



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

December 2016

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm: Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Creche
(child care provided)

7:30 pm: Holy Eucharist (child care provided)

10:30 pm: Prelude Music

11:00 pm: Festival Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

New Years Day

7:30 am: Holy Eucharist

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

Dinner at Bethlehem will be held in Otey Hall on Christmas day following the 10:00 am service - It is a Pot Luck Supper - all are welcome.

Please note: during the week between Christmas and New Years' the office is basically closed with variable hours. Call before you come to the office.

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am: Holy Eucharist

8:45 am: Holy Eucharist (with Children's Chapel)

11:00 am: Holy Eucharist (with Children's Chapel)

6:00 pm: Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this Advent version of Lessons and Carols, we listen to nine Scripture lessons that recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, and the Annunciation. Each lesson is followed by a carol or hymn that reflects on the lesson's message.

Please join us for this special service which will be immediately followed by a festive Sweets and Treats reception in Otey Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a holiday treat to share. Coffee and Hot Chocolate will be provided.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S heArt and Soul Retreat 2017

FEBRUARY 3 - 5, 2017

DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

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,

With this past Sunday (Nov. 27) we mark the beginning of another church year. As we enter Advent we leave behind the long season after Pentecost during which we focused on the everyday work of Christ in the world and focus on preparing ourselves for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. There is another preparation as well. It is the preparation for the final coming of Christ: the fullness of God's kingdom and fulfillment of God's promise for all of creation.

Our Sunday liturgy will be somewhat different, our hymns will sound different, our prayers and scripture readings will speak to preparation. But preparation is such a vague term. What does it mean for us? In the same way that we prepare our homes for special holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, so that our family and friends will feel welcomed, so we prepare ourselves to welcome the One who created us, has redeemed us, and who sustains us.

How do we show welcome and hospitality to God, because that is a choice that we have. In the most literal way we can choose to show God hospitality or not. Each of us will do this in our own way; each of us will hopefully seek to understand the ways in which we offer hospitality to God; make God welcome in our lives. Because we understand that it is only by the grace of God in Jesus Christ that we will be able finally to be in the presence of God, gratitude would seem to be the basis of our preparation. Gratitude for

what we have (and even sometimes for what we do not have). Gratitude for what has been promised us.

This season and the coming season of Christmas are not times for excess but rather grateful hearts. The Church gives us a time in Advent to reflect and take a deep spiritual and physical breath. We have time, if we will use it, to do some internal housework, sweeping out the dark corners, throwing out what is not healthy for us, letting in the light. I wish you joy in your preparations.



Fr. Bill+

PARISH NOTES

Baptized on November 13
Shelby Marie Medlin

Visitors from September to November
Kathryn and Victor Abbate
Ann Bieymaier
Joseph and Ashley Bigger
Lisa and Patrick Chisholm
Dori and Bob Edington
Erin Medina and Ryan Goltry
Penny Goldberg
Natalie and Robert Hennes
Sarah and Martin Karpie
Lynne and Tony McAlister
Connie and Wayne Sensensy
Karen Sullivan
Caroline and George Thompson
Mary Jean and Elmer White

Deaths
Sally Soden

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Chapel on Sunday Mornings

On Sunday mornings we offer Children's Chapel for children ages 3 years old – 5th grade age during the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. 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*.

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@comcast.com



CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PLAYERS

Hello, Parents and Grandparents of St. Paul's Children!

The Christmas Pageant is just around the corner—Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10:00 am. We are



having one rehearsal this year. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am in Otey Hall during the Christian Education hour. PLEASE have your child here if they would like to participate in the pageant.

We will be assigning costumes this Sunday—and it takes many cotton balls and tinsel halos to make a pageant! It also takes many volunteers!

We need teenagers or adults to volunteer to help with various things at these times:

- Sunday Dec 11 – Rehearsal/ Costume Assignment 10:00–11:00 am Otey
- Friday Dec 16 – Pageant Set 9:00–11:00 am Otey
- Sunday Dec 18 - Pageant logistics 9:00–11:00 am Otey

Please email Donna at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or Monna at monna@stpauls-franklin.com if you want to VOLUTEER! We are looking forward to splendid pageant this year!

A listing of pageant roles will be posted soon.

"IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR"

...except when it's not.

Join us for a

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Monday * December 19, 2016 * 6:30 pm

Our "Blue Christmas" service will be a quiet service with reflective music, designed to acknowledge pain, depression, loss, grief, illness, or other struggles you may be experiencing this holiday season. In that place of darkness, we encourage comfort in the light of Christ during this Advent season of holy waiting and expectation.

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

A GOOD STORY OF SAINTS AND SINNERS

The long awaited and beautiful book chronicling the history of St. Paul's has been well received by the St. Paul's and Franklin community. These books have been selling fast. Make sure you get your copy of this fascinating story of the spiritual community of St. Paul's. These texts would make a great gift to share with family and friends.

The books are \$15.00 each and can be purchased by contacting the church office at 615-790- 0527 or claire@stplaulsfranklin.com, or Melanie Lampertz w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or 615-887- 3568.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S HEART & SOUL RETREAT

February 3-5, 2017 - Save the date! This year's theme is "Entertaining Angels."

Registration forms will be available at church Sunday Nov. 6 and (hopefully) on-line Monday Nov. 7. New at this year's retreat is the "St. Paul's Angels Got Talent" Variety show. We need YOU to help make this the best retreat yet!

Questions or comments? Contact Ellen Kirk at 615-545-8820, Barb Roth at 615-975-6636 or Kathy Ulezelski at 615-512-1592. Registration forms are available at church and online.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

Please send all submissions for Epistle editions by the 20th of the month to newsletter@stplaulsfranklin.com

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

In keeping with the tradition of this season of giving and receiving, I give tremendous thanks to you for the surprise reception celebrating my 11+ years here at St. Paul's, and for all your generous gifts and cards. I am extremely grateful to you for allowing me to continue to serve at this place where my calling and my passion collide. I began my ordained ministry here, and you all have always been gracious, in the face of my mistakes, as I have continued my ministry. I have received many more blessings through the years than I can count, and I have been fortunate to work alongside wonderful staff over the years, and to them I am ever grateful. Thank you to my family, Doug and Jackson, who have stood by side with love and understanding.

This parish and you, St. Paul's parishioners, have molded and enfolded me in many ways, and I offer my deepest gratitude to you.

Peace, Monna

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

ADVENT QUIET- ALL ARE WELCOME

The Daughters of the King will be hosting an Advent Quiet Time. Sunday, December 11th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm in Otey Hall

Advent is here! Amidst the excitement and hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it can be difficult

to find windows of time for prayerfulness and reflection. This will be a couple of hours away

from the busy-ness, for some Quiet Time spent at different "stations" centered around the anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child. Feel free to come and go as you might need to.

If you have questions contact Kathy Ulezelski at 615-512- 1592 or Mishelle Phillips at 615-403- 0703

*Bring a bag lunch to join us after the 11:00 service and plan to stay.



ST. PAUL'S DREAM GROUP

The St. Paul's Dream Group is not meeting in December. We will also be taking a break this winter. If anyone is interested in individual dream work or a "lightening dream work" session please contact Gayle Prillaman at 615-790-0596. There are several wonderful books on Dreamwork in the church library for those who are interested.

SWEETS AND TREATS PARTY

Sun. Dec. 4, 5:00 pm, Otey Hall followed by Advent Lesson and Carols Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 pm.

STOCK THE PANTRY SHELVES

Help stock the St. Paul's Food Pantry and practice a bit of Christian charity during Advent. Create a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' with your family, your friends, or your co-workers. Help us start 2017 with a full food pantry so we can share from our abundance with our neighbors in need. Simply add an item for the food pantry to a box or bag each day of Advent (Nov. 27—Dec. 24). That will be 28 items in all. Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and baby food and items are all welcome. Stay tuned for information about the collection of the items you wish to donate. If you have questions, please contact Burns Rogers at burnsrogers@gmail.com or 615-424- 1453.



ST. PAUL'S BRINGS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO OUR NEIGHBORS!

We are putting together Caroling teams to spread some Christmas Cheer strolling down Main Street, Natchez Street, and to some local Assisted Living and Nursing Care Facilities. We will provide the candles and carol books-you supply the smile and warm clothes. These are not formal choir events! Everyone is welcome- voices low and high, loud or soft, crooning or crowing! We can make a joyful noise and let our neighbors know they are appreciated!

Saturday, December 10- Courtyard at St. Paul's: Singing to all our Tea Guests! We have a huge crowd that day, and what better way to welcome them than singing some carols in the courtyard as they line up and enter. Call time, 12:15 pm (meet in Choir Room) and Caroling 12:30-1:00 pm.



Sunday, December 18- Singing for our Spring Street Friends, NHC Franklin, and Claiborne Hughes. Call time, 4:00 pm (Meet in Barnabas) and Caroling from 4:15-5:00 pm. Our youth will share their many colorful talents for this carol walk!

Tuesday, December 20- down Main Street: Singing to our Neighbors! Call time at 6:45 (meet in Founder's Hall) and Caroling 7:00-7:45. We will serve cookies and Hot Chocolate in Founder's after! Bring the kids for a fun walk!

COMMON THREADS

Barnabas, Monday, December 12
9:30 am-2:00 pm.

Common Threads is a Women's (Knitting, Crocheting, Quilting) Circle of Friends who meet monthly and work on Fiber Projects, sometimes as a group or individuals. All are welcome. Morning prayer begins at 9:30 am and work commences at 10:00 am.

A soup will be provided for lunch. Sides or desserts are always welcome, but never required. For more information, contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or (615) 481-5144.

WITS - WOMEN IN THEOLOGICAL STUDY

WITS - (Women in Theological Study) WITS began a new study in November based on the book *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on her Roof, Covering her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master'* by Rachel Held Evans.

For this study series, we will meet on these Thursdays - December 1, 8, and 15. We meet in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. Books are available for the study when you come. If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.



FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Join us for an adult Holiday Dinner at a nearby "TBD" restaurant Sunday Dec 18 th at 6:00 pm. Childcare will be provided from 5:30 -8:00 pm at the church in Otey Hall (for older children), and also in the Nursery (for infants & younger children).

Children can eat before they come, or Pizza will be available. For older children, we'll be showing a favorite holiday movie. Children can wear their pajamas and bring their blanket and pillow!

RSVP to Jennifer Niemeyer at jenniferniemeyer@comcast.net by Dec 14 with number of adults for dinner and number/ages of children for childcare, if needed.



SAVE THESE DATES

June 26-29, 2017



Week of Wonder

FROM THE HISTORIC CORNER

Did You Know??

Book sales of the history of St. Paul's, A Good Tale of Saints and Sinners continues to be brisk.

We have raised over \$4,000 for the Parish's Bicentennial Celebration Fund thus far; if you would like to purchase a book or two as a Christmas gift you can buy them from the church office 615-790-0527. It would make a wonderful Christmas gift!

And speaking of Christmas, did you know that the Women of St. Paul's has a history of putting on Teas that goes back 1886? The Historic Committee recently found an article that appeared in the Nashville Daily American newspaper on Wednesday morning, September 8, 1886.

In the last paragraph of this account of Franklin's local events you will find a lovely description of a "Mikado Tea" being planned by the women of St. Paul's for the following Friday evening com-

plete with lemonade, sherbets and ice cream - which was guaranteed to be "pure 18 karot cream."

In addition, the cakes were advertised to be prepared by "the best housekeepers of Franklin, which is a guarantee of their lightness and soul-satisfying properties."

The event certainly appears to have lived up to this promotion because the Friday's paper reports that the Tea was a "grand success and quite a snug sum was realized." The Women of St. Paul's from 1886 would surely be proud of today's Tea tradition and its continued success!

Additionally, the Historic Committee has been busy continuing to catalogue and organize the nearly two centuries worth of photographs, minutes and other materials documenting our church life. We will be continuing this work through the spring.

FRANKLIN.

Close of the Three Revivals--Notes of Progress--Social and Personal.

FRANKLIN, Sept. 7.—[Special.]—The three revivals which were going on recently here have all closed with gratifying results to each church. The Christian or Disciple's Church had the largest number of accessions, about forty-seven. Another protracted meeting began Sunday at the Methodist Church with services three times daily. Rev. Mr. Harrison, the pastor, is assisted by Rev. R. C. Reed, of the Presbyterian Church, and others.

The canvass preparatory to the primary election next Saturday is warming up. The candidates for the Legislature and for Congress are mixing with the sowerlugs and kissing the babies. Gen. Whitthorne will have a walk-over for Congress this time, from all appearances.

The ladies of St. Paul's Church will have their Mikado tea entertainment Friday evening, the 10th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, in the store house on Main street formerly occupied by Miss Eddy as a book store. Besides the tea there will be supplied ice cream, sherbets, lemonade and other enticements. The ice cream will be furnished by the Tennessee Creamery Company, of Nashville, and will of course be pure 18 karot cream. The cakes will be constructed by the best housekeepers of Franklin, which is a guarantee of their lightness and soul-satisfying properties. The ladies getting up this affair hope for and will certainly deserve the patronage of a generous public.

The ladies' Mikado tea to-night was a grand success and quite a snug sum was realized. The large store-room in which it was given was beautifully decorated and illuminated. The "three little maids" were there, as well as many other interesting foreign clad personages. Among the visitors from Nashville were Rev. W. C. Gray and wife, Miss Laura Raines, Mr. Flein Wall and others.

A DANCING FRANCISCAN MONKEY

The election results, the lack of neighbor civility, respect and decorum of those campaigning, post election madness, all has added to a personal question I have, "Where was I when this evolved?"

Where was I when the mental hospitals closed adding so many to our homeless population? President Carter increased mental health funding in 1980. President Reagan rolled it all back in 1981 even though studies showed that 30% of all homeless at that time suffered from serious mental illness. By 2010, the ratio of psychiatric beds in the U.S was the same as it was in 1850. There is an increase of funding to continue our role as world police but a decrease of funding to care for those returning who are mentally broken.

Even at St.Paul's, we are told that we have been operating in the Red for years. Was I sleeping through the financial reports at our annual meetings? The years I served on the Vestry, I always served as Jr.Warden which involved a lot of budgeted and non-budgeted resources preserving the old building, bringing it up to codes when needed, always knowing you might be surprised by an AC unit going out, a copper roof replacement, mold showing up on classroom walls and so on.

For years, Vestries talked of purchasing the rescue squad building. When that building sold for much more than it was appraised for, that removed that building off of our radar and freed up funding so the Vestry could be more aggressive with long over due repairs and renovation of our main buildings. St.Paul's is a nonprofit entity in some very special ways. Most of the money it takes in goes to maintain a building it doesn't own.

When you look at a non-profit organization you look at what % of each dollar goes to support the institution and what % goes to the mission it represents. Based on "2016 Operating Budget Summary", expenses were estimated at \$798,000. Organizational expense; Staff - \$460,000, Operations + Diocese - \$267,000 = \$727,000. So, 91% of every dollar goes to organizational expenses (maintaining the institution) and 9% goes to programs.

Based on the Holy Cow Consulting results of what you considered most important for future growth, how does that match up with funding each ministry. #1 Priority - "Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church". "Program Budget" for Youth Ministry = 10%. The # 1 priority identified by you is receiving only 10% (10% of the 9% left over) of the funds budgeted for "Program". #2 & #3 Priority - (These seem to fall under the same broad program in the budget) "Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church" and "Develop ministries that work towards healing those broken by life circumstances". "Program Budget" for Christian Ed / Spiritual Formation = 17%.

Based on your survey responses, the top 3 priorities are receiving 27% of the money budgeted for programs. Looking at program funding, Music Ministry receives 46 % of the "Program Budget". Youth is the #1 Priority but receives less than 1/4 of the program budget for Music. Christian Ed / Spiritual Formation is the #2 & #3 Priority, yet receives about 1/3 the program budget of Music.



You're Invited to Mercy's Annual

A Christmas To Remember

Join us for activities, music and more!

Santa will see visitors from 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Each child present will receive a FREE GIFT! (Until supplies last)



Where: 1113 Murfreesboro Road Ste. 319 Franklin, TN 37064

When: Sunday, December 11

Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Who's invited: Everyone!

VOTE FOR THE REV. BECCA STEPHENS

The Rev. Becca Stephens is the founder of the Magdalene Program (Getting women out of drugs and prostitution and off of the street) and Thistle Farms where the women work, make and sell wonderful body products and other beautiful items. We have some for sale in Founder' Hall.

There are 12 persons up for the CNN person of the year from the US, Kenya and Columbia and Becca is one of them. . If you go to the Thistle Farms Website just click on" vote for Becca"and follow the instructions. It is very easy! You can vote 10 times a day!

Let's stand up for our Becca! Deadline is December 6!

CONSIDER ST. PAUL'S FOR YOUR SMILE.AMAZON. COM CHARITY

St. Paul's is now available for selection as a charitable organization via AmazonSmile! This is "a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you."

To ensure contributions reach St. Paul's, please be sure to select St. Paul's Franklin as your charity at smile.amazon.com. From then on, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Paul's.

MUSIC MEMORIALS

The parishioners of St. Paul's generously provide for the music ministry, and we are grateful for your support. During the holidays, we work hard to make the music special throughout Advent and culminating with Christmas.

If you would like to consider making a Music Memorial or Thanksgiving in honor of a loved one, your gift would be most appreciated. Please contact Donna at her email (donnastokesrogers@gmail.com) for your wording in the bulletin. Thank you!

A DANCING FRANCISCAN MONKEY

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The survey shows that everyone is very pleased with our Music Ministry and funding reflects that. The top 3 priorities of the survey are under funded and should be brought inline with other programs.

A truth about non-profits is the stronger the volunteer base, more can be done with less. The pledge card this year will give you the opportunity to commit to how you are going to serve God through serving others.

Don't wake up wondering, "Where was I when this evolved?" Mathew 25:40 .."what ever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- G.W.Hancock, TSSF

SPRING STREET SENIORS

St. Paul's outreach program to low income senior citizens in Williamson County will be celebrating Christmas on Thursday, December 15th in Otey Hall beginning at 9:30 am. We will be wrapping Christmas crafts, enjoying the live music of Kyshona Armstrong, distributing food bags and enjoying a traditional ham dinner.

Most of our guests live in the public housing community and traditionally African-American neighborhoods surrounding downtown Franklin. For the past several years parishioners have been incredibly generous and provided our friends with gifts of food for a holiday meal as well as pantry staples. This additional food and pantry supplies help make the holidays special for them, and take away some of their worries for a little while.

If you would like to contribute to this program, please consider donating money (which we will use to purchase the items) OR you may purchase the items on one or both of the following lists. We are hoping to be able to assemble fifty complete sets of bags (one of each type). We will distribute them to the Spring Street Seniors, and any extras will stock the food pantry.

A bag with a list attached will be available in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, December 4th. Please take an empty bag or two and fill them up with the items on the list!

Due to storage issues we will need the filled bags to be returned to church **NOT BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th . HOWEVER, WE NEED THEM BACK NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th.** We will distribute them on Thursday, December 15th.

RED

Christmas Dinner Bag
Approx. \$18

- Two 14 oz cans chicken broth
- One 14 oz can Cranberry Jelly
- One 15 oz can corn
- One 15 oz can green beans
- One 10 oz bag of Marshmallows
- One 16 oz box of Brown Sugar
- One 6 oz Box of Stuffing Mix
- Two 15 oz cans of Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- One 3 lb Bag of yellow onions
- One 5 lb Bag of Potatoes

GREEN

Pantry Staples Bag
Approx \$35

- One 40 oz jar of Peanut Butter
- One 32 oz Box of pancake mix
- One 75 sq ft roll of Aluminum foil
- One 16 oz Bag of dried blackeyed peas
- One 32 oz Bag of Long Grain Rice
- One 15 oz can of Tomato Sauce
- One 20 oz Can of Pineapple Chunks
- One 32 oz jar of Grape Jelly
- One 12 oz container of ground coffee

Thank you so much for your support of this program. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Jones at cahalanjones@yahoo.com or 517-8172

MOSP ADVENT PROGRAM

The Men of St. Paul will be meeting on Monday, December 5th for our annual Advent program. It has been our practice the past several years to get together for a celebration of the Eucharist in preparation for this time of reflection. To that end, the Eucharist is to be celebrated at 6 pm in our Sanctuary, with Father Bob Abstein as our celebrant. Afterward, we will be repairing to Founders Hall for dinner and a short business meeting.

Please make plans to participate in this time for reflection, nourishment and fellowship. Do not hesitate to contact me (joe@williamson-tn.org) if you have any questions.

Joe Horne, MOSP

CRAFT NIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday, December 2, 6:00-9:00 pm.
Otey Hall

Otey Hall, Friday, Dec. 2, 6:00-9:00 pm. The Kick-off party begins in with making wreathes! The cost of materials is approximately \$25. The church will provide hot glue guns and pipe cleaner.

There is a supply list outside Donna Stokes-Rogers' door for anyone interested in joining us. You will need to bring your own materials. Please let Carrie McBrayer know if you are coming, (615)815-5152 or carriemcbrayer@gmail.com. We will order pizza for dinner and childcare can be made available if you contact Carrie in advance. This will be the first of our monthly craft nights at St. Paul's!

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 12 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.

Our December meeting is always a Holiday Party; a time to have informal conversation in a social setting. This year we welcome the fabulous Music City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a community service organization like none other! They will tell us about the work of the Sisters and will also provide entertainment. Theirs is a "ministry of presence," and they often serve as educators concerning issues faced by the LGBTQ community. The Sisters are advocates for equality and their mission includes ministry, education and entertainment. We hope you will connect with us and join the fun. You are invited to the party!

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

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.

St. Paul's Youth

DECEMBER



Night Watch December 2-3 - Diocesan Event at the Cathedral



Join other young people from around the Diocese for a night of fun and creativity. This program provides youth with an opportunity to meet other Episcopal young people and explore their spiritual side during Advent. The program includes contemplative and creative worship, reflection, games, snacks, breakfast and more.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

November Events

- Nov. 27th No EYG -CITY
- Dec. 2nd-3rd Diocesan Advent Nightwatch
- Dec. 4th SS - EYG -Lessons and Carols 6pm
- Dec. 11th SS and YG.
- Dec. 18th Youth Christmas Party!
Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24th 4:30, 7:30, and 10:30pm Services
- Dec. 25th Christmas!
- Jan. 1st New Years! No EYG or SS.

St. Paul's Youth Annual:

Ugly Sweater Party

Dec. 18th 5:00-7:40pm in Barnabas



Join us for our Youth Christmas party!
What to Bring:
-Ugly Xmas Sweater
-White Elephant present (under \$10)
-Heaps of Christmas spirit!



BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



Mitchell Korn, Instructor

Take Two Courses and Save!!

Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt is proud to offer two classes at St. George's Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Pike. For registration and information, visit blair.vanderbilt.edu/precollege-adult or call (615) 322-7651.

Symphony 101 New Ears for Music and the Orchestra

The mysteries of the symphony are uncovered! Symphony 101 is an eight-week class in which every discussion deeply explores an upcoming work by the Nashville Symphony. The Blair School's *Mitchell Korn* leads a participatory learning experience using DVD footage of the symphonic performances, with an in-depth exploration of each composer's personal and musical life. This season we study:

- Respighi (*Pines of Rome*)
- Stravinsky (*Rite of Spring*)
- Ravel (*Bolero*)
- Copland (*the original Appalachian Spring for Martha Graham*)
- Bernstein (*Serenade*)
- Beethoven (*Symphony No. 2*)
- Mozart (*Symphony No. 35*)
- Schumann (*Symphony No. 1*)

8 sessions: January 25-March 15
1:00-3:00 p.m., Tuition \$140*

*Bring a friend rate: Any group (two or more who register together) receives a \$20 discount for each person

Great Music, Great Film

Join Blair's *Mitchell Korn* in a six-week series exploring the great symphonic composers who scored the best in cinema.

- Leonard Bernstein's *On the Waterfront*
- Aaron Copland's *The Heiress*
Of Mice and Men
- Erich Korngold's *Robin Hood*
The Sea Hawk
- Max Steiner's *Casablanca*
Gone with the Wind
- Bernard Herrmann's *North by Northwest*
- Elmer Bernstein's *The Great Escape*

Studied, viewed, and discussed as the merging of two great art forms. The greatest movies with great music make for exceptional arts and entertainment.

6 sessions: March 22-April 26
1:00-3:00 p.m., Tuition \$105

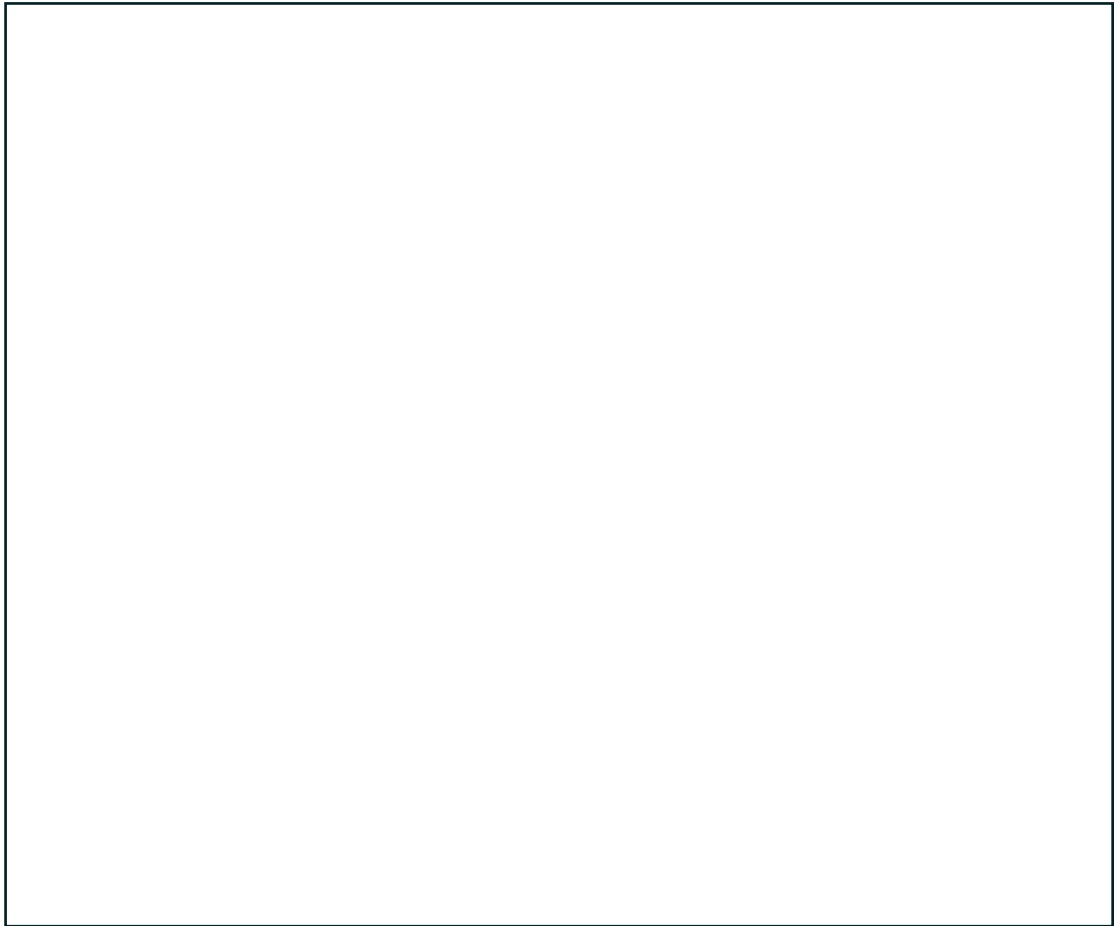
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