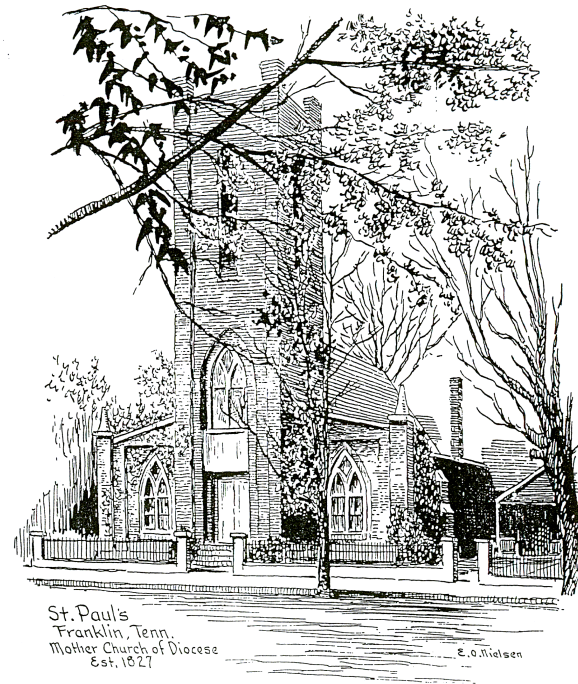




2017~2018 Christian Formation Pamphlet



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2017-2018 Calendar

Christian Formation at St. Paul's

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Event</u>
Sept 10	Rally Day—10 am
Sept 17	1st Day of Christian Formation—10 am
Oct 8	Blessing of the Animals—6 pm
Nov 5	All Saints' Sunday: Baptisms
Nov 29 (Wed)	Advent Wreath-Making—pm
Dec 6	Lessons & Carols—6 pm
Dec 24*	Christmas Pageant —
Jan 7	Epiphany Program for Children – 10 am
Jan 21*	Annual Parish Meeting—10 am
Feb 2-4	Annual Women's Retreat at DuBose
Feb 13 (Tues)	Mardi Gras Feast (a.k.a Pancake Supper)
Feb 14 (Wed)	Ash Wednesday
Feb 21 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Feb 28 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 7 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 14 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 21 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 25*	Palm Sunday (Procession at 10 am)
Mar 29	Maundy Thursday
Mar 30	Good Friday
Mar 31	Easter Vigil and Baptisms
Apr 1*	Easter Day (Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am)
May 6	Last Day of Christian Formation Classes
May 13*	Senior Sunday
May 20*	Pentecost
Jun 25-28	Week of Wonder (9 am – Noon)

*denotes no regular morning Christian Formation Classes

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and development for all ages at St. Paul's. These offerings are available throughout the week, meeting both days and nights. Much of the programming and formation of various groups have grown out of the work of the Christian Formation Committee with the specific input of parishioners. Many of the groups have developed through the interests of parishioners and are led and/or facilitated by lay persons. Being a participant and/or assuming leadership is encouraged. Commitment can be as little or as much as your time, energy, and interest allow in your journey for more knowledge, wisdom, study, prayer, and for community.

Formation for Adults **Sundays**

Adult Christian Formation:

Classes are offered for adults at 10 am on Sundays throughout the program year (Sept-May). Classes are occasionally offered during the summer months as well. Classes are facilitated primarily by parishioners, but occasionally by one of the clergy or an outside teacher. All Sunday classes welcome newcomers and drop-ins at any time.

OFFERINGS THIS FALL **10:00 am – Sunday mornings**

You Have Heard the Scripture and the Sermon--- "Now, how do I live the Words?" EFM Room

Join us in discerning the message God has for you and experience practical ways you can make that message a part of your daily life.

Led by: *Ann Van Dervoort, Charlie Palmgren, Lucinda Dyer, Gerald Hancock, Judith Atkinson*

What in the World is the Preacher Talking About? A Lectionary Based Bible Study Otey Hall

Someone, somewhere, sometime decided to put together a lectionary. Each week our parish hears these readings together. Half Old Testament, half New. These ancient and sacred writings have much to tell us about God and God's purpose. Our class will focus on the lectionary assigned for Sunday and attempt to get a better understanding of each reading, a sense of why they were placed side by side, and what they mean for us today. Jin

Led by: *Jean Larson and Rusty McCown*

Seekers Program:

Seekers Program is a program for adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church. This classes are intentional reflections on the Baptismal Covenant with assistance of leaders and sponsors, through the use of a workbook. There is preparation and a commitment to participate in the sessions. Materials are provided. Dates to be determined.

Formation for Adults **Other Weekly Programs**

Lectionary Bible Study:

This Lectionary Class meets weekly throughout the year on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am– Noon in the EFM Room. The study and discussion focuses on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures readings. No preparation necessary; join us any week you are able.

Contact: Charlie Crumpton 615-790-1233 or ctcrumpton@yahoo.com

Theology on Thursday:

This group meets weekly throughout the year on Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm in the Barnabas Center unless otherwise announced. Theology on Thursday is a forum for intellectual exploration and discussion of a wide variety of subjects related to faith and religion. In addition to movies and books, we offer a variety of special studies and some guest speakers. No outside preparation is necessary and drop-ins are always welcome.

Contact: Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635 or gwlwhancock@comcast.net

WITS:

WITS (Women In Theological Study) is a women's group that meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Barnabas Center. We study books of the Bible, other books of interest, and engage in conversation and prayer with one another. Childcare is available. WITS does not meet on the 4th Thursdays of the month, on Spring Street Outreach Thursday. WITS is for all women to attend whenever you can. There is always hot coffee and usually something to eat!

Contact: Monna Mayhall 615-790-0527 or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Small Groups/K-Group:

Small Groups are gatherings of 6-12 people that meet for fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. They are intended for parishioners of all ages and stages of life. Each group is led by a volunteer leader/facilitator with groups deciding their own meeting schedule. There is a commitment of attending and participating, with some preparation.

Contact: Charles Carlisle 615-415-7326 or Carlisle@bristoldg.com

K-Group (Koinonia) – Community with others, joining in participation. This small group is using the lectionary as a springboard – looking at how it applies to our everyday lives. Meeting every Monday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, in homes of volunteer hosts. Contact Gerald or Lorinda for information on place of meeting.

Contact:

Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635 or gwlwhancock@comcast.net or Lorinda Hancock – 615-804-0222

Contemplative Prayer:

There are three options for gathering for Contemplative Prayer. One group meets on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the EFM room; one group meet in Barnabas from 10:00-11:00 am; and another group meets in the Robing Room on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. These groups gather for Centering Prayer, a contemplative prayer practice, and Lectio Divina, a method of meditating on the scriptures.

Contact:

Mon pm - Scott Faulkner 615-595-1072 or scottlfaulkner@comcast.net

Tues am - Donna Stokes-Rogers donna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Tues pm - Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635 or gwlwhancock@comcast.net

Monday Morning Group Prayer and Daily Office:

This group meets for 1 hour on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in Founders. Anyone is welcome. Commitment is to be present and to join in this spiritual discipline of reading the Daily Office from the Mission St. Clare and praying together.

Contact: Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635 or gwlwhancock@comcast.net

Programs Requiring Registration/Commitment

Education for Ministry: (EfM)

(Requires a 36 week commitment each year for four years)

A four-year program designed by the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South. Participants learn the disciplines of biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and ascetical theology. The program blends academic study and theological reflection to engage participants both intellectually and spiritually, to help them reflect on their lives and prepare them for ministry. Commitment is one academic year at a time. Meets weekly with preparation required for each session. There is a cost involved, with some assistance available.

Contact: Jean Larson 847-987-6949 jam.larson@gmail.com

DOK:

DOK or Daughters of the King is a national order for women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. They are Christian women, strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, supported through the companionship of our sisters, and dedicated to service and prayer. All members are at different stages of their Christian journey. Some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time, but the primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. This order gathers weekly on Sundays at 12:30 pm in the EFM room.

Contact: Mishelle Phillips 615-403-0703 or shellbokey@gmail.com

Formation for Youth **Sundays**

Sunday School

for 6th- 12th grades at 10 a.m. Each week on Sunday morning a group of students and a few adults gather for about 45 minutes to enter into engaging conversations and spiritual reflection. This year we are delving into some of the "hard" questions about the Bible and our own faith. We have and will explore topics focused around the Bible, Creed, and Discipleship.

Confirmation Class

For 8th – 9th grades at 10 a.m. Begins late Winter. This class is a one-year journey that creatively moves through the catechism of the Episcopal Church towards the rite of confirmation emphasizing what we believe and why—as well as what we do and why. Students are encouraged to question and explore their faith in this safe environment. Confirmation takes place generally around Easter.

Evening Youth Gathering (EYG)

For 6th - 12th grades on Sundays starting at 5:00 p.m. Every Sunday night we gather across Fair Street in the Barnabas Center for food, worship, games, discussion, activities, and good community. We all meet from 5:00-7:00pm. All ages share a common meal and discussion—as well as a common mission across the whole youth group. This year we have begun a program of Youth decided theme nights in which each St. Paul's Youth is given an opportunity to host a portion of EYG on their given Sunday. All of our meals are provided by parents and volunteers. Before and after dinner we gather in our Youth space (complete with couches, an ipod, and a projector screen) to talk, play, create, and pray together. Come see for yourself!

Youth **Other Programs**

Mountain TOP

We had a dozen or so participants for our one week of a working retreat in July helping those in the Grundy County area.

Lock-Ins

Our Lock-in game has been strong this year with the Back-to-school, and Epiphany lock-ins. There's been an overnight for everyone!

Mardi Gras Feast

Each year the youth put on a huge feast for the church on Shrove Tuesday to celebrate and raise money for the year's trips. We raised over 1400 dollars in 2016.

Nightwatch

We gathered alongside 9 different diocesan churches at Christ Church Cathedral for a weekend retreat centering around Advent.

Graduation Sunday

This is a special Sunday, usually on Mother's Day, where our students lead the service in readings, prayers, and even preaching. This past year we had a ton of youth led music and a couple senior preachers.

Ugly Sweater, Dirty Santa, Christmas Party

Towards the end of Advent our students get together for a festive party and ugly sweaters.

Church in the Yard (C.I.T.Y.)

On the fourth Sunday of each month our students participate in putting on a service and meal for a primarily homeless community in Nashville.

Special Nights

In addition to these other events, we have had a myriad of themed nights, such as: Pumpkin carving, Fill-The-Pantry, Game Nights, Craft Nights, Drama nights, and theme nights chosen and designed by the Youth themselves.

Formation for Children **Sundays**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This is Christian Formation throughout the year for children age 3 years-old through Kindergarten—age located in classroom D. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious education program grounded in scriptural and liturgical study using tangible and self-teaching materials. This class may also incorporate lessons from Weaving God's Promises. (Sunday Mornings—10:00 am/Sept-May)

Weaving God's Promises

This is Christian Formation for children in Kindergarten-5th grades. This class teaches how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. Children learn basic knowledge of Church teachings with focus on Holy Scripture, The Church, and Christian Living. Each lesson provides many activities and ways for children to receive solid grounding. There is a class offered for students in Kindergarten-2nd Grade located in classroom B, and a class for students in 3rd-5th grades located in classroom A. (Sunday Mornings—10:00 am/Sept-May)

Children's Chapel

Each Sunday during the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services, we offer an opportunity for children up through the 5th grade to gather in Founders Hall during the sermon for a time of learning and sharing. During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, Children follow Children's Chapel leaders to Founders, and then return to main sanctuary at the Peace.

Nursery Care

The nursery is available on Sunday mornings from 8:30 until 12:15 to care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. On warm days, children who are able to walk may be taken to the courtyard during the 10 o'clock hour for outdoor play.

Formation for Children **Other Programs**

Week of Wonder - WOW

Week of Wonder or WOW is our VBS program. It is a week-long summer program for 4 year olds to rising 4th graders that combines learning and fun for participants and volunteers. We have a closing program and pot-luck dinner to cap off the whole week, and everyone is invited. The themes vary each year, and volunteers are essential to WOW success. Volunteers from rising 5th graders to adults are welcome and needed. Upcoming WOW dates are June 25-28, 2018.

Creative Kids

Creative Kids is a week-long summer program for children.

Children, Youth, & Adults

Lenten Series

This series is held on Wednesday evenings during Lent. The evenings begin in Otey Hall with a family dinner, prepared by volunteers. Following dinner there is a special program for adults, as well as age-appropriate programs designed for children and youth that highlight this evening as well. The dates for 2018 are Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, and 21. Stations of the Cross begins at 5:30 pm in the Church, followed by Dinner at 6:00 pm in Otey Hall, and all Programs are from 6:30-7:30 pm

Special Events

In addition to the individual programs available, children, youth, and adults join together as a parish family to celebrate and enjoy special events such as Rally Day, Parish Cookouts and Bonfires, Animal Blessing, All Saints, Advent Wreath-making, Jesse Tree, Sweets and Treats, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Musical, Epiphany programs, Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday Procession, Easter Egg Hunt, and Parish Picnics.