

**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

June 22-June 28



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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**

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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

From the pulpit, that is the pulpit at Grace Church Honesdale and the priest in Charge there: Jay O'Rear. This note touched me and I hope it touches you.

Rev Susan

Dear Grace Family and Friends—

This past Sunday, Deacon Joe shared a book meaningful to him called *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackey. The wisdom of this short, beautiful book reminds us that the Holy Spirit does, in fact, work through many channels, including those of art, music, and literature. Mackey's book reminds me in some ways of another favorite book from my childhood, *The Little Prince*, which, though not religious, was certainly instrumental in my own spiritual development. At one point, the Boy says to the Mole, "I wonder if there is a school of unlearning."

For me, coming to The Episcopal Church was very much like coming to a school of unlearning—unlearning the ideas that God was vengeful, judgmental, or exclusionary. Or that God only loved certain kinds of people, or who believed all the same way, or agreed about everything. Living in Christian community with others who aren't just like us can be challenging, but once you've unlearned the ways of religious division and extremism that so many of us were taught growing up, you just can't go back.

Thanks to all of you for choosing to be part of a church that accommodates a wide range of beliefs under the umbrella of "common prayer" rather than rigid doctrine. As we "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being," we offer a refuge to those who may be searching for a "school of unlearning."

And for those of us who may have been told we are "less than" because of who we are, I leave us with one more quote from Mackey's book:

"So you know all about me?" asked the boy.

"Yes," said the horse.

"And you still love me?"

"We love you all the more."

In the love of our brother Jesus,

Jay+

# Sundays Service

June 22



## The Second Sunday After Pentecost

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Response: Psalm 22:18-27

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

### This week's Hymns:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
As longs the deer for cooling streams  
Come, thou fount of every blessing  
O for a thousand tongues to sing  
Jerusalem my happy home

### This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality:



**This weeks altar  
flowers are from  
Peg Hamlin**




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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for 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

## Soup Night!!

Soup Night in July will be moved to July 9<sup>th</sup> instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In recent years we have moved the July Soup night because it falls really close to our July 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast.

This year is no different as they are only 2 days apart. We hope to see you at both!

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast

Many hands make of light work!

We hope see you all for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast!



### 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, Janet Watrous, Christine Otto



### 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

**First Sunday after Pentecost, June 15th, 2025**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

The First Sunday after Pentecost, June 15th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Tom Undercoffler 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.



## July 4th Breakfast

Get ready – the July 4th breakfast is right around the corner. We need cooks and other helpers to make it a success. Let Lynne know if you can help.





## The Peirce Benefit Was A Success

Harry's "Celebration of Life" was at the Montrose VFW on June 13th. A great dinner was cooked and served by Martha and her crew. Kelly and Sue Pratt performed Irish music. It was really a fun night and Wanda says thank you. We wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped with the planning, provided desserts, food, silent auction gifts, and purchased 50-50 tickets.





## 50-50 Winner

Speaking of the Benefit, Janice Gavern's daughter, Lisa, was the 50-50 winner. We looked for an honest person to pull the lucky ticket, and the Rev. Susan Treanor was the unanimous selection. Congratulations Lisa.



## St. Paul's Bread

When we take up the collection during the service, there is a plate and a basket. The basket donation is used to buy the bread for the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry food distribution. Here's some of the bread that was distributed on the second Friday of this month.



## Dave Robbins Gives a Shout Out

If you haven't seen David Robbins recently, it's because he is in Washington state. Here's a picture with the Bremerton Ship Yard in the background. He will be back this weekend.



## July 4th is Coming

It's a sure sign that July 4th is coming when Cooper Van Cott shows up to trim our hedges and put mulch down. He gets our place looking good for the parade. If you see him working, say hello.



## Those Were the Days

We try to add one photo from our yester years and here is a good one of Ellen, Sandy, Cathy and Vickie at the bake table for the Country Store. What a crew!





## MID-JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

It's late spring in Susquehanna County and it's still raining. The tomatoes don't like it nor does anyone who cuts their grass. Blackberries are flowering, they will be ready to pick and eat while hiking in August. This blacksnake just wiped out the bird box and the four fledgling tree swallows were the meal. He was removed to a farm in Bradford County. That evil, invasive, but beautiful thorn bush, multi flora rose, is blooming and you can see how much it has spread along the road and in the fields. The rain hasn't hurt the clematis but there is an amazing array of fungi growing. First haying is being done but the hay is wet and the brown field where cut turns green in a day.

It's mid-June here in Susquehanna County.

