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# ❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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## Upcoming Events

- August 1: 9 AM, 10 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
Parish Picnic at the home of Dan & Lynne Graham,  
following church
- August 3: 6 PM - 9 PM, National Night Out block party,  
Montrose Borough Memorial Park
- August 4: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow
- August 6 & 7: Arts and Crafts Festival at St. Paul's; Bake Sale; raffle;  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Organ recitals and tours @ 11, 1 & 3 p.m.
- August 8: 9 AM, 11 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
10:15 AM, Adult Forum
- August 10: 2 PM, Stewardship meeting
- August 11: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow
- August 14: 10 AM, DOK meeting
- August 15: 9 AM, 12 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
10:15 AM, Adult Forum  
4 PM, Evensong for The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, followed by  
English Tea hosted by Father Paul in the Memorial Garden
- August 17: Cool Jazz on a Hot Summer's Night, St. Paul's  
(reservations required by August 11)
- August 18: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow  
9:45 AM, Cathedral Church of the Nativity,  
ECW summer gathering/tea
- August 19: 5:30 PM, Vestry meeting
- August 22: 9 AM, 13 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
10:15 AM, Adult Forum
- August 25: 12:10 PM, Eucharist at St. Paul's, Bag lunch to follow
- August 29: 9 AM, 14 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
10:15 AM, Adult Forum  
4 PM, Mr. Bryan Jackson concert at St. Paul's
- August 31: 9:45 AM, DOK meeting

### Saturday Eucharist at St. Matthews

July 10th through September  
4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Stevensville is on  
Rt. 706 West of Montrose

### Looking Ahead:

- September 12 9 AM, 16 Pentecost  
Worship at St. Paul's  
Sermon by Charlie Barebo, Diocesan Development Officer and  
Forward Life Planning presentation following the service

### St. Paul's Church, Montrose

Monday through Friday:  
9:00 AM, Morning Prayer

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A few short weeks ago in conversation with our Borough Police Chief I became aware that Montrose has never participated in the Annual National Night Out campaign. I thought this is a simple enough event that St. Paul's could certainly be a sponsor and organizer for the observance of this program. I realized that there would not be much turn-around time this year since I only became aware of this need around the beginning of July. However, after much discussion with the Chief, we thought we could have a simple event this year to raise awareness of the program and next year expand the program when we have more pre-planning time available.

The **27th Annual National Night Out** (NNO), a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 3, 2010**. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, churches, businesses, and neighborhood organizations from 15,449 communities from all 50 states. In all, over 37 million people participated in NNO.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to do the following: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) build relationships between the local police departments and the youth of the region. In many cases this also includes the fire department as well.

The Borough Council has given us permission to use the park behind the Borough Building. Price Chopper is going to set up their food tent and sell at a very low cost, hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks, and soda. The money they charge will be a donation to offset our costs for this year and to begin to build a reserve for next year's event. The 15th District of the Masonic Lodge is organizing to have their CHIPS program available. This program finger prints youth and photographs them so parents have the ability to identify their youth in case of some emergency. The American Red Cross will have a program. One of our local police officers will have the "hot seat" in the dunk tank! The police will provide a cruiser for the youth to check out. We are hoping to have a fire truck also available for the youth to investigate. The Police Chief is working on contacting a person to provide music. We are waiting for commitments from several other participants.

I invite you to come out and join us for this event on August 3rd. NNO will begin at 6:00 p.m. and run until 9:00 p.m. Hope to see you there at this St. Paul's sponsored event!

Fr. Paul

### **Have You Thanked A Volunteer Lately?**

Thanks to Cindy Vermette for donating the finish for restoring our hardwood floors.

Thank you John, Dick, Jack, Ben, Al, and all who helped in the floor refinishing.

Thanks to the Grahams for the new carpet on the stairs and altar area of the church.

Have you seen someone go above and beyond the norm for St. Paul's?

Be sure to tell them how much their efforts are appreciated.

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### *Spirit of Summer Events for August*

In these closing weeks of summer we have the following events of this year's *Spirit of Summer* series, offered in conjunction with the observance of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Susquehanna County.

Evensong for The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin will be held on Sunday, August 15 at 4 P.M. The Evensong will be followed by English Tea hosted by Father Paul in the side yard. The feast day is sometimes called "The Dormition of the Blessed Virgin" and by our Roman sisters and brothers "The Assumption." Evensong is essentially sung Evening Prayer and is a very hallmark tradition of the Anglican Church.

"Cool Jazz on a Hot Summer's Night" will be offered on Tuesday, August 17. The Summerhouse Grill, one of Montrose's prestigious restaurants will be here at St. Paul's, to provide an incredible meal composed entirely of the late summer's bounty from Susquehanna County. The first course of hand-passed appetizers (including Clodhooper Farm chicken liver pate on crostini) will be served in the garden, weather permitting. The main course is Grilled Vegetarian Lasagna made with eggplant, zucchini and summer squash grilled and layered with Inn to the Seasons goat ricotta and fresh marinara sauce, served with lightly dressed local greens. Dessert will feature two of the Summerhouse's made-from-scratch desserts—Lemon Sour Cream Cake and Chocolate Hazelnut Torte, both drizzled with fresh berry sauce. Several local jazz players including our own Joseph Weldon will offer an evening of improvised jazz to accompany the three-course meal. You may bring your own wine. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling the church; reservation deadline is Wednesday, August 11. All proceeds go to St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Bryan Jackson, baritone currently living in Washington, D.C. and singing with the National Opera Company will be in Montrose for the last weekend in August. A special chamber choir will join Bryan for a concert on Sunday, August 29 at 4:00 P.M. called "From Susquehanna with love." Mr. Jackson will sing the Aaron Copeland "Old American Songs," accompanied by Randy Webster. A reception will follow the concert. Both of the traveling exhibits, *Images of Susquehanna County: Photos from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries* and *The Episcopal Church in Susquehanna County* will return to St. Paul's and be on exhibit at the same time.

The summer comes to an end on Sunday, September 5, with a special Eucharist celebrated at 11:00 A.M. on the grounds of St. Mark's in New Milford. All of the Episcopal churches in upper Susquehanna will join together for the informal Eucharist and the picnic to follow. You are cordially invited to join your other brothers and sisters for a great Labor Day celebration. Please plan to bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs! (Eucharist will also be celebrated that morning at 9:00 A.M. at St. Paul's.)

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## St. Paul's Parish Picnic Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

St. Paul's annual parish picnic will be held at the home of Dan and Lynne Graham on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the church service. Dan and Lynne will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Families are asked to bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Please join the parish family for a day of fun and socializing.

Dan and Lynne live west of Montrose. Take 706W for 7 miles. After Ventresca Tax Consultants take the gravel road on the right, staying straight at the Y. At the T, turn right onto Griffis Hill Rd. Go 1.5 miles and turn left (it is the first left on Griffis Hill Rd.). Go down the steep hill and up the other side. Their house is at the top of the hill on the left--white aluminum siding with a barn, a garage with a red metal roof, and another barn lined up on the driveway. Park anywhere along the road by the house if the driveway is full.

## Arts And Crafts Festival

Once again we are joining in the Blueberry festivities with our Arts and Crafts Festival at St. Paul's on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters have been lined up to offer their latest creations and the St. Paul's bakers have ignored the heat and turned on their ovens to create an array of delicacies for our bake sale. St. Paul's will have note cards and ornaments for sale, along with some special donations. Raffle baskets have been created as a fund raiser in support of the Montrose library. Each basket has a theme – Christmas; Cocktails at 5; Just for Kids; Pets; and Summer – and each is filled with an array of items depicting the theme – thanks to donations from members of the parish. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and we ask all parishioners to sell 10 tickets to help increase the revenue we raise for the library (and we are sure many of you will want to have an opportunity to win one of these baskets yourselves). See Carol Marker or Charlotte Ellis for advance sale tickets. Father Randy will open the doors to the church and fill the air with music from his organ recitals, each day at 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m., which will be followed by tours of Historic St. Paul's. **Make St. Paul's part of your Blueberry Festival activities and support both St. Paul's Building Fund and the Library's Operations Budget.** *Submitted by Sandy Schwab*

## Help St. Paul's Raise Funds For The Library

Thanks to the generosity of members of the parish, 4 beautiful theme baskets have been created for the Arts and Crafts Festival raffle to benefit the library's operating budget. Tickets are \$1 each and we are asking every member of the parish to sell 10 tickets to show our support for the library. Tickets may be obtained from Carol Marker or Charlotte Ellis. Be sure to that names and phone numbers are written on the back of each ticket before turning them in. Please have all tickets back to Carol or Charlotte by August 5<sup>th</sup>. *Submitted by Sandy Schwab*

## Come to a Barn Dance!

If you love good country music and down-home barbeque, you can show your support for the Susquehanna County Library by bringing your friends and family to the Blueberry Barn Dance on Friday, August 6, at the VFW in Montrose beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is being held in conjunction with the Blueberry Festival, and all proceeds go to the operating budget of the library. For information and reservations, call 278-7050.

## Second Sunday Vesper Service

The August Vesper Service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church Street, Montrose, PA. Kristen and Tom Follert are greeters and Mary Lee Fitzgerald will welcome the congregation. The Reverend Janet Watrous is the reader for this service. Jacob Myers and Louise Smith will present special music. Mary Ann DeWitt is organist for this service. A salad buffet will be held in the Parish House. All are welcome.

## **The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen invite you to a Summer Gathering and Tea**

The event will be held at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA on August 18, 2010

9:45 am

Registration Sayre Hall – Beverages Available

10:00 am

Tour of the Cathedral with Historian Sandy Kelly

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Celebrant  
The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger

12:00 noon

Gathering and Tea – “Hats Optional”

Registration fee \$5.00, send to: Catherine Jeffery,  
1839 Ulster Rd., Allentown, PA 18809, telephone:  
610-868-6682

## **Forward Life Planning**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Barebo, Development Officer for the Diocese of Bethlehem, will deliver the sermon at our Sunday worship service and will also join us during coffee hour to share with us an extremely informative program designed to help us all with planning for our future, that of our family and that of our church. Dick and I attended a recent presentation at St. Luke's in Scranton and were thoroughly impressed with the information provided and found answers and unexpected revelations pertaining to issues we all face in estate planning, writing our wills, preparing a living will and health care proxy, as well as our final way of insuring that St. Paul's continues to be a source of comfort and spiritual guidance for generations to come. The program answered questions that have been plaguing us about wise preparation for the aging process – you know, the issues that we all know deep down we should address, but keep pushing aside. For instance, do you know the difference between a living will and a health care proxy? I didn't – but I sure am glad I found out. How can we include St. Paul's in our will, as well as our family, when we don't know what our financial status will be in the future? We received tremendous guidance in this area. Additionally, sample documents were provided to help us all work through this process. We left the meeting with a tremendous sense of the faith journey for ourselves, our families and future generations at St. Paul's. We encourage you all to stay for coffee hour and Charlie's presentation on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It is well worth your time.

*Submitted by Sandy & Dick Schwab*

## **CPR Training To Be Held At St. Paul's**

Red Cross CPR training will be offered this fall at St. Paul's. Details are currently being finalized with the Red Cross for the 5 hour course which will cover the latest techniques in adult, child and infant CPR. The tentative date is Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Participation will first be opened to members of St. Paul's, and then to the community until we reach maximum class capacity of 20 individuals. The Red Cross fee for materials and training will apply. Watch your Friday email, the Sunday bulletin and the September newsletter for final details.

*Submitted by Sandy Schwab*

**2011 Budget**

"St. Paul's Finance Committee is beginning the process of developing the parish operating budget for 2011. **In order to include realistic and complete information in the budget planning process, we need to meet with all members of the congregation who expect to have funds allocated next year. This includes ongoing operations such as property maintenance, office operations, music and alter guild, as well as anyone who coordinates any of the many special ministries of St. Paul's or wishes to propose a new ministry.**

The finance committee will have a general meeting on August 20th to meet with members and discuss their needs. Please prepare a sheet with the ministry/function name, purpose and a summary budget for presentation at the August 20th meeting.

Anyone who can not attend this meeting needs to contact the treasurer prior to the August 20th meeting to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you,  
Richard Schwab, treasurer

**Your Vestry At Work  
Summary Of The July 15<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting**

Reviewed status of finances and partial repayment of funds borrowed from Friends of St. Paul's account

Thanked Dan & Lynne Graham for their donation of new carpeting for the church stairs and altar area

Scheduled upgrade of rectory front entrance/sidewalk and semi-annual inspection of rectory for August.

Scheduled the parish picnic for August 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Dan & Lynne Graham

Reviewed correspondence with Diocese and discussed structural deterioration at St. Matthews

Reappointed Bernie Zalewski as Senior Warden by Father Paul. Reelected John Finlon as Junior Warden, Dick Schwab as Treasurer, and Sandy Schwab as Clerk.

Elected Lynne Graham and Jerry Sock as delegates to Diocesan Convention and Dick Schwab as the alternate.

Agreed that all music camp participants will receive a letter of invitation to the upcoming community church school at St. Paul's

Complete minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Guild Room.  
*Submitted by Sandy Schwab, Clerk to Vestry*

## What is Outreach?

I have been thinking about our church and its outreach. I have been arguing with people about what outreach is and how we should practice it. I'm going to try to organize those thoughts and arguments.

I looked in my handy *Webster's All in One Dictionary and Thesaurus*, and I decided that while the first two definitions are sort of repetitions of the word, the third definition is good: **the extending of services beyond usual limits**. Wow! That's a really open statement. That means that when we let AA use our Celtic Room, we are engaging in outreach. That means that our television ministry is outreach. That means that the Music Camp this summer was outreach. That means that a great long list of things that go on in our church building can be considered "outreach." That means that every service that we have at St. Matthew's in addition to the three necessary ones to keep it under diocesan oversight, are "outreach." We have a lot of "outreach" happening at St. Paul's.

However, most, but not all, of these things are what I would call *passive outreach*. *Passive outreach* is easy because the building does most of the work. (St. Matthew's is probably the hardest thing we do, and I will speak of that at another time.)

What I'm trying very hard to say is that we **have** started down the "outreach" road. We have taken a few tentative steps on that part of the Christian path. St. Paul's has become a contributing member of our community. We have begun to help our neighbors. We have begun to be caring. However, to become what we can become, we need to do more. We need to do it, not because it will get us noticed or perhaps attract new members, but because it is the Christian thing to do. We need to find ways to "extend our reach" or "reach out" to all the parts of our community.

Let's look for ways to reach out our hands, to stretch out our arms in embrace to our fellow man. Let's look for ways to become better Christians. Let's look for ways to broaden our outreach.

*Submitted by Jane Chandler*

## What Have the Daughters of the King Been Doing This Month?

Nine of our Daughters and some of their spouses gathered at Gouldsboro State Park on July 10th with other Daughters of the Diocese. It was a lovely day with fun, food, and fellowship. All who attended enjoyed the occasion.

Also this month Father Paul took a variety of information about St. Paul's to the Bible Conference Center. For the Daughters of the King, Mary Jane Syle took some of our Prayer Shawls and information about them. These were a part of a multi-church display there. It was a very informative afternoon.

The next regular meeting of the DOK is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th at 10 am following Morning Prayer. It will be held in the Guild Room unless general maintenance interferes. Jane Chandler will be leading the Bible Study. It will be about I Corinthians 13. Anyone who is interested in Bible study is invited to attend.

The meeting after that is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th and will be held at Rita Leigh's home at 11 am. Daughters are asked to bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will have a short introduction to our new study book, *Cast of Characters*, by Max Lucado.

*Rita Leigh and Jane Chandler*

## Spirituality as I see it

Spirituality by definition is a belief in a power greater than ourselves, be it a tree, a mountain, a bridge, a great waterfall or whatever. I myself learned this principle about 24 years ago. The interesting part about this type of spirituality is its utter simplicity. If you really think about it, what are these simple things I'm speaking about? They're parts of creation. And what does creation relate to? God, of course. So spirituality in and of itself is simplicity and simplicity is bliss. I have a simple prayer I pray both morning and evening. It goes like this: Thank you Lord for giving me this day. Keep sins and troubles away. Bless family, friends and animals in every way in your humble name we pray (repeat 3 times). Evening: Thank you Lord for giving me this day for keeping sins and troubles away etc. etc. ( 3 times ) Amen. All God's blessings for the rest of the Summer

*Submitted by  
Bernie Z. Senior Warden*

## Psalms and Uncle Remus and the Holy Spirit

My favorite stories from childhood have been the ones by Uncle Remus. Disney publicized them in his series "Song of the South". In particular, I liked the story of the tar baby. The arrogance of Br'er Fox is in counterpoint to Br'er Rabbit's own arrogance. (If you think the tar baby story is politically incorrect, you may want to consider the "Tar Wolf" story by the Native Americans. It follows the same theme.) I assume you know the 'tar baby' Uncle Remus story.

In less than a year the US is about to hit its own "tar baby." In 2005 there was a Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that stopped the civil war. Last April, Sudan held elections for president. Early in 2011 there will be a referendum for or against making the Southern Sudan a separate country. Both of these actions were part of the CPA. Regardless of the outcome it doesn't appear it will be quiet. In the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century the U.S. had hit its own share of "tar babies". (Pick up a past newspaper.) The 2011 Sudan referendum may be the top pick of "tar babies" of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, surpassing even Iraq or Afghanistan. Seems to me that our only option for a reasonable exit strategy for the Sudan is to pray. If you have Anglican prayer beads, now is the time to warm them up. Is it a coincidence that the Special Envoy to Sudan is retired GENERAL Scott Gration? (One must pre-position one's assets.) Now is the time for you to search the internet for relevant Sudanese subjects that are of current interest so that you are informed.

To put things into perspective, let's suppose I live till I'm 100 ... and the social security is still around. (So, both assumptions are a stretch. Give me this one.) I will have amassed less than a million dollars in income. My bet is that I won't have saved much. (Sorry about that, kids.) To date (early May), the "Humanitarian Funding" from USAID to the Sudan will be \$195 million. That means "the Sudan" has gotten, so far, this year about 200 times what I'll get in Social Security ... if I live to be 100. Now, I don't say this to begrudge Sudan a dime. I only say this to give ME some sense of perspective of what "people who have more data than I do" see in the Sudan. If the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is supposed to bring "Men and boys to Christ", I can tell you that I have been thoroughly convinced that Christ is the only one who can address the "Sudan situation." I'd better pray for the Sudan. Care to join me ... daily?

**Back to the psalms ...** St. John Cassian of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century asserted that all the emotions could be found in the psalms. I wonder which psalm would apply to the "Sudan Situation"? My guess would be a psalm of lament.

Still a slow learner on how to love the psalms. Maybe I could ask the Holy Spirit for some help. Duh. I was reading a book on Lectio Divina a few days ago and got a warning label about Him ... quoted from Thomas Merton, "*Be careful if you're thinking of making friends with the Holy Spirit – because He's going to ask you to die.*" Now that's a warning label! But my word for the year was "transform" so what's a transformation but a death?

Bye.

*I am feeling the psalms.*

*(I'm working on loving the psalms.)*

*I pray daily for Diocese of Kajo Keji and the Diocese of Bethlehem*

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Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA)

BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)

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### Monthly Summary for June 2010 - St. Paul's

	YTD	Totals
<b>INCOME</b>		
Pledges Realized	\$28,694.00	
Plate Offering	\$7,918.15	
Easter/Christmas/	\$4,251.40	
Flowers	\$1,404.50	
Outreach	\$11,146.96	
Memorial Fund	\$0.00	
Capital Fund/FOH:	\$1,100.00	
Other	\$1,162.50	
<b>Total Offerings</b>		<b>\$55,677.51</b>
Interest & Investm	\$59,093.25	
<b>Total Income YTD</b>		<b>\$114,770.76</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Worship	\$1,408.17	
Music *	\$2,298.00	
Flowers	\$1,266.61	
Education	\$340.31	
Outreach	\$20,489.46	
Administration	\$9,615.10	
Maintenance	\$2,095.35	
Contracted Service	\$5,508.00	
Utilities	\$7,426.78	
Capital Expenses	\$0.00	
Payroll	\$50,999.95	
Rector's Moving E:	\$20,811.22	
Rectory	\$4,600.15	
Debt Service *	\$8,308.20	
<b>Total Expenses YTD</b>		<b>\$135,167.30</b>

\* music costs include the refurbishment of the donated piano in the sanctuary.

\* debt service includes principal and interest payments on Pennstar loan for rectory and Colt-Sterrit loan for accessible entrance.

respectfully submitted 7/26/2010  
R. Schwab, treasurer

## August, 2010 Lay Ministry Schedule

### Altar Guild

Charlotte Ellis and Alice Wood

### Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

### Coffee Hour

1: Rita and Al Leigh  
8: Jane Chandler  
15: Sandy Schwab  
22: Else Brunner and Maggie Sock  
29: Al and Rita Leigh

### Counters

1: Jane Chandler and Karen Wolfson  
8: Joan Hamilton and Richard Schwab  
15: Jerry Sock and Carol Marker  
22: Bernie Zalewski and Warren Morgan  
29: Sandy Schwab and Ed Stark

### Eucharistic Minister

1: Jenny Bowen and Jane Chandler  
8: Esther Welden and Jerry Sock  
15: Brenda Syle  
22: Bernie Zalewski  
29: Alma Shingler

### Greeters

1: Ellie McKeage  
8: Jenny Bowen  
15: Rachel Bartron  
22: Alice Wood  
29: Alma Shingler

### St. Paul's Lector

1: Richard Marker  
8: Sandy Schwab  
15: Rita Leigh  
22: Jerry Sock  
29: Ed Stark

### St. Matthew's Lector

7: Mary Jane Syle  
14: Rita Leigh  
21: Jerry Sock  
28: Rita Leigh

### St. Paul's Usher

1: Mike and Delaney Shingler  
8: John Finlon and Lucas Bartron  
15: Maggie and Jerry Sock  
22: Richard Schwab and Max Bartron  
29: Al Leigh

### St. Matthew's Usher

7: Maggie and Jerry Sock  
14: John Finlon  
21: Mike Shingler  
28: Richard Schwab