



# The Weekly Message

At Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, we welcome all to worship and grow with us.



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## Upcoming Worship at St. Mary's

### **June 28th, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am - Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist (in person)

After the 10:30 service: *Join us for refreshments!*

**Note:** We will be worshipping in Wheeler Hall while our sanctuary receives repair.

### **Coming Soon:**

Starting July 26th: Sunday 8 am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Starting in Sept: Wed. Evening Prayer w/ Formation

## June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Rev. Silas Engstrom

Chalice: Lynda Thurman

Lector: Alicia Langford

Prayers: Carole Smith

Usher: Rachel Craig

Acolyte: Corey Engstrom

Vestry: Rachel Craig

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### Digital Worship:

Being Present not Distant

To join in worship on Sundays at 9:00 am (online only), please click the link below:

Zoom Meeting ID: 733 0698 4929 (Passcode Qxu2cY)

Or call 312-626-6799, ID is 733 0698 4929 (Passcode Qxu2cY)

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### A Note from the Rector

Beloved Faith Community,

Hospitality is a recurring theme throughout Scripture. Abraham welcomed God's messengers under the oaks of Mamre, and his generosity became a blessing for both him

and Sarah. Rebekah showed similar kindness by drawing water not only for Abraham's servant but also for his camels.

In the New Testament, Zacchaeus and Matthew opened their homes and hearts to Jesus and his followers. Their examples remind us that hospitality is more than entertaining guests. Rather, it reflects God's character through generosity, welcome, love, and making space for others in our busy lives.

One simple way we can practice hospitality is through fellowship after our Sunday services. At our recent vestry meeting, we discussed creating a Sunday Fellowship Rotation, with volunteers taking turns providing donuts or other refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community and enjoy time together.

If you would like to participate, please inform me or our Senior Warden, Lynda. We hope to begin the rotation soon, and everyone is welcome.

Joyfully Your Priest,  
The Rev. Silas Engstrom

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it"* Hebrews 13:2

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Following its meeting June 14-17 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, The Episcopal Church's Executive Council shared the following letter to the church.

**Message from Executive Council**

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## Upcoming Retreats

### 2026 Tennessee Laymen's Conference

August 7th-9th @ St. Mary's in Sewanee

The theme this year is "Faith in Action: Building Resilient Men, Restoring Communities, Renewing the Earth." Speakers: Dr. John Posey, Dr. Nathan Napier, and Cash Daniels. Register today at: <https://tnchurchmen.org/register/>

*Save the date!*

## **St. Clare Women's Silent Retreat**

October 16-18, 2026 @ St. Columba (Memphis)

A silent retreat creates the space to listen more deeply while holding that same space for others, and that gift can reorient us entirely. This year's fall retreat will be led by the Rev. Patricia Matthews, Executive Director of The Interfaith Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Registration opens July 22.**

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## **St. Mary's Blessing Box**

If you would like to drop off items in bulk by the office, Doris will break them up, separate them and disburse a few at a time.



***Thank you all for  
ministering to our  
community.***

Individually wrapped  
breakfast bars,  
cheese/peanut butter  
crackers, pop open and  
ready to eat cans, or  
fruit cups.

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## **Liturgical Schedule –July, 2026**

### **July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: Rev. Silas Engstrom

Chalice: Scott Haight

Lector: Mary Reed

Prayers: Dudley Davis

Usher: Cannon Doan

Acolyte: Bubba Smith

Vestry: Dudley Davis

### **July 12 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: Rev. Silas Engstrom

Chalice: Lynda Thurman

Lector: Carole Smith  
Prayers: Rachel Craig  
Usher: John Lannom  
Acolyte: Wyatt Langford  
Vestry: Alicia Langford

### **July 19 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: Rev. Silas Engstrom  
Chalice: Tiffani Glass  
Lector: Dudley Davis  
Prayers: Virginia Hudson  
Usher: Mary Reed  
Acolyte: Corey Engstrom  
Vestry: Virginia Hudson

### **July 26 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: Rev. Silas Engstrom  
Chalice: Lynda Thurman  
Lector: Alicia Langford  
Prayers: Carole Smith  
Usher: Ken Brunson  
Acolyte: Wyatt Langford  
Vestry: Lynda Thurman

[Sign Up for Serving in August](#)



### **PRAYER LIST**

If you have prayer requests, please call the office phone at 285-3522, or email [office@stmarysdyersburg.org](mailto:office@stmarysdyersburg.org) so we can lift up those requests.

[Request Prayer](#)

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