



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

February 2017

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT FROM FATHER BILL

2016 has been a year of re-centering and renewal. There have been new initiatives in Christian Formation for our adults and children. The Taste and See Community gatherings on Wednesday nights have been a success.

Stewardship has been restructured away from fundraising toward a call to join in the ongoing story of the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by understanding the Biblical example for proportional giving from what God has given us. This year the pledge cards included not a place for pledging our money but our times as well. A personal invitation from a table host was made to each member for the First Fruits Dinner which nearly exceeded the available space. It turned into a party celebrating all of the good things we have here at St. Paul's. I have heard

many times from people how they enjoyed meet fellow parishioners they had not known before.

During the Summer the 10am service which combined the usual 2 mid-morning services was very well attended. Our traditional music was supplemented with other styles of music, most of which reached back to the tradition of early American and African American spirituals. The combined 10am service was so popular that the congregation was asked their opinion of keeping it going forward. In the end it was decided that we would bet on the growth of St. Paul's recognizing that the 4 services on Sunday morning are necessary to accommodate a growing church.

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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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 1

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 am; 12:05 pm; 7:00 pm

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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

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT

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However, additional musicians have continued at the 8:45 service to provide more options for a variety of music and those other hymn forms continue at that service.

The Search Committee regrouped in the fall and that process is well under way.

The Bell Tower structural project was completed with final adjustment to the tower chimes nearly complete.

At my request the Communications Committee has completely reworked our website with much more organization and capability that we previously had They also completed work on a new church logo emphasizing the openness (literally and figuratively) of St.

Paul's. New digital bulletin board will soon appear as well.

The History of St. Paul's (A Good Story of saints and Sinners) was published. A multi-purpose office, vesting area, and meeting room was created in the office across from the Library.

This is a sampling of all that has gone on this year. Visitors continue to attend services each week and many new families and individuals have joined the church in the past year. We continue to be a place that practices the presence of God in downtown Franklin, celebrating the joys and sharing the losses of our parish family, welcoming people who seek the Good News of Jesus Christ or are merely curious. But regardless of the reason anyone walks in our doors, all are welcome here.



Fr. Bill

PARISH NOTES

Baptized on January 29

Leigh Kirkland Berry
Son of Janie and John Berry
Granddaughter of Kathy and Dewees Berry

Visitors from December and January

Melinda and Wiliam Boggs
Virginia and John Brewer
Lynn and Bruce Burton
Paul Hendricks
Pam and Malcolm Holley
Susan and John Looney
Kathryn Moran

Visitors (cont.)

Marne and Thomas Smith
Carrie and Jason Wilkins
Dr. Pat Williams

Deaths

Jack Harshey
Prayers and sympathy for Ginnie Harshey, his wife and for Lucinda Harshey, his daughter.

Charlotte O'Shaunessey
Prayers and sympathy for Carol Waters, her daughter.

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



MEN OF ST. PAUL'S

INGE SMITH TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING MOSP MEETING

The Men of St. Paul will be meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6pm. Our featured speaker will be Inge Myering Smith. Inge, a long-time resident of Franklin will share her compelling story of her journey to America, beginning with her birth to Jewish parents on July 4, 1923 in Dresden, Germany.

Inge and her family narrowly escaped Nazi Germany in 1938 as Hitler was placing in motion what is now referred to as "The Holocaust". Her firsthand knowledge of this period of history, as well as her American experiences, promise a thought-provoking evening.

We will be gathering in Founders Hall at 6 pm for our "Social Half-Hour", with dinner to follow at 6:30. A short business meeting will be held prior to Inge's presentation.

Make plans to attend...in order to the appropriate number of meals, please contact Joe Horne at joeh@williamson-tn.org if you plan on attending.

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

SPRING STREET SENIORS

On Thursday February 23rd, we will be celebrating African American history month with our senior citizen guests and hosting Kristi Farrow, genealogist from the Battle of Franklin Trust.

Ms. Farrow specializes in the genealogy of the enslaved people who lived on the Carter and Carnton plantations in Franklin and she will be sharing her knowledge with our group. We will also be sharing a delicious home lunch prepared by our volunteers. Additionally, Kenyatta Armstrong will be back for a concert and sharing her amazing voice and musical talent with us.

That will just be getting us warmed up - because the next day - February 24th - we are taking a field trip to hear the Fisk Jubilee Singers! If you are interested in helping out on either day, or would like more information about this program, please contact Tina Jones at cahalanjones@yahoo.com or 615-517-8172

SAVE THESE DATES
June 26-29, 2017



Week of Wonder

LENTEN MEDITATIONS – LECTONARY LOTTERY STYLE!

Believe it or not, Lent begins next month on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Here at St. Paul's we would like to hear from you. In particular we are hoping that you will offer to participate in contributing to the Lenten Daily Meditations –Lectonary Lottery.

If you would like to participate by writing a meditation, reflection, or poem, simply sign-up for a particular day using the Sign-up Genius that will be accessible the first week of February. Meditations do not need to be longer than 100 words.

The deadline for them to be written and submitted is Sunday, February 26. They should be sent to monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

During Lent, the Lenten Daily meditations will be made easily accessible online through the church website. Let us hear from you. By doing this everybody wins!

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. The March selection is *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett.

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

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 13 at 7:00-8:30pm, in Founder's 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. You are invited to join the conversation.

This month our guest will be Sargent Amy Butler of the Franklin Police Department who will talk about safety issues concerning all people in our 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

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.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

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

ST PAUL'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday March 1

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
7:00 am; 12:05 pm; 7:00 pm

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist
7:30 am; 8:45am; 11:00am; 6 pm

Week days:

Holy Eucharist
12:05 Wednesday

Morning Prayer
7 am Monday – Friday

Evening Prayer
6 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Stations of the Cross
5:30 Wednesday

Before Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Lenten Supper and Program:
"Taste and See" with Lenten theme:

Where do we find God?

6 pm

ST. PAUL'S DREAM GROUP

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.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

March 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr 5

Stations of the Cross
5:30pm in the Church
Soup Supper
6:00pm in Otey Hall
Lenten Programs
6:30-7:30pm

Program for adults runs concurrently
(Nursery provided for infants and toddlers)

FAMILY and CHILDREN

Come join us on an adventure to explore
The Secret Life of PETS

We will learn lessons about
God, our neighbors, and
ourselves.



Over 5 Wednesday Nights in Lent weeks,
we will enter the world of “The Secret Life
of Pets” through the watching the movie,
playing games, interaction, and crafts!
Don't miss out! Come to All God's Creation
Room to join us!



HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE?

Through the extensive work of the St. Paul's Communications Committee, led by Carl Freeman, the St. Paul's website has undergone a complete transformation.

The site has been redesigned in concert with the new St. Paul's logo and other communication efforts, and was developed to better serve the wide variety of ministries, events, and communications at St. Paul's.



The website has also been configured to better serve users on mobile devices - who comprise nearly 40% of all our web traffic!

Thanks to Carl Freeman, Claire Gaddis, Lucinda Dyer, Lance Respass, Wesley Duffee-Braun, and the Rev. Bill Barton for all of their work on the site so far. The website will continue to be improved with additional features and capabilities. If you have any questions, issues with using the site, or requests for the features, please email info@stpauls-franklin.com.

Visit www.stpaulsfranklin.com today!



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

NOTE: Students who also take Symphony 101 will receive a \$20 discount on this course.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Book sales of the history of St. Paul's, A Good Tale of Saints and Sinners are doing well. We have raised over \$4,200 for the Parish's Bicentennial Celebration Fund thus far; if you would like to purchase a book or two you can buy them from Claire or at Landmark Booksellers in downtown Franklin.

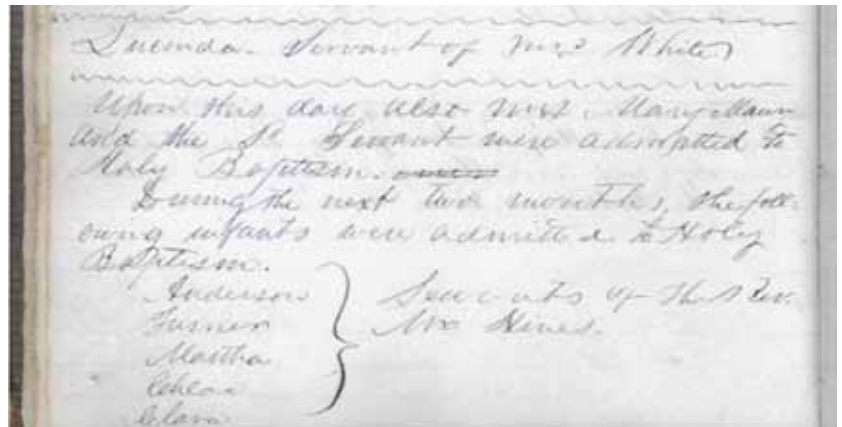
The Historical Committee continues to meet regularly and we are working diligently to catalog our historic resources. As part of that work we need a fireproof, lockable filing cabinet. If you have one you are willing to donate to the Committee, please let us know! Additionally, we are in the early stages of planning some events for the coming year. Stay Tuned!

Furthermore, in recognition of February being African-American History Month, we wanted to highlight some of St. Paul's own such heritage. During the period before the Civil War, it is an uncomfortable truth that many of the parishioners at St. Paul's owned slaves. Our church records contain a few accounts of those enslaved individuals (euphemistically referred to as "servants") being baptized into the Episcopal Church.

An item dated February 25th, 1845 shows that during Rev. J. W. Rogers' time at St. Paul's, Bishop Otey visited the parish and baptized several parishioners as well as some of those who were enslaved, including "Lucinda, servant of Mrs. White. Upon this day, also Mrs. Mary Maury and the [?] servant were admitted to Holy Baptism.

During the next two months, the following infants were admitted to Holy Baptism: Anderson, Turner, Martha, Chloe and Clara – servants of The Rev. Wm. Hines."

We believe that Mary Maury is Mary Eliza Tennessee Claiborne Maury – widow of Abram Maury, Jr. The Historic Committee is working to find, categorize and help tell the stories related to all those who share a history with St. Paul's - including Lucinda, Anderson, Turner, Martha, Chloe and Clara.



Note from Bishop Otey's visit to St. Paul's on February 25, 1845

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.

DICK DORNEY SHOE AWARD

Within any successful group, whether we know it or not, we stand on the shoulders of those that came before us. Much of what and who we are is derived from those exemplary individuals. Dick Dorney was shining example of one such individual.

Whether it was the first to volunteer or the first to lead, Dick was constant example of service to the St. Paul's Community. When he left us, we knew how hard it would be to fill at even one of his shoes; thus, the birth of Dick Dorney Shoe Award.



Since its inception, we have sought to honor those among us best demonstrate the continuation of Dick Dorney's spirit...a spirit that embodies service to God and service to their fellow parishioners.

In memory of Dick, this year the award went to Greer Carlisle. Thank you, Greer, for all that you have done in service to St. Paul's, and all that you will continue to do.

DUI COURT CHARITY EVENT

The DUI Court of Williamson County is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) alternative court for DUI offenders in General Sessions Court. It is having a concert at the Franklin Theater on March 30, 2017 featuring Bryan White at 7:00 p.m. on March 30, 2017.

Please call the theater for tickets. There will be a cake auction before the concert, "Take the Cake". If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor from \$1,000 to \$ 10,000 with various opportunities, please contact Tally Osburn, Board of Director member at 615-513-9655. This is a worthy charity with great success is treating addictive disorders

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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.

St. Paul's Youth February

January was a powerful month for the Youth of St. Paul's. We have continued with our Youth designed gatherings and have opened our minds to drama, ancient history, art, and more! Our Epiphany Lock-in was a raucous evening, ending with a contemplative worship (pictured below) and altar decoration. If you ask me, I think we started the year off with a bang!

If you or one of your friends would like to come check us out – all are welcome! Just contact Carl for more details! (carl@stpaulsfranklin.com or 513-476-0728)



February Events

- Feb. 5th Sunday School, Confirmation, and Evening Youth Gathering
- Feb. 12th SS, Confirmation, and EYG
- Feb. 19th SS, Confirmation, NO EYG
- Feb. 26th CITY –
SS, Confirmation, and EYG
- Feb. 28th Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
- Plans for regular Sunday evening gathering and other more up to date news comes through the weekly Youth News!

Annual Youth

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Feb. 28th 5-7pm



Mark your calendars for
our biggest fundraiser of the year!
Proceeds go to the Youth Scholarship Fund!

Evening Youth Gatherings

6th-12th Graders 5:00 – 7:00 pm

In Barnabas – Dinner Provided!

Sunday School and Confirmation

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM

Breakfast snacks provided.

SOCIAL GRACES

Social Graces is organizing an evening complete with dinner followed by a concert at the Franklin Theatre

Gateway Chamber Orchestra: Celebrating Enduring Courage

February 13, 2017

6:00pm: Catered
Dinner at Church

7:00pm: Theatre
Doors open

7:30 pm: Concert

This event is open to
anyone



Maurice Ravel – Le Tombeau de Couperin
John Adams – The Wound Dresser
Joseph Haydn – Symphony No. 100 in G “Military”

About the Concert:

Ravel's light, nostalgic work pays homage to friends who died in WWI battles.

The Wound Dresser by John Adams, based on the poetry of Walt Whitman, celebrates the bravery of all who stand for a deeply held cause.

Capping off the concert, immerse yourself with the glorious, triumphant Military Symphony of Haydn– who is one of the GCO's specialties.

About The Gateway Chamber Orchestra: Conducted by Gregory Wolyneec, the GCO was formed in 2008 and is recognized as one of the leading new American ensembles. Comprised of professional musicians from Middle Tennessee and beyond, the GCO specializes in presenting traditional masterworks, overlooked treasures, and contemporary American compositions.

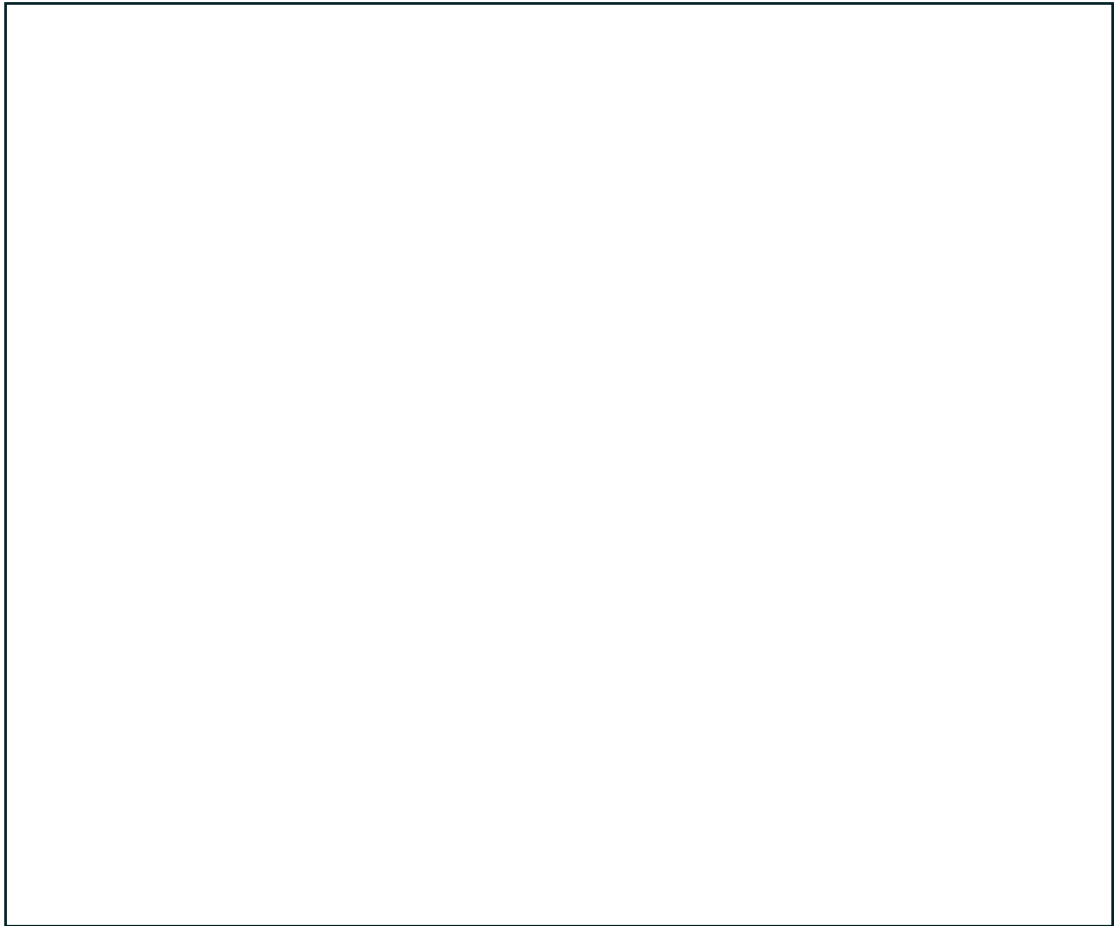
Don't miss out on this offer! Act now! The cost is \$30 per person for the evening. To secure your spot, write a check to St. Paul's (social graces in the memo). Contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790-0527 or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information or with any questions you have.

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