking yourself: “Have I completed the purpose that God put me on this earth to fulfill?” Say it with me; “I have a purpose!” --- If it was St Paul replying, he would surely say: “I have one purpose and it is to proclaim Jesus Christ and him crucified, who rose on the Third Day!” For Paul this was his everything, nothing else in life mattered, not shipwrecks, imprisonment, or even death itself. For Paul lived his ‘life for Christ’, what comes after that, can only be good, because with Christ, he had everything.

I think that I am beginning to understand Paul’s thinking. Most of us worry about life, about death, and about judgement, and heaven, and even an afterlife. Paul states that he does not care, not one jot. Once he discovered Christ, he knew that nothing else mattered. Christ was his answer. Christ was his beginning, and his end. Christ takes care of everything

Even if you did; even if you did agree with Paul; even if you too made Christ your everything; there is still a question you need to answer: “What are you going to do about it?” You see, talk is cheap. Anyone can say that ‘Christ is my everything!’ What differences does it make if you leave it there? I can say I am going to win the Superbowl. What does saying it matter if I have never played or touched a football?

If you believe that Christ is your everything, then you need to get into the game. That is if you want to call it a game. I prefer to call it war. Yes, a war! Because if Christ is your everything, you better lock and load and arm yourself with everything that concerned him; everything he cared about; everything he worked for, and most of all everything he died for.

If you do not care about the poor, the migrant, the sick, the leper, the mentally handicapped, the black brother, the state of the world, the state of America; if you don’t care about sin, and ridding your own life of it, then Christ is not your everything. Find another purpose. Go and make yourself rich. Buy a house. Own ten houses. Have the most expensive car. —And lying on your death bed in forty years’ time, again ask yourself the question: “What is my purpose!?”

For if Jesus Christ is your purpose, you do not care one fig for what you possess. If you love Jesus, then you love all that he loves. Find your purpose, and you will wake up to the question: “What can I do for Christ today? Whatever schedule I have this day, I wrote you a blank check to change it Lord, to your purpose!” Amen.

# Sundays Service

Feb 16



## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm: 138

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### 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 Ministers:

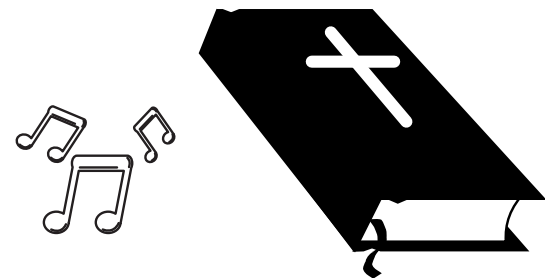
Celebrant: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality: Dave Robbins



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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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, Todd Davies, 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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2025

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

Out of an abundance of caution, due to the ice and snow that was expected overnight, our church service was canceled. The Reverend Susan Treanor will return for next week's Eucharist service.

## Altar Guild

What would we do without these ladies and gents who dress the altar every week and take care of all the duties in the chancel? Thank an Altar Guild member this week.



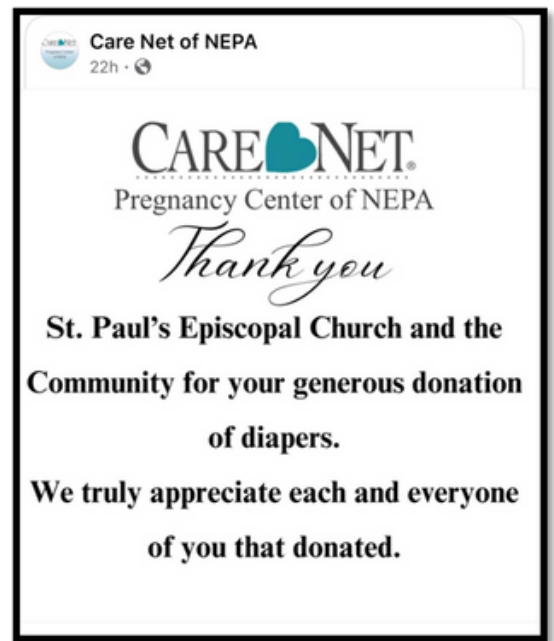
## Movie Night

We decided to start up Friday movie night again. With our new sound system, we could all hear the movie. We were advised to bring a comfortable chair, a snack to share, and a drink. The movie was Kiki's Delivery Service, a Japanese animated film, rated G. Young ones were invited and one came!! Can you find him/her?

## Diapers

We received a nice thank you from CareNet for the diapers that we collected and delivered.

CareNet put the thank you up on Montrose Then and Now. Thanks to all the St. Paul's folks and those in the community who helped supply diapers to WRC and CareNet. It was a meaningful Advent event.



## Soup

February 5th was soup night. Thanks to soup honcho Martha Cobb, and all the soup makers, six pots of soup were cooking on the stove ready to be put into containers in the meal bags. We give out about 100 meals each month thanks to you and our volunteers.

## A Florida Shout Out

The Undercofflers are visiting Bob and Vera Dunn down in Florida and Vera took this picture of Barb borrowing a book from the local Little Free Library (or telephone booth). You snowbirds enjoy the sun because it's COLD and snowy up here.



## Lent Bible Study

Who's up for a Lenten Bible study this year? Lot of good times in years past. Check this group out.

## EARLY FEBRUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” We continued to have cold weather and lots of snow. We had a full moon this week and you didn’t need a flashlight to walk the dogs across the field toward the house. The woods have snow in them and you can see what animals were there before you. It’s winter in Susquehanna County.

