



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

August 2016

ST. PAUL'S BOOK DEBUT THIS MONTH

"The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church: A good story of Saints and Sinners"

Written by Michael Scott Alexander Smith

WHEN: Thursday, August 25, 2016

WHERE: Otey Hall, St. Paul's

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

The long awaited history book will be available for sale. Come join us in Otey Hall for an evening of fun and celebration as we introduce the book of St. Paul's History as told by our own resident historian Scott Smith. Scott has been working on this book for almost 30 years and he will be available to sign your copy of the book.

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WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
(with Children's Chapel)

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

The St. Paul's Calendar is always available at
<http://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/calendar>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Chapel

on Sunday Mornings

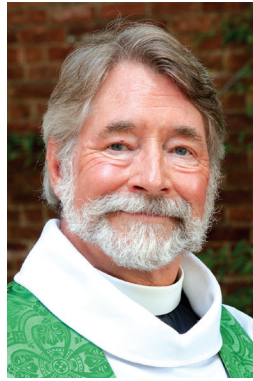
On Sunday mornings we offer Children's Chapel for children ages 3 years old – 5 th grade age during the 10:00 am service. Children go to church with their parents/grandparents/guardians.

After the Collect, children process out to Founders Hall for liturgy through the lessons, prayers, and activities. Children return to the main church service at the Peace. Children's Chapel engages children through using curriculum through the Episcopal Church, Lesson Plans That Work.

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**The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Care for All**

FROM FATHER BILL



Dear People of St Paul's

I am writing to ask your opinion of a possible change this fall. Given the success of the 10am summer mid-morning service it has been suggested that we keep this time going forward. The early and late services would remain unchanged. It is anticipated that the music at 10 am would be our traditional music. This would continue to combine the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

A down side of the full church is that it could be more crowded on some Sundays, but I have heard from a number of parishioners that they like the church being fuller. I have also heard from a number of parishioners that this is a good service time for families with smaller children, giving them more time to get ready and or not being as late in getting out after the 11 am service.

Children's Chapel would continue during the early part of the service. With a 10am service time there is a full hour before for additional children and adult programs as well as plenty of time after the service for folks to visit around coffee.

So, I am now asking for your thoughts. You can email me, call me, come by my office, or speak to me when you see me. We will make the decision in August so if you have an opinion please let me know as soon as possible.

Blessings,

Bill +

615-790-0527

bill@stpaulsfranklin.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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These lesson plans, written by experienced church school teachers, are designed to follow the Revised Common Lectionary and use practical approaches that volunteers can follow. The lesson plans can be used as written or easily adapted when necessary.

There is a need for leaders and for helpers. If you are interested in helping with Children's Chapel or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Niemeyer at JenniferNiemeyer@com-cast.com

PARISH NOTES

New Member

Isaac Duffee-Braun, son of Wesley and Eryn, baptized on July 10th.

New Baby

Leigh Kirkman Berry, daughter of Janie and John Berry, granddaughter of Kathy and Dewees Berry.

New Members by Letter of Transfer

Jamie and Blake Taylor
Sloan, their adult daughter
251 Halberton Drive
Franklin, TN 37069

Recent Visitors

Julia Hutchens
1168 Westhaven
Blvd.
Franklin, TN 37064

J. Stader Richardson
PO Box 682201
Franklin, TN 37068

SPRING STREET SENIORS

St. Paul's outreach program for low-income senior citizens will host its third summer History Club on Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 9:30- 11:30 am in the Special Collections Room of the Franklin Library. Volunteers will be available to assist our guests with their work researching their family histories and genealogies.

Then on Thursday, September 29, 2016 our regular programming will resume with our first program of the new school year in Otey Hall at 9:30 am with Bingo, crafts, live music and a lunch of meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

Please join us! If you have questions or would like information please contact Tina Jones at 615-517-8172 or cahalanjones@yahoo.com

MEALS ON WHEELS

There are about 25 of us who drive meals on wheels the 3rd Wednesday and Friday of each month. We all have busier lives than ever, believe it or not, and we are in need of a few more drivers due to our busy schedules.

If you are free on the 3rd Wednesday or Friday and would love to help deliver meals please let Kathy Berry know at kmdb3@aol.com or 615-794-9750

NEW NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

Please send all submissions for future Epistle editions to newsletter@stpaulsfranklin.com

KAIROS - THE JOURNALING GROUP

August meetings of Kairos, the journaling group, will be ONLY on Friday mornings. Come join us on Fridays August 5 and 19 at 11 a.m. in the church library. Free journals and pens!

Night meeting attendance has been light during recent months, so for the time being we will concentrate on day time meetings.



You don't need to keep an at-home journal to enjoy the kind of individualized writings we do during these meetings. We write, we discuss, we laugh. And sometimes we go home and keep on writing. We hope to see YOU at a meeting soon.

For more information, to discuss night time meeting possibilities, or to get on our e-mailed meeting-reminder list, please contact Peggy Macpherson at pmacpherson@comcast.net, or at 615-794-8518. Please leave a message if no answer.

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70TH ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

August 19-21, 2016

Dubose Conference Center Monteagle, TN

Come to the Mountain...

For renewal, refreshment, and Reflection

O Sing to the Lord a new song:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96: 1

Featured Speakers

Gary Morris who is best known for his original recording of "Wind Beneath My Wings." He also played the lead role of Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables" on Broadway.

Phil Madeira who is a Nashville based musician, artist, songwriter and producer. He has performed with Neil Young, Sheryl Crow, Jack White and others on Willie Nelson's 80th Birthday Party on CMT.

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Butcher is the priest in charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in Russellville, KY and former Canon Pastor at Christ Church, Nashville. He has a long and distinguished history as a priest and church musician and had a hand in producing the 1982 Hymnal as a member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music.

Activities include BBQ Cooking Contest, Bluegrass Jam, Choir, Cycling, Fly Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Skeet Shooting, Swimming, and Tennis.

There is a poster on the Bulletin Board by the Founders' Hall kitchen which will give you more details and registration forms. Also, you can register online at <http://tnchurchmen.org>

THEOLOGY ON THURSDAY

Meets at 6:30 pm in Barnabas Center

Aug. 4: LUTHER

Lecture 15: Controversy Over Infant Baptism

Lecture 16: Grace and Justification

Aug. 11: LUTHER

Lecture 17: Luther and the Bible

Lecture 18: Luther and Erasmus

Aug. 18: LUTHER

Lecture 19: Luther and Predestination

Lecture 20: Luther and Protestantism

Aug. 25: LUTHER

Lecture 21: Luther and Politics

Lecture 22: Luther and His Enemies

Sept. 1: LUTHER

Lecture 23: Luther and the Jews

Lecture 24: Luther and Modernity

Sept. 8

Movie/Pizza (TBD)

BOOK DEBUT

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At this event we will also celebrate the 189 th year of St. Paul's existence while enjoying the music of Fred Newell and David Jolley. Cheese, wine and nonalcoholic beverages will be available as you peer through 96 pages of fun and interesting bits of history of our church.

Happily, we are sure that you will find some of the Saints and Sinners of this 189 years of history remembered in the book present to avow to the stories! The books will be available for purchase at \$15.00. Contact: Melanie Lampertz at w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or 615-887- 3568.

WOMEN'S BAZAAR

September 2nd and 3rd
9:00 am until 5:00 pm

Our motto is: "We don't do junk!!!" It's a great time to clean out your attic and donate the good stuff to the Women of St. Paul's Annual Bazaar. Sign up sheets to work and/or donate will be located in the narthex. You can drop off items for Granny's Attic and books in Otey Hall beginning August 28th.

Volunteers Needed In All Areas

Please contact Kathy Ulezelski @615-791-6380. Great Way to Get Involved and Meet New Folks!!!!



BAZAAR Needs:

- Dishes - Collectibles/Knick-knacks
- Small Furniture (small Tables, etc)
- Jewelry
- Children's toys
- Area rugs
- Lamps/Shades
- Decorative pillows
- Working stereos/DVD's
- Seasonal decorations
- Small electrical appliances (working)

BOOK NOOK Needs:

- Current/Classic Novels (Paper backs/Hard backs)
- How-to Books
- Children's Books & Young Adult Books
- CD's & DVD's
- Computer games
- Cook Books
- Biographies
- Audio Books

Note: Please no large furniture/mattresses/curtains/laz-y-boys/clothing. Please no encyclopedias, college textbooks, magazines

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, August 8 at 7:00-8:30pm, in Otey Hall. PFLAG is a national non-profit, support, education and advocacy organization whose purpose is to help people understand and accept everyone equally, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. At every meeting we focus on sharing issues, concerns, successes and celebrations surrounding our LGBT friends and families. Meetings are held in a confidential setting. We hope you will join us and join the conversation.

This month we will hear from one of our PFLAG Board members, Craig Johnson, who will be talking about his personal faith journey and his understanding of God's love and acceptance of our LGBTQ community.

For more information, see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pflagfranklintn. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Collins at 615-591-5324 or sharoncollins715@gmail.com

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DEAR LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S,

What a great meeting we had at Susan Miller's. Thanks so much, Susan... Kept the business short and had lots of socializing. Missed those who were not there.... So be sure to come next time: Sept. 9th..put it on your calendar.

The bake sale was great. Susan Miller and Judith Adkinson did a great job. Thank you girls.

Granted the deluge slowed traffic a little, but all in all it went well. You can find out how well at the next meeting.

But the most important thing: the BAZAAR.... Sept 2 and 3. Nine to five both days. Set up will begin after 10:00 service on Sunday the 28th.



That is when you can start bringing all that wonderful stuff you have been collecting in your garage for the last few months. We will be working and setting up all that week from 9 to.....2 or as long as people are bringing stuff.

We need all the helpers we can get. Kathy U is, as always, the Head Honcho, and she will be putting

a sign up sheet in the narthex....so sign up for what hours you think you would be able to help.

And even if you don't sign up, come when you have a little time. Remember our motto is WE DON'T DO JUNK. We just do realllllly good stuff. Check the take outs and Newsletter for suggestions as well as no-no's.

On Sunday Sept, 3 we will have the half price sale after the 10 o'clock service, and then we will pack up the leftovers for a charity to pick up. The more help the faster it goes.

IMPORTANT: If you have facebook or email group, especially a neighborhood one... Please put on your site about the Bazaar...: Awesome Church Bazaar:Friday and Sat, Sept. 2nd and 3rd, St. Paul's Episcopal church... Sale location, corner of 6th and Fair Street. Lots of goodies.... Great prices, fun shopping.

Lots of love,

Wanda, Ellen, Kathy and Catherine.

Your officers

BAD GIRLS' BOOK CLUB

The St. Paul's "Bad Girls Book Club" meets the Fourth Tuesday of each month in Founders' Hall from 6: 30 pm until 8:00 pm.

On August 23rd, they will discuss *The Sound of Gravel*, a memoir by Ruth Wariner.

You are invited to join them for any or all of their meetings throughout the year. They bring snacks and wine or other beverages to share as well.

PARISH LETTERS

Of Appreciation

I would like to express St. Paul's appreciation in the Newsletter to Paul Hood and Lee McWright of House of Hickory Fresh BBQ Market for the loan of their large portable smoker for the Annual St. Paul's BBQ Cookout.

The use of this cooker saved much time, effort, and funds in the preparation of the wonder food that was served last weekend.

- Bill Brandon

A DANCING FRANCISCAN MONKEY

Before MTOP, I had an opportunity to sit in on an Inner-Faith Dinner in Otey Hall hosted by our own Lucinda Dyer and Sharmila Patel. Lucinda and I are fellow Franciscans and I volunteered to wash the dishes and clean up so they could use something other than paper plates and plastic. During the casual dinner, each was asked to share their faith journey that led them to their present belief and choice of religion. I found it interesting to listen to a former Presbyterian and Baptist talk of their journey from a Christian to a Muslim. They voiced the same doubts, inconsistencies and questions that I have heard from many Christians, including myself, for years. The only difference is that they did something about it.

Both mentioned the lack of daily prayer in their Christian past and present day Christian friends. Something that is so basic in a relationship with God, they voiced was missing in the Christian life. The daily prayer in the Muslim tradition made that connection to God for them. On my Franciscan journey, my spiritual advisors frequently remind me that I am too busy, telling God what needs to be done, instead of being more prayerful, contemplative, quietly listening to God for direction, for purpose of service. I keep forgetting that because my actions are well intended, the service covers a need, but may not be what God wants me to be doing with the short time you have on this earth. That's hard for me to remember, to incorporate into my daily life. This discussion was a perfect platform for what was to follow at MTOP the following week.

At MTOP, youth come from all over the country, are separated into small work teams called YRG's (Youth Renewal Group). Great care is taken to separate youth so that new relationships can emerge by week end. Each YRG is asked to create a worship meditation to be shared with other YRG's one evening. This is what my YRG wrote while riding back from a long hot day's work. "Made" was the theme

of the summer camp sessions so that was incorporated in the meditation.

Romans 15:7 (NIV) - *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God"*. Sometimes in our walk with Jesus we tend to focus more on what we think we are called to do, instead of the way we are supposed to do it.

No matter what the task or good deed, we are called to be love over all, and to represent Christ in that love, through us, to all we meet. Whether it's building a porch or picking up books in the hallway, the way we treat people can have everything to do with how they see Christ. While saying we are called to love, the real challenge is looking past the circumstances that convince us not to do so. We don't often feel comfortable interacting with people that differ from us. From haircuts to outfits, we don't usually feel compelled to talk to the outsider when that is exactly what Jesus has called us to do. Notice how when you point out someone's differences using your index finger, there's three fingers pointing back at you showing that you should look within yourself before judging someone else. Your thumb points upward towards God. This reminds us that God accepts us despite our flaws, and that we should do the same to others in order to bring praise to Him.

In front of you sits colored markers. Join us by coloring 1,2 or even 10 finger nails to support the equality and acceptance of all. We are all different, but we have one thing in common, God's infinite and eternal love for us. If you wish to make a more permanent statement of your acceptance of others, find Gerald with the gold nail polish. He will explain more about his efforts to be more inclusive of all God's children.

G.Hancock, a Gold Nailed Monkey

Handmade by God and for God

OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

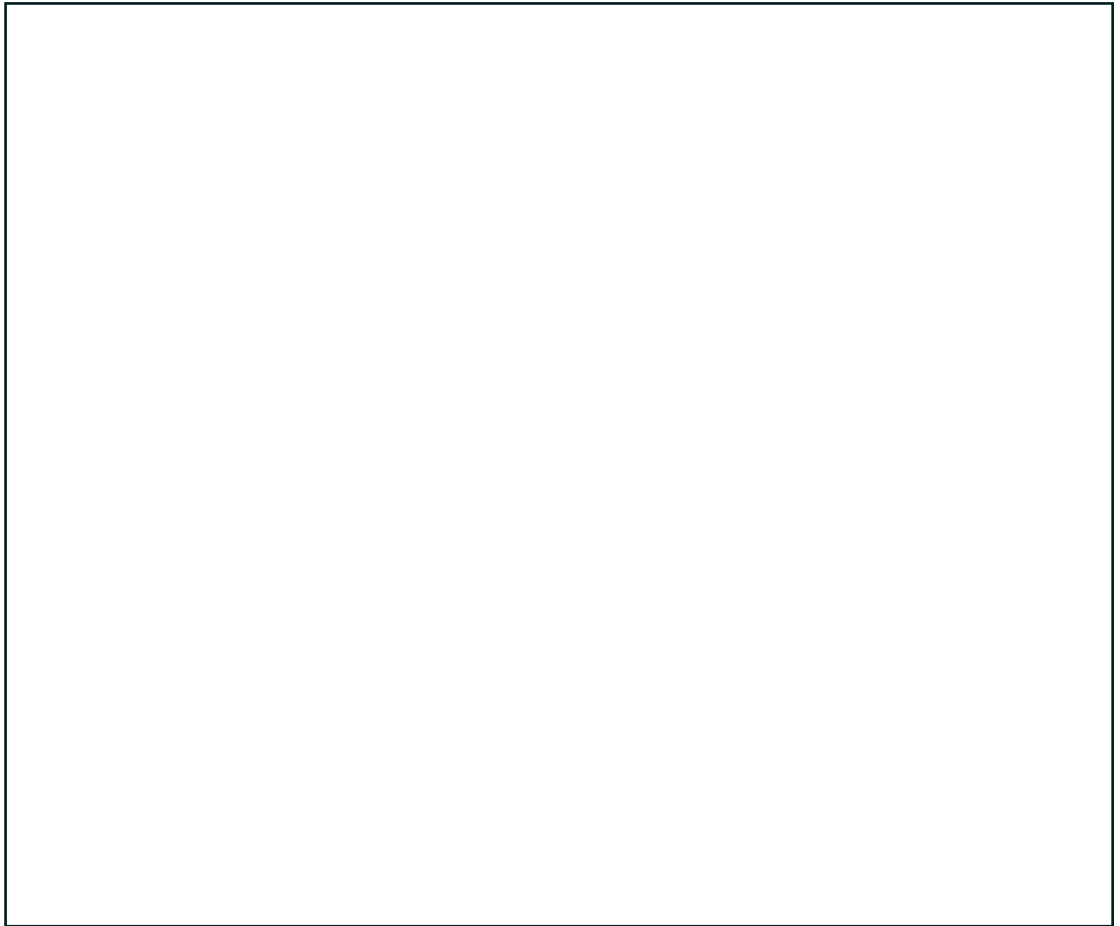
Please note that during the summer the church office will be open from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

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