

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

May 25- May 31



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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

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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

I am at a three day clergy conference.

This conference included both Bishop Kevin from our diocese, Bishop Audrey from Central Pa and priests and deacons from both dioceses. It was led by the Rev. Lester Mackenzie who was the main chaplain at our 2024 convention in Louisville. Lester is now Chief of Mission Program on Bishop Sean's staff. He was born and raised in South Africa, is a internationally traveled and culturally diverse musician "with a passion for reconciliation and building bridges of hope and healing across diverse communities." He led us in 4 sessions in which he asked us to think about a lot of great questions some of which I am going to share with you now.

Time out: Went to dinner and evening prayer! Great-both dinner and evening prayer. Lots of singing Taize' hymns with lots of clerics (a little over 100 of us) who sang their way through seminaries!

Back to Lester's question that spoke to me:

1) We had name tags that had lots of empty space on them. Lester asked us to write below our names for everyone to see "what is the gift that we bring to ourselves and others." (When I meet with you individually to begin to know you, I may ask you this.)

2) Where do I experience signs of Christ's resurrection?

3) Each table of about 8 was asked to draw the roots of a tree, then the trunk, branches and leaves. To fill in the root space we answered: the questions: "Who formed you in faith, helped you survive?" At my table none of us were cradle Episcopalians. For the trunk -Where has God made me strong in surrender, not just success. For the Branches: Where is God stretching you? What scares you and frees you? For the leaves- What joys and surprises have blossomed? Where is resurrection showing up?

Great quotes from?

A person who knows oneself is greater than someone who raises the dead.

Awareness of self is divine recognition.

If you reprove oneself you can be saved.

Enough, that is two sessions of the four. I was wrong to not want to spend this time at this meeting because I was going to be away from you. I am exhausted, and have enough to pray, think and share for many moons.

In love,

Rev. Susan

P.S. I have gotten no response to any of my previous thoughts I have shared. What are you thinking? Agree? Disagree? Not relevant? Is the newsletter a one way info deal? How do I get feedback?

Next week, I'll share with you some of the questions I want to explore with you at our individual meetings.

Sundays Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

The Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher

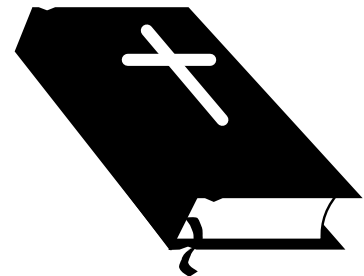
Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

I sing the almighty power of God
All creatures of our God and King
How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
Christ is made the sure foundation
All things bright and beautiful



This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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, Harry Peirce, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Rudy Mattes, Jim Mcgee



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025



The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. Vickie Calby read announcements and Shelly Green 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.



Silent Auction Items Coming In

Silent auction items are starting to come in for the Peirce benefit. Local artist Craig Reimel donated this beautiful barn quilt and Scott Undercoffler donated a cherry bowl he made. Donations are appreciated.





Meadow View Visit

On Wednesday, St. Paul's visited the Meadow View Nursing Home for our monthly Morning Prayer and hymn sing. We had a good crowd and a lively group of songsters this month.

The residents are so appreciative of our being there with them.



Susquehanna Symphony Concert

On Sunday, May 18th, the Susquehanna Symphony Society had their first Scholarship Showcase Concert and Friends and Donors Thank You Tea at St. Paul's. Their inaugural scholarship was bestowed this year in memory of Robert "Joe" Welden. Joe was a noted local musician, artist and parishioner at St. Paul's. The recipient of the scholarship was Tabitha Ellis (pictured left), a senior at Montrose High School. Eighth-grader Penelope Follert also performed. The event was well attended.



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

A Benefit for Harry and Wanda

As you may have already heard, the "Friends of Harry" have decided to hold a benefit for the Peirces. The Montrose VFW has been reserved for Jun 13th. Dinner will be served 5:00 to 6:30 and Kelly and Sue Pratt will perform Irish music at 7:00. Richard Marker has designed a flyer that will be distributed ASAP. Silent Auction donations are requested. Tickets will be \$30 or \$55 a couple. Contact Lynne at 570-396-7612 to make reservations. We 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 Harry and Wanda.

Wildflower Time

When you are driving, take a look on the side of the roads. The spring wildflowers are just waiting to be looked at and are just popping out. . From the common Flea Bane white daisy, to a zillion others. It's why we live in Susquehanna County.



MID-MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"A wild flower that blooms in May -- A lovely sunset at the end of the day -- Someone helping a stranger along the way -- That's heaven to me." A colder week. If you like rain, it's been a good week for you. If you have any grass to cut, well we're not sure. When it's not raining the sunrises and sunsets call. We really do have nice ones here. The first old German Irises just bloomed – a white rather than purple one. A walk in the woods found a trillium, that dainty lily-like flower. The dogs got to take their walk between rain drops. A porcupine was walking across the yard like he owns it. And he did, so we can avoid quills in the dogs' muzzles. It's mid-May in Susquehanna County,

