



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

510 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

September 2017

## RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10TH!

We will gather at 10 am in Otey Hall for an Intergenerational Activity, and afterwards children will have a quick meet and greet in their classrooms with their wonderful teachers!

There will be three children's classrooms:

- Preschool (ages 3-4)
- Kindergarten-2nd Grade
- 3rd-5th grades

All of the classrooms are located on the same side of the hallway as the nursery. Look for signs and volunteers to direct you to the right place on September 10th!

*More Children's Ministry  
Information on Page 5*

### WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

8:45 am 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 CHURCH OF FORMATION

If you were to look up the definition of the word "formation" you would discover that it is a noun meaning, "The action of forming of process being formed." Huh? Frankly, that doesn't tell me very much. I think that, perhaps, I have looked upon formation in a different light. For me, formation is more of a verb than a noun.

September is a month when we all begin to think about formation. As our children begin a new school year many of us naturally turn our thoughts to formation of a secular nature. But formation is not exclusive to any formal institution. Formation, Christian formation, is a vital part of the mission and ministry of the Church.

St. Paul's is a church of formation. We are deeply dedicated to providing a spiritual home of Christian thought for all who pursue a deeper knowledge of God and our place in relation to the Kingdom. Seekers and inquirers are welcome here.

Over the past few months our staff and church volunteers have dedicated much of their energy in planning a strong and meaningful church education program for all ages. The adult formation committee, headed by Charles Carlisle, have placed our focus on Sunday morning education. There will be two offerings for adults on Sunday morning, one lead by yours truly and Jean Larson.

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. Pauls' Family,

Laura and I can't begin to thank you all enough for the outpouring of faith and love during our Celebration of a New Ministry this past Wednesday. It was a very special and profound moment for us and our family.

There were literally scores of our parishioners who helped with the service. While I won't be able to thank everyone personally here, there are a few individuals who I need to underscore. First, to our all staff and in particular Monna, Claire, and Donna. They worked tirelessly over the past few weeks making sure the service and liturgy were perfect...and it was.

And that leads to the choir. The music was stunning and performed beautifully by our dedicated and talented choir. A big thank you to all who lifted their voices and sang!

I want to thank the service presenters who gave me such lovely and thought provoking gifts. I will treasure them all for years to come. Thank you to Julie Fisher for the remarkable arrangement of flowers for the altar. Julie has set a high bar for future liturgies and I can't wait to see what she does next.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the reception. The food, drink, and arrangements were the perfect conclusion to a wonderful evening. Also, many thanks to all who contributed to the rector discretionary account. The funds will be for those who need assistance, both within the church and out in the community.



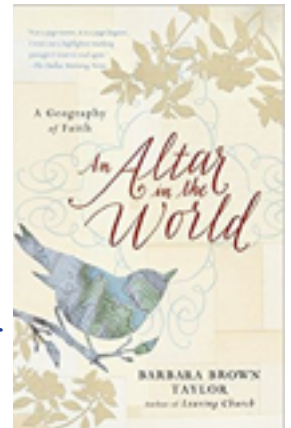
So, again thank you so much! It was certainly an evening that will live long in our memories and a gift from God and our new church family. May God continue to bless us all and our beloved church home, St. Paul's.

Peace—Rusty+

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## WITS: WOMEN IN THEOLOGICAL STUDY

WITS – Women in Theological Study – is beginning a new study beginning on Thursday August 10th, based on the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you need me to order you a copy of the book, please let me know.



We will meet on August 10, 17, 24, 31, in Barnabas from 9:30 –11:00 am. Come join us. Somehow we always have coffee and something to nibble on!

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

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## PARISH NOTES

Our Congratulations to:

William and Lauren Branson on the birth of their son, William Henry Branson, V.

Our Sympathy to:

Joe Baugh and his family for the loss of Sherry Smith; to Ginny Brewer and her family for the loss of her husband, John Brewer; and to Rick Miniati for the loss of his mother, Lockie Miniati.

## A CHURCH OF FORMATION

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The other will be spearheaded by Charlie Palmgren and others in his prayer group. Both classes will be a Bible lectionary-based study highlighting the readings for the day.

We are very excited about having Libby Sullivan come on our children's formation minister. Libby is planning a great fall program for our kids so they can begin to know more about the goodness of God. Libby and her team of Sunday School teachers are working hard to revitalize this most important aspect of our ministry. Carl Freeman continues to lead our formation for youth with Biblical lessons as well as youth confirmation. Carl's ministry lasts all day on Sunday as our youth gather in the evening as well.

While we have refocused our attention to Sunday morning, it is definitely not exclusive to that time. Throughout the week groups meet to increase their knowledge and their spirituality. Centering prayer, WITS, EfM, the Lectionary Group, Theology on Thursday, and Small Groups are just a few of the ways you can be part of our parish formation. Please look for more material concerning all of our offerings in the St. Pauls' Christian Formation booklet.

St. Paul's Christian formation may be a noun, but I believe it is a verb as well. It is the action taken of expanding and strengthening our minds to the call of Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or what your age St. Paul's has something for you to help you grow better into your relationship with God. It is through God and one another that we can get a glimpse of the

Kingdom by reaching out with inquiring and discerning hearts. We look forward to seeing you in one (or more!) of our groups this fall.

“Keep on doing the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

-- Philippians 4:9

## HIKING MEETING

For hikers of all stages and ages!

The Columbia/ Franklin TTA ( Hiking) meeting will be held at Barnabas Center on Tuesday, September 5 @7:00. The Barnabas Center has a small working kitchen so you can bring your own food and microwave it if you choose.

If you like, you can join us earlier than the 7:00 pm meeting time to eat and chat with other members of the chapter. We will be planning our future monthly hikes, and discussing "all things hiking." We will have snacks for you. Please bring your ideas for hikes – you can check the TN Trails Assn web site for ideas and possibly we can join other hikers. Hope to see all of you.

Contacts -

Janeth McKendrick: [Janethmck@aol.com](mailto:Janethmck@aol.com)

Jane Coffey: [jecoffey0644@gmail.com](mailto:jecoffey0644@gmail.com)

## THEOLOGY-ON-THURSDAY

Sept. 7 MOVIE - “An American Conscience, The Reinhold Niebuhr Story”.

Sept. 14 MOVIE - “The Celestine Prophecy”. What if heaven and earth are the same?

Sept. 21 and 28 —Not Meeting—



# Bicentennial Club

1827 - 2027

You are part of the history, why not join the CLUB?



### What?

As a member of the Bicentennial Club you will receive a print of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, from a sketch drawn by one of its members. You will also be invited to yearly socials for club members only.

Also, there will be a framed chart listing all the members of the club that will be on display. Additional benefits will be added as we approach 2027.

### Why?

Have you thought about what you will be doing in 2027? Not sure many people have, however, the St. Paul's Historic Committee has already been thinking about that important year. August 2027 will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and that is something to celebrate.

So celebrate is what the Historic Committee is working on a plan to do. This celebration will not be just for one day, rather it will take place over the course of the entire year of 2027! There will be plans for special worship services, grand receptions, visits from former clergy, as well as a celebration including special dignitaries.

In order to accomplish the grand celebration that our Church deserves some fundraising needs to take place. This is where the Bicentennial Club comes in. We are looking for a group of dedicated individuals and families that are willing to make a commitment to join the club to make this celebration GRAND!

### How?

You can easily become a member of this GRAND club! You just need to fill out a commitment card (found on the back of this brochure).

A donation of \$1,000.00 over the next ten years will get you a membership. You can choose to make your donation on either a yearly basis - paying \$100.00 per year for the next 10 years, or you can make a one-time \$1,000.00 donation. Of course, you can work out a different payment schedule that suits you as well; as long as it becomes a total of \$1,000.00 over the next 10 years.

Your donation can be made in the name of the family or family member, in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of a family member or loved one. Your payment can be made either by cash or check with the enclosed card. Or by credit card by going to the DONATE TO button on the church website, filling out the information and clicking Bicentennial Fund in the drop down box.

## YES! I WANT TO JOIN THE ST. PAUL'S BICENTENNIAL CLUB

I will give \$100 per year for ten years.

I will give a one-time \$1000 gift.

I want to give \$1000 over ten years, on an individual schedule.

I want my gift to be in memory, honor or recognition of \_\_\_\_\_.

I want to be a part of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



St. Paul's Altar Circa 1927

Form of Payment:

Check  Credit Card  
Card number \_\_\_\_\_

EXP \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV code \_\_\_\_\_

## WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S (WSP) REMINDERS

All women who attend St. Paul's are part of WSP. As such, all are welcome and encouraged to join us for our bi-monthly Friday evening meetings, otherwise known as "Socials." Our next WSP Social is being hosted by Becky Farmer on Friday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. You are invited to bring an appetizer to share; however, it is not required that you bring anything other than yourself. Please join us. We look forward to laughing and sharing time together.

Upcoming events:

Friday, September 1-Sunday, September 3 –  
The Bazaar

Friday, September 8 – WSP Social

Saturday, December 9 – The English Tea

AND SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 2-Sunday, February 4, 2018 – The Women's Retreat

Keep an eye out for the registration forms. They will be available at the beginning of October.

## ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

Would you like to volunteer for the Altar Flower Ministry? Each Monday morning, we would like a volunteer to take the altar flowers to a nursing home; to someone who is shut in; and/or to someone who is sick at home. We will provide you with the names, addresses and phone numbers for the individual who would receive the flowers. Please contact Claire in the church office if you are willing to help with this ministry.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Children's Chapel on Sunday Mornings

Children's Chapel provides an opportunity for children to hear the Gospel lesson in child-friendly language that usually includes a lively discussion as well as some artwork. Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to follow the cross to Founder's Hall during the Sequence Hymn and return to their pew during the Peace so they may receive communion with their family.

Are you interested in volunteering to lead Children's Chapel? Contact Libby Sullivan: [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com)

### Thank you!

Maker's Table Volunteers helped the children with a wonderful craft to commemorate the eclipse at 10 am on August 20th.

Laura Turner shared some of her animals with the children at 10am on August 27th. It was a big hit, as always!



Contact Libby Sullivan at [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com)

## INTERESTED IN BEING AN ACOLYTE?

A Crucifer or a Torch  
Bearer?



Acolytes are essential for Sunday worship. They play a very special role within our service. At St. Paul's, if you are a 2nd grader or older, you are old enough to be a Torch Bearer. If you are a 6th grader or older, you are old enough to be a Crucifer.

With the start of a new school year, now is a great time to get involved. Not only will you be an important part of the service, you'll have a guaranteed seat in church. If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790- 0527 or [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) for the next training.

## SOCIAL GRACES

Wednesday  
Oct 4

Live radio  
show featuring:  
Eric Brace,  
Peter Cooper &  
Thom Jutz | Charley

Crockett | The Blueside of Lonesome | Iron Horse Jamison Hall in the Franklin Factory.



Doors open at 6pm. Show Starts at 7pm and ends at 9pm. General admission tickets - \$10 – First come first serve. Dinner catered by Pucketts Grocery available for purchase before the show. Cash bar!

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

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY COMING SOON TO ST. PAUL'S

Introductory Workshop

Saturday October 14  
Franklin United Methodist Church  
9am-1pm

Stephen Ministry is one-to-one lay caring ministry within a congregation that equips and empowers lay caregivers to provide pastoral care.



Stephen Ministers are trained to offer high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministries, or in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

***Volunteer on Sundays! No Experience Necessary***

**Ushers and Oblationers**

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

**Chalice Bearers**

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

**Readers/Intercessors**

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

**Acolytes**

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

**Altar Guild**

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

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

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

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

# SECOND ANNUAL TASTER'S LUNCHEON



Sunday, October 1, 2017, 12:30 p.m.  
in Otey Hall

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

The first round went to the Women of St. Paul's and their fearless leader Donna Honycutt! Time for the Chefs to battle again!

Three teams, three fabulous menus, one reasonable price!

- Tickets: \$20 per adult, \$7.00 per children under \$12.

- Tickets available in Founder's Hall after 8:45 and 11:00 services or from Donna Stokes-Rogers.

If you would like to host a cooking team this year, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at [donnastokesrogers@gmail.com](mailto:donnastokesrogers@gmail.com).

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## "IT TAKES A FLOCK!"

Women of St. Paul's Annual heart and Soul Retreat - Feb. 2-4, 2018

Registration forms will be available beginning October 1 and will include early bird pricing. You don't want to miss this one! Come "Fla-mingle" with fellow St. Paul's women and their guests!

More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

# WOMEN'S BAZAAR SEPTEMBER 1ST AND 2ND

9:00 am until 5:00 pm

Our motto is: "We don't do junk!!!" It's a great time to clean out your attic, garage and closets and donate the good stuff to the Women of St. Paul's Annual Bazaar. Sign-up sheets to work and/or donate will be located in the narthex. You can drop off items for Granny's Attic and books in Otey Hall beginning August 27th.

Bazaar Needs:

Dishes – Collectibles/Knick-knacks  
Small Furniture (small tables, etc.)  
Jewelry | Children's toys | Area rugs  
Lamps/Shades | Decorative pillows  
Sports equipment | Working Stereos/DVD's  
Seasonal decorations  
Garden equipment/tools | Tools  
Small electrical appliances (working)

PLEASE NO LARGE FURNITURE/  
MATTRESSES/CURTAINS/LAZYBOYS/  
CLOTHING

Book Nook Needs:

Current/Classic Novels  
(Paper backs/Hard cover)How-to Books  
Children's Books | Young Adult Books  
CD's, DVD's , Computer games, Audio Books  
Cook Books | Biographies

PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, COL-  
LEGE TEXTBOOKS, MAGAZINES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL AR-  
EAS!!!! Please contact Kathy Ulezelski@  
615-791- 6380.

This is a great way to get involved and meet  
new folks!





SILENCE  
SOLITUDE  
SOLIDARITY  
SERVICE

# CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH®

## CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, September 9, 2017  
Franklin First United Methodist  
Church's Main Campus  
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee (COMT) will host its annual Gathering on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Franklin First United Methodist Church's main campus. All are welcome to attend. COMT is the Middle Tennessee chapter of Contemplative Outreach Ltd., which offers programs and support for those who want to deepen their relationship with God through the practice of Centering Prayer.

This year's keynote speaker will be the Reverend Tom Ward, an Episcopal priest and longtime centering prayer practitioner and facilitator. His topic will be "Next Steps on the Journey." Ward is a retired chaplain of the University of the South who now spends his days focusing on the contemplative dimensions of the Gospel.

Many Christians are increasingly involved in daily Centering Prayer, an ancient practice that is experiencing a resurgence across major denominations. Tennessee's churches are particularly active in this area.

Rooted in the contemplative tradition, the prayer invites practitioners simply to sit in interior silence for a brief period of time, daily, attentively "consenting to God's presence and action" within them. It is practiced both privately and in small groups. In Middle Tennessee, some thirty organized centering prayer groups meet weekly. Each year, Middle Tennessee centering prayer practitioners and persons wanting to learn more come together for learning and community building.

Cost is \$20.00, which includes coffee and muffins. To learn more and to register for the event, please visit [www.centeringprayermidtn.com](http://www.centeringprayermidtn.com). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Please note the location is the church's Main Campus, 120 Aldersgate Way, off Mack Hatcher in Franklin; not the church's historic sanctuary in downtown Franklin. (Your GPS may not recognize this.)

Contemplative Outreach Ltd. 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 ([www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org)).

# THE HISTORIC CORNER

## Historical Committee Update.

190th Anniversary Celebration. On Friday, August 25th, an enthusiastic group of about 70 people including 16 children gathered in Otey Hall to celebrate St. Paul's 190th anniversary. We sang happy birthday and enjoyed cake, champagne and some delicious food while we heard from Scott Smith about the early years of the parish and Melanie Lampertz, the Historic Committee Chair shared some thoughts about planning for the Bicentennial.

Father Rusty welcomed the group via video (since he had a previous engagement that kept him away) and Monna welcomed the group in person and shared some words with the attendees including these beautiful words:

- “I don't know what kind of vision the founders had, but could they have imagined that St. Paul's would serve as barracks and a hospital during a war that nearly tore our country apart; or that she would still be here through two World Wars and a Cold War; and that 190 years after she was founded, still be standing, stronger than ever as a cornerstone in a thriving community? Probably not----“
- “I'd like to think that we are not only continuing to make their grand dreams and visions reality, we are making our own grand dreams and visions reality, as well.”
- “I give thanks for ALL the many past and present parishioners of St. Paul's who have, over the past 190 years, continued to change to imagine, to dream, to explore, to grow, to

create, to shape this parish into what she is today.”

- “After all --- The past 190 years is truly OUR STORY --- And OUR STORY continues! Thank be to God!”

It would not have been a birthday party without a photo booth and children's games, and we had both. Everyone really enjoyed having their pictures made with our Bishop Otey-themed props!



A big thanks to Jay Fahey, Julie Reinhardt and Libby Sullivan who will be the three co-chairs of the Bicentennial Celebration.

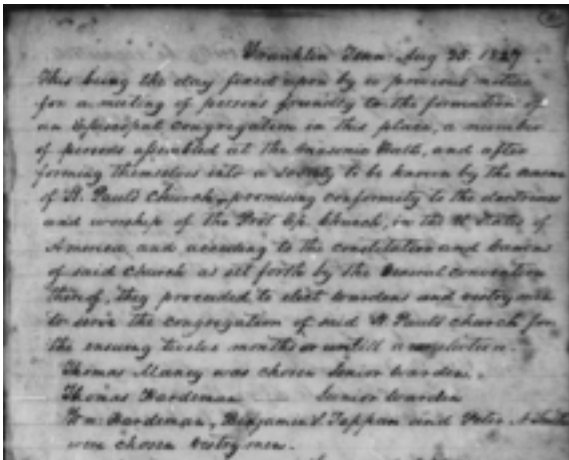
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## THE HISTORIC CORNER

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They acknowledged and thanked the members of the Bicentennial Club and presented them with ink sketches by Susan Miller of the front of the sanctuary. Members of the Club will make it possible to celebrate St. Paul's Bicentennial in a way we she deserves, and also allow us to complete some projects related to properly caring for our priceless historical and founding documents.

We are still seeking additional members of the Bicentennial Club – please look for additional information on the website about how you can become a member or talk to one of the Bicentennial Chairs. The Historic Committee is so grateful to all who came to celebrate our special building and church family's history. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm!



*The minutes of the first vestry meeting at which St. Paul's was formed on August 25, 1827 in the Masonic Hall.*

## TUESDAY MORNING CENTERING PRAYER

10:00 a.m., Barnabas (Quiet Room)

What is centering prayer? According to the Contemplative Outreach Center, it is described as “a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer - verbal, mental or affective prayer - into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

Come join us on Tuesday mornings as we gather together and pray in silence. To learn more, contact Marsha Carnahan at [mcarnahan5@gmail.com](mailto:mcarnahan5@gmail.com) or Donna Stokes- Rogers at [donnastokesrogers@gmail.com](mailto:donnastokesrogers@gmail.com).

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## NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

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

## UPCOMING TOUR INFORMATION

*Charleston, South Carolina Visit the #1 City in the U.S.  
with the #1 Tour Guide, Mr. Jimmy the Cricket*

Mr. Jimmy the Cricket and Rev. Monna Mayhall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin present their compliments and request the pleasure of your company in Charleston, South Carolina from Monday, November 13 – Saturday, November 18, 2017!! Just selected as the #1 city in the United States to visit, Charleston is better than ever, and this amazing trip has been long anticipated so do not delay as Charleston is one of the most charming, historic and friendliest cities in the world.

This tour will include...

- The private guide service of Mr. Jimmy the Cricket with his vast array of accurate history, and his entertaining tall tales and applicable documentaries;
- All transportation via luxury motor coach with the outstanding veteran driver, Ms. Bounce;
- Five nights of lodging in a brand new hotel;
- All meals (and they will be fabulous), entry fees, event costs, and even a special souvenir of this grand trip; and much more.

Highlights of this tour will include...

- Tour of the Aiken Rhett House, a truly preserved (not restored) mansion;
- Visit to the Charleston Museum;
- Day Excursion to Beaufort, with a visit to the ruins of Old Sheldon Church, and the Santa Elena culture center;
- Exploration of the Gullah Geechee culture of St. Helena's Island;
- Tour of the Penn School built in 1865 - once an African American school, now a cultural institution that includes buildings where Martin Luther King and his staff retreated;
- Visit to Middleton Place plantation, Magnolia Plantation, Drayton Hall, and historic St. Andrew's Church;
- An exclusive and private evening at the most popular place in town, the Palmetto Crescent Parlour – The Southern Charmer will amaze you with his magic and mind-reading skills;
- Tours of Patriot's Point to explore Naval & Maritime Museum, Submarine Clamagor & the historic USS Yorktown;
- Visit to Ft. Sumter to take in Civil War history from ground zero, ending our time at the Citadel.

Find more detailed information in the Narthex or by Founders Kitchen. Several surprises always await those willing to tour with us...so mark your calendars and make plans today... The cost is \$1545 per person for double occupancy with a \$395 single supplement Traveler's insurance is not included but is highly recommended as refunds cannot be allowed.

The trip however, is transferable to a third party at any time. No deposit required as we book this one on a first come, first served basis and space is limited. To inquire about more information, please contact Scott Smith at 615-500- 9500.

Y'all come...don't wish you had!!! [www.jimmythecrickettours.com](http://www.jimmythecrickettours.com)

# St. Paul's Youth September

## 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.



## September Events

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor day) No Sunday Gathering
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Rally Day! EYG 5-7 pm
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Back-to-school Lock-in
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> No Evening Youth Gathering
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> CITY – EYG 5-7
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Youth Hike at Radnor

-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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10th

Meets every Sunday at 10:00AM

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

## Catechumenate



Our Confirmation class

begins anew in late Winter.

Keep an eye out for more info to come!

## Back-To-School Lock-in



*Who is invited?* All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

*When?* Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> –Sat. 7pm to Sun. 8:15am

*Who is the adult?* Carl Freeman +one other

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

*What will I need?* Packing info will come in Youth News

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

## A DANCING MONKEY

— The Gift —

Wednesday 23 of August 2017, 6:00 PM

Celebration of a New Ministry, William Russell "Rusty" McCown...

What an evening, old and new friends, clergy from the highest to the lowest ranks, the choir, bagpipe and drum, perfect warm late summer weather and gifts, yes gifts. These were more than just gifts, each represented a part of the body of St. Paul's. Each complete and perfect, yet made greater as a part of the greater mission of this First Church, a representation of the covenant relationship with the Creator. Each gift telling a story of something past, our present and with God's help, our future. Keys to the church presented by our Sr. and Jr. Wardens, I felt, represented the wedding rings that are exchanged to seal the union of two into one, in the presence God and the Church.

My favorite A.M. Radio Voice in the 50's was Paul Harvey. His short news program evolved into what he called, "Now for the Rest of the Story". This was a segment where he would go into great detail about a story that had only been barely mentioned. "Now for the Rest of the Story". When Monna contacted me about presenting a gift to Fr. Rusty representing St. Paul's Outreach, I was surprised, humbled, honored. I had seen preparations of some gifts, heard of what others were doing, all so creative, spot on, perfect, so thoughtful. What would represent or be symbolic of all the diverse outreach energy and programs flowing through the members to the community? It had to be creative, hands on, hand made preferable, low budget, broad in scope, small in size. I wish I had the Women's Bazaar to choose from, they always

get so much neat stuff. Maybe an old Kaleidoscope. It's small, low cost, the many colors and shapes it creates represents the diverse outreach ministries, perfect, but the Bazaar is several weeks off. There are some windows in the Library that were removed from the Rectory.

That might work! Looking through a window is how you view the community, the world around you, so outreach is how you view the community, the world around you.

Symbolism works well, low cost, part of something original but too dang big to carry down the aisle and present. Besides, where would you put it during the rest of the presentations? Good idea, loaded with symbolism, not practical. How about a plumb line? Could be made small, hands on, inexpensive (maybe), loaded with symbolism, generic in scope, specific in function. That defines the perfect outreach program. A plumb line is one of the oldest tools used in construction. It helps one build strong, long lasting structures, beautiful to behold, functional and serves the community, the perfect tool. That says a lot about outreach and outreach says a lot about the organization and the individuals that make up the body, the foundation. It defines what is important and how you respond to your relationship to and with God. I like where this is going! I contacted Len Reinhardt to build a small mount or hanger for the plumb line. He is such a master with wood. I had a spool of waxed string I had found on the side of the road during my old biking days. So far, it was creative, hands on, low cost, broad in scope but what about the actual weight that produces the perfect vertical nature of the tool?

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That's usually brass or something similar. When the Bell Tower was reinforced a year ago, a lot of original flooring and supports were removed. I went rooting around in the dirt around the renovation and found several square rusty nails I feel are original or surely could be.

That would be a perfect weight for the plumb line. That would complete the plumb line gift. Almost like a wedding gift, something Old (the rusty nail), something New (the hanger), something Found (the waxed string), something Blue. Well, three out of four ain't bad. As Fr. Rusty would say, if we were playing baseball, that percentage would get you into the Hall of Fame. This gift, all these gifts that Fr. Rusty received are like wedding gifts. He is joining St. Paul's family and will be sharing his gifts with us. St. Paul's is small in size, large in outreach, an intricate part of God's community and the fabric of Franklin, our mission and covenant.

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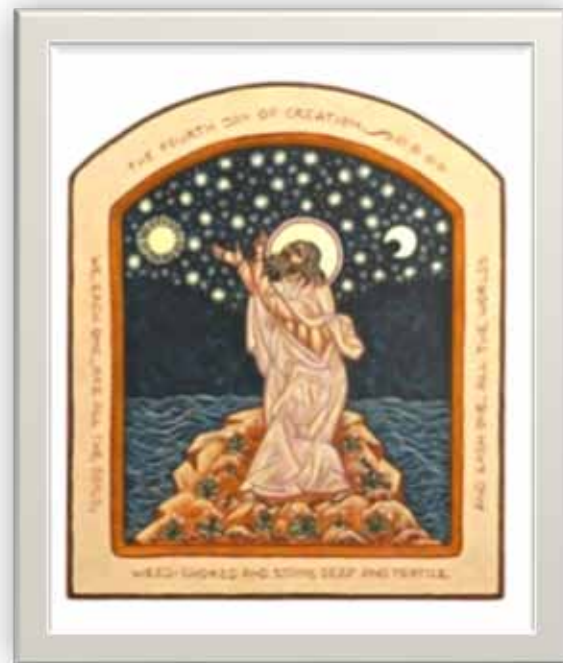
## ST. PAUL'S ICON WRITING WORKSHOP

September 11-15, 2017, 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. each day.

Learn the spiritual discipline of icon writing in a small class setting led by Susan Miller and Donna Stokes-Rogers, where we will write a Creation Icon. Beginners are always welcome.

- \$200 includes materials and lunch daily.
- Registration and deposit of \$75 due by Sep. 6, full payment due on Sep. 11
- Where: Barnabas Center (across Fair Street from church)

A list of suggested items to bring will be sent to you after registration.



# WEDDING AT CANA TAKES THE CAKE

Paul Deepan, Network Coordinator  
(Tennessee)

*This article was first written for Episcopal Relief & Development's Network News, the national newsletter for network coordinators across the country. It is about the most recent Wedding at Cana, held at St. Paul's Franklin in May, and the tremendous generosity of our congregation, not only to the 2017 event, but the past nine years.*

The 9th Annual St. Paul's Wedding at Cana was held on Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at St. Paul's Church in Franklin, Tennessee. At our Wedding, instead of turning water into wine, as in Jesus' first miracle, this event helps turn wine into water.

St. Paul's Wedding at Cana raises funds for the Clean Water Initiative of Episcopal Relief and Development. The Clean Water Initiative ensures the placement of wells and other technologies in developing-world villages without current access to clean water.



*St. Paul's Church Franklin awaits 2017 Cana guests*

The world-wide need for clean drinking water is more urgent now than at any time in history; every drop is vital, and for nine years the people of

St. Paul's have been engaged in the important ministry of increasing water's availability to those who need it most.

The positive economic and health impact of such access is profound, and following the first Cana in 2009, Episcopal Relief & Development acknowledged St. Paul's event on our website, and has encouraged its adoption in congregations across the country.

The first two Cana events raised \$750, and \$800, respectively, but due to a format change (a direct result of brainstorming with fellow coordinators at our Network Meeting in Belize), the Cana events from 2011-2016 each raised the \$5,000 necessary to place an entire well. In 2017, due to a large matching donation from a single anonymous donor, the St. Paul's Wedding at Cana for the first time forwarded a check for \$10,000, sufficient to place TWO wells!



*Tennessee Network Coordinator Paul Deepan with "Favorite Appetizer Winners" (L-R, back) Gale Haddock, Lori Macdonald, and (Front) Sharmila Patel.*

In other words, not counting other individual and committee donations, over the past nine years this single congregation has forwarded over \$41,500 to Episcopal Relief & Development, purchasing eight entire wells, and shares in two more.

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# WEDDING AT CANA PFLAG TAKES THE CAKE

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We have fun too: St. Paul's Cana event is a wine (with beer also!) and appetizer event where admission is free, and the wine and beer are donated. Attendees are invited to bring an appetizer sufficient to serve approximately 10-20 people. These appetizers are sampled and rated by the other guests, and the people who bring the highest-rated appetizers walk away with some free wine/beer at the end of the evening! Childcare is also provided, upon request.

In thanksgiving for this hospitality, we invite guests to make a donation as they are able, and the church forwards the proceeds as a single check, ordering a well from the Gifts for Life Catalog. To say the response to this invitation over the years has been generous would be a remarkable understatement! I am deeply grateful for the continued generosity of the people of St. Paul's Franklin, and honored to belong to this amazing congregation. We have some special things planned for our tenth anniversary in 2018, and all who can make it to Franklin should consider themselves invited!



*First Prize Winner  
Gale Haddock with her  
goodies: several bottles of  
wine, with organic coffee,  
olive oil, and chocolate  
from our partner,  
Equal Exchange.*

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

PFLAG Franklin will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00-8:30pm, in Otey Hall. This month we will talk about understanding gender identity using an illustration called the Gender-bread Person, written by Sam Killermann. PFLAG is a national non-profit, support, education, and advocacy organization with the purpose of helping 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. All are welcome and 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)

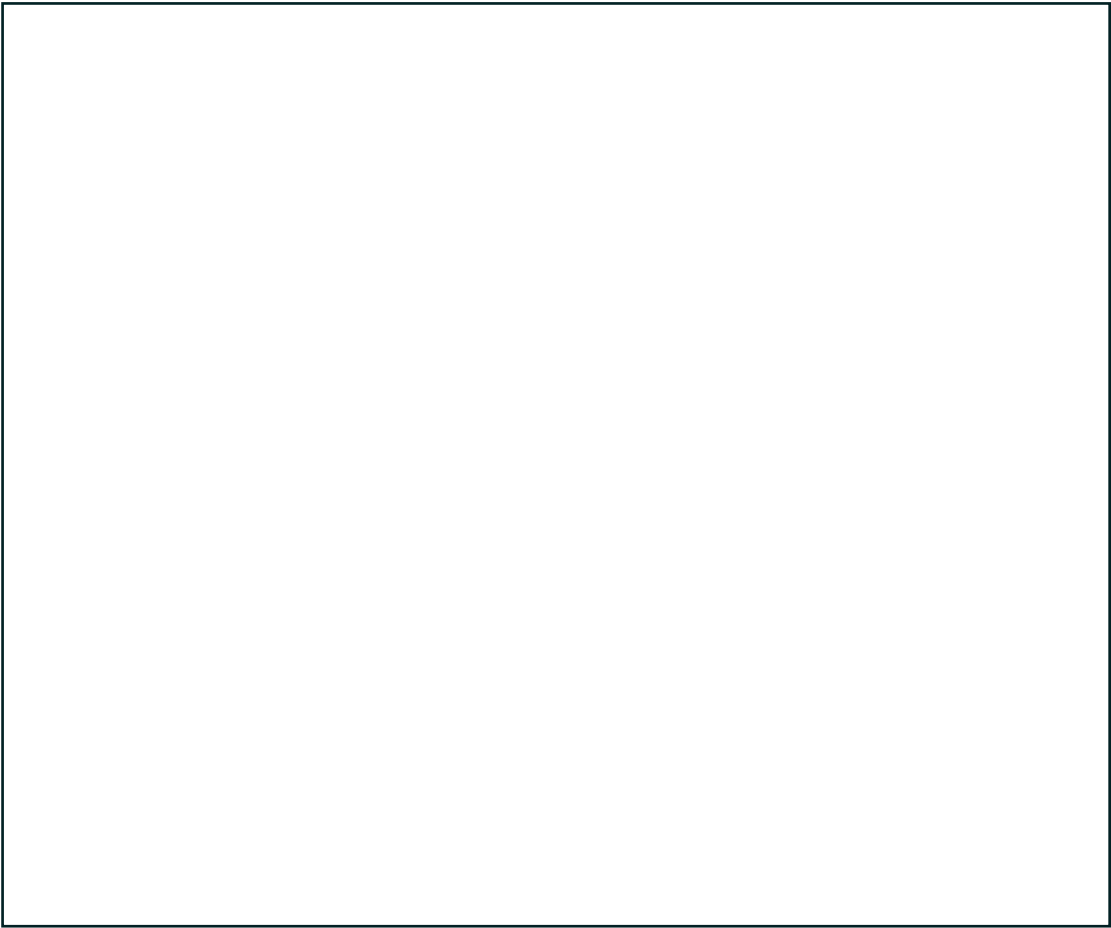
*PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Together we're stronger.*

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