



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

June 2017

NEW RECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Vestry, I am honored to announce that The Reverend William Russell "Rusty" McCown has accepted our call to become the next Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rusty is currently Associate Rector at the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama.

Rusty and his wife, Laura, spent two days in Franklin last month, touring our church and Franklin, meeting our staff, and having discussions and interviews with the Vestry. During their time here, it became apparent that they would be the perfect couple to occupy our Rectory. Rusty and Laura, who is an engineer, have two children. Katherine recently graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, and Robert just completed his freshman year at Auburn University.

Rusty has a varied background that we believe has perfectly prepared him to be the Rector of our Parish. Rusty spent a number of years working in the fields of financial planning and insurance. During that time, he was an active member of his home church in Huntsville. He served on the Vestry, and also served as treasurer.

In 2001, he was called to the ministry and entered the seminary at Sewanee. Since receiving his Master of Divinity degree, he has served as an Assistant Priest in Birmingham, been the Senior Regional Manager for the Church Pension Group, and presently serves as an Associate Rector at his home church in Huntsville.

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The Reverend William Russell "Rusty" McCown

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

A LETTER FROM BURNS ROGERS

Dear St. Paul's Parishioners,

I am writing to inform you that my last day at St. Paul's will be June 18, 2017. I met with Bishop Bauerschmidt during Holy Week, and I learned that I am being reassigned to St. David's Church in the West Meade area of Nashville. July 9, 2017 will mark the beginning of my tenure in that parish.

Donna, Maddie, and I have known that this day would arrive ever since I began my formal discernment. We did not know when, but it is typical for deacons to be reassigned when a new Rector is sought by a parish. I was very fortunate and blessed by Bishop Bauerschmidt's decision to let me return to St. Paul's following my ordination in January 2014, and I am most grateful for the time I have been given to work with you all and serve among you. The time has come, however, for me to accept a new appointment.

Leaving St. Paul's is very emotional for me and for my family. Nearly 20 years ago, when the processional cross was stolen, I saw the story on the news. Donna and I were still dating and had seen a movie at the Franklin Cinema. I shared the story with her, and we decided to see if the doors really were always open. Obviously, they were, and we have been a part of this community of faith ever since. We were married soon after at St. Paul's, Maddie was baptized here, and she will soon be confirmed here in June. Donna will continue to work at St. Paul's as the Minister of Music at a job that she absolutely loves. I have been involved in many groups and ministries here; and let us not lose sight of the fact that it was at St. Paul's, that I responded

to the call of ordained ministry. This place will always be our home church, and you will always be our church family no matter where life may lead any of us. You have loved us and supported us in the good times and sustained us during difficult times. For that, I wish to say thank you, and for that I will be forever grateful.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that even amidst the sadness of leaving a place and people that I love; I am excited about my new ministry. I know only a handful of people at St. David's and their Rector, Carolyn Coleman, has only been there a few months. I am excited by the new opportunities and learning different ways to carry out ministry. I am excited to share with them the lessons I have learned from you. But most importantly, I am blessed, honored, and humbled, as well as excited, that I have been given another opportunity to live out my baptismal and ordination vows.

As this transition will not only impact Donna, Maddie, and me, I encourage you to reflect on Romans 12: 4 and 5:

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

I will be leaving St. Paul's, and Maddie may join me periodically, but we will all remain part of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I will continue to pray for you and your common life at St. Paul's, and I ask that you remember me and the common life at those at St. David's in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Burns

***St. Paul's WOW - Week of Wonder
It's almost here! Have you registered?
June 26-29***

ROME - Paul and the Underground Church



***Are you ready for an awesome adventure to
Rome to visit Paul and the Underground Church?***

There will be exciting places to explore; super crafts to create; delicious snacks; sensational bible stories; marketplace madness, and plenty of fun for everyone!

**June 26-29, Mon - Thurs - 9:00 am-Noon everyday,
with a Closing Celebration Potluck Dinner Thursday Night 5:30 pm**

www.vbspro.events/p/stpaulswow

Register online or fill out a registration form found in Narthex or Founders Hall
Your \$15 fee includes crafts, snacks and t shirt

Participants: Children 3 years old (by 9/30/17) - Children entering 4th grade

Volunteers: Children entering 5th grade - Adults

Volunteers are invaluable! Be sure to let us know where you want to help out.

Come help set up! June 19-23 M-F from 9:30 am-2:00 pm

For more information or to volunteer, contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790-0527
or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

*We are including younger children in VBS again this year.

While programs won't be exactly like that of older children, there will be fun activities and crafts just for them.

CREATIVE KIDS 2017

To Infinity and Beyond:
The Artistic Frontier

JULY 10-14

BARNABAS CENTER

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

510 WEST MAIN STREET

FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE. 37064

(615) 790-0527

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Class Descriptions:

Nebula Nightlights: Mason Jars painted with Glow-in-the-Dark Paint and Glitter to make a battery powered nightlight for your child's room.

Celestial Kaleidoscope: Kids will use cardboard tubes, glitter, and moon and star shapes to make their own fun viewer.

Starscape Art: Using stained glass painting techniques, kids will create their own unique glass art work.

Pool Noodle Rockets: The possibilities are endless as each child creates their own mix-and-match rocket with pool noodles and a little imagination.

Galaxy Cookies: Kids will learn decorating techniques using royal icing and edible glitter to create their own tasty solar system.

**Registration form available
on the following page**

Registration

(can also register online at www.stpaulsfranklin.com)

Child: _____

Child's age in July, 2017: _____

Parent: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Parent Cell: _____

Email: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact phone: _____

Days Registering for: ALL: _____

Monday, July 10: _____

Tuesday, July 11: _____

Wednesday, July 12: _____

Thursday, July 13: _____

Friday, July 14: _____

Snacks are provided mid-morning daily.

Cost: \$15 per day or \$60 for the week.

Please make checks payable to

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and

include Creative Kids in the memo line.

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 10am 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



PARISH NOTES

Graduations

Maury Mingle graduated with an MBA from Cumberland University.

Our Congratulations to:

Margaret and Gene Brown on the birth of their granddaughter, Jovi Baker

Katie Edwards and Kevin Price, who were recently married. (Katie is the daughter of Ginna and Carl Campbell.)

Our Sympathy to:

Pam Holley for the loss of her husband, Malcolm Holley; and

Brad Spencer and Susan Spencer Hollis for the loss of their mother, Brenda Spencer; and

Susan Nance and her family, for the loss of her father, Seth Warner.

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

More information in the
The Historic Corner on page 10.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

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

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7:00-8:30pm, in Otey Hall. Our special guest will be Phil Cobucci, President of the Nashville Pride Board, who will talk about all of the activities planned for this year's event. 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.

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. Together we're stronger.

MEALS ON WHEELS

There are about 25 of us who drive meals on wheels the 3rd Wednesday and Friday of each month. 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

Volunteer on Sundays! No Experience Necessary

Ushers and Oblationers

Ushers at St. Paul's greet parishioners and visitors at services, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and assist at the offertory. They also assist with special services such as weddings and funerals. Oblationers present gifts of bread and wine at the offertory at the 8:45am and 11:00am services.

Chalice Bearers

Chalice Bearers assist the priest at the altar with serving communion. There is opportunity for Chalice Bearers at any of the services. They also can assist with special services such as weddings and funerals.

Readers/Intercessors

Readers and Intercessors have the opportunity to read the lessons and/or the *Prayers of the People* at the services.

Acolytes

The St. Paul's Acolyte Program recruits, trains and offers get-togethers for youth who wish to serve as Torch Bearers and Crucifers during St. Paul's worship services. By participating in the Acolyte Program, you join many others who help make each worship service happen by serving as ushers, choir members, readers, oblation bearers, and altar guild members.

Altar Guild

This ministry gives people the opportunity to prepare the Altar for regular services, and maintain the linens, vestments, and silver. The Altar Guild also takes part in the set up for weddings, funerals, and other services.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

This ministry gives people the opportunity to take Holy Communion to people who for varying reasons, are unable to come to a church service to receive Holy Communion. Lay Eucharistic Visitors or LEVs take communion to parishioner's homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals. The LEVs are sent forth from whatever service they attend, with a communion kit of blessed sacraments to take to

No prior knowledge or experience is needed for any of these ministries.
For more information about these ministries, please contact Claire Gaddis at
Claire@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*There are many ways you can make a difference
in this ministry and in the lives of children!
How can you get involved?*

Children's Chapel Leader

Children's Chapel Helper

Children's Christian Formation Leader

Children's Christian Formation Helper

Week of Wonder Volunteer - (Vacation Bible School)

Creative Kids Helper

Special Events throughout the year Volunteer

Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

ANN VAN DERVOORT LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder from your friendly Library Committee: The Ann Van Dervoort Library will be open all summer. The Library's large collection of fiction and non-fiction continues to grow with recent additions of current popular fiction.

We would like to encourage parents to select books from our excellent collection of juvenile fiction and nonfiction. Summer is a critical time for beginning readers who must constantly reinforce their newly acquired skills.

If you would like a quick preview of current books available in the library take a look at the bulletin board next to the Vesting Room (formerly Monna Mayhall's Office).

The church library is self-service and is open whenever the church buildings are open. Check us out!

Out with the Old! In with the New!



Thistle Farms has changed their packaging and we need to make room on our shelves...



This is great news for you because we are offering our Thistle Farms products, currently on our shelves in Founders Hall, to you for FREE!

Take what you want and feel FREE to make a donation to St. Paul's.

Thistle Farms is a nonprofit business organization that makes and sells mainly bath and body products. Thistle Farms was created through Magdalene House, a sanctuary for women with criminal histories of prostitution and drug addiction. Thistle Farms employs women in the 2 year Magdalene program as well graduates of the program.

Reclaiming Hope Through Remembering

A Memorial Eucharist for the Victims of Lynching
in Davidson County

Wed, June 7, 2017, 9AM

Fisk University Memorial Chapel



Naomi Tutu, Preaching



"Just Us", Fisk Jubilee Singers Alumni, Music

The Dedication of a Permanent Historic Marker with the names of lynching victims directly follows the service at nearby St. Anselm's Episcopal Church.

A project of the Anti-Racism Task Force of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee and the Christian Scholars Conference of Lipscomb University

THE HISTORIC CORNER

Celebrations of St. Paul's Founding.

On May 3rd , members of the Historical Committee were the featured speakers at the Wednesday night "Taste and See" Program on the topic of St. Paul's Bicentennial Planning. Committee members reviewed how the parish celebrated on the 100th, 125th and 150th anniversaries of its founding. We enjoyed birthday cake and learned about what life was like in Franklin during the time of each of those celebrations.

The audience learned about how the 1927 commemorative sermon by the Bishop was broadcast on the radio from Nashville, the guests enjoyed an incredible barbecue feast, and in 1977 a parade was conducted through the streets of Franklin. They also heard about all the present and former parishioners who came from across the country to attend the different celebrations.

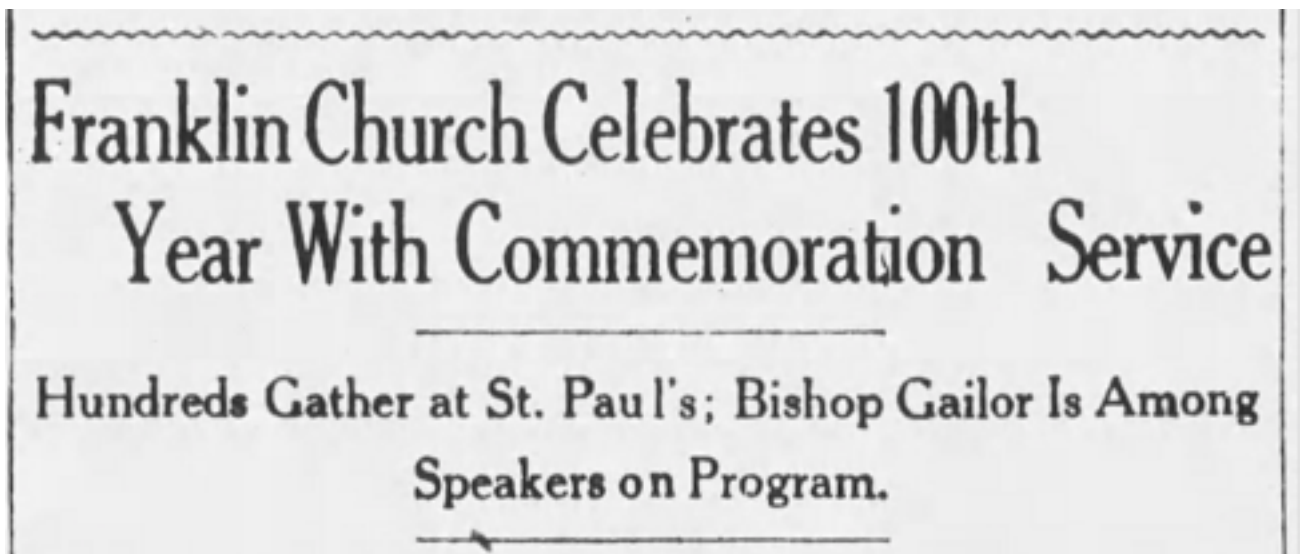
A copy of the PowerPoint presentations with photographs, newspaper clippings and other

graphics are available on the website. The committee will be hosting a small reception on Friday, August 25, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm to celebrate this year's 190 th St. Paul's Church anniversary. Please put this event on your calendar. All are encouraged to attend!

Bicentennial Planning

The Historical Committee is hard at work planning for St. Paul's 200th anniversary – our Bicentennial Celebration in 2027. Committee members announced our fundraising plans at each service on Sunday May 7th & 14th. To celebrate St. Paul's in the grand fashion that it deserves, we are forming the Bicentennial Club for all those who donate \$1,000 over the next ten years.

You can donate this amount by making ten \$100 donations over ten years, or in a one-time payment, or in other custom payments to fit your budget. You may make donate on the website using the Donate button. Select "Bicentennial Celebration Fund" from the dropdown menu. We will also be announcing the Chairs of the Bicentennial Celebration at our Anniversary celebration on Friday, August 25 th at 5 pm. Please join us!



NEW RECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

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In his prior positions, Rusty has shown a passion for pastoral care and education, and his enthusiasm and energy are contagious.

Rusty and Laura will arrive in Franklin during the month of July, although I imagine Rusty may make a couple of visits before then. As you know, the Vestry is presently working to make needed improvements to the Rectory in the areas of electrical, plumbing and heating & air. If you would like to help in the financing of this work, you may make a donation to St. Paul's Rectory Fund either by check or through the website.

I would like to thank our Rector Search Committee for all of their work in preparing the Parish Profile and reviewing the many candidates for this position. They reduced the candidate pool to four superior candidates, and the Vestry is indebted to them.

I would also like to thank the St. Paul's community as a whole. I am aware that this search process was much longer than expected. I also know that at times it may have seemed that no progress was being made. However, I can say that I never felt anything but support from this Parish during this time of waiting. After getting to know Rusty and Laura through this process, I can also assure you that, from my perspective, the wait has been worthwhile.

Jay Fahey
Senior Warden

UPDATE ON WEDDING AT CANA

As of this writing (Thursday May 26, 2017) the pledged and received donations for the 9th Annual Wedding at Cana, held on May 6th, total \$4,626.25. This amount includes donations received thus far by individuals, as well as a very generous pledge from the Women of St. Paul's.

Based on conversations I have had with several of you, I am confident in reporting that, for the seventh year in a row, our congregation will donate an amount greater than the \$5,000 necessary to purchase an entire well. Donating a well to a village in turn becomes part of an integrated strategy of fostering local labor, empowering women, and protecting children, using a model called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD).

The global outreach arm of YOUR Episcopal Church, Episcopal Relief & Development, was among the first international relief and development agencies to embrace the ABCD model, thereby avoiding well-intentioned, but often misguided, models of "toxic charity."

As always, on behalf of Episcopal Relief & Development, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the St. Paul's Wedding at Cana, both this year, and in the past. I hope to have more information to share soon which will make the 2017 event especially noteworthy, but I am unable to share/confirm specifics prior to going to press. Please stay tuned!

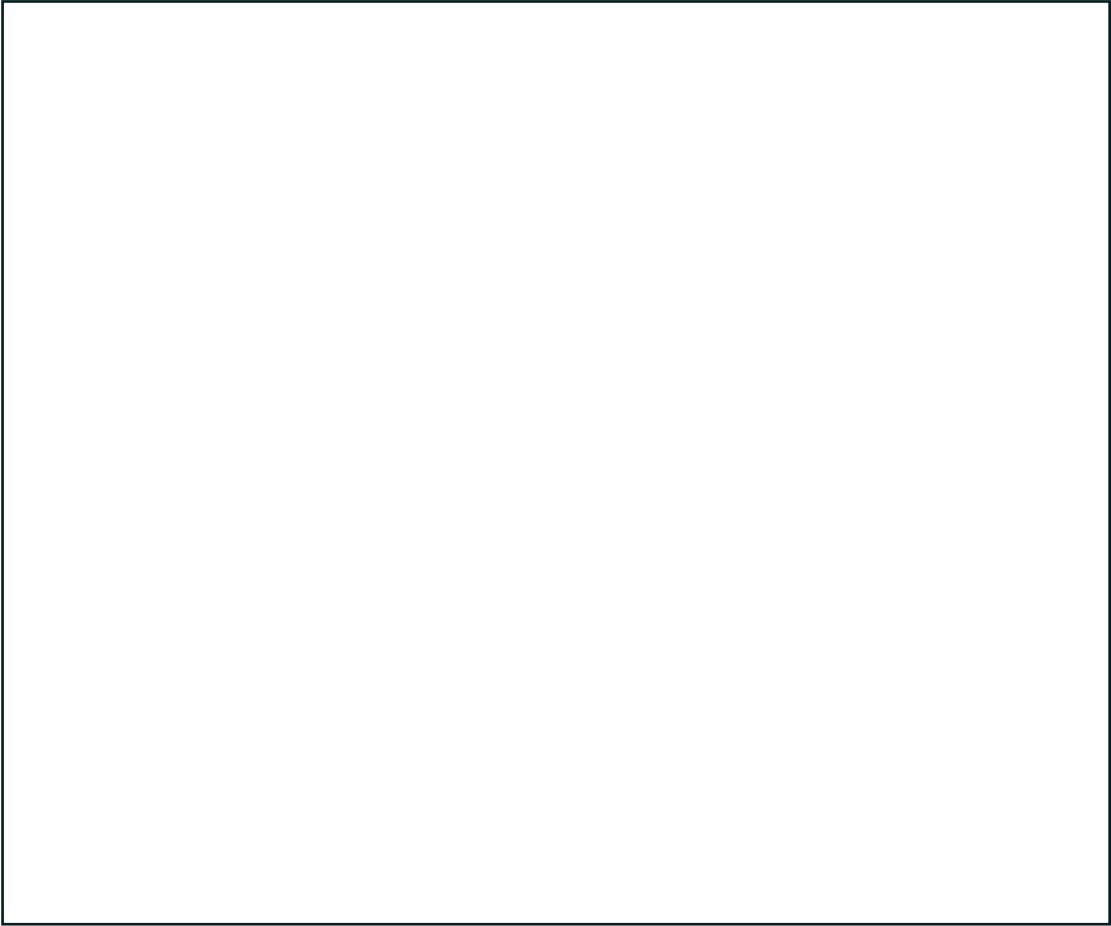
Thanks and Peace,
Paul Deepan
(Network Coordinator, Diocese of Tennessee)

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