



**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

August 24- August 30



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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 The Rev. Susan Treanor at 845-800-0107.

## **Our Vestry Members**

John Warriner, Sr. Warden

Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer

Wanda Peirce, Clerk

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Dan Graham

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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 been messing with our bulletin boards. That is, Kate and I have emptied the large one in the Guild Room and the smaller one in the parish hall. Some of the notices had outlived their dates, by months. At one point, after John had posted the vestry minutes in the Guild Room, several people made the comment that no one reads that board anyway. I think it is important that everyone can access what the vestry is discussing and making decisions about and keeping aware of our finances. Therefore, the vestry minutes are now on the board in the parish hall.

We do need to communicate with each other so the notices asking for sign ups re our ministries: Soup nite, altar guild, and notices about Liturgy, acolytes etc. are on the board in the parish hall.

Also, there is a new board, in the parish hall not yet hung on a wall that has messages about good communication habits. I plan to add or change that frequently so that we do not get bored.

- In keeping with that I want to send out again a message that I posted re texting in the May 18-24 newsletter:

- Texting is the least helpful means of communication available to us. It is only good for questions like what time is the Sunday Service. It causes damage to our community for a conversation that starts with "What are we going to do about this problem." For this type of question among us the response should be "Let's talk" or there is a meeting about that on Thursday. Why don't you come?

- Issues on which you have an opinion or strong feelings about should never be discussed by texting.

- Please let's make this a policy. Texting is easy but often creates havoc and is not how to best deepen our community.

I am intending to keep this as my policy: If anyone texts me with a complaint or topic that needs an in depth discussion, Don't be insulted if I respond with: let's meet.

Lastly, we will celebrate the Eucharist at St Matthews this year on Sunday, 9/28/2025. Come one, come all.

- In love,

- Rev. Susan

# View from the Pulpit: Dan Graham

## Rhythms

An annual event at our house happened this week without fanfare. We woke up and the barn swallows had left. They were here the day before, all sitting on the phone wires chirping – they didn't even say goodbye. We had around 10-nesting pairs in two barns this year. While not as punctual as the famous San Juan Capistrano ones, they arrive here the third week in April from their several thousand-mile journey, have one or two broods of 4 or 5, and leave the third week in August. They build their cupped nests on rafters in the barns with 1,000 beak-loads of mud. They are welcome guests for we wake up to their cheerful twittering every morning while nesting and appreciate their voracious diet that consists of flies and mosquitoes.

Tremendously skilled fliers they flap rather than glide and their aerodynamics are a delight to observe. They enjoy taking dust baths in the driveway or sitting on the phone wires, resting and preening while watching us work below in the garden. They drink water from the pond while flying – skimming the water with an open mouth and are an absolute hoot to watch when training their young in the art of swallow flying. We look forward to their arrival and worry if they are late as their appearance is a sure sign that spring has indeed finally come to Susquehanna County. Their departure, however, means that fall is indeed just around the corner – our first actual sign that summer will eventually end.

The barn swallows are a welcome part of our lives. They are a part of this old farm and we hate to see them go. Like the swallows coming and going, life here with its passage of time has a certain rhythm to it dictated by the seasons and their events. Its cadence ebbs and flows but is always the same. The photos I take each month are interchangeable each year – sometimes the forsythia blooms a little late, sometimes the blueberries are early but fall follows summer, which follows spring, which follows winter, etc. We are comforted by that assurance, as we know that fawns will surely arrive, a garden will be planted, La Rues will have sweet corn, there will be tomatoes to canned, beans to freeze, leaves to rake, and muddy roads to navigate. Pentacost will follow Easter. In winter, there will be the smell of wood smoke, snow that will need to be shoveled, pots of soup to make, and of course, the return of the swallows in the spring. We presume these things will occur. We expect these things.

There is security in knowing that our expectations are met. Like our rhythms, each new season and each recurring event in it provides us comfort that they arrived as anticipated. We expect the swallows to come and go -- and they do – year in and year out. They arrive when they were supposed to and leave when they were supposed to – confirmation that God's still in his heaven and all's right with the world. See you next spring guys – we'll be waiting!

# Sundays Service

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Aug  
24



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Response: Psalm 103:1-8

The Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

## This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild:

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality:

## This week's Hymns:

Come, Thou font of every blessing

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

All my hope on God is founded

My God, thy table now is spread

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

## This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



# Happenings and Announcements

## **Soup Night Crew Meeting**

Come one come all! September 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for anyone who would like to be apart of Soup Night.

Whether that be, volunteering to make soup or helping bag or any other support. The meeting will be in the Guild Room at 2pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> . We hope to see a bunch of new faces!

## **St Matthews Service**

Reminding you all that the annual St Matthews Service will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> 10am with ice cream social to follow. Come Enjoy!

Tom Undercofflers foot surgery went well and although he is now missing a toe, it is all for the better. Were glad you're on the mend Tom!



### **For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:**

Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Richard Marker, Carol Lasher, Elaine Petrzala, Janet Watrous



### **This Months Birthdays:**

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Bob Aiken 8/23, Patty Aiken 8/30



### **This Months Anniversaries:**

Jack & Carol Lasher: 8/6/1960  
Cole & Kate Aukema: 8/6/2022

### **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.

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# Last Week's Service and Events

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us, Thou didst free salvation bring;  
Hail thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through Thy name.

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. Vickie Calby did the announcements and Mary Zewleski was the 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.



## Dunn's Send a Shout Out

The Dunns, who are in Canada for their annual vacation, send a shout out to us back in the USA. Bob says the fishing has been great.







## Meadowview

On the third Wednesday of the month, St. Paul's visits Meadow View Senior Center to read Morning Prayer and have a Hymn Sing. Come make a joyful noise, we can use the extra voices.

## Summertime, and the Living is Easy

Speaking of fishing, Elliot and Dominic were doing a little fishing of their own. A beautiful summer day -- the bass were biting and the bluegills couldn't wait to get caught.



## St. Matthew's

We have scheduled our annual service at St Matthews in Stevensville for Sunday September 28th. There will be no service that Sunday at St Paul's. We hope to see you at St Matthews.

## Those were the Days

And their voices made the angels weep! Joe, Jerry, Tom, Jane, Rita, Mary and Lynne -- St. Paul's choir. What a group!





## Fire Escape Windows Added

Fire escape windows in the Celtic Room and the Sewing Room have been added by Broad Line Construction. These new windows are on hinges so that they swing open rather than lift out.



## Looking Down Maple St.

Here's an early photo of Maple Street looking toward the courthouse. It was taken at the same time the photo of Church Street that was in last week's Weekly was. Again, electric poles have been added but they hadn't apparently figured out how to make them straight.



## EARLY AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Summer sunsets, orangeish. Griffis' cows, beautiful coloring! More fungi. The maples are getting seeds on them to grow in the spring. A monarch butterfly on an unknown flower. The swallows have left but the tomatoes are coming on. It's summer here in Susquehanna County.

