



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

March 2017

PANCAKE SUPPER & YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER A MAJOR SUCCESS

The Annual Youth Mardi Gras Pancake Supper is almost always a good party – for me, and I think also for those attached to our Youth Group at St. Paul's, it's also a night to count and appreciate our blessings. And that's what this year's celebration was, a blessing.

First off, thank you to the helpers (youth, parents, and friends) on the floor – you all were the heart of the night. Huge love goes out to our own Jackson Mayhall and the Broomsticks for being the best Pancake Supper band in America – I don't think I was the only one blown away by these guys (contact me if you want to book them for your own events!).

Thank you to the tireless kitchen warriors that kept the boat afloat – with a special shout-out to Donna Stoke-Rogers who led the cooking effort and was our crepe master. Finally, thank you to you all, the parish, for showing up and loving our St. Paul's Youth Group.

This year's supper was one of the most successful we've ever had – and this means a lot for our Youth Group going forward. Mountain Top (our biggest group trip of the year) asks for \$375 for each youth going, as well as the costs of all the tools, rental vehicles, gas, and much more on top of this. Given what is provided for at the mountain and what our youth get to be a part of, this is extremely reasonable.

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WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday

Holy Eucharist

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

Monday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 pm

Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

Wednesday Lenten Supper & Program:

"Taste and See" with Lenten theme:

Where do we find God?

6:00 pm

Thursday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

Friday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

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

PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER SUCCESS (CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE)

However, without the scholarships provided through our supper and our other fundraisers throughout the year, it would not be possible for all who wanted to go to do so – at least not without sacrificing the many other things we do throughout the year.

A trip like Mountain Top or our upcoming 24 hours Justice experience are hopefully moments to remember in our youth's lives. Providing these experiences, these close encounters with the holy out in the world and in our neighbors has a lasting effect. It's hard to know exactly the impact, but its easy to know that what we're doing as a parish is important. Your presence at the Pancake Supper and your support beyond it is an affirmation of that fact.

The love shared and the money raised on Shrove Tuesday makes a bigger impact then you or I could probably imagine. For that, from the St. Paul's Youth Group, thank you. Thank you for this blessing.



Jackson Mayball and the Broomsticks - the best Pancake Supper band in America



Amazing turnout and support for the youth group!

SAVE THESE DATES

June 26-29, 2017



Week of Wonder

**ARRIVE FOR THE PROCESSION,
NOT JUST THE RECESSION**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**

memegenerator.net

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

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

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

MEN OF ST. PAUL WELCOME MS. INGE

On Monday, February 20th, Ms. Inge Meyering Smith addressed the Men of St. Paul at their membership meeting.

Founders Hall was filled to near-capacity as Ms. Inge shared the story of her family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938, and her ultimate settlement in Franklin. For her efforts, Ms. Inge received a "souvenir" MOSP T-shirt (see photo). Many thanks to Ms. Inge and all who attended!



Left to right, Gerry Lake, Jake Lake, and Inge Myerling Smith

PARISH NOTES

Deaths

Kathy Harrington
Mary Melof
Kitty Moon

Sister of Bari Horton
Cousin of Don Dicie
Cousin of Linda Hubbard

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16 EVENTS

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Children are invited to bring some flowers with them to church to "Flower the Cross." There will be a cross in the narthex where children will place their flowers as soon as they come in the church. No big bouquet necessary! Just a handful of flowers will be perfect!



EASTER EGG HUNT



All ages through 5th grade are invited to hunt eggs! Meet in Founders Hall at 10:00am on Easter Day to

divide up into age groups, and go to different "hunting grounds."

COLUMBIA/ FRANKLIN HIKING CLUB

Attention hikers of all stages and ages! The Columbia/Franklin Chapter of TTA (Tennessee Trails Association) will have it's monthly meeting in Barnabas on Tuesday, March 7.

We will be planning our future bi-monthly hikes, and discussing "all things hiking." The meeting is at 7:00 PM, or you can bring something to eat and join us earlier to chat. You do NOT need to be a member. Contact Janeth McKendrick, janethmck@aol.com or Jane Coffey, jecoffey0644@gmail.com.

SPRING STREET SENIORS

In February our outreach program for seniors living in Franklin's low income neighborhoods celebrated African American history month with a field trip to a concert by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Thanks so much to all who helped drive and make that event possible. We had nearly forty attend and everyone agreed it was a big success! On Thursday March 30th local photographer Debbie Carrington Smartt is donating her talents and will be taking portraits of our seniors to be used in the family history books that we are working on. We will be publishing our book, complete with family trees and stories, in May and a book signing. The cost of the publication will be partially covered by a grant we received from the Dandridge Trust this year.

If you would like to come help us at this next event or would like to learn more about Spring Street Seniors please contact Tina Jones at 615-517-8172 or cahalanjones@yahoo.com

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, March 13 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. 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 LG-BTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because 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. 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

LENTEN SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

Even though the season of Lent has just begun, it's not too late to volunteer for some of the events and activities that are particular to this season. Here are some of the ways:

1) You can still write a reflection on the daily scripture readings. At St. Paul's we like to hear from you. If you would like to participate by writing a meditation, reflection, or poem, simply sign up in the narthex or email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com. Meditations do not need to be longer than 100 words, and the deadline to get them back to Monna via email is one week before the date you sign up for. The Lenten Daily meditations will be easily accessible online through the church website during Lent.

2) You can offer to lead Morning Prayer one morning. It is offered Mon-Fri at 7:00 am. You can offer to lead Evening Prayer one evening. It is offered Mon, Tues, Thurs at 6:00 pm. There is a White Binder located under the Bishop's chair in the sanctuary with all the information you need to lead Morning or Evening Prayer. You can also sign up in the narthex for that as well.

3) You can participate in our Wednesday Evening Taste and See Lenten Programs which will run for 5 Wednesdays in Lent:

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Soup and Salad Supper in Otey Hall (to bring food, sign up in Narthex)

6:30-7:30 pm – Adult's Program in Otey/ Children's Program in All God's Creation room.

STEWARDSHIP AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

A Stewardship Prayer

Open, Lord, the eyes of all people to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your creation, we may honor you with our substance and be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As promised during our “campaign”-the stewardship committee wants to change our perspective on stewardship from fundraising to a component of our Christian Formation. This is part 2 of a curriculum to help facilitate that change. I had the pleasure of presenting this material at Taste and See on Feb.15th but wanted to provide the reference material to interested members of the congregation who were not able to attend.

Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice gave me pause. Is “stewardship” its own practice or an extension of our spiritual devotion to God? Of course I Googled “spiritual practices”. Much of what is included here comes from the mintools.com web site at the end of the document. The Bible doesn't reference “spiritual practices”, but does imply them in this verse from Acts as well as many other places.

Acts 2:42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Other scriptural references to five major spiritual disciplines can be found:

Teaching

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and is [a] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Prayer

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

Worship

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual[b] worship.

Service/Benevolence (giving)

If ministering to the needs of others was going to be easy, we wouldn't be told to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24). We all have a contribution to make in the Body of Christ that needs to be on-going yet we can be pulled away by everything else we have to do. *‘And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.’* (Titus 3:8)

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs

and not live unproductive lives. (Titus 3:14)

OTHER CANDIDATES for Spiritual Practice

- Celebration (part of worship)
- Confession (can be part of worship, prayer, and fellowship)

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- Evangelism (could be part of service but could also be the result of doing all of the above as seen in Acts 2:47)
- Fasting (usually in combination with prayer)- Giving, Stewardship (a part of worship and serving but could also be the result of all of the above)
- Guidance – Spiritual Direction (a result of spending time in God's Word and prayer)
- Journaling (a part of time in God's Word or prayer)
- Meditation (on God's Word)
- Observing the Lord's Day (means of corporate expression of all of the above)
- Silence & Solitude (ought to frequently be a part of prayer and time in God's Word)
- Simplicity (leads to more time to do all of the above)
- Studying or Learning (of God's Word)
- Submission (needed in all of the above)

So if you look back on all of that, I hope your perspective of STEWARDSHIP is different than it was a few minutes ago. If we played free association on the word stewardship, you would now think prayer, fellowship, worship, service and teaching and NOT budget, Vestry, pledge cards, campaign.

That was the goal of the stewardship committee last fall, to change that paradigm. If we keep our sense of stewardship in proper perspective-that we are returning God's gifts to God, devoting ourselves to God and not meeting the church's need to RECEIVE, will it make it easier for us to live generously and freely and have the strength to give our FIRST fruits and not our leftovers to God? When we act on our belief that God will provide for us as individuals and our community, we are liberated from thinking stewardship is anything but our spiritual practice of Service/Benevolence. Recalling that, studying that, is the spiritual practice of Stewardship.

Additional Resources:

<http://mintools.com/blog/spiritual-disciplines.htm>
<http://www.stewardship-dwtx.org/>

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 watch-
 ing the movie, playing games, interaction,
 and crafts! Don't miss out! Come to All
 God's Creation Room to join us!



THE HISTORIC CORNER

Tiffany... or not Tiffany ... that IS the question!!

A recent scandal erupted over the disputed claim that our cherished windows at St Paul's-- installed from 1902-1915 as the very trademarks of the place-- are not authentic Tiffany creations. Uncle Peter, where are my smelling salts?!?!

Since that initial claim, we have had several scholars of renowned esteem weigh in on this subject and the consensus is that they are indeed Tiffany creations. They have the color, quality and caliber of design indicative of the LCT (initials of Louis Comfort Tiffany-- how he often signed his works) way of doing things. This was attested to by Dr. Ivus Crouch and confirmed by Dr. Craig Carter of Kentucky--both major collectors and scholars on the subject.

Rodman Miller, great-grandson of Tiffany and a friend of the author, also attests to the likelihood of their authenticity. Miller had pursued a brilliant career in science, only to have a recessive gene pop up and lead him to become a glass artist on the west coast instead. His grandmother's father would be very proud to see his work and success.

Another authoritative voice is the great J. Alister Duncan of New York City who years ago confirmed that the center window over the altar of Christ ascending with the dove, the two on the left (St. Paul our patron and the angel at the empty tomb of Jesus) and the three on the right (Jesus in the field of lilies, St. John the Divine, and Christ knocking) are all from Tiffany Studios. Duncan is the author of numerous books and the former largest collector on the subject; however, before we could ascertain more information from him he went to prison for allegedly stealing Tiffany windows from mausoleums. Needless to say, we are grateful for not continuing with his appraisal!

Speaking of appraisal... many ask the value of what these windows would be. Although there have been recent sales of Tiffany windows on the scale of the ones in St. Paul's, obviously to us they are priceless pieces from our matchless heritage and could never be replaced. As Sara Sprott Morrow stated, they "stand not only as mute testimony to God and the parish dead, but also to the greatest creator of stained glass the world has ever known."

So who was this creator? Born in 1848, Louis (he preferred the French pronunciation of lewee over Lewis) Comfort Tiffany was the son of Charles Tiffany who in 1837 founded the famous New York City jewelry store now known by its iconic blue box. Louis, trained as an interior designer, had tried working in jewelry but was more fascinated with glass. Having studied early techniques developed by ancient Italian artists, Tiffany developed a technique known as "Favrile" (handmade) glass which became the rage of his day. He was an enormous success with worldwide fame. Having inherited a fortune and a jewelry empire when his father died (five times that of what DeBeers the diamond mogul left as his estate the same year by the way), Tiffany was allowed to pursue his artistic tastes to the highest degree and use his personal checkbook to make certain his Tiffany Studios operated in the black. He also employed the highest paid woman in America, Clara Driscoll, as his most-valued of over 100 employees. It seemed as if Tiffany had the Midas touch indeed.

But it's a long road that has no turn. By the 1920s the linear Art Deco movement had replaced the saccharine subjects and fluidity of the Art Nouveau period (circa 1890-1910) of Tiffany's heyday.

Completely out of favor, most of his works were either discarded or moved to attics. President Roosevelt ordered a large Tiffany glass screen at the White House smashed and thrown in the dump.

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The artist had lived too long and was more than forlorn about becoming obsolete. Heartbroken by his obscurity, Tiffany died in 1933 having destroyed his secret formula for his unprecedented Favrile glass, and would sadly never know that soon his name would posthumously become a household word.

By the 1960's, a new era dawned and a generation which appreciated the genius that was Tiffany drove prices skyrocketing seemingly overnight. In 1968 a small vase which had sold for \$30 the previous year brought \$1,200. Since that time, this newfound admiration has never waned.

Today, Tiffany is perhaps best known for his remarkable lamps, some of which have exceeded \$1 million at auction while simple salt cellars can still be had for \$200. It isn't likely that the world will ever turn its back on Tiffany again, and he and his marvelous creations help to make our little local history at St. Paul's a global one.

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

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@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Visit www.stpaulsfranklin.com today!

St. Paul's Youth

March

February was a special month for the St. Paul's Youth Group, topped off by an amazing pancake supper. A big thank you goes out to all that came out to help and to those that came to support our cause! It's impossible to grasp the impact that the money raised at this event might have – but, I/we can't tell you how much we appreciate all of you and how much we appreciate the time we are blessed to share together.

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)

Evening Youth Gatherings

6th-12th Graders 5:00 – 7:00 pm

In Barnabas – Dinner Provided!

Confirmation

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM

Breakfast snacks provided.



March Events

- Mar. 5th Confirmation, and Evening Youth Gathering
- Mar. 12th Confirmation, and EYG
- Mar. 19th No Confirmation, NO EYG
- Mar. 26th CITY - No Confirmation, and EYG TBD
- Mar. 31st-Apr 1st 24hr Justice Experience
- Plans for regular Sunday evening gathering and other more up to date news comes through the weekly Youth News!

24 hour Justice Experience

Mar. 31st-Apr. 1st - 5pm-3pm



This will be an overnight along side Church of the Good Shepherd where we will learn more about God's love and healing and hope for us, and how we can be His hands and feet throughout the world and in our own backyard.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP & RETREATS

MARCH 17, 2017 - MARCH 22, 2017
Five-Day Lenten Centering Prayer Retreat
Presenter: The Rev. Tom Ward



Centering Prayer is the opening of the mind and heart - our whole being - to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. The 5-Day retreat is an opportunity to develop and sustain a regular practice of this way of praying. There will be instruction in Centering Prayer along with periods of Centering Prayer. This might serve as a good introduction to Centering Prayer or as deeper retreat experience. No previous experience of Centering Prayer is required.

Registration information at
<http://www.stmaryssewanee.org/>

Contemplative Outreach Birmingham
24th Annual Gathering March 18, 2017
"Thomas Merton's Desert Spirituality"

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

Speaker, Dr. Bonnie Thurston, Merton scholar, educator and writer. Our contemplative day will focus on the ambiguous image of the desert in the thought and prayer of Thomas Merton.

Birmingham Retreat March 24-26
"Desert Spirituality: Dry Seasons in the
Christian Journey"

Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center, Cullman,
AL

Presenter: Dr. Bonnie Thurston. Additional details available from Contemplative Outreach of Birmingham.

For registration and additional information for these events contact
centeringprayeralabama@gmail.com or on their website: centeringprayeralabama.org

Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel. The common desire for Divine transformation, primarily expressed through a commitment to a daily Centering Prayer practice, unites our international, interdenominational community.

<http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/>

Visit the Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee website for Centering Prayer Groups list and information on retreats, workshops and events.

<http://www.centeringprayermidtn.com/>

About St. Mary's Sewanee

Visit St. Mary's Sewanee website for news on a wide variety of program retreats and for information on individual and group retreats.

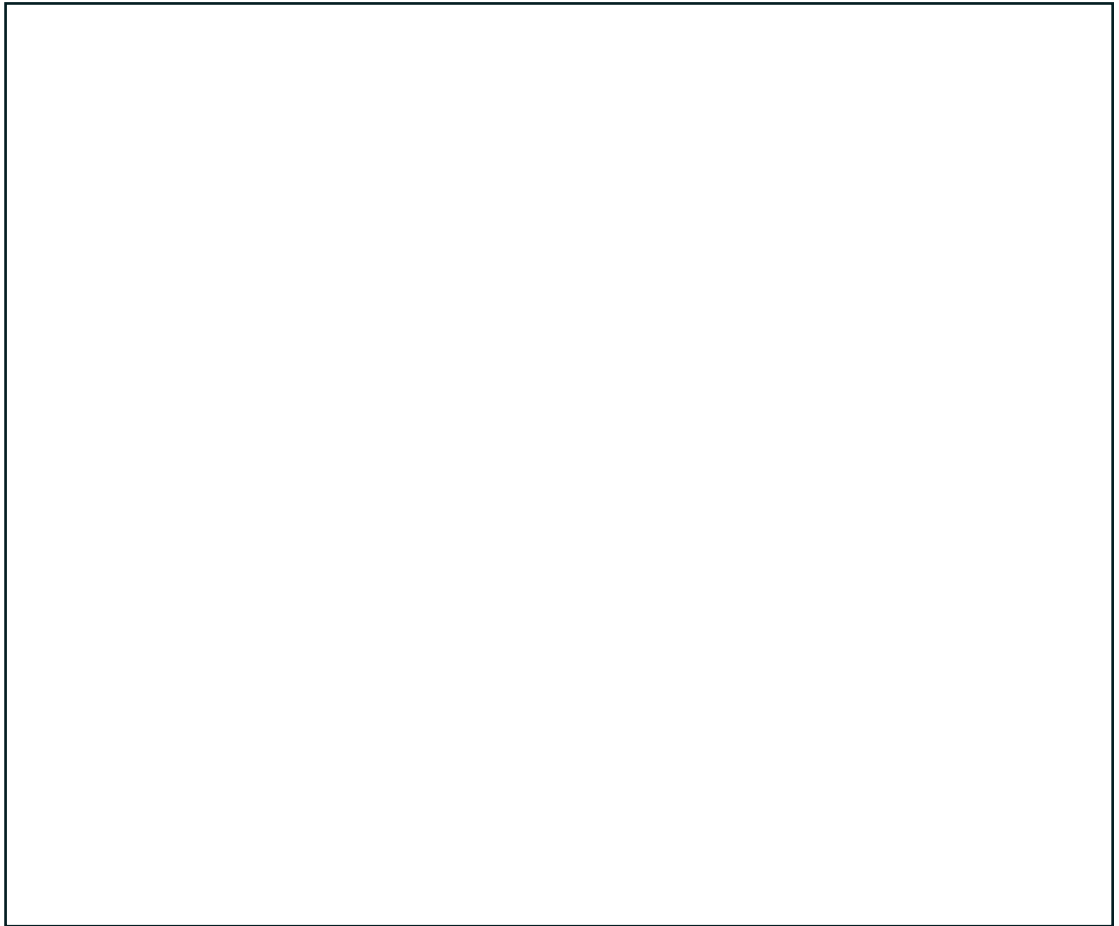
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Episcopal Church is to proclaim
the good news of Jesus Christ
and care for all