



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064
September 2016

PARISH LIFE SUNDAYS SEPTEMBER 4, 11 AND 18

Our life together at St. Paul's is made up of many vital ministries. Sometimes it can be difficult to decide where to begin to get involved in the parish. This year, we have set aside 4 Sundays for the Parish Life Fair, giving us a chance to highlight a different area of ministry each Sunday. There will be a coffee hour on each Sunday in Founders Hall as well as sign-up sheets provided for all the ministries, even those not highlighted on that day. Someone will be available to talk to you about each ministry you are interested in.

We promise "no pressure sign-up!" Just come join us for socializing!

Coffee Hour 8:15 – 9:45 am and 11:15 am – Noon Every Sunday!

September 4: Parish Life Ministries

September 11: Christian Formation Ministries
(Rally Day)

September 18: Outreach Ministries
(Coffee Hour following morning services)



WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 4 & 11)

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

WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 18 & 25)

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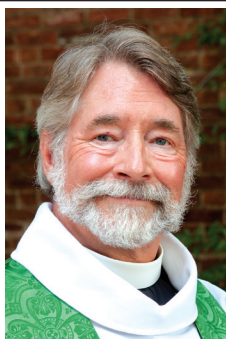
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The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Care for All

FROM FATHER BILL



Dear People of St. Paul's,

Over the summer the response to our 10am service has been very enthusiastic, so we have asked the question: should we consider continuing to combine the 2 Sunday midmorning services into 1 service? I have heard from many of you on this issue and as a rule, regardless of the preference expressed, the responses were thoughtful and helpful. I have decided to keep 4 services at the usual times: 7:30, 8:45, 11, and 6pm. I want to share with you my thinking about this and how it fits into Christian Formation and our new Wednesday night suppers we are calling Taste and See.

In considering the service times, I had to consider issues such as how full the church might be, availability of parking, responses to the summer music (overwhelmingly positive,) times for children's and adult Christian formation, and times for us to gather as a community simply to share coffee and a snack or even a meal.

In short my bet going forward is on the future of St. Paul's rather than the past; not even this past summer. St. Paul's, as have many other churches, has fewer people attending on Sunday than we did 10 years ago. I looked at attendance figures going back to 2007 and we have had a modest but steady decline in attendance for 10 years. Yet over the summer we did not have the same drop in attendance that churches often see during the summer. Certainly with summer events and vacations we have somewhat fewer folks, but our numbers were more than I expected. There has been a spirit at St. Paul's this summer that you have responded to joyously and told me that you want to keep.

If our bet is that St. Paul's is a church community that can and will grow, then we need to have room for that growth and I simply could not find that space with our current sanctuary nor did I want to combine the services only to have to go back to 4 services in the near future. All of our spoken liturgies will continue to follow the rich tradition of our Book of Common Prayer.

So what will the Fall look like? The 7:30 service will look like it has. The 8:45 service will sound more like what we have done in the summer. I have asked our music staff to continue to think about how we can combine our traditional hymnody with other music which expresses a rich and energetic spirit without succumbing to contemporary fads. The 11:00 service will look and sound like what you may think of as a traditional Episcopal service. The 6 pm service will also continue as it has, except that Don Dicie has agreed to bring his wonderful musical gifts to that service on occasion. That will most probably be instrumentals rather than hymns.

A major issue with having Christian formation between the end of the 8:45 and beginning of the 11:00 service has been a sense that it is rushed. This sense is real. Also any kind of extended coffee time has cut into attendance at one or both places. Our children's formation has not been well attended. So in response to these realities we have expanded Children's Chapel over the summer so our children could hear the scripture in a way that is age appropriate with activities geared for them.

This will continue during both of the midmorning services from the Collect of the Day through the Peace when our children will return to be with their families for the Eucharist. Our newest initiative will be on Wednesday nights with a pot luck supper from 6 to 6:30 and then separate programs for adults and our younger children (grades 1-5) from 6:30 to 7. Child care will be provided as well.

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RECONVENING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Parish of St. Paul's Franklin,

The search committee has reconvened!!

After many months of being on hold, the search committee has been charged by the vestry to proceed with the search process. We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support you have given us during this process.

We would like to provide you with an update of the search process and the progress we are making.

From the beginning, the search process has had two phases:

* Phase I was the developing of a parish profile by way of surveying the members of the parish and conducting focus groups.

* Phase II is the actual gathering of names of candidates, sorting through them, interviewing and narrowing the field of candidates to a small number to present to the vestry for the final determination.

Phase I had been completed just prior to the suspension of the search process. When the committee reconvened our first course of action was to examine the profile and determine if any changes and/or updating were needed.

We have now finalized the parish profile with the necessary updates and changes and have passed it on to the vestry for their approval. Once the vestry approves it the Diocese will review and approve. At that point it will be made public through the national church's Office of Transitional Ministry and posted on our website. Copies will also be available in the parish office. We want your feedback, comments and suggestions. Please email us at search@stpaulsfranklin.com or place them in an envelope and leave them at the church office.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding and most importantly your prayers.

Respectfully,

The Search Committee

THEOLOGY ON THURSDAY

Meets at 6:30 pm in Barnabas Center

Sept. 1: LUTHER

Lecture 21 Luther and Politics

Lecture 22 Luther and His Enemies

Sept. 8: LUTHER

Lecture 23 Luther and the Jews

Lecture 24 Luther and Modernity

Sept. 15 START MOVED UP TO 6:00

Movie/Pizza "Luther". MGM's version of Luther and the Reformation

Sept. 22 Part 1. "Promised Land"

Experience the Land of the Bible

Sept. 29 Part 2. "Promised Land"

Experiencing the Land of the Bible

Oct. 6 Part 1. "The Icon: The Practice of the Hand, Mind and Heart."

Oct. 13 Part 2. "The Icon: The Practice of the Hand, Mind and Heart."

Oct. 20 Part 3. "The Icon; The Practice of the Hand, Mind and Heart."

Oct. 27 T.B. Announced

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 10:00 am service (Sept 4, 11) and then during the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services (Sept 18 and the following Sundays). 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

NEW NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

Please send all submissions for future Epistle editions to newsletter@stpaulsfranklin.com

GREETINGS FROM ST. MARY'S CONVENT!

Wanted to remind you about our next event September 17 here at St. Mary's Convent in Seewanee, TN. The talk will be led by a seminarian from the University of the South in partnership with Thistle Farms of Nashville, TN - a social enterprise of women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, trafficking, and addiction.

Discussion will include defining social enterprise from a Christian perspective as well as personal narratives from those who have gone from poverty to sustainability through social enterprise.

Hope you can come!

Please RSVP by Saturday, September 10th. See the flyer in this newsletter for additional details.

Peace,
Sister Hannah, Novice CSM

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

KAIROS - THE JOURNALING GROUP

September meetings of Kairos, the journaling group, will be Friday mornings, September 2 and 16 — meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the church library. Free journals and pens are always available.

Currently, we are not having nighttime Kairos meetings. If anyone is interested in weekend meetings on Saturdays or Sundays, please let me know.

You don't need to keep an at-home journal to enjoy the kind of individualized writings we do during these meetings. We write, using writing prompts (a word or phrase that means something to each of us uniquely), we read them aloud (optional, no one has to do that), we discuss, and we often laugh. And sometimes we go home and keep on writing. We hope to see YOU at a meeting soon.

For more information, or to get on our e-mailed meeting-reminder list, please contact Peggy Macpherson at pmacpherson@comcast.net, or at 615-794-8518. Please leave a message if no answer.

SPRING STREET SENIORS

St. Paul's program for low-income senior citizens will resume after its summer hiatus on Thursday, September 29th at 9:30 am in Otey Hall. We will be playing Bingo, enjoying some live music and sharing a home cooked meal.

If you would like to contribute Bingo prizes, please leave them in the box outside Claire's office. Some ideas for good Bingo prizes include small bottles of liquid laundry detergent, stamps, seasonal decorative items (autumn is coming!), large print books, sets of dish towels, cross word puzzle books, sets of stationary or greeting cards, small picture frames, nail polish or nail kits, and other beauty items. Most of these items can be found at the Dollar Store very inexpensively.

We have an exciting year of programs planned for our guests. If you would like to participate, or would like to learn more about Spring Street Seniors, please call or e-mail Tina Jones at caha-lanjones@yahoo.com or 615-517-8172.

Spring Street Seniors Calendar for 2016

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Thursday, November 17, 2016*

Thursday, December 15, 2016*

* This date is not the last Thursday of the month

UPCOMING BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The 21st Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul's will be 2PM on October 2nd. This is a bright and beautiful service for all creatures great and small.

If you would like an animal who has passed or one who is ill on the prayer list...please email: turnersark@gmail.com or claire@stpaulsfranklin.com with the animal's name, what kind of animal (dog, cat, bird horse...), and the animal's family's name.

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellowmen."

– St. Francis.

"By respect for life we become religious in a way that is elementary, profound and alive."

– Albert Schweitzer.

-ANNUAL- DAY OF SERVICE

COME HELP CLEAN UP TWO HISTORIC SIGHTS IN FRANKLIN

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER

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WHERE?
MCLEMORE HOUSE
& TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE
CEMETERY



MEET AT THE SIDE YARD
OF THE MCLEMORE HOUSE
446 ELEVENTH AVE FRANKLIN, TN

KICK OFF @ 9AM WITH MAYOR
BEGINS KEN MOORE

BRING: WORK GLOVES
& SHOVELS
& TRIMMERS
PAINT BRUSHES
ANY GARDEN TOOL

**WAIT...
THERE'S MORE!**
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
1100 GRAY FOX LANE
8:00 AM
TO
1:00 PM

JOIN US AS WE LINK OUR ARMS AND HEARTS TOGETHER
IN BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY AND BEAUTIFYING OUR CITY



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FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

St. Mary's Convent, Sewanee, Saturday, September 17, 2016,
in partnership with Thistle Farms
7:30 am – 2:30 pm (schedule below)
\$40 (includes lunch)

The Social Enterprise sector has been in our lexicon since the late 1970s, but hints at its roots can be seen in the Torah and the ancient Near East. Extravagant hospitality was a cultural norm in these Scriptures where the concern for the needs of the poor actually defined the property rights of land owners. As enterprising people, the needs of the immediate community or tribe

were met because there was a foundational recognition of the humanity of the other. This is not unlike the South African philosophy of *Ubuntu* which posits that all humanity is connected through a universal bond of sharing. And this is, of course, not unlike the Christian belief of *Imago Dei* which believes that each one of us is created in the image of God. So how do we “do” social enterprise and “help” the poor? As it turns out, how we define poverty directly determines the solutions that we use to alleviate poverty in social enterprise.

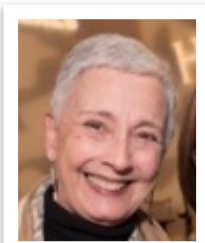
This workshop will seek to:

- Establish a relational view of poverty that affects all of us, not just the materially poor
- Define Social Enterprise and Social Entrepreneurship from a Christian perspective
- Simulate Asset Mapping as a way to match entrepreneurial gifts to local community needs
- Share personal narratives from those who have gone from poverty to sustainability through social enterprise

Schedule:

7:30	Morning Prayer
8:00	Eucharist, followed by Breakfast
10:00	Registration and Introductions
10:30 – 12:00	What is Poverty? What is Social Enterprise? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefining Poverty: Foundational Principles • Asset Mapping • Effective and Sustainable Ministries • Q&A
12:00	Noon Office, followed by Lunch
1:00 – 2:30	Magdalene Program and Thistle Farms Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis Stories of Magdalene House and Thistle Farms • Transformational Ministry Metrics • Personal Narratives by Thistle Farms Employees • Closing Q & A

Anna Saterstrom and her husband, Roger, moved to Nashville in 2010, where she learned about Thistle Farms and the ministry of the Episcopal priest, the Rev. Becca Stevens. Thistle Farms is a social enterprise of women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. Today Anna directs the Studios of Thistle Farms where employees and volunteers work together to create handcrafted products through papermaking, bookbinding, sewing, screen printing, metal crafting, and jewelry making. Anna and Roger have been associates of Holy Cross Monastery in New York since 2003, and they were received as Oblates of the Community of St. Mary in 2012. Inspired by the Benedictine invitation to a life of work and prayer, Anna finds in Thistle Farms a thriving community that lives the truth of their motto that “Love Heals.”



Benjamin Thomas is a seminarian (T'17) at The University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee, TN where he and his wife and five children reside. He's spent the past 12 years working in international development, microfinance, quantitative investing, poverty alleviation, and global social entrepreneurship ventures in the public and private sectors. He has a M.A. in Humanities & Social Thought from New York University where he wrote his thesis on French immigration policies and the 1994 genocide in Rwanda through the metaphorical lens of the Cain and Abel story in order to unearth the ancient question: *Am I my brother's keeper?* Ben is also an Oblate-in-Training with the Community of St. Mary out of the deep belief that the inner work of our contemplative lives directly feeds and informs our action in the world.



HERE'S TO THE LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S



And are you ready for FALL?

Are you taking all your goodies to the Bazaar sale this week?

And helping whenever and wherever you can? GOOD. I knew you would... KathyU can use lots of help – especially for the sale Friday and Saturday (9-4 both days) and then the ½ price sale on Sunday....

Next meeting: Friday, Sept. 9 at Kathy Berry's...920 Fair St .5:30 as usual...bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer should you so desire.

We will have lots to talk about: Results of Bake Sale and Bazaar; (and big thank you to all those who helped with these efforts!!!)

We will be informed (don't you just love

that) about THE TEA, and



THE RETREAT. And it is just possible there will be signup sheets. (what a concept)

And goodness knows, we need to socialize, convivialize and catch up on everyone's goings and comings, or just staying in place over the summer.... (speaking of which, where did it go?)

And we will have the from the last meeting and discuss what to do with all our money.

Our Charity for the food pantry is diapers and canned meat. If you have questions check with Susan Trailov.

See you all soon, I hope. Lots of love, WWW (Wanda Wear Woolen)

ST. PAUL'S IN THE FRANKLIN ART CRAWL!

St. Paul's is participating in Franklin's Art Crawl this year on Friday, November 4. We will be having a private viewing of the available artwork starting on Sunday, October 23 in Otey hall. All of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Music Fund and pay for our Christmas Eve music. We will have a beautiful venue on Main Street in the front courtyard with wine, food, and live music. It will be a spectacular fall evening. The sale will open two weeks in advance to members of St. Paul's and end the night of the show.

We need your ART and EXPERTISE! If you are a photographer or painter and would be willing to help us with this endeavor, we would be most grateful. We have plenty of easels and folding doors to create a fantastic show- we just need some artistic brilliance to fill those spots! We also need some help with marketing the show.

Your gift would be tax-deductible and your work and name would be listed in the brochure. We hope to have some wonderful publicity leading up to the event. If you can contribute your gifts and talents in any way, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or at (615) 481-5144.

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 are September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th.

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

A DANCING FRANCISCAN MONKEY

The past several months I've been writing about returning to a deep relationship with God. Prayer is one of those path ways. The assumption is that we are born in harmony and in communion with God, drifting away from that relationship for various "free will" reasons. At some "Damascus Road Moment" we yearn to return to the birth relationship. I am aware this runs counter to some theology of being born into sin but that's fodder for another time with another person.

I have realized how much time we spend praising God in song and verse, glorifying His name in creative art and other expressions, reading and studying scripture of God's personal relationship in the lives of His people. Even at St. Paul's I've witnessed the Spirit moving some to foot tapping, hand waving, bodies weaving, muffled AMENs, people looking around not knowing if it's alright to feel and express this much emotion. Paradoxes you might say at St. Paul's? Dubbed the "Frozen Chosen", at the same time allowing the Spirit to move them where only Mystics have dared to venture. Something strange and refreshing is going on, a birthing for some, a re-birthing for others. The worship service has been defined and refined to the "traditional expectations" we call Holy Eucharist. What a thankful time to "Be Present in the Presence".

Yet in the celebrating and outward expressions of love and positive energy, where is the balance with the contemplative spirit, the quiet mind listening for and to God? Have we gotten so caught up in our praise of and towards God that we are not allowing any time or opportunity to listen to God? Simple question; how often do you pray each day asking for guidance, strength,

understanding, for a loved one, giving thanks for your blessings? Now, how often each day do you sit in a contemplative state actively listening to God? Are you so busy having a conversation with God (prayer), that you can not wait around to hear the answer (contemplative meditation)? Do you really want to know the answer? It may take you to a place that you have already decided was not for you.

I have heard some say that I have tried meditation and I just fall asleep. I can only suggest that it was probably a good rest. If I truly believe in prayer, then I truly believe in actively listening through meditation. Sunday morning, I mentioned to Fr. Bill, "wouldn't it be interesting to have a 10:00 service in the form of a quiet guided meditation". The bell rings, the organist raises a card with the hymn number and the procession starts with every one reading the hymn in silence. The words of our hymns are so powerful but we rarely read them and absorb their beauty and meaning. After the procession, Fr. Bill raises a card with "355 BCP". Everyone reads the service and scriptures in silence. After reading the announcements, the priest proceeds with the silent celebration of the Eucharist. After the procession, the bell is rung, silence is ended.

I would imagine it will be a cold day in July if this gets anything but a laugh because most want a traditional experience of God instead of listening to God. Have we allowed this learned "traditional experience" to mask our original experience of God we all had at birth where there were no expectations or limitations?

G.Hancock, a quiet Monkey.

OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

Please note that during the summer the church office will be open from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

DINNER GROUPS WILL SOON BE FORMING

Joining a dinner group is a way to meet and get to know people in our church family.

Dinner groups typically consist of 8 to 10 people. One person or couple starts things off by hosting a dinner. From that point group members take turns hosting. Usually gatherings take place in group members' homes. Groups meet about once a month.

In effort to meet the needs of our congregation, we have established several different types of groups:

Traditional Dinner Groups – includes couples and folks who are single in homes

Families with Young Children Groups – this is just what it sounds like and with advance planning, childcare can be provided in the St. Paul's nursery while the group meets.

Women's Restaurant Group – women meet at 5:30 on the 3rd Monday of each month in local restaurants

If you need further information or want to sign up, contact Ellen Kirk at 615.545.8820 or at ellenvkirk@comcast.net.

Give dinner groups a try. It can be great fun!

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, September 12 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. We hope you will join us and join the conversation.

This month our speaker will be Dr. Bess A. Marshall, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She has practiced at St. Louis Children's Hospital, Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes since 1993. Dr. Marshall will talk about her experience with transgender patients, including some of the scientifically known contributors to gender identity. She is also the sister of PFLAG Franklin Board member, Giny Bailey, who is proud and pleased to introduce Dr. Marshall to our chapter.

Please join us for this very special meeting on September 12. For more information, see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pflag-franklintn. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Collins at 615-591-5324 or sharoncollins715@gmail.com

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE A GOOD STORY OF SAINTS AND SINNERS

On the evening of Thursday, August 25, 2016, the Historic Committee had a fun book debut celebration for our St Paul's history book written by our own resident historian, Scott Smith. Best estimates are that we had at over 180 people in attendance. There were over 250 books distributed and signed by Scott at the event. Books continue to be on sale for \$15.00 each. To purchase a book, contact Melanie Lampertz at 615-887-3568 or email at w.m.lampertz@comcast.net.

Thanks to Fred Newell and David Jolley for providing musical entertainment, Libby Sullivan and the Twenty-Thirty group who assisted us at the event and especially the St. Paul's Historic Committee who worked very hard on this and other projects over the past three years. Also, very special thanks to Dan Klatt and his daughter Chelsea Klatt Beazley who worked innumerable weeks, days and hours to produce and create the layout for the book. And, we would be remiss if we did not offer special thanks to Scott Smith for his near 30 years of research and writing of this incredible book.

“The Historic Committee would like to thank the following for their generous financial donations to preserving the History of St. Paul's.

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Melanie Lampertz, Susan Miller, Scott Smith, Joyce Little, Kathy Ulezelski, Rev. Charles Grimes

SOCIAL GRACES

Saturday October 1st in Otey Hall

Our very own talented musicians, Don Dicie and Iain MacPherson will perform "Scottish Songs and Verse"

This musical has been popular for 30 years! Make your plans now because you don't want to miss this event!

5:15 - 5:45 pm Come early to socialize
5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner catered by Bar B Cutie
6:15 - 7:00 pm Musical Entertainment by Don and Iain

RSVP by Tuesday Sept 27, 2016 for dinner
(note any dietary needs)

\$10 for dinner – payable when you come for event



Friday October 28 to Schermerhorn Symphony

Brahms' Second Symphony with Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor

9:00 am – 2:30 pm (leaving from St. Paul's traveling by motor coach)

Symphony followed by lunch at The Southern in the Pinnacle Building

The Coffee and Classics Series is a portion of a full-length concert. Free coffee and pastries are offered before the concert. If you would like to go with a group from St. Paul's, the cost is \$18 (Symphony Ticket) + \$14 (Motor Coach transportation w/parking & tip). The cost for lunch depends on what you order, but your lunch should be no more than \$18 (Lunch at the "The Southern."). You will have the chance to pre-select what you would like.

We will leave the church at 9:00am and return by 2:30pm. Symphony Tickets must be purchased in advanced. To reserve your spot, please send in a check to the church by October 5 for either \$18 or \$32 (ticket + transportation) (check made out to St. Paul's). Let me know if you want the lunch options. (That money will be collected at later date.).

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at 790-0527 or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

All these events are open to anyone.

PORTARA AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday September 25, 3pm

St. Paul's is hosting the esteemed choral ensemble, Portara on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. for a concert. Invoking the beauty of the human voice, Portara Ensemble uses choral music as the gateway to elevate and inspire audiences through the transformative power of artistic collaboration. Our September program is the continuation of a series celebrating the music of a sacred world. Drawing from a diverse array of cultural and religious expressions, "A Prayer for Peace" acknowledges our human need for connection that transcends our differences.

The concert will feature music from composers Daniel Elder, Joan Szymko, Frank Ticheli, and many more, including the TN premiere of "The Hope of Loving" (a multi-movement work for chorus and string quartet, with texts inspired by Christian mystics like Teresa of Avila and St Francis) by Minnesota-based composer Jake Runestad.

Come enjoy this amazing ensemble of singers and string players as they share their amazing music and message. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

- Mother Theresa

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.

On September 27 they will discuss *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus. The October 25 selection is *When Breathe Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, and the November (date to be finalized) selection is: *Three Sisters, Three Queens* by Phillipa Gregory

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.



2016 CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 18, the Old Glory Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Matthew Fontaine Maury Society of the Children of the American Revolution are sponsoring a commemoration of the 229th Anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

Bells will ring at 3 pm at the following churches: Historic Franklin Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Fourth Avenue Church of Christ, and St. Philip Catholic Church. The bell ringing will be followed by a ceremony in the HFPC sanctuary.

All are welcome to come and join in this celebration. Contact: Susan Walker, Public Relations Chairman, Old Glory Chapter – DAR Email: sgww1@bellsouth.net Phone: 615.790.6211 or 615.594.7308

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

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In our community, for grades 1 to 5 there is little or no homework on Wednesday nights because it is a major church night for most of the other denominations.

I want to take advantage of that for us. There will still be an opportunity on Sunday mornings for what has traditionally been called Sunday School if people express an interest with their presence.

As I promised in my sermon after the terrible week of shootings of unarmed black men followed by the shooting of police officers in Dallas, we will begin our Wednesday night Taste and See evenings with a series of programs about how we can learn more about the world we live in and what that world is like for our brothers and sisters of color. We will begin with a discussion of the push for equal rights after *Brown v. The Board of Education* and the efforts for school desegregation in our area by someone who was there. In the following weeks we will hear from a number of people involved in building bridges between parts of our community that too often are ignorant and even suspicious of each other.

There will be ample time for conversation, questions and reflection. These evenings will hopefully be a place for discovery, growth, and greater awareness of the ways in which we can make our community a better place by moving from being self-centered to being Christ centered. I anticipate that new and expanded ministries for St. Paul's will grow out of this. On a final note, I am in the process of reaching out to other pastors in our immediate area to see how our various congregations can grow in Christian love and fellowship. What do we have in common? What separates us? Who are we? How can we build a better Franklin and a better world together?

I know this is a long letter but the issues we need to address are not simple and I want to share fully with you my thinking about these aspects of our common life. As always I invite you to speak to me personally with any questions or concerns.

Blessings and peace

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PARISH NOTES

Births

Arthur Cawley Watson, son of Molly and Hank Watson - born August 30th

Deaths

Ann Reins - niece of Sandy Gibson
Richard Bohner - brother of Sharon Byers

Wedding

Jordan Bennett and Scott Aiello on August 27

New Members by Letter of Transfer

Bill and Mary Kate Brandon
Peyton and Liam, their sons
221 Acadia Avenue
Franklin, TN 37064

Recent Visitors

Melissa and Neil Graver
412 Ripley Lane
Franklin TN 37064

Cynthia and Matthew Keiser
3061 Cecil Lewis Drive
Franklin, TN 37067

Jackie O'Malley
640 Streamside Lane
Franklin, TN 37064

Suzanne Richter
7732 Porter House Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

St. Paul's Youth SEPTEMBER

Evening Youth Gatherings

Beginning after the Parent/Guardian Meeting Sept. 11th

6th-12th 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.

September Events

- Sept. 4th (Labor day) No Sunday Gathering
- Sept. 11th Rally Day! EYG 5-7 pm
4pm Parents/Guardians of Youth Meeting
- Sept. 17th-18th Back-to-school Lock-in
- Sept. 18th No Evening Youth Gathering
- Sept. 25th CITY – EYG 5-7



-Plans for regular Sunday evening gathering and other more up to date news comes through the weekly Youth News—
Please Let us know if you want on the list!

RALLY DAY

September 11th 11:00AM

This event is the kick-off to the Sunday school season for Children, Youth, and Adults.

Please do come!

Sunday School

Starts on September 18th

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM

Open to all 6th-12th graders.

Catechumenate



A letter is going out from the Catechumenate with all the details on the new changes this year.

If you did not receive this message and you are in 8th-9th grade – please contact either Burns, Carl, or Father Bill. We will be starting in mid-January!

Back-To-School Lock-in



Who is invited? All 6th-12th graders

When? Sept 17th-18th –Sat. 7pm to Sun. 8:45am

Who is the adult? Carl Freeman +one other

What will be doing? Catching up after the summer, playing games, praying, discussing, running around, and maybe some late night pizza!

How do I find out more? Call or email Carl at 5134760728 or carl@stpaulsfranklin.com

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Organist

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Youth Minister

Ana Enriquez
Sexton

Lucinda Harshey
Sexton

Claire Gaddis
Parish Administrator

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Scott Faulkner (2016)

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the good news of Jesus Christ
and care for all