



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

June 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

JUNE 1

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter

JUNE 8

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE REV. MIKE KYLE

Lay Reader - Sam French

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MTG

JUNE 15

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader - Kate French

JUNE 22

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

JUNE 29

HOLY EUCHARIST

Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

A Message from the Bishop's Warden



Dear Friends in Christ,

I love to share things that resonate with me when I stumble upon them in my morning readings. One of the ways I start my day is with daily meditations on the site d365.org. This particular meditation was written by the Rev. Wade Griffith, director of the Shanta Foundation in Colorado. This is what he wrote:

*There is a common misconception among Christians that you "go to church" solely to hear the message, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What if, in fact, the **community** is the message? Know this: the body of believers reveals that we are not alone, that we are surrounded by God's tangible, life-touching love. The good news becomes flesh **once again** through the love of our fellow believers.*

Do not think that the church, the gathering of believers, is inconsequential or tangential to God's saving love. Instead, recognize that it is the vessel God designed to carry that love into the world.

Faith never has been a solitary thing. And once you have a community of believers around you, accept the fact that you won't agree with everyone or everything. Maybe that is by design. And maybe it just doesn't matter. What matters is that you see that you are part of that great multitude, immersed in love, care, and praise.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Perhaps this struck me because I saw our church in it. We are definitely a community that supports each other, showing God's love as we walk by each other in our life's journeys. Sheryl and I were talking the other day and realized that every single one of us has needed the love and support of our community at one time or another as we have faced life's challenges – surgeries, illnesses, personal challenges, and loss of loved ones. We hold each other in prayer and support each other, reflecting God's love.

We reach out beyond our doors in ways we can, and, recently, we have been looking at new ways we can share God's love in our community. I want to close with the Rev. Griffith's closing prayer:

God, may your love become flesh once again in the hugs, embraces, and care I receive from the community of believers. Help me to recognize the importance of community in my faith journey. May I give my time and service to making my faith community a place of inclusion, caring, and love. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS:

We were thrilled to have Fr. Mike back with us last week! We welcomed him with a coffee hour FILLED with delicious goodies! During coffee hour, we talked about possible ways we can continue our outreach into the community and help ourselves be seen. Some of these ideas have come from Dean Kary, our new Dean of the Central Deanery. Most popular were planting fruit trees and berry bushes with the goal of sharing the produce with our community, working with the schools, perhaps providing books for students, and pursuing means of becoming more visible in the community through advertising and perhaps involvement in the Olde Glory Days parade.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Pride activities are June 7th in Kansas City and June 14th in Springfield. Bishop Amy is looking forward to these celebrations and

reminded us all of the Eucharist that will begin the day, I believe in both locations.

PRAYER LIST:

Healing:

Fr. Mike, Augustus Hockaday, Kirsten Hockaday, Kitty, Tina, Don, Therese Hopkins, Kathy, Steve Sheline, Olivia Lim, Mark, Keith, Ruana, Becky, Destiny's grandmother

Cancer:

Heather C., Christy, Pat, Micheal, Cindy McAvoy, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M., Suzanne, Herb Johnson, Barb Chambers, Ruana, David Scott, Sylvia England

Comfort, Strength, and Peace:

Gail Cloutte, Pat Decker, Kathy and Mike, Christy and Diane, Christopher, Connie and David Scott, Zaha, Steve Sheline, Becky, Marie Hopkins, Linda C., Laurisa, Rick (hearing)

Departed:

Donna Sheline, Judy Mason Edwards, Harding Braun, Anne Spicer, Cathy Shook, Mary Kampling, Jim Jacobs, Pope Francis

Others:

Peace in the world, those devastated by natural disasters, those facing personal challenges, the selection of a new pope for the Roman Catholic Church

Thanksgiving:

Family and friends, St. Paul's, God's many blessings

BIRTHDAYS

17-Sunny Johnson

22-Kate French

ANNIVERSARIES

