



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

August 3- August 9



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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

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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

View from the pulpit, or the middle aisle.

Alleluia!, the construction project going on in my house since June 1 was finished yesterday. Some of the furniture went back and I have to find things like china and glasses but I am delighted with the work which demolished and rebuilt a 26' exterior wall which looks out on my pond and is mostly windows. This sun room acts as a place of reflection/relaxation and my breakfast eating area.

Secondly, I am announcing a new way for us to pray together. Starting Aug 5, Tuesday night I will be zooming the church's night prayer: Compline every Tuesday for the foreseeable future.. It is my favorite prayer in our office and is a great way to end the day. You will find it on p 127 to 135 in our Book of Common Prayer. Since I am doing this using Zoom, I will email all of you the invitation in a few days. I hope you all have at least one copy of the book in your homes. In addition to having the Eucharistic Prayers, it has all the psalms, all the hours of the office from morning prayer to compline and many other resources to help us to pray. If you don't have the book at home, there are gently used copies for you to take in the parish hall.

Thirdly, I want to get feedback from you on 2 things:

My sermons from the middle aisle and
Our communion practice.

This communion practice has evolved over the last few months. You have probably heard me preach on the importance of acknowledging (by how we do things) the abundance of God's presence, the fact that we are commanded in the Gospel's depiction of the last supper and our service of the Eucharist to eat and drink. Dunking a host in a chalice was born in our fear of infection during COVID. We are not continuing that practice. I have a recently published article which says the safe way to receive the wine is to drink out of the chalice. I can make anyone a copy who would like it.

I realize that the hosts we use for communion do not depict bread very faithfully and I've been told you used to make bread for communion. Does anyone remember that? Does anyone feel called to do that?

Lastly, I have been reading the annual reports since 2007. I have shared some of the information with members as they happen to be in the office. The general reaction is "we never did that". Our institutional memories are very short.

In Christ,
Susan

Sundays Service

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Response: Psalm 49:1-11

The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild:

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Shelly Green

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

Sing praise to God who reigns above

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

Father we thank thee who hast planted

At the name of Jesus

God of grace God of glory,

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Happenings and Announcements

- I'm starting a working group to choose a new mission statement for Saint Paul's. I have a signup sheet for whoever is interested. I have five people interested so far. If you would like to sign up, let me know. We would really like your input so that we can own our identifying mark in the world. What we do and who we are.
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- 8 of us showed up for movie night on Wednesday. The movie was The Boys in the Boat. We even had our resident chef, Andrew in to make us garlic knots. What a treat! Thank you, Andrew. Next month will be game night.
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- In preparation for convention Bishop Kevin will be hosting fall convocation meetings to prepare us for convention and reunification with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Our Convocation 1 will meet at Christ Church, Towanda on Sunday, September 21st at 3 PM.
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- Soup night will be on Wednesday August 6th. The soups are Chicken/Turkey Vegetable and Tomato.

John W



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:

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.

Last Week's Service and Events

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27th, 2025

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Ellen Ely 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.



Susquehanna Symphony Society

The Susquehanna Symphony Society (SSS) Board is gearing up for the 2025-26 concert season. Our first presentation will be the Northeast String Quartet on September 14 at St. Paul's. Keep watch for newspaper and social media announcements of upcoming concerts.



Fire Escape Window Being Added

Broad Line Construction is adding swing-out fire escape windows in the Celtic Room and the sleeping bag room. Both windows currently unlatch and have to be lifted in; the new windows will swing out and provide easier egress.



Tree Fell At Church

On Sunday, July 24th, 2022 after church about six o'clock, we were hit with a storm of high winds and driving rain. It took down one of the two trees in front of the church on Church St. Actually, we lucked out. The storm was from the west and the tree dropped squarely on the sidewalk. It could have gone right through the Rose window. Thanks to John Finlon, Mike Davenport and Patrick Gallagher for the major cleanup and cutup. We couldn't have done it without them.



Painting of St. Paul's

Maggie Miller, who teaches the painting classes that take place at St. Paul's, painted a picture of our church taken from the Memorial Garden. She had it framed and it is ready to be hung. It's a beauty.

LATE JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

It's July "with its days of blue skies and time that seemingly stands still, and it holds a special place in my heart." It was hot and dry this week. High clouds, blue skies, and strange fungi. Big moths and along the roads, wild chicory is blooming with its cornflower blue flowers. LaRue's steers trying to stay cool, a Rose of Sharon bush blooming and Swallowtail butterflies on cone flowers.

It's summer here in Susquehanna County.

