

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

June 1- June 7



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

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

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Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden	Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden
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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:

The Rev.
Susan Treanor

The sense and feeling in the parish this last week and prior has been care for Wanda and Harry Peirce. This continued this past Sunday and will continue: planning for the benefit for them, the benefit itself and in our caring for Wanda as she copes with her present and future.

I want to tell Wanda, her family friends and you: I find Americans horrible about loss and grief. I can't tell you how many times I have heard: "aren't you over that yet"? No... grief lasts forever. It changes over time. Hopefully the relationship we have had becomes a comfort and we settle into what we like about ourselves that the relationship fostered and therefore gratitude.

I am so proud of the ways this parish has shown its love for Harry and Wanda:

I heard about his accident the first day I returned in March

Food has been flooding in, the benefit was planned, people took classes so they could help with Harry's care at home, parish member were at the hospital and with him when he died.

This is Christian community and love as it should be.

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As your priest, I hope to be spending some time with each of you to begin to get to know you.

As a heads up I wanted to share with you some of the things we might be discussing:

What do you want me to know about you?

If your nametag had your name and space for the gift you are and bring to the world, what is that gift?

Please tell me about ministries or church/community needs you feel strongly about. What do you want to give yourself to?

What would you like to do in church that you are not currently doing?

What obligations do you have on a consistent basis?

What brought you to St Paul's?

What keeps you coming?

What is your favorite hymn?

What do you appreciate about St Paul's worship, ministries, community?

What do you want to you to stay the same?

What would you like to see change?

Do you have questions for me?

Is there someplace you go or something you do that builds you up outside the church?

What is the distance you live from St Paul's?

In my mind, the first 2 items are most important but look these over and see what else you want to share. I am thinking these first one on ones will be short: about 30 minutes. I hope you will want to follow up with more.

In Love,

Rev. Susan

View from the Pew: Dan Graham

Memorial Day

I'm a veteran. I know this because the clerks at Lowe's give me a half-hearted "thank you for your service" when I use my card to get a 10% veteran's discount. Fifty-four years ago this week, I landed in Korea and arrived on the DMZ there. It seems hard to believe. Where do the years go?

Memorial Day, originally Decoration Day, was established after the Civil War to remember the soldiers who had died. It is celebrated today with parades and the decoration of graves. When I was young, our town had a parade on Memorial Day every year. Not as big as Montrose's July 4th one, it was well attended by most of the people in our town. If you weren't in it, you were watching it. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League teams, church groups, all marched behind the town's two fire trucks. In front of the fire trucks, walking four abreast, were the young vets, WWII guys who were followed in convertibles by the old WWI guys, and even a couple of Spanish American War vets. Leading everyone, was the high school band. Following everybody were bystanders and all the siblings and parents who had kids marching. We marched from the high school through town to the cemetery to the Civil War section where there were prayers from the ministers and speeches from the vets about sacrifices and about their comrades who didn't come home. The young marchers had to sit and listen, but we were really checking out the hot dogs and sodas we got for marching when the speeches were over. Afterward, I would go with my Dad to pull weeds and put flowers on his mother's grave. Good memories.

My parade marching days are, of course, long past and I am now one of the Church Street bystanders. As I grew older, I gained an understanding of what those long ago speakers were trying to say and after serving myself, I understood the significance of those young soldiers' sacrifices. America remains free, politically and religiously, because of those sacrifices. While it's a cliché and over used, freedom isn't really free. We should remember those who served and honor those who gave their lives to give it to us. Next Memorial Day, thank a veteran for our freedom. They will appreciate it! (Originally printed in May 2023)

"Did they beat the drum slowly, did they play the Fife lowly, did your comrades walk the death march as they lowered you down?"

Sundays Service

June 1



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

The Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild:

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Lynne Graham

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

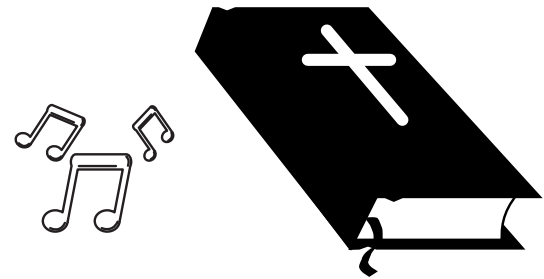
Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Christ is the world's true Light

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!



This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Happenings and Announcements

- Last Tuesday, Rev. Susan and I attended the Convocation 1 meeting at Church of the Redeemer in Sayre with Bishop Kevin and Canon Melinda and 15 others. Still heading towards reunification this coming January. Bishop Audrey will become our bishop and Bishop Kevin the assistant bishop until Audrey retires in 2027. At that point Bishop Kevin will be the provisional bishop until his retirement in February 2030 when a new one will be elected and installed.
- Rev. Susan encourages you to schedule a one-on-one with her. Get with Kate in the office to make arrangements.
- Morning Prayer service at Meadow View on Thursday at 10.
- Lynne passed around a list this Sunday for people to sign up to bring desserts for Harry and Wanda's benefit. See Lynne if you would like to sign up and didn't get a chance to on Sunday.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Richard Marker, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Rudy Mattes, Jim McGee, Carol Lasher



This Months Birthdays:

Bob Kimmel 5/1, Harry Peirce 5/9, Richard Marker 5/10, Gaby Warriner 5/26, Kate Aukema 5/27, Jerry Sock 5/29



This Months Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries this month!

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 of Easter, May 25, 2025

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

The sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and served as lector. 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.



The Celebration of New Ministry

On Sunday, we celebrated Rev. Susan's New Ministry. "We have come together today to welcome The Reverend Susan Treanor, who has been chosen to serve as our Priest in Charge of St. Paul's. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected."



Parishioner Harry Peirce's Death

Brothers and Sisters,

We want to share with you the news that Harry P died late this afternoon (May 23). His condition had deteriorated over the past few days and he was transferred to the hospital this morning. Wanda, his granddaughter, his son and daughter in law, his brother, Rev. Susan, John and Lynne, Martha and Victor, and Kim from the Lake all took turns being with him. Rev. Susan anointed him. St Paul's as well as the Lake community benefited greatly from Harry's and Wanda's presence and love. Wanda wants our communal remembrances to be celebrations of his life.

As your priest, I believe that God has been very present with Wanda and Harry especially in these last months since Harry's fall. Harry desperately wanted to get back home. He, Wanda and numerous helpers made that happen. I believe he and Wanda both came to realize how hard life would be coping with his injury and his new reality. His body was not up to the task and I think Harry might have been able to accept death as yet another way of taking care of Wanda.

May his soul rest now in the love of Christ and may Christ's love and our parish's love for the two of them support Wanda in her grief. Rev. Susan Treanor.



St. Paul's Receives Check

Joe Borrelli presented two checks to Dan Graham for St. Paul's on behalf of the Endless Mountains Theater Company productions. They thanked us for letting them use the church. While presenting, Joe dropped into character and was Joe Johnston, retired longshoreman and unhappy Happy Hollow Rest Home resident from the last play! Those theater folks!!!



Peirce Benefit

We plan, but none of us owns our future.

Many of you have been reading and hearing about the benefit planned for Harry Peirce. It is with great sadness we must tell you Harry passed away on Friday, May 23rd, with Wanda by his side as well as family and some friends.

Harry and Wanda's story must be told to fully understand the impact of what can happen in a second and change lives forever.

Harry and Wanda Peirce have a charming home on Bel-Air Lake, in the Montrose area where they loved to entertain lake friends, church friends, new friends -- everyone is welcome. You could always count on Harry for a smile and a joke.

Their nightmare began on October 12, 2024, when Harry went out to take their dog Brindi for a walk and woke up the next day unable to move or breathe, talk, or eat on his own.

Harry fainted for reasons unknown and fell on his face in the driveway. He was rushed to a nearby trauma hospital in Johnson City, NY, and underwent extensive surgery to repair the frayed vertebrae in his neck. The fall left him completely paralyzed from the neck down with no use of any of his limbs.

Harry was transferred several times. During each step of these transfers, he was making progress Harry was able to be off the ventilator for short periods of time, and he could eat with help. But apparently that was not enough for the insurance companies. Insurance decided Harry could no longer stay at Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital where he was receiving excellent care.

He was sent to Fox Subacute Rehab Center where Harry had a very difficult time under their care. Unfortunately, he took several steps backward during his time there due to their extreme lack of care.

Harry and Wanda's prayer was to bring Harry home to Montrose and on May 12, 2025, their prayer was answered. For a few days Harry was able to look out at his beloved Bel-Air Lake and smile.

The cost of Harry's ongoing care has been daunting. The expenditures for all the special equipment he needed has been estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars. The gap between what insurance will and will not cover is frightening. Now these overwhelming expenses fall to Wanda to deal with. She will need our help.

On Friday, June 13th at 5:00 PM, at the VFW Post # 5642, on Route 706, a benefit will be held for Wanda to help with the outstanding medical expenses. Tickets are \$30 each, \$55 a couple. Reservations are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. To get your reservation, call Lynne Graham at (570) 396-7612.

From 5:00 to 6:30 dinner will be served, with your choice of Irish Stew (beef) or Shepherd's Pie (beef). At 7:00, local musicians Kelly and Sue Pratt will entertain us with Irish Music! To add to the fun, a Silent Auction will be held featuring many fabulous handmade items by local artists as well as artists from the Lehigh Valley area where Harry and Wanda used to live. 50/50 tickets are currently being sold. You can call the office at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, (570) 278-2954 to find out how to purchase your tickets or get them at the benefit.

Please come to support Wanda on June 13th, enjoy a lovely meal, kick up your heels to Irish music, and maybe win an item of your dreams at the Silent Auction. Oh yes, let's not forget the possibility of winning \$'s in the 50/50. Bring your friends! It will be a wonderful evening and every little bit helps!

Wanda likes to say..."one moment at a time, prayers work".

The Benefit is Still On

Yes, it's still on. The expenses are still there. After talking to Wanda, we decided to have a "Celebration of Life" for Harry. It's still at the Montrose VFW on June 13th. Dinner still will be served 5:00 to 6:30 and Kelly and Sue Pratt will still perform Irish music at 7:00. We decided to keep the flyers out there the same. Silent Auction donations are still needed. Tickets are still \$30 or \$55 a couple. Lynne at 570-396-7612 still needs to be contacted to make reservations. We still hope that you will join us and will bring as many friends as possible. We plan a really fun night and one that will help Wanda.



As a result of a fall, our dear friend and neighbor **Harry Peirce** is now quadriplegic requiring long term care and rehabilitation.

Friends of Harry are sponsoring a

BENEFIT DINNER

FRIDAY JUNE 13 at 5:00 PM - 6:30 DINNER

7:00 Irish Music by Kelly and Sue Pratt

Menu: CHOICE OF SHEPHERD'S PIE (BEEF) OR IRISH STEW (BEEF)

VFW Post # 5642
16972 State Rt. 706
Montrose, Pa. 18801

- BREAD BUTTER
- SALAD
- DESSERT
- TABLE SNACKS
- BEVERAGES

Cost with meal \$30.00 \$55.00/couple

Donations are graciously appreciated

Walk-ins welcome Pay at door

Silent Auction 50/50

Make checks payable to St Paul's Church/Peirce Benefit
Reservations required for meal Lynne Graham 570-396-7612

Kelly and Sue Pratt

Kelly and Sue Pratt will be doing the entertaining at the benefit. They performed at the St. Brigid dinner in 2019 at St. Paul's and were a hit. We are looking forward to having them play and giving us a night of Irish music.



Dulcimer Class

If you want some fun, stop in and listen to the Dulcimer Class. It's really cool music and the students are very talented.



Birthday Girl

Happy Birthday to Gaby! On Sunday, John brought a cake and one candle (but it was a big one) during coffee hour and we all got to sing happy birthday. "How old are you now..."



Memorial Day

Montrose's annual Memorial Day parade was on Monday. While not as big as the July 4th one, it's always fun to watch. It takes the same route as the July 4th one.



LATE-MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." Another spectacular sunrise – almost Godly. German Iris' are blooming, an old favorite. Cows in a foggy Susquehanna morning. Wild flowers keep coming, mustard grass and butter cups. The farmers are doing their first cutting. The rain created a bumper crop. Spring in Susquehanna County.

