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Weekly Update

July 20- July 26



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801 Office 570-278-2954, Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:00pm Click on link to email St. Paul's: stpaulsmontrose@epix.net Click on link to go to our Website: http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org Click on link to go to our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose 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 John Finlon, Treasurer Vera Dunn Sandy Seeger

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

What's in a Name?

As you know, I am just back from Ireland and Wales. While in Ireland, I went to see a cousin who is 83, a relatively recent widow who is still able to live alone. Breege, Liam, her son, and I had tea. During the conversation she said she was proud that although many family members had left Ireland and settled in other countries, they still name their children traditional Irish names.

Liam is Irish for William. My father and brother both are Williams. The other names Breege said were Daniel, John, Mary and Anne. All of these names are common in my family. I did not tell Breege that Richard, Marc, Adam, Jan, were also in the family and none of the names were picked because they were from the old country. In fact, as I have told many of you when I asked my father what it meant to be Irish, his response was: You are not Irish. You are American."

Why I am sharing this is we are in the process of picking a name for St Paul's. I am referring to our mission statement. The background for this is the belief that none or few of us are aware of our current mission statement. Our Bulletin says:" Serving Montrose and surrounding communities with God's Love through Jesus Christ" Another source says: "To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another." Do you know?

There are "rules" about mission statements: One is they should be short. Another is that we should all know it and I would say claim it. Our current statement does not meet this criteria. Thus the searching for a new one. Please think of this as a name. Who are we? To what do we aspire? There are currently three ideas on the table but hardly anyone has contributed to this search. If someone asks: "describe your church's mission" what do you say? When we do pick a name/mission statement it should resonate in our hearts with 'Yes, that is us'.

-Susan

Sundays Service The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a Response: Psalm 15 The Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

This week's Hymns:

This Week's Ministers:

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Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor Altar Guild: Announcements: John Warriner Lector: Tom Undercoffler Hospitality:

Love divine, all loves excelling Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim When I survey the wondrous cross Glorious things of thee are spoken

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Happenings and Announcements

- Father Joseph Sudano, also known as Father Joe graciously agreed to officiate our Eucharist this past Sunday for Susan, who's back this week from her trip to Ireland and Wales.
- Here's a quick rundown of our mission statement. We welcome new suggestions that you may have or choose one of the three below. Let Rev. Susan Treanor, John Warriner, or Lynne Graham know:
- 1. We're all about welcoming everyone into Christ's love at St. Paul's.
- 2. We embrace everyone in Christ through love and service.
- 3. We feed souls and bodies through the love of Christ.
- Now, I need your help! We're looking for a coffee hour volunteer for July 20th.
- Thanks a bunch to all the volunteers who made Soup Night a success last week. We had a bit lighter soup orders because of the July 4th festivities.
- On a different note, I'm scheduling a movie night for Wednesday, July 23rd. The movie I'm thinking of is The Last Temptation of Christ (1988).
- If you happen to notice the Little Free Pantry needs some attention, please feel free to contribute any items you can add to the shelves. We'd really appreciate it!
- And finally, Jack and Carol Lasher's farewell dinner is this Friday, the 18th, at Green Gables in New Milford. Please come join us as we bid them a fond farewell. We wish them calm winds and following seas.

In Peace,

John Warriner

The link to the right will take you to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation website! Please check it out!!



September 13, 2025. It includes the following events: Adult Registration, First Responders & Military Registration, Youth Registration 13 to 17 yrs,

Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Richard Marker, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Jim Mcgee, Carol Lasher, Elaine Petrzala, Janet Watrous, Christine Otto, Chas Zellner



This Months Birthdays:

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Stephanie Calby 7/25



This Months Anniversaries:

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 Pentecost, July 13th , 2025

I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord, Forgiven, Loved, And Free; In Awe And Wonder To Recall His Life Laid Down For Me.

The fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 13th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the newly ordained Rev. Joseph Sudano. (Rev. Treanor is on vacation in Ireland). John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham read the lessons. 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.



Officially Summertime

While summer officially started June 20th this year, everyone knows it doesn't start until LaRue's corn comes in and you get your first tomato. Susquehanna County tomatoes have started coming in and gardeners are doing the Happy Dance. John Denver's song says it all: "Homegrown tomatoes homegrown tomatoes, What'd life be without homegrown tomatoes? Only two things that money can't buy, That's true love & homegrown tomatoes." LaRue's corn is worth waiting for.





Remember Summer's Past

We brought our chairs, and had services in the Memorial Garden.







July is Day Lily Time In Montrose



Camp at St. Paul's

The Endless Mountains Theater Company had a theater camp for kids this week at St. Paul's. The finale will be on Friday, when they will do their production.



MID-JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Summer afternoon — summer afternoon; tor me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." It's been hot, rainy and steamy with high humidity but the evenings are a little cooler. Grandma's favorite, hollyhocks, are blooming in the garden along with Shasta daisies. Red native beebalm is striking in the green woods. Every grandchild's favorite, Queen Anne's lace, is starting to appear and summer's first fruit, choke cherries are heavy this year. It's July in Susquehanna County.

