

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

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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

I have lots I'd like to share with you this week.

I am recovering from Ireland and Wales. Ireland because Expedia had rented me a car from Hertz but when I went to collect it I was told that they do not rent cars to drivers over 75 years of age. That changed my plans considerably, but I took the train to my grandfather's county, was met by a cousin, had tea with his mother and managed to get my great grandfathers, great grandmother's and great uncle and aunt's stone cleaned. I felt I owed it to them to not let their existence be obscured by mold. See below:



Ireland and Wales was also for me a time warp in that when I was in Ireland the first time in 2014 my grandfather's stone cottage had no roof and a tree growing in the middle. I expected it to be further demolished. The tree is gone but the stone walls are in the same condition they were in 11 years ago. His brother's house (red John's house because of my uncle John's red hair) about 4 plots away had a deteriorating roof in 2014 but is still in about the same condition. Both plots (about 12 or 13 acres) are used for grazing.

In 2014 Many people heated their homes with peat which they harvested/cut themselves from the bog? If you did not cut your own, you could buy a supply from carts on the side of the road. This year I saw no carts, my 83 year old relative has turned her house from peat into electric and gas. Unlike 2014, I saw not one thatched roof. The fields in Ireland and Wales were populated with sheep and meat cows.

I was sad to hear that wool is now worth virtually nothing. The market prefers poly fibers. Sheep are raised for meat leaving the owners with only ½ their previous income. In Wales most of the plots seemed larger than 12 or 13 acres. They were separated by stone walls about 4' high. I can only imagine the amount of time it took to construct these walls which have survived hundreds of years. Animals are moved from one grazing area to another so as to give the grass time to regrow. Both Ireland and Wales have all road signs in the native languages: Gallic or Irish and then English. Welsh and then English. I would not even attempt to pronounce the Welsh Street names. They are long and contain hardly any vowels.

Both countries are very serious about energy conservation and recycling. All public spaces like museums have several recycling bin stations with multiple choices for your discards. Although Dublin has plenty of public transportation, tourists seem to walk more than ride so I did also. I had plenty of lamb meals in pubs, I half enjoyed it: still can't taste.

View from the Pulpit:

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Another topic: Communion as part of our liturgy.

We are in a trial process of seeing what works for us. Taking a host and dipping it into a chalice of wine is not recommended on several levels,

Science says it is the most likely to share/spread germs.

It does not comply with the command of Jesus to "Drink this all of you, This is my Blood...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

It emphasizes scarcity rather than the abundance of God.

It is chosen out of the remnants of fear bequeathed to us by COVID.

You can choose to take the host without taking the wine or as in the past, take a blessing

Father Charles shared an article with us on this issue: "It's Time to Retire Intinction: An Open letter to the Bishops of the Episcopal Church", printed in the 7/20/25 issue of Covenant. Intinction is what dipping a host into a liquid is called.

So as of last Sunday, what we are doing is: I distribute the host to each person, and the Eucharistic Ministers offer the chalice of wine and the chalice of grape juice for each person to drink out of. Science says that the safe way to do this is to wipe off the lip of the chalice after each person has taken a sip.

I have the article on my desk. Anyone can borrow it or ask for it to be emailed to them. As with all Liturgical issues I encourage you to talk to me as this area especially is the one I have the most authority over.

To all I enjoyed and learned a lot on my trip and it is good to be home.

Sundays Service

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July
27



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Response: Psalm 138

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild:

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Ellen Ely

Hospitality: Vera Dunn & Shelly Green

This week's Hymns:

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
If thou but trust in God to guide thee
For the bread which you have broken
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.


And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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.

Gaza Humanitarian Conditions

Summary of Bishop Rowe's Letter Calling for Support

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe issued a letter calling for support for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East due to the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza, such as the hospital bombings. Archbishop Hosam Naoum addressed the Church of England's Synod, highlighting the urgent need for aid and an end to the violence. The Episcopal Church is urged to advocate for a ceasefire, support peace building efforts, and donate to the Diocese of Jerusalem's ministries.

Two avenues available for donations to help in this cause are to the Good Friday Offering or American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, just write "Gaza - Good Friday Offering" or "Gaza - Diocese of Jerusalem" on your check or giving envelope.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19)


May we answer this call through our support for God's people in the Holy Land.

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**Good Friday Offering**

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationshi...

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"We appreciate very much the work of American Friends. It's through your support we can reach all those who have nothing and have lost hope in life....

 American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of J...

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!!



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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 20th, 2025

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

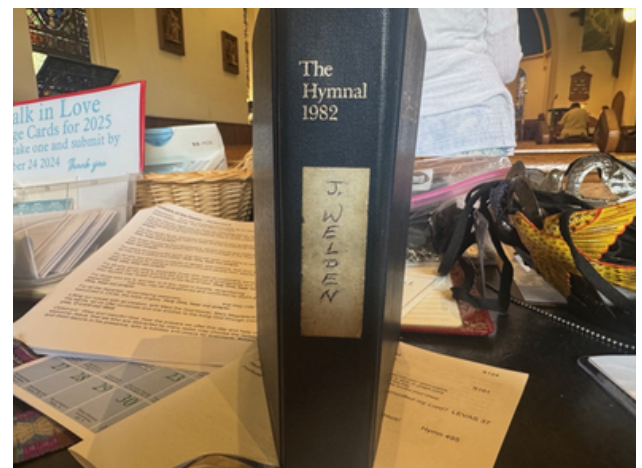
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 20th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and read the lessons. Thank you to Jeanette Davis for playing the organ. 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.



Joe Weldon's Hymnal

Dan picked up a hymnal last Sunday to sing along with the hymns, and low and behold, it was Joe Weldon's from his choir days.



Movie Night

We had movie night at St. Paul's on Wednesday. It was Boys in the Boat, a story about the American rowing team in the 1936 Olympics. Andrew made his now famous garlic knots. A good time was had by all.



Lasher's Going Away Party

As Jack and Carol Lasher head to the Masonic Village in Dallas, we wanted to send them off with a loving farewell. We had a dinner at the Green Gables on Friday, the 18th. It was well attended and a great time was had by all. We will miss them.



Easter Flowers

John Warriner sent this picture along. It's one of last year's Easter flowers from the altar. John planted it last year and it provided three beautiful lilies.

LATE JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

It's July in Susquehanna County. "Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August." High clouds and beautiful days this week, the heat finally broke. Crazy looking fungi are still growing and two staples of our summer fields, golden rod and milkweed have flowered. In the home garden, daisies and coneflowers compete for space.

Along the roads, the stag horn sumac's red horns are apparent . It's summer here in Susquehanna County.

