
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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Upcoming Events

January 7, Sunday, I Epiphany: The Baptism of Jesus
8 & 10:30 AM

9:15 AM, Education & Formation

January 10, Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Worship

7PM, Choir Rehearsal

January 14, Sunday, II Epiphany, Worship

8 & 10:30 AM

9:15 AM, Education & Formation

12 Noon: Budget Buffet

January 17, Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Worship

7 PM, Choir Rehearsal

January 19 & 20, Friday & Saturday

Annual Vestry Retreat

January 21, Sunday, III Epiphany, Worship

8 & 10:30 AM

9:15 AM, Education & Formation

January 24, Wednesday, 5:30 PM Healing Service

7 PM, Choir Rehearsal

11:30 AM, Seniors Dinner at St. Paul's

1:30 PM, Movie: *Singin' In the Rain*

January 27, Susquehanna Partnership Meeting

9:30 AM, Sr. Wardens & Treasurers

Come and Grow with us at St. Paul's.

All are welcome .

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St. Paul's

Parish House

In May of this year our Parish House will complete its 80th year of service to St. Paul's and the local community. The parish house and a trust fund for its operation were given by Samuel Dexter Warriner in memory of his father, the Rev. Edward Augustus Warriner. The parish house was dedicated on May 30, 1927. Portraits of the Rev. Mr. Warriner and his son hang in the Guild room of the parish house.

The Rev. Mr. Warriner was Rector of St. Paul's for a much longer period than any other rector: When he retired in 1906, he had served for nearly forty years. The Vestry of St. Paul's designated the Rev. Mr. Warriner, "Rector Emeritus" on his retirement.

The parish house has served for eighty years as an outstanding memorial to an outstanding person, but the Rev. Mr. Warriner left an even more important legacy: Look around you; how many Warriner descendants do you see?!

In May the parish will celebrate Samuel Warriner's gift, and the many gifts of his father, the Reverend Mr. Edward Warriner.

Submitted by Ed Stark

January 2007

My Dear Friends:

Why should you plan to attend the Budget Brunch on Sunday, January 14th?

This is a serious question for all those who are faithful members of the parish and are committed to health of our community of faith and its future, especially at a time when the parish will call new clergy leadership.

The budget is one barometer to gauge not only the fiscal health of the parish, but its priorities. It is not only an accounting of the stewardship of your elected leaders, but it is snapshot of the mission and vision of the parish. It is both a microscope and a telescope – it gives a detailed picture of the current activities and an articulation of the long-range goals in response to the call of God to mission and ministry.

As a committed and faith-filled member of St. Paul's, you should be aware of the administration and management of the funds you so lovingly and generously give to the operation of the parish. Your Vestry and I are committed to fiscal transparency. You have placed trust in us and you must be kept informed about the use of the monies you have given. It is important for you to ask why did Fr. Charles exceed the budget for communication and publicity. Was this a wise use of funds? You should expect an answer. And, you should ask the Vestry why it did **not** spend all the monies appropriated in certain areas. This is one function of the Budget Brunch.

However, the most important reason for the gathering is to ask: "Are we putting our monies where are mouth is?" That may be a crude way of saying it, but there it is. When you look at the overall budget, we should be proud of the percentage we give to outreach in all its forms, but are we proud of those small allocations for education & formation. The roof may be sound, but is the foundation strong? We should be pleased that our buildings and grounds are in excellent shape, but are we equally proud that our parish programs are strong, vibrant, and nourishing our faith? Are we being faithful to God's call to go out and invite others to join in the joys and blessings we enjoy? And, if they respond, are we prepared to welcome them, meet their needs, and nurture their faith journey? These are mission questions, but they are also budget questions.

As your leadership steps up to meet the "real" needs, those "fixed" costs we all face, do we have both the vision to grow, and the resources to respond to that growth? That is a challenge we all face as a community. It is a discussion we must all join in. The budget is one of our barometers.

On January 14th we will gather in the Parish Hall – a gift of a far-sighted person. This year we will be observing the 80th anniversary of this gift to St. Paul's and the community. Now there was a person who understood the value of foundation building! I pray that his spirit, and the spirits of all those who have preceded us, will embrace us and fill our hearts, minds, and conversation about our future.

Why should you plan to attend the Budget Brunch on Sunday, January 14th? May I suggest that is because God has called you and adopted you as one of his children of hope? God has showered you, and St. Paul's, with his blessing and joy. God has placed in your hands, has entrusted you, with the mission of his church to the entire world. That's why.

Charles A. Cesaretti



ON JANUARY 24 JOIN US FOR:

A SALUTE TO THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD MUSICALS

It's the 50s Again! Come join us as we recreate an old-time visit to the **Montrose Theatre** featuring a **CLASSIC MUSICAL** from filmdom's golden age...**on the big 35mm Screen.**

PLUS

SELECTED SHORTS – Period Newsreels, Previews of Coming Attractions and a Cartoon!

PLUS

FREE LUNCH – 11:30 at Historic St. Paul's Church, Montrose. Seating for lunch is limited – pick up your lunch tickets at any Susquehanna County Branch of Pennstar *Bank*.

TWO FILM SHOWINGS:

1:30 p.m.

PENNSTAR PRESENTS:

A Salute to the Golden Age of Hollywood Musicals for Pennstar Bank Customers only. For ticket reservations, please contact any Susquehanna County Branch of Pennstar Bank.

Plus: Popcorn – 25 cents. Courtesy **The Montrose Theatre.**

7:30 p.m.

Second showing of **A Salute to the Golden Age of Hollywood Musicals** for Wednesday Night Film Society pass holders and the general public.

A Presentation of: Pennstar Bank, The Montrose Theatre, The Wednesday Night Film Society, and Participating Montrose Merchants.

This project was supported in part by Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Bradford Regional Arts Council.



LITURGY FOR LEARNING

Historic Saint Paul's in Montrose is an assembly organized and maintained by local residents for the purpose of providing a model for living first described by the Messiah Jesus more than two thousand years ago. During this Christmas season one aspect of the work carried out by the people of St. Paul's has been amply evident in their generous effort to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate in our community. But the concerns of this congregation are not limited by the geographic constraints of a single region, or nation, of this Earth. As part of a *universal* (or "catholic" which means "universal") network known worldwide as the **Anglican Communion**, Saint Paul's benefits from a heritage of knowledge and experience that allows it to grow and change and adapt as it carries out the mission given to it in the Gospel teachings.

In the ancient Greek world public works were regularly undertaken by private citizens, at their own expense. Landowners would build bridges for public roads on their land. Soldiers would serve in armies and provide their own supplies. Dramas would be staged in public theaters by wealthy people seeking popularity. The Greek word used for this activity was "*liturgy*", a compound of the word for people and the word for work. But our religious life incorporates something beyond compassionate and altruistic acts of concern or of citizenship. We use *liturgy* today to describe another aspect of the work of the people as they participate in the service of the Word.

From earliest times each local church was the manifestation of the one, undivided body of Christ, present throughout the world. The *New Testament* enshrines an understanding of *liturgy* that has almost been lost in translation. Christ's life and death is in fact the one liturgy; and Christians whose lives are "in Christ", formed and shaped in his likeness, constitute a liturgy also. Our Anglican heritage involves clear continuity with the *liturgy* of the ancient church. We find in our **Book of Common Prayer** the key to the solemn liturgical dance whose every gesture suggests some aspect of God's work in Christ. How much do we know about the sacred liturgy that we practice each week? While it portrays a mystery it also contains answers that address the spiritual lives of the congregation.

We are about to begin a series of sessions of the **Adult Forum** devoted to our work, our liturgy, and our **Book of Common Prayer**. Here we shall address such questions as:

What does worship require of those who participate in it?

What is supposed to happen to us when we worship?

What difference does worship make in our attitudes and the way we live our lives?

Join with us Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Parish Hall to explore and learn more of the joy and mystery of the Christian life.

Submitted by David Plank

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Beginning Sunday, January 7, The History and Theology of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) will be the top of the Adult Forum, which meets at 9:15 AM every Sunday in the Parish Hall.

During the five-week course, Father Charles will lead the participants in discussing the history of the BCP from Thomas Cranmer to the current 1979 Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church in the USA. Along with its history and its liturgical and linguistic majesty, the Prayer Book is the “theological primer” for Episcopalians.

All are welcome to attend these sessions, especially those who are new to the Episcopal Church.

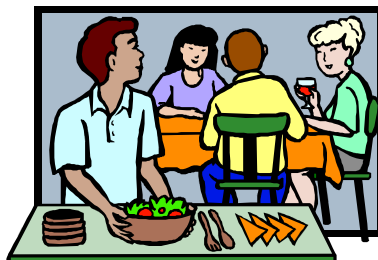


CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The plea went out for help from the organizers of the annual Christmas Day dinner at Montrose Senior Center and guess what happened!!! Twenty-seven members and friends of St. Paul's Church came to the rescue! Along with Endless Mountains Health System staff, employees and friends, fifty-two guests were treated to a delicious dinner at noon on Christmas Day. The guests received corsages or boutonnieres from St. Paul's Church as well. An impromptu event this year was "dinner music" provided by a cappella carol singing led by Joe and Esther Welden and Judy Ochse.

Renee Tyler led group singing and Kelly Rucker offered two solos. Many young people acted as servers, assisted with the raffle, visited with the guests and helped with the cleanup. This is community outreach at its best and we hope to continue this tradition for many years. In fact, several volunteers said, "we'll be back next year". In case you missed it, St. Paul's 27 members and friends served 52 guests - what a ratio!

Submitted by Mary Ann Dewitt



Lay Ministry January '07 Schedule

Altar Guild

- 7: Margie Baker
- 14: Else Brunner
- 21: Barb Buffington
- 28: Ellie McKeage

Coffee Hour

- 7: Betty Smith
- 14: Judy Ochse
- 21: Janet Kuhn
- 28: Mary Zalewski

Ushers

- 7: 8:00 Jerry Sock
- 10:30 Vickie Calby
- 14: 8:00 Ed Shingler
- 10:30 Scott Quigg
- 21: 8:00 John Finlon
- 10:30 Al Leigh
- 28: 8:00 Volunteer
- 10:30 Ed Stark

Camera

- 7: Ed Ochse
- 14: Volunteer
- 21: Ron Chandler
- 28: Ed Stark



Closing

- 7: Joe Welden
- 14: Al Leigh
- 21: Ron Chandler
- 28: Ed Stark

Lectors

- 7: 8:00 Fraser Moffat
- 10:30 Mary Jane Syle
- 14: 8:00 Scott Finlon
- 10:30 Ed Stark
- 21: 8:00 Margie Baker
- 10:30 Volunteer
- 28: 8:00 Jerry Sock
- 10:30 Bernie Zalewski

Counters

- 7: Sarah Warriner
- Vickie Calby
- 14: Jane Chandler
- Bernie Zalewski
- 21: Ed Ochse
- Warren Morgan
- 28: Ed Stark
- David Calby

Eucharist Ministers

- 7: 8:00 Robert Arnold
- 10:30 David Calby
- 14: 8:00 Alma Shingler
- 10:30 Bernie Zalewski
- 21: 8:00 Margie Baker
- 10:30 Esther Welden
- 28: 8:00 Jennie Bowen
- 10:30 Jane Chandler

Greeters

- 7: 8:00 Jennie Bowen
- 10:30 Mary Jane Syle
- 14: 8:00 Fraser Moffat
- 10:30 Margaret Burgh
- 21: 8:00 Nancy Finlon
- 10:30 Else Brunner
- 28: 8:00 Heather Shingler
- 10:30 Vickie Calby



ON THE WAY TO THE ADULT FORUM

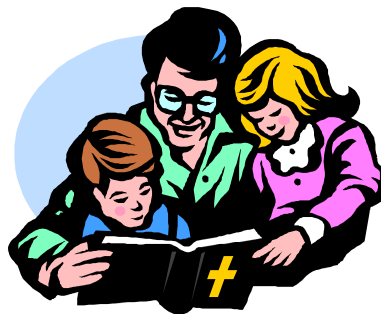
Last month the well-established practices of "Sunday School" and "Bible Study" were considered here as essential first steps on the path of Christian formation. On the way to the Adult Forum last Sunday someone pointed out that there are several additional practices widely recognized for growing and understanding the teachings of Christ Jesus available to us here in Montrose.

At the same time as the Nicene Creed was developed by the bishops of Christendom, dedicated men and women left the great Greek and Roman cities to settle in the deserts of Egypt and Asia Minor to focus on the practice of Christian Contemplation. A good number of the Church "fathers and mothers" benefited from this meditative tradition as they hammered out the understanding of the Triune God, which is now central to the Christian faith. This silent solitary practice was preserved in monasteries for centuries by faithful religious men and women, and has recently been reintroduced in the West by great teachers like Thomas Merton and the Cistercian Abbot Thomas Keating.

Last year, we were introduced to this practice of Centering Prayer by our Rector, Mother Elizabeth, and several other members of the clergy in Montrose. A faithful group of practitioners has persevered in this daily 20 minute devotional attitude of sitting and listening. Now they are sponsoring several workshops on Centering Prayer and the deepening applications of Lectio Divina, listening to the Word of God in Scripture. These workshops will be held as a series beginning Jan.28, 2007 and continuing into the Spring and Summer. More information about this process of "resting in God" can be found online at www.contemplativeoutreach.org. or from our own parishoner, Al Leigh at 278-0205 (aleigh37@epix.net).

In the past, St. Paul's has offered opportunities for continuing religious education through the four-year course "Education For Ministry" (www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm), through Spiritual Formation groups using materials from Renovaré, an ecumenical mission for spiritual formation (www.renovare.org), as well as through Bible Study and discussion groups led by our Rector and interested lay people. There are many programs available elsewhere to fit all tastes and abilities. If you find yourself called to further your dedication and understanding of the Christian faith, let us know of your interest and we will be glad point out some of the traditional landmarks along the Path.

Submitted by Al Leigh





Joe Welden's Service Music

The Service Music in the back of the Hymnal were written in the early 'nineties. At that time we had quite a large choir and we sang the Gloria and Sanctus for several Sundays each year. Earlier service music I had composed for the Order of Holy Communion from the Old Book of Common prayer has been lost. I wanted to write a full communion service for the new Prayer Book, but gave up the idea for reasons I've forgotten.

Submitted by Joe Welden

Tri-County Human Services Center

In this season of Thanksgiving we are grateful. Through your friendship and generosity our Mission remains strong. Thank you for your support during the past year. It has been deeply appreciated.

The Area Agency on Aging

The Area Agency on Aging for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga would like to take this opportunity to share with your parishioners and caregivers of older persons of the services available through the Family Caregiver Support Program. The sole purpose of the program is to support the caregiver in providing the best possible care to an elderly relative.

I have enclosed some inserts that we hope can be placed in your church bulletins. It is our way of trying to reach out and support those caregivers who are so devoted to keeping a loved one at home. Our mission is to give older persons and their family members the opportunity of receiving care to keep their loved ones at home rather than placement in a nursing facility.

We thank you for your consideration in sharing this special information with your parishioners. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at our toll-free number, 1-800-982-4346.

Are you caring for an elderly loved one?

Could you use some money to help with your caregiving expenses?

How about funding for modifications to your home to help you continue caring for your loved one?

The Family Caregiver Support Program may be for you!!!!

Benefits for income eligible caregivers are:

Funding to purchase supplies or services (may be as much as \$500/month)

Respite Care

Funding for home adaptations like bathroom modifications

Assistance in completing benefits and insurance forms

The Family Caregiver Support Program serves caregivers of loved ones age 60 and older and also caregivers of loved ones who are under the age of 60 and have a diagnosis of Dementia or related disorders.

Call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-982-4346 for more information.



Kindermusik with Sarah Birchard

Kindermusik

Village

Newborn to 18 mo.

9:30 – 10:15

Kindermusik

Our Time

18 Mo. To 3 years

10:30 – 11:15

Kindermusik

Imagine That

3 to 5 years

11:45 – 12:30

15 weeks - Spring Semester begins January 8, 2007

Every Kindermusik semester comes with a set of *At Home Materials*. Each includes a book, CD, age appropriate instrument, and an activity book or journal. The classroom learning continues at home when you set aside time each day with your child to read, do unique, creative activities, or listen to music - all using the *At Home Materials*.

Preparing you child for success in school and life means including your child's first and most important educator - you. As you participate in every step of the learning process, you'll see firsthand just how essential Kindermusik is to your child's growth.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED - ENROLL TODAY!!

Classes offered at:

The Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock, PA
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, Pa
For more information call or e-mail Sarah at
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