
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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Upcoming Events

- July 1, Sunday, V Pentecost**
9 AM, Worship
9:15 AM, Adult Forum
- July 4, Wednesday, Independence Day**
No Wednesday Worship
- July 7, Saturday @ St. Matthew's**
5:30 PM, Worship
- July 8, Sunday, VI Pentecost**
9 AM, Worship
10:30 AM, Daughters of the King
No Adult Forum
- July 9, Monday**
6 PM, Crafters' Corner (page 1)
- July 11, Wednesday, St. Benedict**
5:30 PM, Wednesday Eucharist
- July 14, Saturday @ St. Matthew's**
5:30 PM, Worship
- July 15, Sunday, VII Pentecost**
9 AM, Worship
10:30 AM, Strategic Planning Committee
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No Adult Forum
- July 18, Wednesday**
5:30 PM, Healing Service
- July 20, Friday,**
August Newsletter Articles Due
- July 21, Saturday @ St. Matthew's**
5:30 PM, Worship
- July 22, Sunday VIII Pentecost**
9 AM, Worship
10:30 AM, Adult Forum
- July 25, Wednesday, St. James the Apostle**
5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship
- July 26, Thursday**
5:30 PM, Daughter's of the King
- July 28, Saturday @ St. Mathew's**
5:30 PM, Worship
- July 29, Sunday, IX Pentecost**
9 AM, Worship
10:30 AM, Adult Forum

*For additional information check the
parish web site:
www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org

CRAFTERS CORNER

We are getting ready for another planning meeting on July 9th at 6 pm in the Guild Room. We will answer any questions of the crafters who attend. We will also discuss options with them.

If you do crafts but do not feel you would have enough to fill a 6' long table each month, perhaps you could share the table with a neighbor, friend, or relative who does crafts also. Come to our meeting and ask questions and share suggestions with us.

We will have one more planning meeting on August 13th at 6pm in the Guild Room before having a special "Grand Opening" meeting in September.

We have some enthusiastic crafters on board. Come join the fun.
Your sincere friend in Christ, Rita L. 570-278-0205

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

ST. PAUL'S, MONTROSE

- Sunday: 9 AM, Worship Service
10:30 AM, Adult Forum
- Wednesday: 5:30 PM, Worship Service
(Third Wednesday: Healing Service)

ST. MATTHEW'S, STEVENSVILLE

- Saturday: 5:30 PM, Worship Service
(July 7 – September 1)



Other Events to mark on your Calendar

- Aug 3-5: Blueberry Festival** Support your library
Aug. 5: Committee Meeting Sunday
Aug. 15: Diocesan ECW at St. Matthew's
September 11: Montrose Area Adult School fall term begins. Catalogues on table in rear of Church, or at the Montrose Library.
Oct. 3: Broadway NYC Adventure See page 7
Oct. 12-13: Diocesan Convention
October 20, Saturday: Fall Bazaar see page 6

July 2007

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

The memorable words from Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken," kept coming to mind as I surveyed the readings from the Gospel of St. Luke, which we will be reading for the coming months.

For twenty-seven Sundays, until all Saints Day in November, we will be reading from the lengthy travel narrative of St. Luke's Gospel of Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem. The selection deals with instruction of those who accompany Jesus regarding the demands of discipleship. It is a series of short vignettes, a mission sermon, the commandments to love God and neighbor, parables, teaching on prayer, the things to come, healings, and more.

Jesus has come to a crossroad in his ministry. He has to decide to go back to a safe ministry in Galilee or take the other road to Jerusalem. And, as St. Luke puts it, "he sets his face to Jerusalem." As I read over the readings to prepare for the coming weeks, I recalled Frost's poem.

Jesus had the choice of going back to the safety of his the hometown or taking the risky road to Jerusalem.

He makes his decision to go to Jerusalem, and Luke tells us of the teaching, preaching, and healing along that road taken.

You and I will hear and reflect on that journey over the next months.

The other thing that entered my consciousness is that St. Paul's has begun a strategic planning process – a process that will set the direction, mission, and ministry of the parish for the foreseeable future. St. Paul's is at the fork in the road!

The vestry, every parish organization, every individual will be a part of a process that will "set our face" to the future.

We will listen carefully to the readings from St. Luke about discipleship and faithfulness – and risk. And, we will meet to discern God's call to us. We will have to choose the road to take.

Yes, I have been thinking of the Frost poem, and the road less taken which makes all the difference.

Faithfully,

Charles Cesaretti

From Your Senior Warden

Dear friends,

Summer is a time to step away from the regular schedule, a time to appreciate and utilize the lengthened daylight hours, a time to gather with family and friends to enjoy the seasonable weather, and a time to lay supplies aside for the coming colder months.

In the past year, your vestry has grown together like a family—a family committed to cultivating a healthy and vibrant congregation, one focused on laying provisions aside for another day, and one firm in its belief that leadership and participation demand careful nurturing and development.

The vestry, with the committees and teams outlined at the annual meeting, will be working to line things up for a wonderful fall and winter. There will be two meetings this summer. On July 15th, the Strategic Planning Committee will have a brief meeting following the 9 am service (see article on page 4). August 5 will bring our first “Committee Sunday” an opportunity for the various groups to meet and formalize plans for the coming year. Other than that, we too will enjoy a needed break from the routine and a chance to catch our breath after an intense 18 months! See you soon.

Come and grow...

Rachel

WANTED



The parish is in need of an upright freezer. The Pastoral Committee is working to provide meals for those that need them. Because of this an upright freezer is needed to store soup, casseroles, and other food items. The Committee has been praying that someone in the parish will know of one for sale. We already have \$200 donated to help purchase one. We have all been praying that one will come our way. If you know of one for sale, or want to join with the prayers, or want help build up the kitty, call the Parish Office at 278-2954.



You might like to see this interview between Katheine, our Presiding Bishop and Bill Moyers. She is an amazing and brilliant woman. FHS Jane
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/78695_86721_ENG_HTML.htm

Dear Bishop Paul,

It is with great pleasure that I write you. With the advice and consent of the Vestry of St. Paul’s, Montrose, I am most happy and eager to accept your invitation to serve as Regional Manager for the Central Region for the Diocesan New Hope Campaign.

The Vestry had a very robust conversation concerning the New Hope Campaign, and we all agree that this effort is very much in line with our hope and aspirations for the mission and ministry of all our parishes in the North. The Vestry identified parish campaign managers and we will be sending names to you in the very near future.

This comes with my prayers and best wishes.

Charles

The Website of St. Paul’s, Montrose

Do visit and spend some time browsing at the new website of St. Paul’s, Montrose. It is nicely designed to be both attractive and user-friendly. “Many parts of the website are still in progress,” priest-in-charge Charles Cesaretti tells us, “but the basic structure and information are available.” You will recognize how understated that is when you visit. “What I particularly enjoy about it,” said one of our readers, “is the rich imagery (the banner at the top changes with each page and is filled with people), the navigation is clear, and the various sections find their foundation in the Book of Common Prayer. Thoroughly Episcopalian. Bravo! Websites are difficult to produce. Just wanted to offer my congratulations on a wonderful job.”

Liturgy for Summer Worship Services

During the summer, worship services at St. Paul's and St. Matthew's will use one of the Eucharistic forms in the alternate book of services called *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW). EOW is a collection of supplemental liturgical materials prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission (1997). It includes resources and forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, Order of Worship for the Evening, the Great Litany, and the Holy Eucharist. The canticles and prayers represent the recovery of ancient biblical and patristic images, including the identification of Christ with Wisdom and language for God that does not use familiar masculine terms. The liturgical texts reflect the influence of the prayer experience of women, and a desire to honor that experience while remaining faithful to the norms of liturgical prayer as received by the Episcopal Church. St. Paul's has received the permission of the bishop to use these "trial" liturgies. Last summer we used one of the liturgies, and many found it helpful.

ADULT FORUM SUMMER SESSION

While some of our members may be off on vacation trips, the Adult Forum continues to meet Sundays after the Eucharist. Visitors are welcome to join in our discussions and share their knowledge and experience.

We are continuing to examine our roots in the Anglican tradition with an historical overview and discussion of the church's role in questions of faith. Over the next several sessions, we will be examining the major issues of the Reformation: the authority of the Bible; the theology of the Eucharist; the theology of ordination (priesthood & apostolic succession of bishops); and, of course faith and works.

If summertime leaves you feeling idle and lazy, here is an opportunity to recharge a vital source of energy and renew your vision. Join us when you are able.

Submitted by David Plank

IT'S IN THE PRAYER BOOK

On July 4, the United States will observe Independence Day. Our Prayer Book appoints a special prayer (collect) to be used on that day. The Collect is found on page 242.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Paul's Strategic Planning Committee

The SPC had its first meeting on Thursday, June 7. We set the parameters for the committee and discussed the schedule for the upcoming months. The significance of this committee will be realized as each of the programs and committees within St. Paul's seek to define themselves and prepare a mission statement that will guide them on their respective journeys.

The SPC will meet again on Sunday, July 15th at 10:30 am, and would like to invite all of the chairpersons for these programs and committees to attend the meeting to prepare for mission statement design.

Here is some food for thought prior to that meeting: Many churches will utilize a two-part mission statement. The first part is called the *axiomatic* component, and refers to a general statement that is self-evident for all congregations. Example: "St. Paul's is called to serve both members and the wider community through worship, the administration of sacraments, Christian education, acts of caring, and outreach." The second part is the *unique* component.

This is what makes St. Paul's different from other churches. What visions do we share as a congregation? What makes us special in our community? This is the part that will help us to define ourselves and ultimately prepare the path for progress. Each of the committees can look at three things they would like to accomplish in the upcoming year and draw meaning out of those goals to establish a mission statement of their own. From all of these committees' individual mission statements we can create and align a mission statement for the church as a whole.

I look forward to working with all of you. See you at the meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Shingler




Youth Page

Church School Scholars Stewardship

Since January, the Church School Scholars have collected \$80 for Heifer Project International (HPI). After careful study and thoughtful consideration, the children have agreed to purchase tree seedlings (\$60) and a flock of chicks (\$20). Tree seedlings are used in barren communities to improve many aspects of families' lives: roots hold moisture and shade, leaves and branches provide fodder and fencing, and fallen branches can be used for firewood, protecting the natural forests. The flock of chicks is another sustainable and continually producing gift: eggs, meat, manure and feathers are all usable and renewable.



 The children have learned a great deal about families in other areas, livestock, renewable resources, and the HPI motto "Pass it on." Every family that receives a gift from HPI does so with the expectation that they will "pass it on" by giving the first offspring of their gift to another family; thus entire villages and communities benefit from one simple gift from afar. For more information or to get involved, please go to www.heifer.org

Parent-Teen Relationships Seminar

Children and Youth & Big Brothers, Big Sisters are sponsoring a parent/teen 5-week seminar. The seminar is designed to help parents and teens explore their relationship and how to make it better. The goal is to help parents and teens find answers to tough questions and improve their relationship. The parents will be having parenting class, and the teens will be paired with a college age mentor. Preregistration is required. The seminar will be held on Tuesday nights, July 10 - August 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Call Charmarie Bisel (278-4600, x 303) or Cindy Beeman (278-4600, x 212).

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2007

[Father Charles delivered the following Benediction to the graduating class of the Montrose Area High School on June 9.]

Members of the class of 2007, this is what god is saying to you:

God says: I like teenagers. I want all my people to be like them.

How many times have I said that I love young people? Did I not say: "let them come to me; do not try to stop them; for my kingdom belongs to such as these. I tell you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of god like a young person will never enter it."

God says: I like adolescents. I want my people to be like them.

Class of 2007, I like you because my image has not yet been dulled in you. I recognize myself in you. You are vibrant, you are energetic, and you see the whole world ahead of you. You don't pull back from taking risks.

I like you, class of 2007, because you are still growing, you are still improving. Your bodies are changing, your minds are expanding, and your souls are in formation. You are on the great journey of life. You are on the road; you are on your way. You are expecting great things. You embody hope.

I love you, class of 2007, because you are still struggling. I know you will make mistakes, you will fall, you will face difficult decisions and, sometimes, make the wrong ones.

I love you, class of 2007, because when you get into trouble you and I will explore the wonders of forgiveness, pardon, and most of all love. I will always be there for you, my special people!

But above all, members of the class of 2007, I love you because of the look in your eyes. I know nothing more beautiful than bright, shining, happy, expecting eyes. Your eyes tell me that your life is open to adventure, to new ideas, to a full, happy, and holy life. That's what I want for you.

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Class of 2007, I love you, let me walk with you into the future, let me be at your side when you stumble, let me celebrate life with you. There is nothing more that I love than young people.

Members of the class of 2007, hear what god is saying to you:

My special friends, I pledge myself to you. I am the god of love. Let's skip out of this ceremony together, let's join hands and walk into the future, let's celebrate life. Class of 2007, I love you.

Are you Prepared?

A packet of information and forms for medical directives, organ donation, health care proxies, funeral preparation, and preparing to write a will has been mailed to all parishioners. This packet follows the letter in the June Newsletter on the pastoral directive to all clergy in our Prayer Book. The information is important to everyone regardless of age, and the Prayer Book (page 445) is addressed primarily to parents. If you would welcome a conversation about the material, please call Fr. Charles. And, remember, the Parish Office is prepared to receive copies of your documents for easy access.

Fall Bazaar at St. Paul's will be October 20,2007.

There has been some confusion about the date. St. Paul's has become a busy place. For this we are thankful. Now it is set in stone that the Bazaar will be October 20!

We welcome all contributions. The white elephants, as usual, will be stabled in the Celtic Room during the Bazaar. However, their temporary home this summer will be in the green room in the basement. We also welcome crafts. We will have baskets to be auctioned. We will also be selling food, both to be eaten at the Bazaar and to take home. There will also be special things for kids to do.

For all this we need volunteers. There will be a sheet in the back of the church for you to sign. Please decide which of the things you would enjoy doing the most and sign under that heading. In addition, if you are approached to do a job for the Bazaar, please say yes if you possibly can. I hope this Bazaar will be as much fun for people as all the others have been.

St. Paul's Brothers Andrew share with St. John's, Hamlin

Joe Welden and I, as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, were invited by Father Ed Erb, Pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hamlin, PA, to join his congregation in "Ministry Sunday" on Sunday, June 3, 2007. God was so overjoyed that we came that He cried (rained) as we got there. The 10 a.m. service, complete with enlivened singing, was held in the pavilion, an airy structure almost finished. It was the Eagle Scout project of Father Erb's son. It appears structurally complete and needs some electricity here and there. They have room to expand into the 100 acres they have in "downtown" Hamlin. Christ and His love is alive and well in St. John's of Hamlin. There is quite a view from the pavilion!

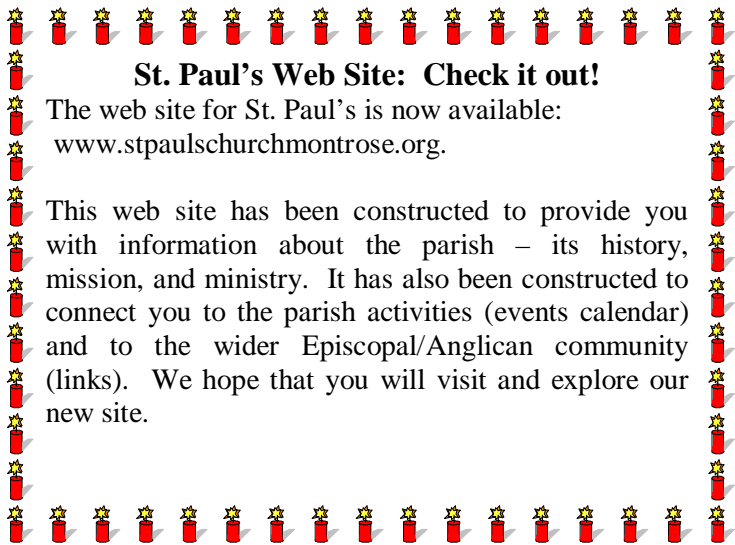
June 3rd was "Ministry Sunday". Not only was the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King represented, over a dozen organizations were there to offer opportunities for volunteers in spreading Christ's message. Just to sweeten the options there was ice cream, cake, coffee and fellowship in abundance.

The trip out and back was just gorgeous. I recommend the trip out and about Hamlin, if you are so inclined. Joe and I like to take the back ways, and just about the time had come to send up flares, a pileated woodpecker escorted us for a few seconds as we crossed route 92 in eastern Susquehanna county. A twenty inch high red-headed escort leading you down a country lane is quite impressive!

It was truly a day that the Lord had made and we rejoiced and were glad in it.

(Lectio Divina is coming to St. Paul's September 14th & 15th in 2007!)

Submitted by Al Leigh



St. Paul's Web Site: Check it out!

The web site for St. Paul's is now available:
www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org.

This web site has been constructed to provide you with information about the parish – its history, mission, and ministry. It has also been constructed to connect you to the parish activities (events calendar) and to the wider Episcopal/Anglican community (links). We hope that you will visit and explore our new site.

**BROADWAY OUTING ANNOUNCED
OCTOBER 6**

St. Paul's is going to Broadway!

On October 6, fourteen (14) people will board a special van to travel to New York City for the matinee performance of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

In The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. A sold-out smash at Off-Broadway's Second Stage Theatre Spelling Bee has been called "irresistible and entirely lovable" by the New York Times.

Tickets for the special van and performance are only \$115.00. Reservations may be made by calling the Parish Office at 278-2954. Tickets are on a first-come basis.

Sympathy and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Frank Ely, a former member of St. Paul's on the death of his wife, Helen. She died June 12th at home. Frank and Helen were very active at St. Paul's before moving to Tunkhannock many years ago. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by her family and friends.

HYMN STORY

At the Name of Jesus (Hymn 435)

This popular hymn is based on a section of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, 2:5-11). The words are by Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877) and the music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1817-1958). Remember when you open to a hymn to look at the bottom left of the page to find the history of the hymn.

Caroline Noel was the daughter of an Anglican clergyman. Early in life she discovered her talent for poetry, and by age twenty had written several hymns. Then, pursuing other interests, wrote nothing for twenty years. At age thirty-five, however, she became an invalid. Five years later, she once again picked up her pen with a view toward writing hymns that would comfort people in similar circumstances. She named a collection of her works "The Name of Jesus and Other Poems for the Sick and Lonely." It was in that collection that she published this hymn, "At the Name of Jesus."

This hymn is not what we would expect in a collection aimed at comforting the sick and lonely. It is, instead, a hymn about Jesus – how God glorified Jesus – how we should glorify Jesus – how Jesus bore his suffering on the cross so that he might rise victorious over death.

This seems like a strange sentiment for the suffering -- Jesus' suffering and death. However, upon reflection it promises strength to those who place Jesus in the center of their hearts, who let him overcome all that is unhealthy within them. Read the words: "Let His will enfold (you) in its light and power."

Noel's, in her invalid state, came to the understanding that all people, especially the sick and lonely, can find strength by making Jesus the captain of their lives by wrapping themselves in His will so that they might experience his light and power.

The next time you are in church, pick up the hymnal, turn to Hymn 435, and read Noel's poem. It will tell you how to become strong so that you might move through the troubled times in the light of way lies beyond. (adapted from Dick Donovan).

**July 2007 Lay
Ministry Schedule**

Altar Guild

- 1: Helen Viteritto
- 8: Esther Welden
- 15: Alice Wood
- 22: Bernie Zalewski
- 29: Mary Zalewski

Ushers

Sunday

St. Paul's 9:00 am

- 1: Ed Stark
- 8: Scott Quigg
- 15: John Finlon
- 22: Ted Shingler
- 29: Maggie Sock

Saturday

St. Matthew's 5:30 pm

- 7: Al Leigh
- 14: David Calby
- 21: Vickie Calby
- 29: Hap Syle

Lectors

Sunday

St. Paul's 9:00 am

- 1: Fraser Moffat
- 8: Scott Finlon
- 15: Margie Baker
- 22: Jerry Sock
- 29: Ed Stark

Saturday

St. Matthew's 5:30 pm

- 7: Rita Leigh
- 14: Vickie Calby
- 21: Richard Marker
- 28: Mary Jane Syle

Eucharist Ministers

St Paul's 9:00 am

- 1: Bob Arnold
- 8: David Calby
- 15: Bernie Zalewski
- 22: Margie Baker
- 29: Esther Welden

Counters

- 1: Volunteer & Vickie Calby
- 8: Jane Chandler & Bernie Zalewski
- 15: Ed Ochse & Warren Morgan
- 22: Ed Stark & David Calby
- 29: Volunteer, Vickie Calby

Greeters St. Paul's 9:00 am

- 1: Alice Wood
- 8: Ellie McKeage
- 15: Jennie Bowen
- 22: Maggie Sock
- 29: Fraser Moffat

Coffee Hour

- 1: Judy Ochse
- 8: Janet Kuhn
- 15: Mary Zalewski
- 22: Esther Welden
- 29: Rachel Bartron

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