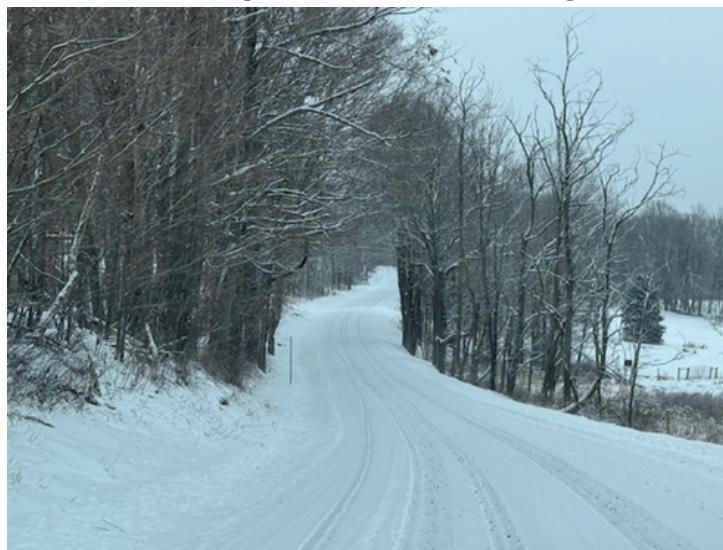


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

January 11- January 17



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

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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:

Yesterday was soup nite and we served more than 110 individuals with Chicken noodle soup and chili. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this smooth and fun.

I visited Esther and gave her communion. With all the activity going on in her home, she is tired but looks and sounds good. Physical therapy will be going twice a week . The emphasis seems to be restoring her ability to walk. Please keep her in your prayers. Her daughter, Janet, promises to remove all her current voice mail so she can actually talk to those of you who call. Calling is good but please keep it short.

Ellen is slowly getting better, very slowly. We sent soup to both her and Esther yesterday.

I have said this before but it can be said again: Our annual meeting will be on Jan 25, that is in two and ½ weeks. We will be reporting on the present life of the parish and looking toward the future. I will be asking to increase the number of vestry members. My purpose in asking this is not just to share the work load. It is to spread the knowledge of what, how and why we do what we do as a Christian community here in Montrose and add input into what we are being called to do. Please take the time to listen to God's call to you and use of your gifts and experience. If you do feel drawn to being on the vestry, please let me know this Sunday or before.

In Christ,
Rev Susan

View from the Pew:

I found this on the internet. It's called "The Last Time".

One day, you'll do something for the last time. The last time you hug your mom without realizing it. The last late-night drive with your best friend before life pulls you in different directions. The last meal at your favorite spot before it closed. The last time you laugh until you cry with people you won't see again. The last time you shake hands with another parishioner during the peace. You won't know it's the last, it won't feel special in the moment. It'll feel like any other day. Until it isn't.

So be where your feet are. Look people in the eye. Say what you mean. Feel it fully. Because the ordinary moments...They're only ordinary until they're gone.

Dan Graham

Sundays Service

First Sunday after Epiphany

Jan

11



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Response: Psalm 29

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Lynne Graham

Hospitality: Betty Smith

This week's Hymns:

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

Shall we gather at the river

This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Happenings and Announcements

Sleeping Bags and Movie Night Next week!

This upcoming week we have Sleeping Bags Group Meeting downstairs on Wednesday the 14th and on Friday Night we will be playing a movie in the Parish Hall at 5PM.

We hope you can all make it!

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, John Reynolds, Vera Dunn, Esther Welden
The names requested for prayers will stay in the update for 2 weeks unless requested otherwise

This Month's Birthdays:



Charles Cesaretti 1/2, Karen McAbee 1/4, Ann Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, David Calby 1/24, Marsha Jones 1/26

This Month's Anniversaries:



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

Second Sunday After Christmas January 4, 2025

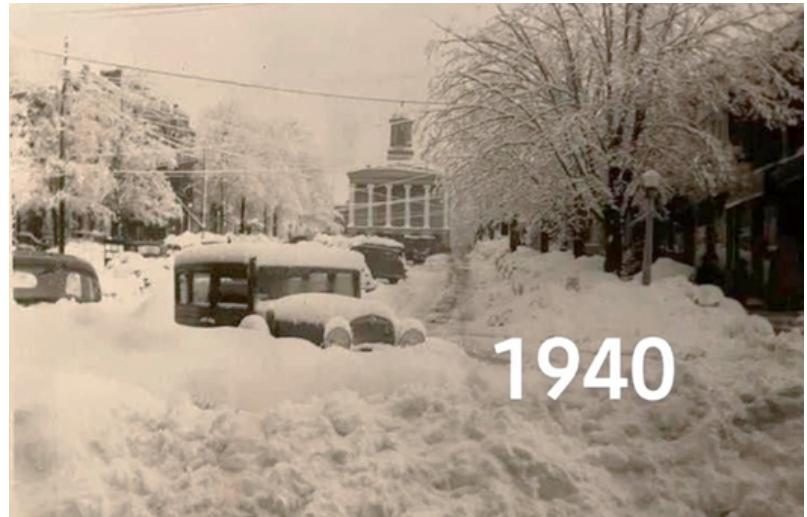
What Child is this, Who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King;
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

The Second Sunday After Christmas, January 4th, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. Lynne Graham gave the 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.



More Snow

Here's a good oldie from 1940 looking up Public Ave. Looks like one big snow dump probably in late winter or early spring when the snow is heavy. .



Soup Night

Everybody knows what the first Wednesday of the Month means – it's soup day,



Old photo of Church Street

Here's an early 1900s photograph of Church Street looking east towards St. Paul's from where the light is today. While you can't see St. Paul's because of the trees, but here's a great picture of the old Montrose House on Chestnut Street. The hotel was directly across from St. Paul's and it was the first thing our parishioners saw when leaving church. It was torn down in 1927 and replaced by the Montrose Inn, the structure that became the bank that is there now.



EARLY JANUARY 2026 IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"A new year, a new chapter, a new verse, or just the same old story. Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours." The weather broke for the first time in about a month. It rained and some of the snow and ice started to melt. It's winter here in Susquehanna County.

