

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

October 5- October 11



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To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

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Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden	Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden
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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 middle aisle:

We had a great celebration of the Eucharist at St Matthews last Sunday.

37 people attended. Bob Kimmel and team did a great job cleaning and fixing and annoying the ground bees outside the sacristy. I was struck by the love and warmth expressed between those attending from St Paul's and those for whom St Matthews is a treasure.

"1 Update on the Sensitive Locations Lawsuit

Sacred spaces should never be places of fear. Yet today, our sanctuaries are less safe because of a harmful policy change. For more than thirty years, the federal government's "sensitive locations" policy protected churches, schools, and hospitals from immigration enforcement, recognizing these as sacred and essential community spaces. That protection was abruptly rescinded in January. Since then, many congregations, including Episcopal churches, have experienced real harm: sharp declines in worship attendance and ministry participation, increased fear among members, immigrant and nonimmigrant alike, and costly security measures that conflict with our call to hospitality. Earlier this year, The Episcopal Church joined a broad interfaith coalition in filing suit to challenge this rescission. This week, our case has moved forward on appeal with the filing of the opening brief in *Mennonite Church USA v. Department of Homeland Security*. The brief makes clear why restoring protections for houses of worship is essential to religious freedom, public safety, and the integrity of our ministries."...

¹ Taken from the House of Deputies Newsletter 9/31/25.

"May our advocacy be grounded not in political positioning, but in our deepest theological convictions: that every person bears the image of God, that our churches must remain spaces of sanctuary and welcome, and that religious freedom means the freedom to practice our faith fully, including our call to love the stranger."¹

Food safety team

We had 115 soup take outs yesterday! As I think about and suggestions are made about food safety I realize they do not just apply to soup night but also July 4th, coffee hour and other food events. We have people who have taken food safety courses and although they may not have kept their certifications up, they are a resource for us. I am asking for people to let me know of their interest in a food safety practices team to look at our normal practices and make suggestions. Let me know or I will probably tap you on the shoulder.

In Love, Rev. Susan

Peace and Love,
Rev Susan

Sundays Service

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Response: Psalm 37:1-10

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality:

This week's Hymns:

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Awake my soul!

Come, labor on

Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Happenings and Announcements

Announcements

1. The service this Sunday was at St. Matthew's Church In Stevensville. What a beautiful day it was with an ice cream social following.
2. Soup takeout was on Wednesday. The soups were cheeseburger and butter nut squash. We had over 80 orders called in. Thank you to the soup chefs for cheeseburger and butternut squash.
3. Canned goods are needed for the Little Free Pantry. There's a box for donations in the Parish Hall and in the church.
4. Susan is thinking of doing a Workshop for the book "Please Understand Me: Character and Temperate Types" in October. All are welcome to partake in this. More details to come.
5. Kate's daughter's birthday is on October 4th. Already one year old.
6. It's not too early to be thinking about the Country Store for Christmas in Montrose with raffle baskets and see what you would like to make for the bake table.

Have a great week.
John Warriner

Reader shoutout!

Kate in the office has received a few feedbacks from our fellow Weekly Update readers!

Our former Priest, John Wagner has written that he thoroughly enjoys reading up on all of events and happenings going on here at church.

Peg Hamlin also writes in and has answered some questions that Dan Graham had about some flowers that he added into the Weekly.

Thank you to all of our readers!



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, Tom Undercoffler, Janice Gavern, Chip Schuster, Wanda Peirce, Ellen Ely



This Months Birthdays:

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



This Months Anniversaries:

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 28th, 2025

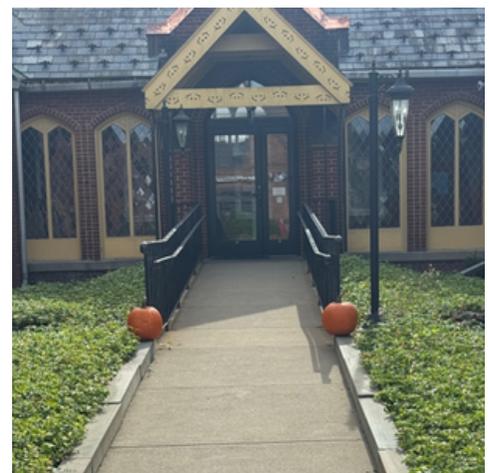
**The God Of Abraham Praise, Who Reigns Enthroned Above,
Ancient Of Everlasting Days, And God Of Love:
Jehovah, Great I Am, By Earth And Heaven Confest;
I Bow And Bless The Sacred Name, For Ever Blest.**

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham read the lessons. The service was held in Stevensville at historic St. Matthew's. 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.



St. Paul's Pumpkins

Every year at this time, two pumpkins appear and decorate our ramp entrance. Presumably, the Great Pumpkin brings them. Since they have arrived, it's a sure sign that Fall has arrived.



What a Sunset

On Monday, the sunset looking from Church across Chestnut Street next to the HO Mart was breath taking. They don't get prettier than that.

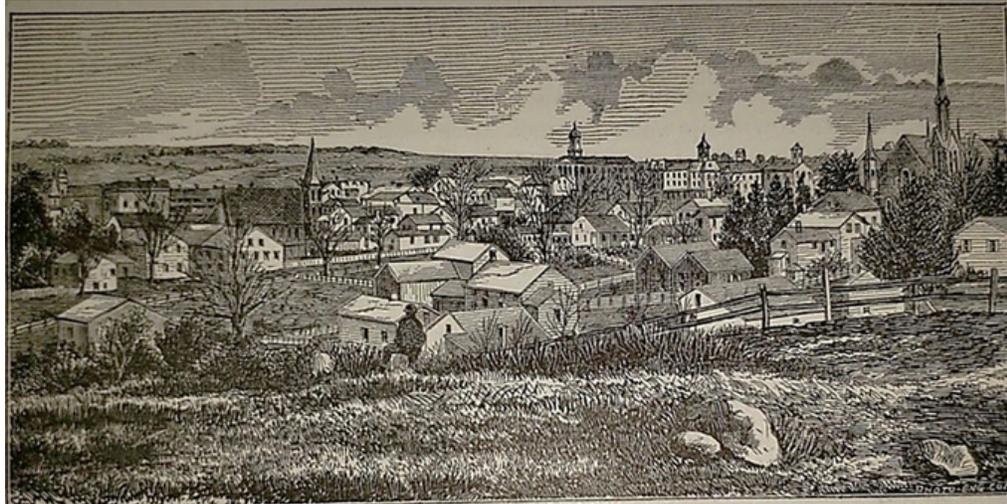


Will it be a Cold Winter?

This guy was crawling across the lawn near St. Paul's sign. The old timers say that the Woolly Bear Caterpillars are good predictors of the severity of the coming winter. According to the folklore, the winter will be colder and snowier the longer the black bands are on each caterpillar. If there is a long band of brown through the middle of the caterpillar, the winter will be milder. The position of the dark band is supposed to tell you which part of the winter will be the coldest. That brown middle looks pretty long if you look at it!

Early View of Montrose

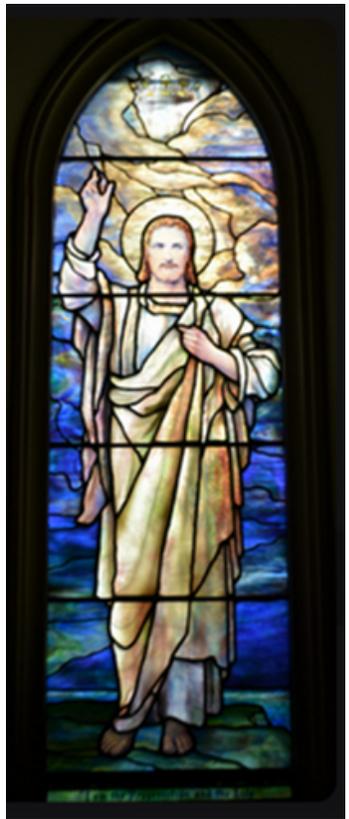
The print below was made from an 1876 Photograph of Montrose taken from Cliff Street. Three churches are apparent, the Baptist Church in the far left, St. Paul's still on the left (you can see the steeple), and the Presbyterian Church on the far right. There weren't many trees in Montrose at that time.



VIEW OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTROSE.
[From a Photograph by G. W. Doolittle, Montrose.]

Early Drawing From the Tiffany Company

We received a request from a researcher from the Metropolitan Museum of Art concerning the middle window behind our altar. The window was made by the ecclesiastical department of Tiffany Studios in New York. The researcher had the company's original design drawing but had questions about the final design and installation of the window. The window was given by Mrs. Harriet Lathrop and her daughter, Helen Thompson. It was installed in 1912 and consecrated by the Rev. Ralph Weatherly, the minister of the church at that time. Surprisingly, the original concept was not used as the window is considerably different than the proposal.



It's Soup Day

October 1st was soup day and Cheeseburger and Squash were the soups du jour. We had a good group of cooks and helpers. It's always a fun and rewarding experience. Everyone gets to try each other's soup. Next month the soups are potato and chili. Come and join us or sign up and make a pot. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



Coats for Our Community

The Coats for Our Community program kicked off its 19th year and the 2025 season at St. Paul's on October 2nd and 3rd. As you know, coats are collected and stored in our basement and in the fall, the guys from Montrose's American Legion Gardner Warner Post 154 help distribute them. The coats are hung on racks in the Parish Hall.



Everyone's Smiling

Guess who is one year old already. Yup! Kate's little Avery. Carol and Jack send a shout out from their new home down in Dallas.





Peg Hamlin Identifies Some Items

We recently heard from Peg Hamlin who gets our Weekly Updates. Peg is the daughter of Rev. William Allison, who was St. Paul's rector from 1947 to 1956. She lives in Vermont. She identified the Polyphemus Moth showing its prominent eyes; and the cluster of pink, five petal flowers as Meadowsweet. Both were listed as unknowns in the Update.



EARLY FALL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." Cold nights but warm days. We are still in a drought, and leaves are turning brown and falling without changing to fall colors. Burning bushes show why they were named. Salt Springs trails beckon, hiking in the fall is the best. A bumble bee gets the last pollen from a coneflower. The tomatoes have been pulled, and the zinnias and ageratum, after holding back all summer, have taken off. It's early fall here in Susquehanna County.

