

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

JULY 2017



JULY 2

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader: John Tarver

JULY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader: Sam French

JULY 16

**POT LUCK & BISTEE
MEEOP'S COMMITTING
HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Rev. Eric Anderson

Lay Reader: Don Kiefer

JULY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader: John Tarver

JULY 30

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Rev. Eric Anderson

Lay Reader: Kate French

**ALTAR GUILD: KATE, BECKY &
SHERYL**

SERVICES

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

10:00 - Worship Services

I was talking with Don last Sunday about the problem we have spreading our message. This was the Sunday on which we lost our member who best exemplified love. She is not moving too far away only to Lees Summit but just the same she will not be with us most Sundays. Anyway, at one point Don said he had been talking to someone who attends one of the big Evangelical churches and finally ended up saying "that is why the 'spiritual' not 'religious' stay away from church, they only see Pharisees".

Don is right. All most remember seeing or hearing is that we tell them what is wrong, what they need to do, how they need to present themselves in society, ad infinitum. We judge them.

Is that what we are told to do? Is that showing them what we think Christ is like? Do they have to believe as we do about our ceremonies?

First off, there is only one requirement to be a Christian, **Christ is the Son of God who for us was born man, was crucified and was resurrected.** Everything else is how we practice our religion and we should realize only matters to us as individuals. If it brings us closer to God, great. If it does not and something else does, then that is what is right for us. The same goes for everyone else. They do not have to practice religion and we do.

We were told to love our neighbor. All our neighbors. Not judge them. In fact we are told to love them not judge them. Be careful how you evangelize. Let others see God and come to him through your love.

The truth is we cannot convert anyone to belief in Christ we can only bring them to Him by loving them and showing them Christ through our actions, our love. **God converts them.**

So a radical idea, let us not judge. I know our small congregation is very non judgmental and accepting.

Welcome everyone with love as Christ would have us do. Believe He will do the rest.

However if any of you come up with any ideas on that as our way for all people please try it or let us know your idea. There are so many out there who have a need, they know what it is, so they go to sticky social gatherings on Sundays and still do not know what they long for' Let us reach them and show them how love makes a difference.

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John

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BARBARA CROSSLEY IN THE CENTER OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S CLINTON

Sunday, June 25, we sadly said farewell to Barbara Crossley as she moves her home to Lee's Summit and her church home to St. Paul's, Lee's Summit. We have been honored to have her as a part of our congregation for 21 years! We wish her God Speed and every good wish in her new home. We are all enriched by knowing her. She is an inspiration to us of how to live a Christian life.

THANK YOU FROM BARBARA

This has been such a busy week & yes, happy & sad, too. You all are so much a part of my life; I can't begin to express my thanks to all of you for the lovely send-off you gave me! I'll treasure all your love & support these past years & look forward to continuing love & care. Thanks so much for my beautiful frame & the thoughts it means.

Love & prayers to all as this "unworthy disciple" starts a new journey.
Barbara

BIRTHDAYS

- 3-Dan Carpenter
- 3-Kurt Gretzinger
- 4-John Tarver
- 12-Thea Jean Gillham
- 14-Ryan Stillwell
- 24-Katie Klier
- 24-Rolf Leed
- 27-Ruana Gladfelter
- 31-Nancy Gaines

ANNIVERSARIES

- 31-John & Becky Tarver

