

**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

June 15 -June 21



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

## **Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:**

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Susan Treanor at 845-800-0107.

## **Our Vestry Members**

John Warriner, Sr. Warden

Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer

Wanda Peirce, Clerk

Vera Dunn

Dan Graham

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**Donations** 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:

The Rev.  
Susan Treanor

One of the things I hope you have been hearing as a theme of mine is God is abundant. We see this in creation, in the gift of His Son Jesus, in the gift of and continued presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, in the many ways in which we can create, support and sustain life.

My experience of the way we have been distributing communion is that it emphasizes fear and scarcity rather than God's abundance. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper it was at a meal. He blessed bread and wine and the disciples ate it and drank from the common cup. He told them and us to continue this practice in memory of Him.

The early church continued this practice in house churches. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addressed this practice and criticized the ways some of the Corinthians were bringing food for themselves and eating it at the table by themselves before the sharing of the bread and wine, the reason for the gathering.

As the number of followers of Jesus and His "Way" increased, and Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, things changed. The faithful built cathedrals, worship was no longer a community meal, we went thru a time when only the priest drank from the cup. Whether or not you spoke Latin, worship was carried on in Latin. Some, maybe many churches were built with a see thru wall between the congregation and the altar. The priest celebrated the Eucharist with his back to the people. There was no meal, no sharing around a table.

We continued changing. The bible was translated into numerous languages, Worship included communion in the form of bread and wine, the body and blood offered to all. In the Episcopal Church we invented coffee hour, our additional sacrament.

Even before COVID our meals together at home or in restaurants did not include sharing drinks from a common cup. Then COVID hit. Here in the Diocese of Bethlehem our churches were closed. We could not celebrate the Eucharist together. When we returned, we were traumatized. We were not used to being in groups. Some of our churches had rules about how much physical distance there was between us. We wore masks. We touched elbows at the peace or perhaps we waved. Some of us began the practice of intinction, that is dipping the bread into the common cup.

Here at St Paul's this practice of intinction has evolved from each person receiving the host and dipping it and sometimes their fingers holding the host into the common cup. We changed this to offering a choice. You could signal me that you wanted the host and wanted to drink from the chalice or signal me that you wanted to receive the host dipped in the wine. In this case, the only fingers going into the chalice were mine. You could also choose not to receive wine at all or chose a blessing instead of bread and wine.

Intinction whether by me or the person receiving is said by science to be unsanitary. Be that as it may, in my evaluation, intinction is the product of fear. We should not be coming to receive communion in fear, especially fear of being made ill by communion. So our practice of sharing communion is evolving. You can still choose. However, a member has donated the purchase of a common cup or chalice with a pouring lip.



I will consecrate the wine in this common cup and then pour it into individual small cups. I will offer the hosts and the chalcist will offer the small cups of wine or consecrated grape juice (see why below) on a tray. Intinction will not be an option.

This opens up for me some new questions:

What about our members who drank from the common cup? Can that and should that still be an option?

What about members who do not want to be drinking wine? Some of our churches are silently consecrating both wine and grape juice. I intend to join them.

What about the quarter sized hosts we have become accustomed to in place of bread? That smacks to me of scarcity, not God's abundance. It did not evolve from COVID or fear but rather, I believe from convenience. Can we use member-baked bread for our service?

My schedule:

Because of the benefit for Harry and Wanda on the 13th and Harry's service on the 21st, my schedule these two weeks will not be Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be Sunday, Friday and Saturday.

That's it for now. I welcome your thoughts.

In Christ,  
Rev. Susan

# Sundays Service

June 15



## The First Sunday After Pentecost

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Response: Canticle 2

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

### This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

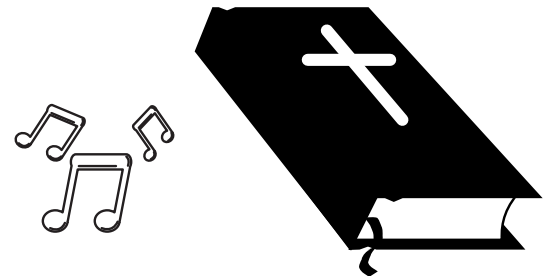
Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality:

### This week's Hymns:

Come, Thou font of every blessing  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
God is love, let heaven adore him  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise



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

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



# Happenings and Announcements

## **Peirce Benefit:**

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5PM, Montrose VFW. Come out for a great time! (details below in Events)

## **Vestry Meeting**

There will be a Vestry Meeting at 5PM on June 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## **Harry Peirce: Celebration of Life**

Saturday, June 21, 1PM visitation, 2PM Service



### **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, Elaine Petrzala



### **This Months Birthdays:**

Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, Jack Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21



### **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

Pentecost, June 8th, 2025

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. Lynne Graham 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.



**Did You Wear Red  
This Past Sunday?**

*Don't forget to WEAR RED this  
Sunday for Pentecost!*



We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirit!

## **The Peirce Benefit is Still On Friday, June 13th**

Yes, you heard it here. It's still on this Friday. 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.

### **Kelly and Sue Pratt**

Local musicians, 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. Don't miss out—come be Irish for the evening!!



### **The Heat is Off**

St. Paul's heat has been turned off for the summer and that means the front door will remain open and the glass doors locked. Our hot water, which is normally heated by the heating system, will now be heated by the water heater. Please leave any internal doors open to facilitate airflow.





## Food Pantry

St. Paul's food pantry is always in need of some donations of food. Bring something if you can when you come to church. "Take what you need \*\*\* Give what you can."



## June is Iris Time In Montrose





## EARLY JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June." It's still raining. We had the wettest May on record here. Dewy wet mornings with fog. The rain is making the fields grow and a horse has found some buttercups. A male and female tree swallow are enjoying a moment off the nest in the box they are using. Baby birds are hatching. Wild daisies are blooming. It's late spring in Susquehanna County.

