

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Christian Formation
2019~2020



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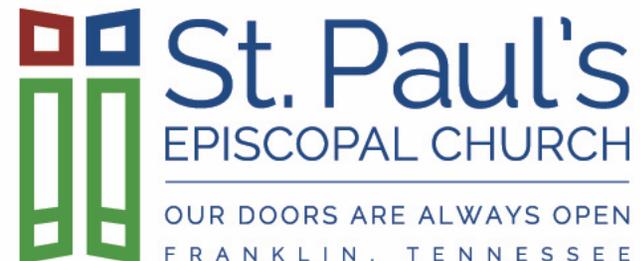
* Denotes no regular morning Christian Formation Classes

2019-2020 Calendar

Christian Formation at St. Paul's

Date	Special Event
Sep 8	Rally Day — 10 am
Sep 15	1st Day of Christian Formation — 10 am
Sep 25 (Wed)	Gathering for Good — 6 pm
Oct 6	Blessing of the Animals — 2 pm
Oct 30 (Wed)	Gathering for Good — 6 pm
Nov 3	All Saints' Sunday: Concert 4 pm
Nov 17	Mountain TOP Sunday
Nov 20 (Wed)	Gathering for Good — 6 pm
Dec 4 (Wed)	Advent Wreath Making — 6 pm
Dec 8	Advent Lessons & Carols — 6 pm
Dec 24 (Tues)	Christmas Pageant — 4:30 pm
Jan 26*	Annual Parish Meeting — 10 am
Jan 29 (Wed)	Gathering for Good — 6 pm
Feb 7-9	Annual Women's Retreat at DuBose
Feb 25 (Tues)	Mardi Gras Feast (aka Pancake Supper)
Feb 26 (Wed)	Ash Wednesday
Mar 1	Taize Service- 6 pm
Mar 4 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 11 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 18 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Mar 25 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Apr 1 (Wed)	Stations/Lenten Supper/Program (5:30-7:30 pm)
Apr 5*	Palm Sunday (Procession — 10 am)
Apr 9	Maundy Thursday
Apr 10	Good Friday
Apr 11	Easter Vigil and Baptisms
Apr 12*	Easter Day (Easter Egg Hunt — 10 am)
Apr 26	Children's Service
Apr 29 (Wed)	Gathering for Good — 6 pm
May 10	Youth Sunday
May 17	Last Day of Christian Formation Classes
May 31	Pentecost
Jun 22-25	Week of Wonder (9 am – Noon)

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. Some of the programming and 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.



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Formation for Adults **Sundays**

Adult Christian Formation:

Classes are offered for adults 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**

And He Began To Teach Them Many Things **The Teachings of Jesus**

Scottish theologian James Stuart said, “The teaching of Jesus has had a power and an effect with which the influence of no other teacher can even for a moment be compared.” Through his sermons, lessons, stories, and parables Jesus, the rabbi, was constantly instructing his followers about the ways of the Kingdom of God. Our class will look at many of these experiences and see what they meant to those who heard them as well as their relevance for us today. This class meets in Antioch.

Facilitated by Rev. Rusty McCown and Jean Larson

Chapters in a Family: Issues from Birth to Death

Every family is different, yet there are some themes in our lives that are similar: raising children, understanding issues impacting our youth, finding a work/family/spiritual balance, taking care of aging parents, and preparing for death. *Chapters in a Family: Issues from Birth to Death* explores several issues that impact adults at different stages of their lives and addresses those issues while inviting participants to explore how God is in the center of it all. We hope participants will listen, engage in small groups, and leave more informed, approaching transformation in mind, body, and spirit. The class meets in Otey Hall.

Contact: Sharmila Patel at sharmila_patel@icloud.com

Richard Rohr's The Universal Christ

The Universal Christ is not just an idea but a reality to live and experience. A study of Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ* will start Sunday September 29th and will continue through the fall. We will reflect on passages from the book, practice Lectio, and share our insights. Please bring a copy of the book to class each week. Members of the study will be asked to read a chapter from the book every 1-2 weeks as homework. This class meets in the Library.

Contact: Susan Nance at susan.nance@comcast.net

Seekers Program – Beginning Winter 2020

Seekers Program is a program for adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church. The 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.

Facilitated by Rev. Rusty McCown

Formation for Adults **Other Programs**

Lectionary Bible Study

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

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

Theology on Thursday

Theology on Thursday 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

The Coffee Club: A Men's Bible Study

The men of the church figured it was about time we discussed the Bible amongst ourselves. So we will gather at 6:45 am each Wednesday morning in the conference room in Barnabas to do just that. This will be a great way to start your day as we talk about Holy Scripture and how it relates to our lives today. We hope to see you and remember, bring a friend!

Facilitated by Rev. Rusty McCown, Will Boggs, Sam Barcus and others

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 Thursday 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

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 at 615-415-7326 or Carlisle@bristoldg.com

Contemplative Prayer:

There are three options for gathering for Contemplative Prayer. One group meets on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm in Damascus, another group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 pm in Barnabas, and another group meets on Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm in Barnabas. These groups gather for Centering Prayer, a contemplative prayer practice, and Lectio Divina, a method of meditating on the scriptures.

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

Tues/Wed - 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 Hall. 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 at 615-604-9635 or gwlwhancock@comcast.net

K-Group

K-Group (Koinonia) means "Community with others, joining in participation." This small group uses the lectionary as a springboard – looking at how it applies to our everyday lives. K-Group meets every Monday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, in homes of volunteer hosts.

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

Education for Ministry (EfM) Alumni Group

St. Paul's EfM Alumni group meets once a month on Sunday afternoons during the program year.

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

Formation for Adults

Programs Requiring Registration/Commitment

Education for Ministry (EfM)

St. Paul's has an active Education for Ministry (EfM) group that meets weekly, from September through May, on Tuesday evenings. We study the bible, church history, and Christian theology in a small group setting. EfM is an adult Christian formation program administered by the University of the South.

Contact: Jean Larson at 847-987-6949 jam.larson@gmail.com or Kelly Pitsenberger at 615-598-6695 pitz@bellsouth.net

DOK

DOK or Daughters of the King is a national order for women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. Daughters are Christian women who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of one another. After an initial 3-month discernment period, Daughters take vows to uphold a 2-fold Rule of Life, which include a Rule of Service and a Rule of Prayer. All Daughters are at different stages of their Christian journey, but no matter where members are on their sacred journeys, the primary goal is always the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. This order gathers on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

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

Knowing God: A Women's Bible Study

Knowing God offers an opportunity for women to gather together to deepen their relationship with God, and discover what the Bible says about God's character and attributes. Throughout the year we will study different themes in the Bible. Our first study beginning Tuesday October 1, is a 10-week study entitled, *God of Creation*, and includes a teaching video, small group guided discussions and personal study materials to prepare you for the group sessions. The class meets on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Barnabas.

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

Formation for Youth / 6th-12th Grade

Sundays

Bibles & Biscuits (Sunday School) 10 am in Barnabas

Every Sunday morning all youth are invited to gather for about 45 minutes to enter into engaging conversations and a time of spiritual reflection. We will share times that we felt close to God during the week and have a brief lectionary-based discussion or activity. Breakfast snacks will be provided.

Confirmation Class

All 8th graders are invited to participate in Confirmation Class beginning in January. This class is a journey to discover what they believe as Christians and Episcopalians and why---as well as what we do and why. They are encouraged to ask questions and explore their faith in this safe environment. Confirmation class typically begins in January.

Evening Youth Gatherings (EYG) 5-7 pm in Barnabas

Every Sunday night we gather in Barnabas for a time of fellowship. We share a meal together (provided by parents and volunteers), play silly games, discuss things that matter to us, and close with worship. Sometimes, we meet off-site for activities such as pool parties, movie nights, etc.!

Youth

Other Programs

Mountain T.O.P.

Every summer we participate in this week long outreach ministry to serve some of the poorest counties in Tennessee.

Lock-Ins & Retreats

These overnight events provide our youth with a time to unplug from their daily worries and grow in community with each other.

Fundraising

Each year the youth put on a huge feast for the church on Shrove Tuesday to celebrate and raise money for Mountain T.O.P. We also do a few car parks behind Barnabas during major festivals in Franklin.

Youth Sunday

This is a special Sunday, usually on Mother's Day, where our young people lead the service in readings, prayers, and even preaching. This day is a reminder that the youth aren't just the future of the church, they are the church NOW!

Youth Minister: A.G. Passey at ag@stpaulsfranklin.com

Formation for Children / Infants-5th Grade **Sundays**

Godly Play

Children will enter into Parables, Sacred Stories, and Liturgical Action to discover the depths of God, ourselves, one another, and the world around them through Godly Play. Preschoolers-1st graders will meet in the Godly Play room at the end of the hall, and 2nd-5th graders will meet in the classroom across from Damascus.

Children's Chapel

Each Sunday during the 8:45 and 11:00 am services, we offer an opportunity for children up through 5th grade to gather in Founder's 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.

Formation for Children **Other Programs**

Week of Wonder (WOW)

Week of Wonder is our summer VBS program. It is a week-long summer program for 3 year olds-rising 4th graders that combines learning, fun, and fellowship for participants and volunteers. The themes vary each year, and volunteers are essential to WOW success. Volunteers from rising 5th grades to adults are welcome and needed. The dates for 2020 are June 22nd - 25th (9 am - 12 noon). We will have a closing program and pot-luck dinner to cap off the whole week on Thursday evening, and everyone is invited!

Children's Minister: Libby Sullivan at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com

Children, Youth, & Adults

Gathering For Good

On the 4th Wednesday night of most months, the whole parish is invited to come together to share in dinner and a planned activity from 6:00-7:30 pm. Food will be provided, so there is no need to bring anything. Whether it is Games, a Scavenger Hunt, a movie, or making Advent Wreaths, it is good to gather as a parish family. The dates for 2019-20 are Sep 25, Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 4, Jan 29, April 29.

Lenten Series

This series is held on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. Stations of the Cross begins at 5:30 pm in the Church, followed by a Simple Supper at 6:00 pm in Otey Hall, and age appropriate Programs from 6:30-7:30 pm. The dates for 2020 are March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1.

Special Events

In addition to the individual programs available, children, youth, and adults join together as a parish family throughout the year to celebrate

and enjoy special events such as Rally Day, Animal Blessing, All Saints, Sweets and Treats, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Pageant, Epiphany Brunch, Mardi Gras Pancake Supper, Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday Procession, Easter Egg Hunt, and Parish Picnics.