
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

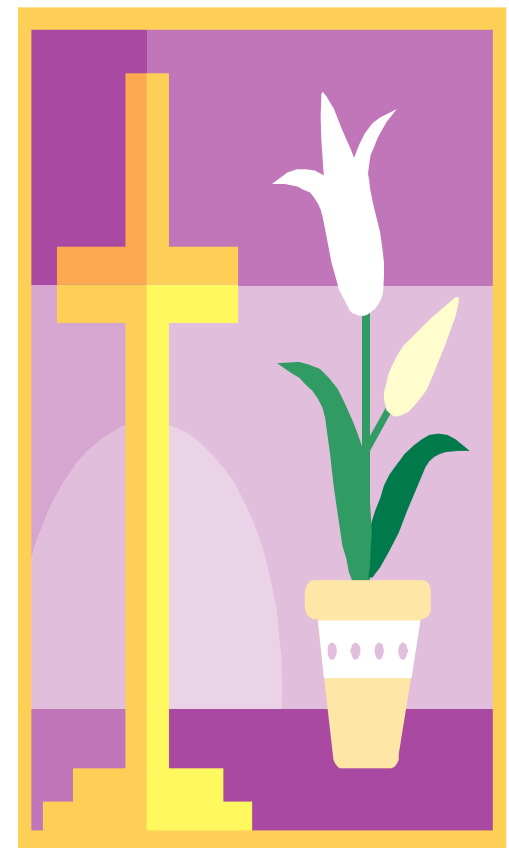
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Upcoming Events

- April 1: **Maundy Thursday:** The Proper Liturgy of the Day, The Ceremony of Footwashing, and the Stripping of the Altar
3 PM, Christ Church, Susquehanna
5 PM, St. Mark's, New Milford
7 PM, St. Paul's, Montrose
- April 2: **Good Friday:** The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, the chanting of the Passion according to John, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
2 PM, Christ Church, Susquehanna
4:30 PM, St. Mark's, New Milford
7 PM, St. Paul's, Montrose
NOON: Good Friday Walk of the Cross, starting at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church
- April 3: **Easter Even:** The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter, one of the most ancient services of the church
7 PM, St. Mark's, New Milford, Reception to follow
11 PM, St. Paul's, Montrose
- April 4: **Easter Day**
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's, Montrose
9 AM, Christ Church, Susquehanna
11 AM, St. Mark's, New Milford
- April 7: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow.
- April 8: 5:30 PM, Vestry Meeting
- April 10: NOON, Daughter's of the King
- April 11: II Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
10:15, Adult Forum
- April 14: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow.
- April 18: III Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
10:15, Adult Forum
- April 21: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow.
- April 25: IV Easter
9 AM, Worship at St. Paul's
10:15, Adult Forum
- April 27: NOON, Daughter's of the King
6:30 PM, Finance Committee
- April 28: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow.

Good Friday

The Good Friday Walk of the Cross will be April 2nd Starting at 12 noon at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church



Monday through Friday:
St. Paul's Church, Montrose
9:00 AM, Morning Prayer
5:30 PM, Evening Prayer

From the Rector's Desk...

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened 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.” Matthew 3: 16-17

In the first chapter of the Bible we read a wonderful story of creation in which, after each day of the created order, proclaims the work to be good, and, following the creation of humankind, everything is proclaimed to be good, indeed, very good. We, as beings created in God's image, are proclaimed very good from our beginning. We can hear echoes of that at the collect following the first reading at the Great Vigil—“O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature.”

A second story follows which tries to explain God's gift of free will and the nature of sin, which is our desire to turn from a life centered on God to a life that is self-centered. From that story we have inherited the concept of original sin, one that the church has centered in on for centuries of Christian thought.

When we read about the onset of the public ministry of Jesus Christ, Jesus is baptized in the River Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist. When Jesus comes up out of the water God proclaims that Jesus is God's own beloved.

Through our baptism we, too with Jesus, share in being adopted children of God, God's own beloved daughters and sons.

However, for far too long, the Christian church down through the last several centuries has chosen to focus on being the fallen children of God, derived from the second story of creation. Judgment and guilt have been the hallmarks of that focus. We are blessed to have a loving God who is just, but not fair. If our God were fair in the way we judge, we would not be able to stand. Our God is just, offering unfailing love and compassion to all God's children who turn to the loving parent, and welcoming us back when we return to God time and time again, in spite of our misdoings.

I encourage you to live into the joy of the resurrection by embracing and living into your baptism as God's beloved children. To do so doesn't mean failing to recognize our own shortcomings, but rather, because of God's abiding love, compassion and forgiveness, remaining beloved sons and daughters of God! Alleluia!

Christians who claim their status as the beloved children of God live out their Christian witness by lives of rejoicing and thanksgiving which offer the same compassion and forgiveness to all with whom we come in contact. The final collect at the conclusion of the readings from the Hebrew scriptures at the Great Vigil says, “Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.”

During this Easter season and during the rest of our lives may we embrace and continually deepen our sense of being beloved children of God. Amen.

Fr. Paul+

Vesper Service

The Second Sunday Vesper Service will be held at historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church Street, Montrose, PA on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Mary Lee Fitzgerald will welcome the congregation and Edward DeWitt is the reader for this service. The Reverend Chase and Constance Page will be greeters for this ecumenical service. Guest musician is soprano soloist MayBelle Golis, of Montrose. A light meal will be served in the Parish House. All are welcome.

Aluminum Can Drive

The aluminum can and New York deposit bottle drive is still on and needs your help. Please drop off any aluminum cans or deposit bottle (rinsed and not crushed) at the Chestnut Street entrance to the Parish House. Your help in this fund raiser is really needed. For questions please contact: Dick Schwab at 570-967-2962 or Jerry Sock at 570-833-4586. Thank you.

Submitted by Jerry Sock

Daughters of the King News

Are you aware of the special ministry carried out by the Daughters of the King? Many daughters devote a considerable amount of time with knitting needles and crochet hooks to bring comfort to those who are ill or facing challenging times. Our prayer shawl ministry has now been augmented by the creation of cancer caps – warm, furry hats for those undergoing cancer treatments leading to the loss of hair. All our items are blessed with prayers before being given to recipients. Anyone wishing to learn how to make shawls or caps for this ministry or who knows someone who might be facing a difficult time, please see one of the Daughters.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab

Your Vestry At Work Summary Of The March 11th Vestry Meeting

Authorized the payment of \$5,000 on the mortgage principal for the rectory, with a review in October to determine if an additional \$5,000 payment on the mortgage principal is feasible. The plan is to reduce the principal as much as feasible over the next 10 years while the interest rate is fixed. Starting in year 11 of the 20 year mortgage the interest rate will float and it will be a savings to St. Paul's to have the principal reduced as much as possible before that time.

Scheduled spring clean up for Saturday, April 17th, with May 1st as an alternate date in the event of inclement weather on the 17th.

Agreed with the following recommendations of the Property Committee: to utilize Rodney Stone for lawn care services this year; to set aside a week during the summer when no activities will be held in the parish hall so that the floor can be redone; to replace the section of worn carpeting in the church from the steps to the center of the altar if a suitable match can be obtained; to purchase a small cabinet for storing the video camera; and to investigate various security camera and/or door alarm systems for St. Paul's.

The Bradford County Historical Society has approved St. Matthew's designation as a Bradford County Century Building. A bronze plaque noting this designation will be placed on the exterior of the building. Vestry authorized the release of funds to cover the \$42 cost associated with the plaque.

Initiated the application process for grants through the Keystone Grant Program and the Endless Mountain Heritage to assist with costs associated with the exterior restoration of St. Paul's, based upon priorities set forth by the Property Committee.

Released the 2010 budgeted funding for the End of Day program in the amount of \$1,600, conditioned upon receipt of the financial documents requested.

Complete minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Guild Room.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab, Clerk to Vestry

How is it?

How is it that when we go to the movies, we can sit for 2-3 hours, or a ball game 3-4 hours. But when we go to Church on Sunday, to worship God, one hour is far too long and we must bolt out the Church door as fast as possible?

Submitted by Jerry Sock

St. Paul's Continues to Support the Food Bank

Today's economy has people cutting back on many things. We hear and may even know of some who have trouble feeding their families. There are some children whose only meal may be the one they get at school. For many years St. Paul's has collected food to give directly to our local Food Bank.

Our collection date is the first Sunday of the month, which is Youth Sunday. Our youth will bring the food up to the altar as a way of thanking those who contributed.

Most non-perishable food items that can be used to make a meal, along with personal care, paper goods and cleaning products are needed. We have a collection area at the back of the church for you to place your items in on any Sunday. Please check expiration dates.

This is such a simple way to help those less fortunate. Please bring a few items each month. Thank you

What Neighborhood do You Live In?

I read an idea that went something like this: "Love your neighbor as yourself, or else, there goes the neighborhood." It makes sense to me.

The Daughters of the King are trying to improve the neighborhood by helping Trehab help people. Our church and the other Montrose churches are helping to enrich the neighborhood by supporting Bountiful Blessing, the Easter Dinner.

What is happening in your neighborhood?

Submitted by Jane Chandler

Orders for Angel Food will be taken:

April 7 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM
April 8 from 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM
April 8 from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
At Bridgewater Baptist Church
Distribution Day is April 17 from 8:00 – 9:30 AM
If you have questions about this program call
Carol at 278-2156

First Sunday of each Month WRC

The Women's Resource Center serves adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their significant others. The WRC satellite office was first opened in Montrose, Pennsylvania in 1990. Our branch in Montrose frequently helps women find housing. They may have children. Their need is like one who is just starting out on their own. Cleaning supplies, along with paper products, blankets, pillows, pillowcases, towels or even gift cards to a department or grocery store help them get started. Since there are often children, baby items ie. baby wipes, plastic bottles, diapers sizes 4,5, and 6 are needed along with games, playing cards, and art supplies for the older siblings. The WRC has a wish list of items which can be used by the family trying to get re-started again. See the bulletin in the Guild room.

We Recycle

We no longer use styrofoam.

Psalm 24: 1a: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..."

Psalms and Kajo Keji plus

When I applied for my North Carolina drivers license, I noticed that they were selling baseball hats. (There is a point; stick with me.) The hats weren't for major or minor league baseball teams; the hats had sayings on them. Through the years, the hat that has stuck in my mind is, "If you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch."

When it comes to me and Kajo Keji, I have to admit that I am a pup. There is nothing wrong with being a pup. I like sunning myself on my porch. Back as a teenager I read about St. Theresa of Lisieux. She never left her convent in France (her porch), but was the patron saint of missions (big dog). Go figure.

People in Kajo Keji are living the psalms on \$2000 a year and dodging plastic land mines (not metal, to avoid metal detectors). The farmers till their fields until their hoe hits a mine. Boom! I'm not sure which psalm covers that one, but I'll let you know when I find it.

Kajo Keji is and has been written up in www.diobeth.org. Since Newspin has been archived in early 2006, there have been over 37 issues that report on Kajo Keji ... if you are interested. That's forty-two articles. How many have you read? If you want, I could email you a list ... or you could look it up.

Been googling various topics on the Sudan. I've come to the conclusion "the Sudan" is a topic my mind cannot comprehend. By now on any other subject I would feel a sense of closure ... not with "the Sudan." But I get the sense that everyone in the State Department, USAID, United Nations, and the Diobeth World Missions Committee leaves work at night and wantint to scream. I'll stay on my porch and pray for "the Sudan", thank you. To quote that famous 20th century philosopher, Dirty Harry, "A man has to know his limitations."

Back to the psalms ... Got a new book on the psalms written by a rabbi. He mentions that there is one psalm for each day of the week (143 other psalms fit in somewhere in Judaism.). The devout Jew is supposed to read one of those seven psalms on each day of the week. (Remember, the Jews WROTE the psalms around King David's time.) I got another book of psalms as a gift. These are rewrites of the original psalms in modern English vernacular. Unusual.

This has led to a project that I've begun. I'm going to compare the verbs in three versions of the psalms: 1) the ones translated into English from the Hebrew, 2) the ones in the modern English vernacular, and 3) the psalms in the Book of Common Prayer. (You DID know that the BCP has the psalms in it, didn't you? Don't feel bad. I only learned that a few weeks ago.) The verbs in a sentence are where the action is. Stay tuned.

There are some elections in the Sudan this month. Next year there is a referendum to have South Sudan secede. About 150 years ago didn't that happen somewhere in North America? I've heard it wasn't pretty. Pray....

*I like the psalms. (I'm working on loving the psalms.) I'm praying **daily** for Kajo Keji*

Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA) BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)
"Bringing men and boys to Christ."

ECW 2010 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AT KIRBY HOUSE



Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, May 12th at the Kirby House for our annual meeting.

Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Ronald Royce Miller.

ECW Annual Spring Meeting 2010

Wednesday, May 12th

- 9:30 am - Registration - Refreshments available
- 10:00 am - Welcome & prayer
- 10:10 am - Rev, Ronald Royce Miller
- 11:00 am - Holy Eucharist Bishop Paul
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Continue program
- 2:30 pm - Closing Prayer

Sign-up on reverse of flyer.
Cost: \$ 12.00 per person
Reservations must be in no later than April 28th. Mail to:

Martha Fox
4465 Farm Drive
Allentown, PA 18104



**"Messages - Obvious and
Obscure - in Christian Art
Throughout the Ages"**

by

The Rev. Ronald Royce Miller

Explore the meaning and messages of Christian art through the ages.

The Rev. Ronald Royce Miller will talk about this fascinating topic during his presentation.

Spend Weds. May 12th with us...

Join us at the Kirby House in Glen Summit, PA.

Meet with others from various Episcopal parishes in the Bethlehem Diocese.

Learn about the messages contained in Christian art.

For more information please call:

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Monthly Summary for February 2010 - St. Paul's

Income

	YTD	Totals
Pledges Realized	\$13,773.50	
Plate Offering	\$ 4,215.37	
Easter/Christmas/Special	\$ 3,311.50	
Flowers	\$ 593.00	
Outreach	\$ 4,780.87	
Memorial Fund	\$ 0.00	
Capital Fund/FOHSP	\$ 0.00	
Other	\$ 0.00	
Total Offerings		\$26,674.24
 Interest & Investment Earnings	 *\$32,372.46	
Total Income YTD		\$59,046.70

Expenditures

Worship	\$ 1,019.72	
Music *	\$ 2,270.00	
Flowers	\$ 541.60	
Education	\$ 21.27	
Outreach	\$ 1,477.85	
Administration	\$ 4,180.13	
Maintenance	\$ 1,216.05	
Contracted Services	\$ 1,980.00	
Utilities	\$ 5,530.38	
Capital Expenses	\$ 0.00	
Payroll	\$10,370.20	
Rectory	\$ 1,818.86	
Debt Service *	\$ 3,435.36	
Total Expenses YTD		\$33,861.42

Notes:

- >Income from the DIT is received quarterly
- >Music expenses include the cost of moving and refurbishing the piano in the sanctuary.
- >Debt Service: rectory mortgage payments & loan payments for accessibility entrance.

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April, 2010 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

4: Esther Welden
11: Alice Wood
18: Bernie Zalewski
25: Mary Zalewski

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

4: Helen Viteritto
11: Mary Zalewski
18: Colleen McAleer
25: Esther Welden

Counters

4: Bernie Zalewski and Maggie Sock
11: Sandy Schwab and Carol Marker
18: Jane Chandler and Richard Schwab
25: Joan Hamilton and Warren Morgan

Eucharistic Minister

4: Jerry Sock and Jane Chandler
11: Brenda Syle and Alma Shingler
18: Esther Welden and Bernie Zalewski
25: Margaret Baker and Jenny Bowen

Greeters

4: Carol Lasher
11: Jack Lasher
18: Carol Marker
25: Alice Wood

Lector

4: Sandy Schwab
11: Richard Marker
18: Jerry Sock
25: Ed Stark

Usher

3: Al Leigh
4: Jerry and Maggie Sock
11: Mike Shingler and Max Bartron
18: Richard Schwab and Lucas Bartron
25: John Finlon and Max Bartron