

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

# Weekly Update

October 26- November 1



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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
Vera Dunn	Dan Graham
Sandy Seeger	

**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 middle aisle:

The office is particularly active and busy today.

We reconciled the discretionary account. In the last month we have helped three people with their security deposit. We canceled one check that had never been used toward repairs necessary to get a car passed inspection. Our balance is almost \$900. Currently we deposit the plate from the first week of the month plus we take an additional \$300.00 donation from the church.

John, Lynne, and I spent last Friday and Saturday at the last convention for the Diocese of Bethlehem. Our merger with the Diocese of Central PA into the Diocese of the Susquehanna is scheduled to be effective 12:01 a.m. on January 1 of 2026. Many of us have been working hard on the Bylaws, Canons, Constitutions, ministries, and budgets that will govern us at least initially. We elected Bishop Audrey Scanlon to be the first Bishop of this new diocese. She appointed Bishop Nichols as her assistant. They appear to be dividing the work of the new diocese into two categories: Pastoral for Bishop Audrey and administrative and financial for Bishop Kevin.

Beside the work of figuring out how we are going to function, for me, it was great being with the clergy and lay people whom I have come to know in the last 16 years. This merger will be a work in progress for at least 2026. There is hope that we can expand our ministries together. Keep this new association in your prayers.

The Rev Susan

# Sundays Service

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Oct  
26



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-17

Response: Psalm 84:1-6

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

## This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Shelly Green

Hospitality: Ellen & Shelly

## This week's Hymns:

Praise the Spirit in creation

Blest are the pure in heart

Lord Jesus, think on me

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

## This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

# Happenings and Announcements

## Announcements

1. The vote is in. We have tallied up the paper ballots that you filled out the last two weeks to choose our new mission statement. The vast majority of you have chosen "Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.". So this is how this congregation would like to define our church and I think that it is absolutely wonderful! Thank you all for your interest and dedication.
  2. This past Friday and Saturday, Reverend Susan, Lynne Graham, and I attended the annual diocesan convention. There was quite a bit of business to take care of. Bishop Audrey Scanlan was officially elected as our bishop of the Diocese of the Susquehanna, which will go into effect January 1st, 2026 until her retirement around October 2027 when Bishop Kevin Nichols will resume duties as our bishop until 2030. Most of the ballot measures had to do with matters of the reunification of our two dioceses. One of the main purposes of this year's convention was to vote on formally approving an Agreement and Plan of Merger of the two existing dioceses, and to adopt the Constitution and the Canons, including Transitional Canons. One item that was approved effected us locally. Our annual meeting here was required to take place by 31 January each year. The hard deadline has been removed, which is good because you never know the weather at that time of year.
  3. Happy Birthday to Vickie Calby on Sunday the 19th of October, and Robert Smith on Thursday.
  4. Endless Mountains Theater Company three productions this past weekend in our Parish Hall, providing good entertainment for our community.
  5. Sleeping bags will be on Wednesday morning at 10 downstairs.
  6. Vestry meeting is on Wednesday at 5:00.
  7. Game night will be on Friday, October 24th at 5:30 in the Parish Hall.
- Sending well wishes to you all,  
John Warriner



Altar Flowers this week are from Cookie, Fran and Teeka in honor of Carol Markers birthday.



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

Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Richard Marker, Carol Lasher, Elaine Petrzala, Tom Undercoffler, Janice Gavern, Chip Schuster, Wanda Peirce, Ellen Ely



### This Months Birthdays:

Averly Aukema 10/4, Vlckie Calby 10/19, Robert Smith 10/23, Carol Marker 10/31



### This Months Anniversaries:

Dan & Lynne Graham: October 5, 1974  
Jerry & Maggie Sock: October 20, 1984  
Glen & Ann Kiefer: October 30, 1965

### 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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

I come with joy to meet my Lord  
Forgiven, Loved, And Free;  
In Awe And Wonder To Recall  
His Life Laid Down For Me.

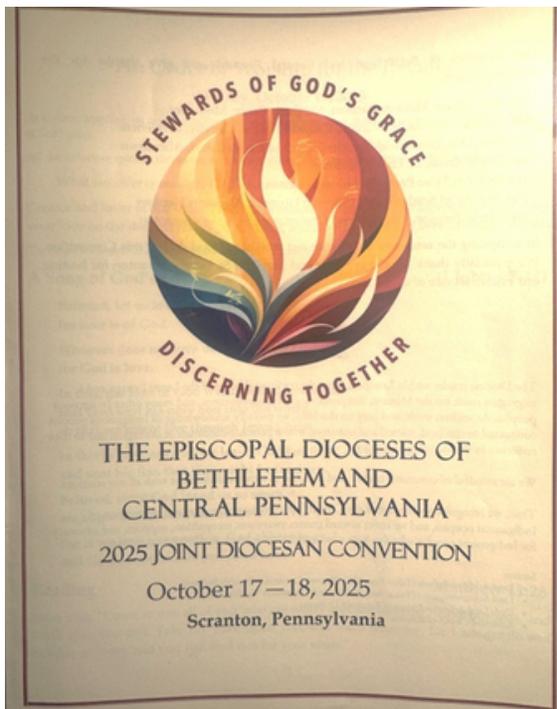
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19<sup>h</sup>, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Ellen Ely read the lessons. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.



## Mission Statement Updated

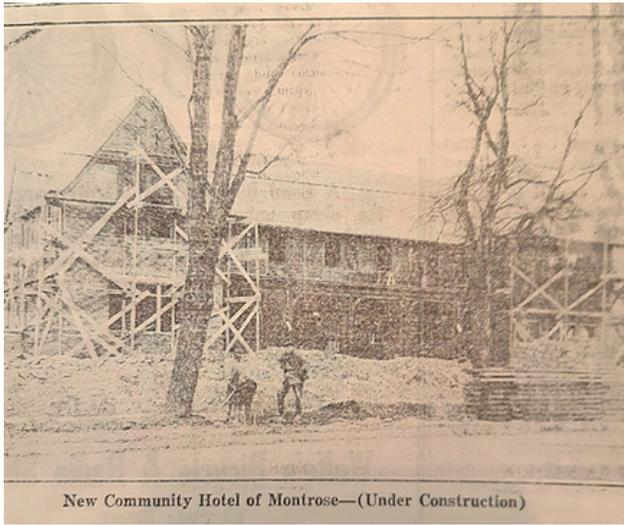
Well, all the votes are in and John Warriner and his group have let us know that our new Mission Statement is "Embracing all in Christ through our love and service."





## Convention

Rev. Treanor, John Warriner, and Lynne Graham attended the Joint Diocesan Convention for St. Paul's that was held at the Scranton Hilton on October 17-18. Resolutions were passed for the new Diocese of the Susquehanna which will become effective January 1, 2026. Bishop Audrey Scanlon was unanimously elected as the first Bishop of the new Diocese.

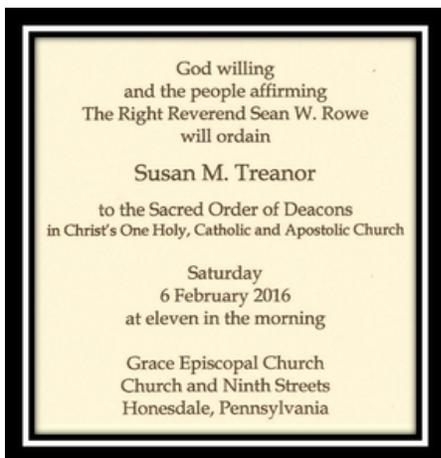


## Montrose Inn Being Built

In 1921, the Montrose House directly across the street from St. Paul's was torn down and replaced by the current structure (now the bank) in 1925. Called the Montrose Inn, it was the first thing St. Paul's parishioners saw as they were coming out of church and it remained a hotel for over 50 years. It's been said that before it became a bank, St. Paul's parishioners would go to a Sunday brunch there after the service. Here's a photograph from our newspaper showing it under construction.

## Kate's Multi-Colored Eggs

Farmer Kate, along with cows and a donkey or two, raises chickens at their place. Not content with common old white or brown eggs, her chickens lay a variety of colors. Pretty neat, huh?



## Facebook

The things you find on Facebook!!! Look what popped up while scrolling. It's Rev. Susan's ordination announcement.

## Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. They are open and all parishioners are invited to attend. It's a good group.



## LATE OCTOBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night." We had our first hard frost this week. If you got up at sunrise, you got to see it before it quickly melted. We got some rain this week, but not enough, and the Susquehanna is still low.. Ginkgo trees down by the river are dressed in their fall colors. That forest ground cover, Partridge berry plants, have their fall berries. It's hiking time. The weather is perfect and the woods, paths and trails call us. It's Fall here in Susquehanna County.

