



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

September 21- September 27



Rev. Susan ziplining!



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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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Sandy Seeger

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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 or the middle isle:

The Rev.
Susan Treanor

Hello Everyone.

I'm back after 5 days in Canada with my two brothers and their wives. So parish life calls.

I just spent over an hour with Bob K at St Matthews and I hope you are considering coming to our Sunday Service there at 10:00 a.m. on the 28th of September. The slate steps in front of the church are not in great shape. Facing the church from the road, the stairs to the right side of the front doors are in better shape. I would encourage anyone with ability issues to drive behind the church and enter thru the back door into the sanctuary. The Episcopal Church, that is the diocese has the legal responsibility of providing worship services at least once a year at St Matthews and St Paul's has been awarded this responsibility. Bob K, the steward of St Matthews is proud that the church has been the longest continually running Episcopal Church in the United States. As usual, there will be an ice cream social after the service. It would be helpful to planning if you let me know how many of us will be going by Monday, the 22nd. If you need any help with directions, please talk to me, Kate or any knowledgeable member.

Compline

Twelve of us have participated in the zoom since we started in August. If you have any problems with Zoom we will work with you either here in church or in your home.

We are praying for Tom U's, John W, Jan G's AND Elaine's health. Calls or notices continue to go to John or Lynne. Pastoral care and Liturgy are two of my main priorities. You can reach me in the office normally on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 and 6:00, and of course on Sundays. My number is 845 800 0107. If I do not pick up, please leave a message or text. That's it for now. Kate needs to get this out to you.

Peace and Love,
Rev Susan

View from the Pew: Tom Undercoffler

Life changes, sometimes slowly, sometimes very suddenly and unexpectedly. However , we must realize that the Lord through Jesus Christ is always here with us, encouraging and assuring us through tough life challenges.

Within the last month or so I have been challenged. My life has suddenly had some changes. My doctor prescribed oxygen at home 24/ 7 for the rest of my life, I am now “on a leash,” so to speak, but still feeling well. Also, you have probably heard about my toe-ectomy. Ok, still recovering well and have to nurse my foot for a couple of weeks.

Prayer power. We often pray for others in need for so many reasons. We hope within our hearts that our prayers will be answered for others. Being a prayer giver is most often a comforting and joyful experience. Being a prayer recipient is something even larger. I am so very thankful for our support for each other among our blessed church family. We love, we care, and we provide and share.

With Christ’s love for you,

Tom Undercoffler

Sundays Service

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Response: Psalm 113

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality: Barb U. & Betty Smith

This week's Hymns:

What does the Lord require

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

God himself is with us

There is a balm in Gilead

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Happenings and Announcements

Announcements

-Don't forget Compline that is held every Tuesday at 7 PM via Zoom. Watch for Susan's invitation in your email. You may need to download Zoom on your computer or device beforehand.

-Please keep Tom Undercoffler and Janice Gavern in your prayers as they struggle through their medical situations.

-Welcome back, Susan, from Niagara Falls this week who amazingly did some zip lining! As a coincidence, Niagara Falls was featured on Good Morning America this week. Maybe Susan was somewhere there in the background.

-Sleeping bags resumed this week and we made three more bags and two more prepared for the fourth Wednesday at 10 AM down in the sewing room. The storage room that holds all the comforters was all rearranged. Some materials that we can't use was donated to Interfaith and new materials were folded and put away and a few things taken to get a thorough washing at the laundromat. Thank you everyone for your dedication to this needed ministry.

-Endless Mountains Theater Company put on three productions this weekend and the Northeast PA Chamber Music Society performed String Quartets musical production here at St. Paul's, which was sponsored by the Susquehanna Symphony Society.

-Vestry met this Wednesday for its monthly meeting. It's regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday every month.

-Next Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, Bishop Kevin will be hosting a meeting for convocation 1, which we are part of, at Christ Church, in Towanda at 3 PM to discuss this year's convention and reunification matters. Everyone is invited.

-We will be holding our annual Sunday service at St. Matthew's on September 28th.

-The mutual ministry review after service last week was very well attended last week. The general consensus is that we are very glad to have Susan here presiding over our parish. Effective communications are one of the bigger items of concern. Going right to the source is the best method instead of going around other means. See the bulletin board in the parish hall to see who's dealing with the various ministries (altar guild, etc.).

-Other than at the meeting held discussing the mission statement, I've only received a couple points of feedback. So far, the most popular statement is: "Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.". It pretty well sums up who we are as a parish with our openness and work in our community. The other two statements were "Feeding souls and bodies through the love of Christ." and "Welcoming all into Christ's love at St. Paul's."

-The Little Free Pantry needs your help. Canned goods are needed, if you could bring in one or more when you come in for service on Sunday's (or any time). This would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
John Warriner



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, Vera Dunn, Jen, Tom Undercoffler, Janice Gavern



This Months Birthdays:

Sandy Nagy 9/6, Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Weldon 9/19, Sean Eckert 9/28



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14th, 2025

**The God Of Abraham Praise, Who Reigns Enthroned Above,
Ancient Of Everlasting Days, And God Of Love:
Jehovah, Great I Am, By Earth And Heaven Confest;
I Bow And Bless The Sacred Name, For Ever Blest.**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Shelly Green 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.



NEPA Chamber Music Society Performance

On Sunday afternoon, September 14, the Susquehanna Symphony Society and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chamber Music Society presented a String Quartets concert at St. Paul's. It was part of a series the Symphony Society has been putting on. Additionally, the Chamber Society celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary!



Happy Birthday Esther

Esther Welden was 94 years young this week and we helped her celebrate her birthday. She got a congregational blessing during the service and a rousing round of Happy Birthday during coffee hour.



Autumn Equinox

Yep, you heard it here. The 2025 Autumn Equinox is on Monday, September 22nd, at 2:20 p.m. Fall is coming.



St. Paul's Parishioner Named Volunteer of Month

Dan Graham was named Salt Springs Volunteer of the Year. Dan keeps the numerous trails cut and generally spends one morning a week there. He was honored at the annual meeting at the Park.

Remember When

Yeah, it snowed on Christmas two years ago. What a great scene! Hard to believe Christmas is about three months away. And if it's going to look like that again, enjoy the weather we are having now.



Montrose Tunnel to Towers Run

On September 13th, there was a 5K Tunnel to Towers Run. It started and ended at the Green and athletes, old folks and young babies participated. They had a wonderful turnout with over 100 walkers/runners and there were plenty of folks on the sidelines cheering. St. Paul's was represented by Dan and Lynne Graham. It was a fun event. And look who's back in town for a visit
- Karen McAbee.



Pantry Gets a New Paint Job

Taking advantage of the great weather, David Robbins put a new coat of paint on our Pantry. It's amazing how much food is put in it by non-St. Paul's parishioners - and how all that food comes out of it. Thanks David.



Meadow View

It's the third Wednesday of the month and that means St. Paul's visits Meadow View Senior Center to read Morning Prayer and have a Hymn Sing. Our own Naomi Bennett is there. Come help us make a joyful noise, we can use the extra voices.



MID-SEPTEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." We are in the middle of what is starting to be a serious drought but the days have been sunny and beautiful. Deer are everywhere. There seems to be a bumper crop of them this year. St. Paul's Holly bushes have lots of berries on them, don't wait until it snows to see them. Goldenrod is everywhere, fields upon fields. Found a milk snake near the pond. The sunsets are pink. The winter's hay is in. It's mid-September in Susquehanna County.

