



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

## *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064  
May 2017

## A LOVING FAREWELL TO FATHER BILL

The church keys and registry have officially been passed to Jay Fahey, our Senior Warden, as of April 30th. Father Bill's last Sunday was a joyful celebration of his 18 months as St. Paul's Priest-in-charge. The liturgy and music during each worship service served to highlight the gifts that Bill and Sarah brought to our congregation.

*The Word of the Lord* written by our very own Don Dicie was performed by Rick Jackson (piano), Derek Pell (Violin), and Michelle Collins (viola). The anthem was commissioned by Father Bill for the occasion of his retirement and based on the biblical text that he has found meaningful to him during his ministry. All of the other service music, including a piece performed by our Handbell Choir, was chosen in the knowledge that they were Bill and Sarah's favorites.

The reception following the 11:00 am service was full of good eats, laughter, and story sharing. Jay Fahey and Rev. Monna Mayhall spoke

on the gifts and blessings that Bill and Sarah have brought to St. Paul's and presented them with a St. Paul's chair.

The Men and Women of St. Paul's also gave gifts and shared their thanksgivings.

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*Senior Warden Jay Fahey with Father Bill at the reception*

## WEDDING AT CANA MAY 6

The 9th Annual St. Paul's Wedding at Cana will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2017 in Otey Hall, beginning at 630 pm. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, at our Wedding, instead of turning water into wine, we turn wine into water to provide funds for Episcopal Relief & Development's Clean Water Project.

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### WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

8:45am Holy Eucharist

(with Children's Chapel)

11:00am 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 LOVING FAREWELL

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Jay's final speech on the immensity of Father Bill's decision to help lead us these past 18 months centered around one of Bill's guiding scriptures: "Thus says the Lord, 'Stand at the crossroads and look for the ancient paths, and look where the good way lies, and walk thereto, and find rest for your souls.'" We were blessed that St. Paul's was on Bill and Sarah's "good path" and we will forever hold them in our hearts and prayers.

Father Bill's last sermon as priest-in-charge can be found on the frontpage of our website or Facebook.

## BICENTENNIAL PLANNING

2027 seems like a date from a Science Fiction story, doesn't it? It will be here in 10 years! The Historic Committee is beginning to lay the groundwork and fund raising for the special events coming our way in 2027. What will those celebrations look like? Well, we are starting to throw around ideas and suggestions.

We do know two things: first, we want to honor this important milestone without putting a burden on the budget for that particular year. And secondly, we would like the celebration to be enjoyed by everyone without the majority of work falling on one person or group of people. Hopefully, by planning ahead we will be able to pull this off! We hope you'll join us on Wednesday evening, May 3rd to learn about an opportunity to be involved in this exciting time in the history of our beloved St. Paul's.

## WEDDING AT CANA

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This is a fun event! St. Paul's Cana event is a wine, beer and appetizer event where admission is free, and the beverages are donated. Non alcoholic beverages are also provided. Attendees are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert sufficient to serve approximately 12-15 people. These offerings are blind-sampled and rated by the other guests, and the people who bring the highest-scored dishes walk away with some nice prizes at the end of the evening!

Childcare is also provided, upon request. In thanksgiving for this hospitality, we invite guests to make a donation to ERD, as they are able. There will be a basket at the event where you can leave cash or checks. Please make your checks payable to St. Paul's Church Wedding at Cana.

If you aren't able to attend, but would like to still provide support, you may forward a check to Claire, or place it in the collection plate any Sunday through May 21st. Please mark your calendars for this fun but important event, and bring your friends too!

## NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

Please send all submissions for Epistle editions by the 20th of the month to [newsletter@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:newsletter@stpaulsfranklin.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Beginning June 11th we will combine our 8:45am and 11:00am services into one 10:00am service.



***St. Paul's WOW – Week of Wonder***  
***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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> grade

*Volunteers:* Children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Adults

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

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

## PFLAG

### Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

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

For more information, see our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pflagfranklintn](http://www.facebook.com/pflagfranklintn).

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Collins at 615-591- 5324 or [sharoncollins715@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

## LOVE HEALS!

### IT'S GRADUATION TIME!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 2PM in Vanderbilt's Benton Chapel

It is graduation day for the women of Magdalene/Thistle Farms who have completed their healing program of sobriety and love. It is a wonderful event and I urge you to attend, especially if you have not done so before.

Faithfully, Ann

## SPRING STREET SENIORS

On Thursday, May 25, 2017 we will be hosting our last Spring Street Seniors program of this programming year - before we take a break for the summer.

We have had a wonderful year providing hot meals, live music, engaging programs and opportunities for Williamson County's lower income senior citizens to come together to engage in fellowship and share our faith. We could not have done any of it without the support of the St. Paul's family - thank you! This month, weather permitting, we will be having a cook-out in the courtyard and celebrating the publication of a book of family histories for each of our seniors.

Please join us if you are able. If you would like to help or are interested in learning more about Spring Street Seniors, please contact Tina Jones at 615-517-8172 or [cahalanjones@yahoo.com](mailto:cahalanjones@yahoo.com)

## CONSIDER ST. PAUL'S FOR YOUR AMAZON 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](http://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.

# 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](mailto:JenniferNiemeyer@comcast.com)



# EMMAUS MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with the two people he had met on the road to Emmaus, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their*



*eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:30-32*

The season of Easter is about having our eyes opened and recognizing Jesus. During the Season of Easter, we will offer an evening Eucharist on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. This is an informal Eucharist with the opportunity to stay afterwards and engage in conversation and group discussion.

We will gather in the meeting space across from Otey Hall. Bring something to eat if you want to stay after our Emmaus Meal Eucharist to have further conversation about the Gospel.

## YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

The Young Family Group will be meeting on May 13 to watch the Franklin Rodeo parade as it passes by St. Paul's.

Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share (and possibly a lawn chair or two to claim your parade watching spot!). We will be meeting in the courtyard at 11am for food and fellowship. Rodeo parade starts at 12pm. Come join in the fun!

Email Taylor Brown ([thotz.brown@gmail.com](mailto:thotz.brown@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about the parade party.

## PARISH NOTES

### Graduations

Emma Grace Barton is graduating from Christ Presbyterian Academy and will attend the University of South Carolina to study journalism and sports marketing and management.

Grant Thomas Beauchamp is graduating from Centennial High School and will attend the University of Mississippi.

Emily Berexa is graduating with high honors from Ravenwood High School and has accepted an appointment at The United States Air Force Academy where she will study engineering.

Caroline Hargis is graduating summa cum laude from University of Kentucky with a degree in mathematical economics.

Lucy Hargis is graduating high school and will attend University of Kentucky.

Cecilia Harvanek is graduating from Centennial High and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Amanda Hyssong will be graduating from the University of Tampa with a bachelors degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Leadership, and has accepted a position as an Education Leadership Consultant with her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Alex Lee will be graduating from Franklin High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ashlyn Miniati is graduating from Belmont school of nursing and will be a pediatric nurse resident in the ICU at Vanderbilt children's.

Will Miniati is graduating from Harpeth High and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville pursuing a sports medicine degree.

AJ Morreale is graduating from Centennial High next month and will attend Mississippi State.

Grace Oberholtzer is graduating from Vanderbilt with an MEd. She will be working at KIPP Academy as a high school counselor.

Ashley De Peri is graduating Summa Cum Laude from College of Charleston with a B.A. in both English and Arts Management.

### Weddings

Our Congratulations to Blake Osteen and Kelsey Phillips who were married on April 8.

Blake is the son of Rick and Fran Osteen.

### Our Sympathies

Alex Wilkerson for the death of her brother, Rusty Wilkerson

Justin Bushnell for the death of his grandmother, Kay Hamel

Susannah Pierce for the death of her brother, Tim Slade

Brooke Newell for the death of her mother, Dorothy Faragher

Susan Hughes for the death of her father, Stephen Thomas Carter

Susan Nance for the death of her father, Seth Warner.

## 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](mailto:kmdb3@aol.com) or 615-794-9750

## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The adult Sunday morning bible study will continue through May. We meet in the EfM room from 10:00 until 10:45 am. We hope you can join us.





## From Gratitude to Generosity: Making Stewardship Fun

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season...2 Timothy 4:2*

In season and out of season, God calls us to be stewards of His gifts to us. And 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. Stewardship isn't just a "pledge drive" any more...it's a year-round journey to generosity and a joyful time, so join us for an impactful day of **praying, singing, learning and giving!**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
315 East Main Street  
Murfreesboro, TN  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$10 (*includes lunch*)



Richard  
Felton

*Led by  
Executive Director  
The Episcopal Network  
for Stewardship (TENS)*

*Who should attend?* Well, everyone of course, but especially Clergy, Senior Wardens, stewardship committee members, and anyone interested energizing and empowering Christians in their giving. The day will be a fun, highly interactive, information-filled format showcasing successful practices in stewardship and year-round stewardship models. We'll also have Bible study and breakout groups - and you'll have access to resources you can use in your parish.

Since this is for you, *we need your input*. Let us know the challenges and successes you've had in stewardship and any questions you have.

So get ready to start the **Journey to Generosity**. RSVP by May 31 to

[EDTNstewardship2017@gmail.com](mailto:EDTNstewardship2017@gmail.com)

or hit **Going** on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/785240141653976/>

**"All occasions invite God's mercies, and all times are God's seasons" John Donne**

# St. Paul's Youth

# May

## Justice Experience

Rescheduled

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> - 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.

## Graduation Sunday

May 14th



Come on out and support  
Our Graduating Seniors May 14<sup>th</sup>!  
This is your chance to  
tell them they're awesome  
and that we love them!

## May Events

- May. 7<sup>th</sup> Final Confirmation Class,  
and Evening Youth Gathering
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday! No EYG
- May 21st CITY – EYG TBD
- May 28<sup>th</sup> EYG
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Justice Experience
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Bishops Visit and Confirmation!
- Plans for regular Sunday evening gathering,  
meal sign-up, and other more up to date  
news comes through the weekly

Youth News!



To brighten your May:

**Maddie and the goat!**

## Evening Youth Gatherings

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
In Barnabas – Dinner Provided!

## Confirmation

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM  
Breakfast snacks provided.



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

On April 2, a service was held for these women of the Mary Magdalene Order of the Daughters of the King.

Some of these women took vows to be admitted to the Order of the Daughters of the King, and some women renewed vows they had previously made.

The Daughters of the King or DOK is a spiritual, praying Order for women, whose purpose is to adopt a Rule of Prayer and Service.



## ST PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that St Paul's has a food pantry for anyone who requires help to get them through the day or days ahead? We thank you for your continued support. The foot traffic continues to be steady so your help is appreciated.

The list of items that we stock is endless. So instead of publishing a list of all the items, it might be prudent to ask for the items that are low. The pantry is low on peanut butter and jelly, ready to eat Vienna sausage, 1 lb. bags of rice, and small and large boxed or canned juices. Summer is approaching so when you travel pick up the shampoo and extra soap and bag them for the pantry. When the buy-one-get-one-free store ads are posted, place the second one in your shopping cart for the Church pantry. And we always need sturdy bags to transport the items. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please call, text or email Fred or Rita Warner at FredHWarner@comcast.net or 615-886-0743.

## EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Insight Counseling Centers is looking for volunteers to staff their new Intake Department launching May 1.

When people in need call Insight, they need a caring person to listen, reassure and help. **THAT IS WHY WE NEED YOU.** You can be the person who meets them first, (on the phone), makes their initial interaction with Insight a welcoming one, and, most importantly, help them receive the care they need.

The volunteer shift is 2-4 hours a week, 8AM to 5PM, Monday thru Friday at the vine Street Center in Nashville.

**INTERESTED?** Call Abbie Culbertson, Communication coordinator at 615-383-2115x110 or email Abbie at [abbie@insight-centers.org](mailto:abbie@insight-centers.org) for more information.

## THE HISTORIC CORNER

### History of Founding Celebrations.

On May 3rd, members of the Historic Committee will be the featured speakers at the Wednesday night "Taste and See" Program on the topic of St. Paul's Bicentennial Planning. In anticipation of St. Paul's 200th parish anniversary in August 2027 we have been researching how the church marked its important milestones through the years.

We discovered that the church celebrated on the 100th, 125th and 150th anniversaries of its founding. In 1927, the Bishop of Tennessee preached a special morning sermon celebrating St. Paul's centennial (100th anniversary). He was assisted by the church's current rector as well as two

Following the morning service the visitors were welcomed by members of the church on the beautiful lawn adjoining the rectory. Preparations had been made during the night and morning by a faithful band of the church women, aided by trained barbecue cooks, and a genuine barbecue feast of lamb, pork, salad, iced tea and chess pies loaded down three long tables to the amazement and delight of the visitors.

previous priests. The sanctuary must have been overflowing because former parishioners came from "as far away as New York and Florida," according to newspaper accounts and reports on attendance varied from between 500 to 1,000 people. After the morning service a lunch was served that would have made today's Women and Men of St. Paul's proud (see the attached description from the newspaper). In the afternoon, a special commemoration service was held with special speeches by the mayor and local dignitaries.

For more details about that special day, as well as the other celebrations in 1952 and 1977 please join us on May 3rd at 6 pm in Otey Hall.

## BAD GIRLS' BOOK CLUB

### The Bad Girls Book Club Welcomes Best-Selling Author Robert Hicks

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 pm, Founder's Hall

The Bad Girls Book Club invites the congregation of St. Paul's and friends to join us as we welcome New York Times best-selling and award-winning author Robert Hicks, our Guest Author for our Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. meeting in Founder's Hall\*.

Mr. Hicks will be here to discuss his latest release, *The Orphan Mother*. He enjoys a fun, engaging audience so help us fill the room to hear about his newest novel and stories of Franklin history and lore. The Bad Girls Book Club will provide nibblings and sips; please RSVP by Friday, May 19 to Ann Denson, [annmd.home@gmail.com](mailto:annmd.home@gmail.com) so we can plan accordingly.

To purchase *The Orphan Mother* or any of Mr. Hick's titles, please shop local - Landmark Booksellers, 114 East Main Street, Franklin; 615-791- 6400; <http://landmarkbooksellers.com>.

*(\*It is possible that we will move our gathering to Otey Hall - please watch future announcements/door signage on evening of May 23 for more information. Please note: this evening is not open to the public.)*

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WISH LIST

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!

## 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; we have raised over \$4,281.62 for the Parish's Bicentennial Celebration Fund thus far. 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](mailto:claire@stplaulsfranklin.com), or Melanie Lampertz [w.m.lampertz@comcast.net](mailto:w.m.lampertz@comcast.net) or 615-887- 3568.

## WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S

The Lovely Ladies of St. Paul's will meet on Friday, May 12th at the home of Cindy Thomsen, 371 Breckenridge Road, 37067 at 5:30 for socializing and a meeting.



All the women who belong to St. Paul's are members. Please join us. We have a good time and get a lot done.

Just bring your beverage of choice and a snack if you so desire. We can work and socialize at the same time, quite well.

And on another note, we would like to give a special thanks to those who helped so much around the building the week before Easter, cleaning, organizing and in general, making things a whole lot nicer: working and organizing, etc. in the undercroft were Katie Faulkner, Kathy Ulezelski, Becky Farmer and Monna. In the Sanctuary, polishing and dusting, among other things were Kathy Berry, Lorinda Hancock, Marida Stearns, Gloria Cox, Mischelle Philips, Phyllis Thompson and Steve Thompson .who attacked the cobwebs that have been adorning us for a while.

Happy Easter Season to All.





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### **The Clergy and Staff of St. Paul's**

#### **The Reverend Monna Mayhall**

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#### **The Reverend Burns Rogers**

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#### **Donna Stokes-Rogers**

Music Minister

#### **Rick Jackson**

Organist

#### **Carl Freeman**

Youth Minister

#### **Ana Enriquez**

Sexton

#### **Claire Gaddis**

Parish Administrator

#### **Leena Mondal**

Nursery Care

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