



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

November 16- November 22



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Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.

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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
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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 middle aisle:

I had an interesting experience last night as I was driving in the dark back to Elk Lake. I met a black bear. I slammed on the brakes and did not hit him. He ambled away from the car. When I got to the house I had an interesting conversation with God. The lesson I took away from this was the thing I am watching out for or planning for may not be what is about to impact my life. I was being watchful about deer and got a bear instead.

One of the things I hear often and in all the groups I am part of is: We cannot do the things we used to do when we were younger. My oldest brother does not conform to this much. I was not the only member of my family to go down the zip line at Niagara. At 89 years of age, he did too.

As you know, I have been and still am having one on one conversations with members of St Paul's. It is a way of beginning to know you. Instead of looking at the things we can no longer do, I want to look at all the experience and know how we have accumulated. In my meetings I have been impressed with the bank of experience that resides in this parish: financial, administrative, personnel, pastoral care, IT, legal, and maintenance etc. It makes me want to enlarge the number of people on the vestry both to use your resources and to widen the bank of people most knowledgeable about our community. Think about if you want to contribute to St Paul's in this way. I wanted to bring this up now as elections will be in January.

In Christ,
Rev. Susan

View from the Pew:

Stewardship Thoughts

The theme for this year's Stewardship campaign is "Tell Out My Soul." Unfortunately, every time I read it, I feel cheated because it's like driving down the road and the GPS dies. What's the next line? The theme is based on the Magnificat—The Song of Mary. Her song begins "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;" Hymn 437 also is based on the Song of Mary and begins "Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord: Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;"

For me, music, especially church hymns are transcendent. Whatever we sing during the service, I hum all week. So, tell out my soul? Tell what? The greatness of the Lord, of course. The unnumbered blessings for which I am so grateful. I am fully aware that many of my blessings are due to privilege—white skin, money, influence, and power—and are probably circumstantial rather than God-given. I don't know the design of why I grew up in the United States rather than in poverty in Haiti. But the blessings for which I thank God are that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are my God, that I am loved, that I am never truly hungry, and that I have been able, with Dan, to raise a family in safety.

I pray that if my circumstances ever change and I am not in the comfortable position I am now, that I would still be grateful to God for my life. Like Job, I do not want my faithfulness to God to be conditional on my life's assets. My desire is to give voice to unnumbered blessings regardless of life circumstances.

So when you hear "Tell Out My Soul" in the coming weeks, please give thought to those additional lines—the many blessings that proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Please return your pledge cards in the offering plate, and thank you!!

Sundays Service

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Response: Psalm 98

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality: The Harringtons

This week's Hymns:

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Surely it is God who saves me

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Thou, whose almighty word

This week's Gospel according to: Luke

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

Happenings and Announcements

Announcements

1. In the back, there are pledge envelopes with your names on them. Please take one. If your names not there, you should be able to find a blank one. You can turn them into Rev. Susan, John W. or Lynne, or put it in the collection plate.
2. We had a very nice turnout for Bob and Vera Dunn's spaghetti dinner last Sunday. It was delicious.
3. We gave out over 100 soups on Wednesday and used up the very last drop of the potato and chili. Thank you all for your help in this well received ministry.
4. Sleeping bags will be on Wednesday at 1000 downstairs. Come and help patch some bags up.
5. Reminder that the toy tags and stuffing boxes are due to Interfaith by December 4th. Just bring your donations in and place them on the front pew here.
6. Also, the Country Store for Christmas in Montrose will be on Saturday, December 6th. Bring in items for the baskets that will be raffled off and baked goods that we will be selling.
7. It will be a busy weekend then. On Sunday, the 7th, Bishop Kevin will be visiting the parish for service. We will have a catered coffee hour that day.
8. Questions/additions?

Compassionately,
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, Tom Undercoffler, Janice Gavern, Wanda Peirce, Ellen Ely, Al Marchel, Lindsay Golden, John Reynolds, Al.



This Months Birthdays:

Nancy Wagner 11/21, Bob Dunn 11/25



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

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost, November 9th, 2025

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, November 9, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. Lynne Graham read announcements and 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.



Stuffing

It's collection time again for stuffing mix. Each year we collect stuffing for Interfaith's Christmas baskets. If you notice, the shelves at Price Chopper look robust and our traditional collection place for stuffing looks anemic. Please don't forget to bring in a box.



Dogs and Cats Donation

Don't forget our furry friends. We now have a collection for Dogs and cats.



Cold on Sunday

As we all are aware, it was a little chilly in church on Sunday. We got the furnace man over on Monday and two of our blowers weren't working. We expect to have it fixed by this Sunday. But, it wasn't cold enough to interfere with making sleeping bags. Here's one of Barb on the sewing machine doing prep work for a bag to be completed at the next session.



Montrose vs Tunkhannock

Did you ever wonder why when you leave Montrose to drive to Tunkhannock in the winter during a snowstorm, by the time you got there, it's not snowing. Springville seems to be the dividing line between snow and rain. Much of that difference can be attributed to elevation. While only 20 miles apart, Montrose is about 1,000 feet higher than Tunkhannock and that makes a huge difference between whether its rain or ice or rain or snow. On Tuesday we got our first snow and the two pictures below were taken about 2 hours apart. It's hard to believe it was the same day.



St. Paul's On The Silver Bells Tour

On Friday night, December 5th at 4:00, as part of the Christmas in Montrose weekend festivities, St. Paul's will again be on the Silver Bells Tour. The bus tour will include visiting seven churches and will end with a visit of the Torey house up off Lake Street. St. Paul's is number four on the tour and we will provide soup and sandwiches. Bridgewater's Pastor Bob Kadlecik and Dan Graham will be the tour guides. It sounds like a fun event and you can get tickets off the internet.



**2025
MONTROSE**

Silver Bells TOUR

5TH DECEMBER | 4:00PM

Are you interested in history? Montrose history? On Friday night, December 5, at 4:00pm, as part of Christmas in Montrose, there will be a bus tour of Montrose's churches.

Montrose was settled in the early 1800s by settlers from New England who brought with them strong attachments for worship. A village slowly emerged from the wilderness with merchant shops, taverns, hotels, public buildings, AND churches.

With Pastor Bob Kadlecik and Dan Graham as tour guides, we will visit each of Montrose's churches ending with a tour of the Dr. Reuben Archer Torrey house.

For an interesting and informative night, bring a friend and come join us. Tickets required, \$40 each. See the link below for tickets!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/take-a-bite-out-of-christmas-tickets-1962243967529?aff=oddtcreator>



Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day was on Tuesday. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month, World War I ended. Originally called Armistice Day, it has become the day we honor those who served their country. If you see a vet, thank them for their service.



MID-NOVEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different." For the last couple days, we had hard frosts in the morning at sunrise. The grass almost looked like snow. By mid-morning it had melted. We got our first snow of the year on Tuesday and it got cold. It seems for the last couple years the transition from fall to winter has been rather abrupt. Winterberries are full this year and the sunrises and sunsets are beautiful. The deer, always watchful, check you out. The dogs don't mind the snow. Rev. Susan sent a picture of the pumpkins in a field near her house. It's fall here in Susquehanna County.

