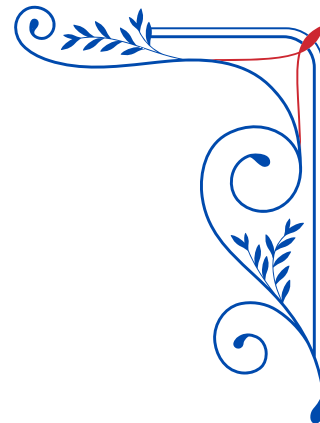
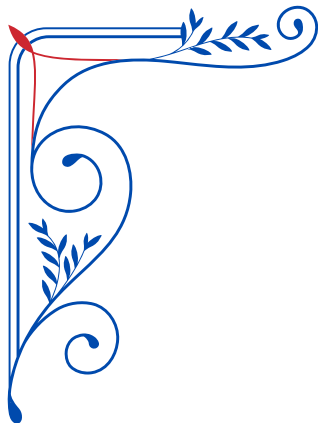




ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

November 30- December 6



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

Office 570-278-2954, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-2pm

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Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.

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:

I have several things I want to share this week.

First - I hope that everyone has a joyous Thanksgiving that fills your body and soul with gratefulness. At the same time, never forgetting that some of us and some of our community in Montrose are dealing with heavy burdens.

Secondly Jeanette Davis will be playing the organ for our service on December 7th.'

Next Sunday, the 30th is the first Sunday of Advent and I am offering weekly sessions on some different methods of prayer. Last Sunday I gave out a short form to see who might be interested in participating and also asked what time frame they preferred: day or evening. If you are interested, please call the office and let me or Kate know.

One of our topics always is the question of how we communicate who we are. In addition to our ministries we have the sign in front of the church and our website. I would like to gather those of us who would brainstorm about what to say on the sign. I feel that the best suggestions come from members. So, think about what strikes you-either something you have seen on other churches that touched your heart or something that you want to say about St Paul's. I am sure we can create a long list of thoughts we can use. I'll start with three:

Our new mission statement: Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.

Love one Another

Have you made someone's life better today

Much Love,

Rev. Susan

Sundays Service

The First Sunday of Advent

Nov
30



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Response: Psalm 122

The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Ellen Ely

Hospitality: The Harringtons

This week's Hymns:

Awake, my soul

Rejoice! rejoice believers

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Come, thou long expected Jesus

This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Happenings and Announcements

Announcements

1. Pledge cards are now due, so please get them in as soon as you can. I made a mistake when I gave you the numbers of pledge cards received so far. It's not 12, but 6 with at least 4 pending.
2. Bob Dunn's birthday was on Tuesday, November 25th. Please wish him a happy birthday and pray that Vera is on the mend. Happy birthday, Bob.
3. 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.
4. Two weeks to go for the Country Store for Christmas in Montrose. Bring in items for the raffle baskets, and baked goods for the bake table, which can be frozen ahead of time in the freezer downstairs.
5. The bishop's visit will be on the following day. We will have catered hors d'oeuvres.
6. Sleeping bags will resume the second Wednesday of December.
7. Movie/Game nights postponed until January/February.
8. Rev. Susan will be having an Advent study series. She will discuss this more during the service and passed out a paper for everyone to select what time frame would be good. Advent begins next Sunday.
9. Soup night is on Wednesday, December 3rd. Soups will be split pea and turkey vegetable. We need another person to make the turkey vegetable.

Happy Thanksgiving

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, John Reynolds, Al, Vera Dunn, Chris Gates, Greg Helms



This Month's Birthdays:

Dan Graham 12/4, Rev Susan 12/5, MaryAnn Harrington 12/6, Vera Dunn 12/13, Sean Harrington 12/11, John Warriner 12/31



This Month's Anniversaries:

Father John & Nancy Wagner:
December 20, 1969

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed and you would like to add it, please let Kate know!

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 23rd, 2025

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

The last Sunday after Pentecost, November 23, 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.



Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Our blessings are abundant, and we have much to be thankful for. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our food pantry, for bringing in boxes of stuffing, and for purchasing items for the Interfaith toy tags for local children. Your kindness is heart -warming.



Christmas Store

Yes, it's coming up fast. The first Saturday in December is Christmas in Montrose and we of course, have our Christmas Store. We will be serving lunch and could still use some help in the kitchen. Here's last year's crew.



Bishop Nichols to Visit

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols will visit St. Paul's on Sunday, December 7th. It will be a whirlwind busy week beforehand, but let's show the Bishop what a vibrant faith community we are. Please plan to attend on that Sunday and greet the Bishop one last time as a parish of the Diocese of Bethlehem. On January 1, 2026, we become a parish of the Diocese of the Susquehanna, and Bishop Kevin will be assisting Bishop Audrey Scanlon, the first Bishop of the newly reunited Diocese.



A Sure Sign of Colder Weather

At last Sunday's Coffee Hour, a sure sign that winter is coming happened. The fireplace was turned on in the Parish Hall and several parishioners were seen warming themselves in front of it. It adds a cozy ambiance to our get together. Thanks to Vickie Calby for suggesting that we re-install the fireplace years ago!!

Who is That on the Ladder

John Finlon put in an outlet for the new refrigerator in the basement. He is St. Paul's handyman in every sense and we are lucky we have him. Yup, and the outlet worked. And the refrigerator is working fine. Also, we now have brooms and salt next to all three doors.

If you are there and the walks need to be salted, please throw some on.



Montrose Snow

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful. Here's a Montrose snow photo looking south on Public Ave. Probably in the late 1940s. That's a lot of shoveling by hand.



LATE NOVEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own." Almost all the leaves are down and the ponds have ice on them each morning. There have been hard frosts in the morning. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around town -- lights are up and decorations are appearing in the stores. It's fall here in Susquehanna County.



