

Weekly Update

September 7- September 13



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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.

First on the agenda this week is a notice for our annual service at St Matthews. It is Sunday September 28m 2025 at 10:A.M. Hope to see you all there.

Secondly, Soup nite was fun and a huge success. We had chicken noodle soup and Cream of Broccoli. We fed 130 people which is above our norm. We do have soups left over so If you could just come in to the fridge or let us know.

Thirdly, John has been talking about choosing a new mission statement. Our current one fails the test of "who knows what it is". A mission statement should be short, memorable and actually say who we are as a community. It should help us evaluate our ministries, that is what fits and what may not. It should answer "What is the most important thing or things we do as a parish."

John asked who wanted to work on this and we had a meeting after church last Sunday that was well attended and very productive. We will be sharing suggestions with you all soon.

Fourth, Our joint convention and last convention as the diocese of Bethlehem will take place October 17th and 18th. We and the current Diocese of Central PA will officially remerge to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna on Jan.1, 2026. Our Bishop will be Audrey Scanlon, the current bishop of Central PA. Kevin will be the assisting Bishop. The proposed new budget for the new diocese has budget lines for Hispanic ministries, Creation care work and many other ministries and aides to the parishes. John W., Lynne G and I are going to convention. There are preconvention meetings open to everyone. I am going to one on 9/18 at 6:30. You are welcome to register also. I expect to have more details to share with you after that meeting.

Lastly, I am taking a few more days of vacation to meet my brothers and my sisters in law in Niagra Falls from September 9th to the 13th. I told Kate I might not make it back because one of my Sister in laws booked us all on a zip line. Hope it is not actually over the Falls. I'm not looking forward to that but I am looking forward to having time with all of them.

In love, Rev Susan

Sundays Service

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost





Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Response: Psalm 1

The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

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Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Ellen Ely

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

Take up your cross, the Savior said Immortal, invisible, God only wise Will you come and follow me If thou but trust in God to guide thee How firm a foundation

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Happenings and Announcements



EMTC Production

There will be a show at St Pauls by the Endless Mountain Theater Company, here at church. Come check it out if youre free!

St Matthews Service

Reminding you all that the annual St Matthews Service will be held on September 28st 10am with ice cream social to follow. Come Enjoy!



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



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.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 • 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Montrose Green / 31 Lake Avenue

Free & Open TO THE Public

Food, live music & family fun!!

PLUS a Cornhole Tournament!

Last Week's Service and Events

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 31st, 2025

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 31st, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Tom Undercoffler 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.

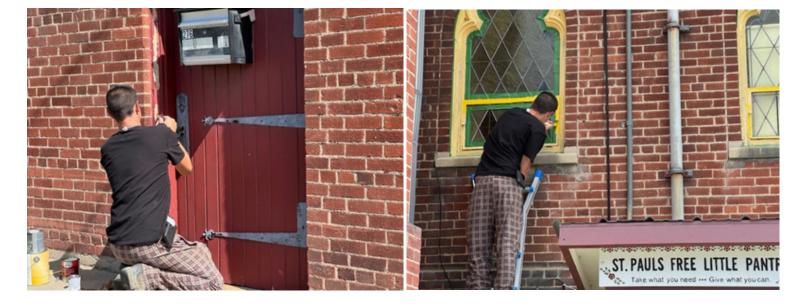






Maintenance

All those maintenance projects we were going to do this summer are finally coming due as summer has flown by. We have a couple weeks of good painting weather and we are taking advantage of it. Patrick was scraping and sanding and caulking (and painting) some doors and windows that were showing a little wear.



Soup Week

Soup night was on Wednesday, September 3rd. We provided over 130 meals to the community. We are always looking for soup makers or bag fillers. Come and join the fun, it's the first Wednesday of the month. Here's a photograph from 2021, right after we started.



Labor Day PicnicWhat's Labor Day without a picnic. Labor Day was early this year and the kids are back at school. Wanda had a picnic at her house on the lake, and the weather was just perfect and the food delicious.





Warriner Wins Yeti Prize

For years, we at St. Paul's have been buying tickets for the New Milford Men's Club from Bob Dunn for their annual raffle and have never won anything. Ha! This year John Warriner won the VETI cooler. Congratulations, John. Bob was pleased he sold the winning ticket.



The Garden Year is Ending

Although every year is different and some things grow better in some years than other, this year was an all-around tough garden year. The second wettest May we ever had along with the third wettest June, followed by 90 degree weather and a drought have made most crops questionable. Here are some onions drying but many didn't grow very large.

LATE AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, With summer's best of weather And autumn's best of cheer." Drop dead gorgeous days of blue sky and mild temperatures. We are still in a semi-drought. That invasive bush, Japanese Knot weed is blooming. The Susquehanna is low and lazy flowing but beautiful. End of summer wild flowers abound. Kate's cow had a calf and a preying mantis was hitching a ride in the truck. It's summer here in Susquehanna County.

