



Letter From Father Paul

Living the Love of God

It's June. One more month, and we hope against hope that the dry wind will give way to a decent monsoon season. Day after day of the "sunny southwest" is nice if you don't live here all the time. It can become as depressing as 18-hour nights at higher latitudes, and it can become as deadly as 40-degrees-below-zero weather. But this is where we live, and life goes on. Wet and dry is the rhythm of our land, and it is what it is. We pray for rain, for relief, and we desire it inside as much as outside, and with the grasses and other plants, we are tempted to hunker down.

But the church doesn't ever "hunker down." Spiritual rain continually falls, blessing our souls and giving us hope, even hope for meteorological rain. The dryness in our weather mirrors dryness in our world, and we have water to share.

And we do share. Last month Pastor Sarah, Stewart, Dora and I were in the middle of the Rio Grande River at Lajitas at the Voices from Both Sides event again this year, reminding us all that political barriers are one thing, the people of God are another and the political can never divide the spiritual. A Centering Prayer group has begun on Wednesday evenings, creating a refreshing place of peace, like calm waters in the desert. Our Sunday School continues to water us with fresh little faces every Sunday. The water of the love of God is flowing freely at Good Shepherd Church, and I am grateful.

We don't take much of a "summer break" here at Good Shepherd. Even though clergy leadership will be out a lot during June and July, or lay leadership will continue to water the work of the Spirit, and I encourage you to drink deeply.

Next month: What else might it mean?

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- Register for Camp Stoney Family Camp June 14-17,
- Adventure Camp for Teens June 17-23,
- Summer Fun Camp June 24-30
- <https://www.bishopsridge.org>

Until June 7th it is still not too late to sign up for Camp. See Jeanie Locicero for Lisa Kirksey for more information. Some of us would rather not be separated from our children.

Family Camp is June 14-17. Fr. Paul is committed to raising the money for every member of Good Shepherd who wants to go to Camp, so don't let \$\$'s keep you from going!

The Rev. Dr. Paul Moore and his wife Karisse want to repeat their gratitude to the good people of Good Shepherd Church for your assistance, both in patience while Fr. Paul was away, and in material and financial support for his doctoral program. Without your help he never could have done it, and the accomplishment is as much yours as his. His desire is that this study program make him a better priest for you and for this community – and he still prefers to be called "Fr. Paul."

Fr. Paul and Karisse will be out of town from June 6-21 on vacation. They will be in Los Alamos taking care of their grandchildren while Leni and Maggie, their son and daughter-in-law go on vacation. Pastor Sarah will be out on the 17th as well. Deacon Tom will have the services. With or without clergy leadership, the Church is the people of God gathered in Christ's name. Make sure the family stays together.



"We seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to MORE "

~ The National Episcopal Church Definition of Evangelism



A big **THANK YOU** to the Daughters of the King for raising an amazing amount of money for the Borderland Summit to take place in El Paso in November. This event will bring representatives from diocese and agencies from around the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in Mexico to raise awareness of border issues and create partnerships for greater ministry to his most significant area. DOK, you very graciously punch above your weight!

Daughters of the King Prayer Ministry



*We are available as prayer partners
after today's service.*

If you are in need of prayer for yourself or others, one or more D.O.K. will be at the altar after the service. D.O.K. also provides continuing prayer through our prayer chain. If you wish to place names on the prayer chain, contact members of the D.O.K. or Fr. Paul.

Visioning:

The Vestry is currently in discussions about the way our worship space matches our mission as a church. It has become a very interesting and vital discussion. In August and September, we will be inviting the whole congregation into the dialog, and we hope you will all be involved. Our hope is that, when we bring the discussions to a close, we will have a vision for our worship space that clearly expresses our mission, and we will all be able to say clearly just how and why.

Congratulations to
Nila Howard:

In recognition of her
Completion of the
EfM Program.

Well done Nila!



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GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

A **Columbarium** is a structure with niches for placing cremated remains.

The location of the Good Shepherd Columbarium is against the wall behind the Baptismal Font. It is a visual reminder that all of life, from birth (baptism) to death (resurrection), constitutes our Christian journey of faith. The cost is \$500 to reserve your niche.

Contact Kathy Strange at 575-538-3310; kjstrange45@hotmail.com or call the Church Office.

Greetings companions of the Centering Prayer Group at Church of the Good Shepherd. I'm very pleased with our interest, attendance and dedication to this ancient, sublime and sometimes invisible tradition. For me, the practice of Contemplative Prayer can be expressed in the words of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." At our first meeting we experienced hearing, in the silence of our own minds, that phrase repeated with a word or two removed at each saying—"Be still and know that I am", "Be still and know", "Be still", "Be"—until we arrived in Silence, the ineffable Source of the Word.

Each of the three main components of our prayer session is of great importance, and integral to one another—reading/listening, meditating, and sharing our experience. Recently Fr. Paul has given us a gentle directive to observe Silence while seated in the sanctuary before the "official" start of the worship service. As practitioners of a faith tradition that is both outer and inner (exoteric and esoteric) we know the value of being still and inquiring within. Our one hour contemplative group is an advanced and focused practice of mindfulness in God. Every moment, from our walk up the stairs at Henderson Hall until our leaving, is opportunity to let our thoughts, words, attitudes and actions come from that Holy Silence. This kind of practice then does not begin and end with the twenty minutes of meditation, but extends throughout the hour, and into every activity of our lives. Are we considering the powerful impact of our thoughts and words on our own peace, and that of others?

Our conditioned patterns of grasping, avoiding, and identifying with our thoughts, are confronted and transformed in this practice, not by thinking-mind with its schemes and self-reproach, but rather by Grace, which is continually being invited by our consent to the presence and activity of God. The Lord of Love and Compassion, Christ Jesus, Teacher of the Heart, is doing the work, praying within us in this ever-present Silence.

—in love and service,
Stewart Warren

P.S: It's not a drop-in group, however, it re-opens every 6 weeks

PRAY FOR HONDURAS GOODWORS MISSION TEAM

1. Pray for missionaries to give all their anxious thoughts to God and for the ability to rest in His peace.
2. For God's assurance and peace for each missionary - to be sure that God will lead in accordance with His will and purpose.
3. For both spiritual and practical strength to achieve what God would have them do each day.
4. Pray for missionaries to stay focused on God and His plans above all else.
5. Pray for missionaries to have a spirit of humility and to willingly ask God for wisdom in carrying out HIS assignment.
6. Ask God to help missionaries get sufficient noontday and nightly rest to be able to meet each task along the way.
7. Ask God to give missionaries the knowledge and grace to know how to respond to each person they encounter.
8. Pray for a spirit of unity as missionaries work together and with other ministry partners.
9. Ask God to help missionaries take daily time for prayer and personal meditation in God's Word.
10. Ask God to give missionaries eyes to see as He sees.
11. Pray for endurance, stamina, and pacing for missionaries.
12. Pray that the missionary expresses grace and action so people will know that God loves them.
13. Pray for encouragement in times of stress so they do not feel alone as they face trials.
14. Pray that the missionary will feel the love of God and the prayers of friends and family despite their physical separation.
15. Pray that the people in Honduras meet Jesus through the love and service of the missionary.
16. Pray that the missionary will be filled with joy and strengthened with God's glorious power for all the patience and endurance needed. - ([Colossians 1:11](#))
17. Pray that God will encourage missionaries with the knowledge that people back home care about their emotional well-being.
18. Pray that God will encourage missionaries with the knowledge that friends and family back home will be covered with love and safety while the missionary is away.
19. Pray that the Lord would strengthen family bonds of missionaries before, during and after their separation from home.
20. Pray for provision of physical and financial requirements that God would supply their every need. ([Philippians 4:19](#))
21. Ask God to protect and strengthen them spiritually and cause them to grow in relationship with Him.
22. Pray for missionary ability to communicate accurately, to speak with clarity and precision as they do God's Work. ([Colossians 4:3-4](#))
23. For travel mercies every step of the way.
24. Please God, grant them the serenity to accept the things they cannot change, the courage to change the things they can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

June Lay Ministry Schedule 2018

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedule

6/3	8:00	Karisse Moore Lector - 1st Lesson: Tom Hester
	10:30	1st Reader - Pat Brown 2nd Reader- Jane Bates Eucharistic Ministers - Pat Brown, Jane Bates
6/10	8:00	Linda Shay Lector-1st Lesson: Larry McLellan
	10:30	1st Reader -Paul Sherrell 2nd Reader - Win Taylor Eucharistic Ministers - Kris Heck, Win Taylor
6/17	8:00	Linda Shay Lector - Ted Presler
	10:30	1st Reader - Bryce Wooton 2nd Reader - Mary Harrell Eucharistic Ministers - Linda Shay, Mary Harrell
6/24	8:00	Karisse Moore Lector - Mary Burton Riseley
	10:30	1st Reader - Jene Moseley 2nd Reader - Win Taylor Eucharistic Ministers - Linda Shay, Win Taylor
7/1	8:00	Linda Shay Lector - 1st Lesson: Tom Hester
	10:30	1st Reader - Pat Brown 2nd Reader- Kris Heck Eucharistic Ministers - Pat Brown, Kris Heck

Acolytes

6/3 -	Pat Brown, Kira Shay, Teneal Weatherby
6/10 -	Win Taylor, Oscar Anderson, George Martinez
6/17 -	Virginia McCoy, Linda Shay, Oscar Anderson
6/24 -	Win Taylor, Teneal Weatherby, Kira Shay
6/3 -	Pat Brown, Kris Heck, Linda Shay

June Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

June 3- Linda Shay & Kris Heck
 June 10- Jeanie Locicero & Dora Somerville
 June 17- Mary Harrell & visitor
 June 24- **Open**

The first Eucharistic Visitor listed is lead. If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please contact Mary Harrell or Father Paul.



June Birthdays

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| 6- Alexia Ortiz | 25-Samantha Bearup |
| 9-Marianne Bray | 28- Margarita Silva-Potts |
| 13- Tony Trujillo | 30-Natasha Alvarez |
| 13- Stewart Warren | |
| 15-Norman Castrillo | |
| 16- Donald Redwine | |
| 19- Richard Stash | |
| 22- Bill Harrison | |
| 23-Wilbur Warren | |

June Anniversaries

- 03- Fr. Paul and Karisse Moore
 13-Dale and Jeanette Giese
 22-Bill and Marjorie Harrison
 26-Langford and Linda Keith

