



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

## *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

November 2016

## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday, November 13th- 10:00 am- EFM Room

We are very excited about reorganizing our Daughters of the King chapter here at St. Paul's. There will be a meeting Sunday, November 13th at 10:00 am for those who are already Daughters, as well as those who are interested, or simply curious.

We will discuss:

- What it means to be a Daughter of the King,
- What makes it different than other groups within our community,
- How to become a Daughter, and
- What it will look like to go through that discernment process to see if this is something to which you might feel called.



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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

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

FEBRUARY 3 - 5, 2017

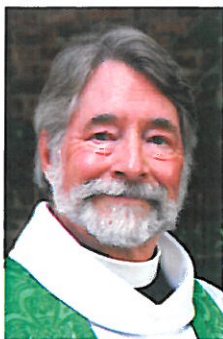
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Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Care for All



## FROM FATHER BILL



Dear People of St Paul's,

As the year comes to a close we begin a new stewardship season. Actually we are beginning a stewardship year because this year stewardship will be different than it has ever been at St. Paul's.

At the end of this year we will have failed to meet our budget income goals for 8 of the past 11 years. To put it another way, we have met our budget only 3 out of the last 11 years. Here at St. Paul's we have been in the red most of the last decade. I don't believe this is anyone's fault, either the people who have accepted the job of heading up stewardship on our behalf or of the givers. But there is a problem in how we have long thought about stewardship and the fact that we have run deficit budgets for 8 of the past 11 years is evidence of that.

You might think I would be concerned about such losses after so many years but I am not because I know that the people of St. Paul's can support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's. For a longtime we have been engaged in fundraising, not stewardship and this is the year to begin to change that.

We will continue to establish a budget of course but rather than fundraising to support a budget we will be talking about proportional giving to support ministry.

At St. Paul's doing Christ's work in the world takes many forms and is the work of

many people. And as wonderful and historic as our church is we don't pay the upkeep, insurance, and utility bills for the sake of the building but for the sake of the work that takes place here

The idea of real stewardship rather than fundraising may take some time to understand; it is a very different way of thinking about how we give thanks to God for what we have and how we are called to think about what we give. Our pledge cards will look different as well as this year because you will be asked to pledge both money and your time.

On December 14 there will be a parish wide First Fruits Dinner. This will not mark the beginning of stewardship but the end of the first phase. You will be receiving a personal invitation soon so please mark your calendars now for that night. In the weeks to come you will be hearing more about this new approach in detail. Your Stewardship Committee will be sending out material to explain what a narrative, mission driven, proportional giving stewardship approach is about.

I ask your patience as we begin rethink what it means to support St. Paul's. As I have told the stewardship Committee, the Christian Formation Committee, the Vestry and the Finance Committee, stewardship is really about Christianformation. The work of the Church is the work of Christ and stewardship is how we do that work. More soon.

Blessings,

Bill +



# 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)



# SAINT MARY MAGDALENE OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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## Who We Are:

Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

## Vision Statement of the Order:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

\*If you have questions, feel free to contact Kathy Ulezelski- [kathyulezelski@comcast.net](mailto:kathyulezelski@comcast.net) or Mishelle Phillips- [shellbokey@gmail.com](mailto:shellbokey@gmail.com)

## NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

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



# St. Paul's Youth November

What a wonderful month the Youth of St. Paul's had! It has been a month of singing, praying, playing, and competing in games together. Our fellow Youth have begun choosing themes for our gatherings and we've learned a lot about ourselves and our friends through the process. Oh and we may have carved some pumpkin along the way!



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](mailto:carl@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 513-476-0728)

## November Events

- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School  
and Evening Youth Gathering
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> SS and EYG
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day to Register for  
Nightwatch
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> SS and Fill-the-Pantry EYG
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> CITY – TBD Thanksgiving EYG
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Nightwatch at the Cathedral
- Plans for regular Sunday evening gathering  
and other more up to date news comes  
through the weekly Youth News!  
Let Carl know if you'd like to be added to  
the list!

## Evening Youth Gatherings

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders 5:00 – 7:00 pm

In Barnabas – Dinner Provided!

This is a night of fun, prayer, discussion, and open hearts. Please, come and bring a friend. Contact Carl for more details or check out our weekly Youth News for more up to date info.

## Sunday School

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Breakfast snacks provided.



## CRAFT NIGHT AT ST. PAUL'S

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

St. Paul's will be having a craft night once a month in Otey Hall for everyone age 13 and up! Each craft night will be hosted by a different member of the church; everyone is welcome to be a host! A host sign-up sheet will be available at each craft night. Materials will be purchased by each individual who attends. A list of necessary materials will be provided ahead of time on St. Paul's Facebook site (the craft night host will create the list). Pizza, salad, and drinks will be ordered for each craft night; gluten free and vegetarian pizzas will be available. If you plan to attend craft night, please bring \$5 per person for food/drinks. Childcare will be provided at the church. Pizza and a simple craft will be provided for children receiving childcare.

To RSVP for craft night and for childcare, please contact Carrie McBrayer at least one week prior to craft night:

E-mail: [CarrieMcBrayer@gmail.com](mailto:CarrieMcBrayer@gmail.com)  
Cell Phone (call or text): 615-308- 3078

The first craft night will be December 2 from 6-9pm in Otey Hall. Carrie McBrayer will be our host- the craft that night will be mesh wreaths. The estimated cost for the materials for each wreath is \$25-\$30. The list of materials you'll need to bring is located on the St. Paul's Facebook page and also on the bulletin board outside Donna Stokes-Rogers' office.



## ST. PAUL'S DREAM GROUP

The Dream Group will meet only once a month this fall on the second Sunday of each month. Meetings will be at 12:30 pm in Barnabas Center. The dates remaining for 2016 are November 13th and December 11th.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Gayle Prillaman at 615-790-0596

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

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

To ensure contributions reach St. Paul's, please be sure to select St. Paul's Franklin as your charity at [smile.amazon.com](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.



# SPRING STREET SENIORS

On Thursday, November 17th, beginning at 9:30 am in Otey Hall, St. Paul's will be hosting an early Thanksgiving celebration for our neighbors in the African American community in Williamson County.

We will be serving turkey and all the fixings for a delicious lunch, and enjoying the singing of the children's choir of New Hope Academy. Additionally, we will be putting the finishing touches on some Christmas gifts that the seniors have been making.

Next month we will have a gift wrapping party where they will wrap up all of their crafts to share during the holiday season. If you are interesting in learning more about this program, or would like to help cook, plan the crafts or participate in any way - please contact Tina Jones at 615-517-8172 or [cahalan-jones@yahoo.com](mailto:cahalan-jones@yahoo.com)

# SACRED HARP SINGING

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, we will have a special guest at our weekly Taste and See dinner. Justin Bowen, from the Nashville Sacred Harp Association, will be here to talk about this uniquely American style of singing hymns, and will also be leading a singing session!

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Don't be intimidated! Just come and have fun and learn something about a fascinating American tradition. Hope to see you all next Wednesday!

# WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S HEART AND SOUL RETREAT

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

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

Questions or comments? Contact Ellen Kirk at 615-545-8820, Barb Roth at 615-975-6636 or Kathy Ulezelski at 615-512-1592.



# A DANCING FRANCISCAN MONKEY

"Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body on earth but yours", Teresa of Avila.

I have had several come and ask how do I become a Franciscan? There is a web site that will plug you in to a national office of sorts where information is distributed back and forth but that is a formal external commitment of something that started for me a long time ago. Every Franciscan I have talked to has said the same thing, "I was a Franciscan long before I started the formal journey".

The next question asked is, "what do y'all do?" Remembering we were Franciscans before we joined a common path, each of the five at St. Paul's have different gifts, interests and that sends us in different directions. We gather several times a week for prayer, support each other on their journey and look for ways our own gifts and interests overlap theirs. For those enquiring about the journey I suggest it's more like a pilgrimage where something happens to you that you could not make happen yourself. For me, I wanted a closer relationship with God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

I felt I had mined all I could from Bible study, had been faithful for years to Theology-on-Thursday, even longer discussing social justice at K-Group, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice, reader and on...All to say

I had come as close to God as I could. You may have picked up the fact that I was doing all "I" could, I was calling the shots, deciding the direction. Even a child knows that if you ask for direction, you button it up and get out of the way. That was my hardest barrier to break through. All my life, I believed that if I wanted something bad enough, I could apply enough pressure, time and energy and make it happen.

Breaking this barrier was counterintuitive. The less I tried, the more the barrier started to crumble. This "Less" came in the form of prayer and meditation which is an active intentional act that too many have abandoned. Part of that barrier crumbling was moving from a position of being in the world but not of the world. The Trinity calls us to be active in the world, to use our God given gifts to serve those on the margins. But that world of hate, fear, injustice is not who we are.

"Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are the body". The change that occurs when you can be active in the world without the world defining who you are is the change I mentioned that occurs on a pilgrimage, a change that you did not create.

As for as a Franciscan, "This is not just what I do, this is who I am.....", Rapper-Tupac Shakur. God of Spirit and Truth, expand our minds, but even more our hearts to receive your great and universal good news. We know that no change of the heart comes without a change of mind, and no change of mind happens without a change of heart. Get Started in one place or the other. Amen, Amen.



## A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

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

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

## THISTLE FARMS MARKETPLACE

Saturday, 19 November  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thistle Stop Cafe  
5122 Charlotte Pike  
Nashville

A wonderful opportunity to combine lunch and get a head start on Christmas gifts.

In addition to the Thistle Farms bath and body products and wonderful Shared Trade items from around the world, there will be items/crafts made by the Thistle Farms women and volunteers.

Put this on your calendar!

## PFLAG

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

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, November 14 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.

This month the entire meeting will be devoted to focusing on sharing issues, concerns, successes and celebrations surrounding our LGBT friends and families. Meetings are held in a confidential setting. We hope you will connect with us and 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. Because together, we're stronger.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC MEMORIALS

Christmas Music Memorials and Thanksgivings are always appreciated to help pay for the beautiful music we hear on Christmas Eve. Please consider honoring someone you love or one who has passed with an honorarium this year. Please call Donna Stokes-Rogers for wording in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



## THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### 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@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:claire@stpaulsfranklin.com), or Melanie Lampertz [w.m.lampertz@comcast.net](mailto:w.m.lampertz@comcast.net) or 615-887- 3568.

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

## WITS - WOMEN IN THEOLOGICAL STUDY

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

For this study series, we will meet on these Thursdays - November 3, 10, December 1, 8, and 15. We meet in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. Books are available for the study when you come.

If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

## PARISH NOTES

Baptized on October 30th  
Arthur Watson

Weddings  
Charlotte Fraser and John Smith

Joined by Letter of Transfer  
Janet and Bill Bond  
Lauren and Sally Gray Branson  
Lane Newton Summers

Deaths	
Dorothy Cook	Susan Trailov's aunt
Gerry Edleman	Rita Sue Warner's brother-in-law
Gwendolyn Gain	Scott Gain's mother
Rick Johnson	Cleo Cowan's nephew



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**The Reverend Monna Mayhall**

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Vocational Deacon

**The Reverend Deacon Burns Rogers**

Vocational Deacon

**Donna Stokes-Rogers**

Music Minister

**Rick Jackson**

Organist

**Carl Freeman**

Youth Minister

**Ana Enriquez**

Sexton

**Lucinda Harshey**

Sexton

**Claire Gaddis**

Parish Administrator

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