

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

January 4- January 10



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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

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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 hope everyone had a joyous Christmas.

As an update on those who we know have been ill. Ellen E is slowly recovering with Bronchitis. Esther Weldon is now home from the hospital. Keep both of them in your prayers as well as the rest of us who have asked for prayers that are listed in this weekly.

We are fast approaching our annual meeting. I ask all of us to examine our dreams and feelings about how we are being called to use our gifts for the benefit of St Paul's and our community of Montrose. Please take some time to listen to where and how you are being led in this new year.

In Christ,  
Rev Susan

# Sundays Service

## Second Sunday after Christmas

Jan

4



### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Response: Psalm 84

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

### This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality: no one

### This week's Hymns:

What child is this

Come down, O Love divine

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

The sinless one to Jordan come

### This week's Gospel according to: Luke

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

# Happenings and Announcements



Happy  
New Year!

## 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:



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025  
First Sunday After Christmas December 28, 2025

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor, John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham read the lessons. Ben Zalewski served as acolyte. 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.

The First Sunday After Christmas, December 28, 10:00 Ante Communion Service was led by Lynne Graham. Dan Graham, Betty Smith and Andrew Wurth 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.

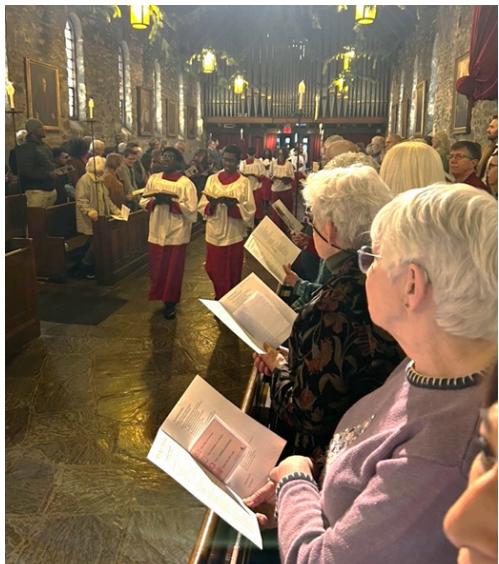


## Greening of the Church

The traditional greening of the church for the Christmas Service took place after coffee hour.

The creche was brought into the sanctuary and set up to wait for the birth of baby Jesus.

The Wise Men are journeying from the far window sills to arrive at Epiphany. Thanks to all the helpers.



## Why the Bells Chimed

Last Sunday after church, several St. Paul's parishioners went down to the Church Farm School in Exton, Pennsylvania to see "Why the Chimes Rang." This was the 100th anniversary of the students' performance of the pageant. The costumes were magnificent and the young men did an outstanding job putting us in the Christmas spirit.

## Christmas Eve Service





## Christmas Around Town

Montrose was ready for Christmas this week and many of the houses were gussied up with their Christmas preparations. It's fun to drive around and look. Here are some photos:



## St. Paul's is ready for Christmas



## Christmas Visitation and Salvation Army Volunteer

The Undercofflers and Socks visited the Lashers in their new house down in Dallas. That's the two Lasher's dogs also. They all give a shout out! Also, look who's ringing the Salvation Army bell at Price Chopper. It's Sean Eckert.



## Coats for Our Community

Coats for Our Community gave out coats at St. Paul's on Wednesday, the 17th and Thursday the 18th. During those two days, we gave out 187 coats, plus hats, gloves, scarfs, sweatshirts, etc. At 9:00 on Wednesday, all of those hangers below had coats on them. Last week was the final coat distribution of the 2025 year and it coincided with Interfaith's Christmas Bureau. The remaining coats were put in tubs and were stored in the Celtic Room.



## MID-DECEMBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Farmer Kate sent in a photo of her donkeys – yes donkeys. Carol Marker sent us a photo of an albino squirrel that her daughter had sent. The snow had melted and the grass in the fields had been knocked down and easy to walk in but then we got about 5 inches and some cold weather.

It's winter here in Susquehanna County.

"Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole empire. This was the first census to take place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her Child to be born. And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

