

The Epistle

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Happy New Year!



Our mission is to proclaim the news of Jesus Christ and care for all.

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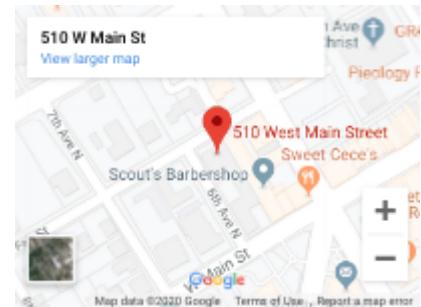
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On the Cover:

Christmas Eve Altar Flowers 2019

Thank you to our Flower Guild for making church so beautiful.



The staff enjoys Christmas Bowling, December 19, 2019.
Bowling Scores will remain confidential.



Christmas Eve Pageant 2019

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Christmas Eve Pageant 2019



The Epistle is published monthly.
To submit events, articles, or
pictures from St. Paul's events,
please send to:
donnastokesrogers@gmail.com
**Deadline for February
newsletter is
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020.**



Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2020

10:00 am in Otey Hall

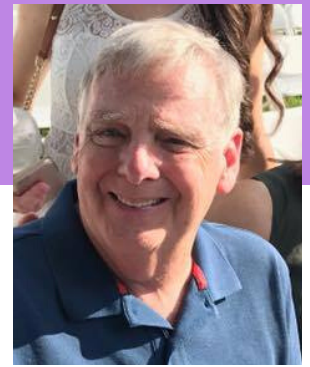
Want to know what our long-range plans are for the church? Want to know where your pledge goes? Want to know who your elected vestry members are and what they do on your behalf? How are we going to spend our money in the coming year?

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 26 in Otey Hall for our Annual Parish Meeting and find the answers to these and all your burning questions. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Our budget for the new year is finalized, reports are given, and our new vestry members are elected. Biographies of our vestry candidates are listed on the next three pages.

Come and participate in the life of the church!



2020 Vestry Nominees



Our 2020 Vestry Nominees for a Three Year Term

Scott Faulkner

My wife Katie and I have been members since 2007. I grew up at Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson Maryland (started in 1839). While at St. Paul's, Katie and I have both completed Faith Leaders and EfM. My spiritual contribution has been primarily through Contemplative Prayer-Lectio Divina on Monday nights. I have served 2 years as an interim Vestry person.

I am a graduate of the Gilman School in Baltimore, Princeton University, and medical school at Johns Hopkins University. I completed both General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery training at Vanderbilt University Hospital in 1977. Following two years with the Navy in Jacksonville Florida (NAS-Jax), I practiced Thoracic Surgery in Montgomery Alabama where Katie and I were married. In 2007, we moved to Franklin with her parents, Helen and Sam Austin. For the next ten years I worked at the Craig Center for Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, retiring for good in October 2017.

Katie and I are members of the very special community that is St. Paul's. Our daughter Sam and her husband Brad are members as well (as well as two granddaughters Emily and Eliot who have been baptized here). We have additionally two daughters, Sarah Loving (granddaughter Ellie and grandson Lee) and Amy Faulkner. We have one son, Austin Wilson (wife Sgt. Yumi Wilson, US Army) We love and support the widely inclusive community that lives "Its Doors Are Always Open" mission. It would be an honor to serve on a Vestry that cherishes it's past as well as welcomes the future for all (current members and those who have yet to be with us).



Natalie Hennes

Rob and I have been attending St. Paul's since we moved to Franklin in 2014, and we became official members in 2017. Between Rob's Catholic upbringing and my Episcopal roots, we quickly found the community and feeling of "home" we were looking for here at St. Paul's. Originally from Ellicott City, Maryland, I moved to Nashville in 2002 after graduating with a BA in English from Davidson College in North Carolina. Rob and I met here in 2003 shortly after he moved from his hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. With two daughters, Samantha (9) and Maggie (6), we stay active at St. Paul's, especially with the Young Family group.

Natalie Hennes, continued from previous page

I am a licensed Personal Trainer, specializing in overall fitness and wellness, but am also certified to work with those suffering from motor disorders (specifically Parkinson's and MS). Always involved in sports, I attended Davidson College on a scholarship to play NCAA Division I soccer for four years. I moved to Nashville after graduation in 2002 to work in Sports and Television Marketing for a few years. After earning a Masters in Education from Belmont University in 2009, I taught English for years and was Head Girls' Soccer Coach at Heritage Middle School in Thompson's Station. I have also served as Head Soccer Coach for the Tennessee Futbol Club (TNFC), Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach at Franklin High School, and most recently an Assistant Coach for the Tennessee Soccer Club (TSC) where both of our daughters play select soccer. When we are not out on the soccer fields, we love to travel, see musicals in the theater, and spend time with family.

However, in 2017, our lives and all activities came to a bit of a halt when I was diagnosed with cancer. One part of our lives that remained constant was St. Paul's. It was the lowest time of my life but also the closest I had ever felt to God. And it was during this time that St. Paul's really shined and took on that role of family for us. We felt an abundance of support, love, and prayer, and today I am cancer-free and would be honored to serve on the Vestry and give back a small part of what we have received from this wonderful church.



Jeannie Jones

I moved to Franklin in 2001 from Huntsville, Alabama when I took a sales position with a Healthcare firm. When Scott and I married in 2005, we were on the search for a church we could raise our growing family. With my Catholic roots and Scott's Methodist background, we were desperately trying to find a faith that we could both feel at home in. We visited St. Paul's and fell in love with the Episcopal Faith and the welcome feeling we received from the people of St. Paul's. We knew this would be the church we wanted to build our family around. I feel truly blessed to be raising our children, Olivia age 13 and Parks age 9, in a church that feels like a second family to all of us. I have always been very involved in the community volunteering in several fundraisers over the years. As many parents of younger children, most of my time is spent being very active in their lives. I am currently on their school's Executive Counsel Board as well as volunteer and chair a number of fund raising events throughout the year.

Looking forward, I would like to start to become even more involved in St. Paul's and focus my attention on our church community. I have been a part of the Alter Guild for the past few years and enjoy serving the church in such an impactful way. If elected to the Vestry, I am excited about the opportunity to further my commitment to St. Paul's. I feel truly blessed to be a member of a church that welcomes all with open and loving arms.



John Paul "JP" Saalwaechter

pronounced [sawl vekter]

My wife, Samantha, and I bought our first home in Franklin in May of 2011. We're originally from Bowling Green, KY. Having both grown up in Baptist Churches, we became members of West Franklin Baptist Church shortly after moving. Despite growing up in Church, I was not baptized until March of 2012. Going into 2015, we desired a better relationship with God than what our religious practice was providing and we started to research other denominations of Christianity. In search of structure and ritual, we learned about the Episcopal Church. We decided to visit St. Paul's one Wednesday evening. Following the Liturgy, we were blessed to have the opportunity to discuss our questions with Fr. Barton and his wife. It was the beginning of Lent, and while slightly overwhelming, the practices of the Church immediately strengthened our relationships with the Trinity. It was exactly what we were in search of. In June of 2017, we were confirmed by Bishop Bauerschmidt. Since then, we have become involved in Altar Guild and I was elected to serve a one-year term on the Vestry in place of Vanessa Bateman. I am a licensed Professional Engineer and serve as the Chief Engineer of the Aeronautics Division for Tennessee's Department of Transportation (TDOT). There, I oversee all technical aspects of airport improvement projects at the public-use general aviation airports across the State. My hobbies include nutrition and fitness, woodworking, and anything outdoors. If reelected to the Vestry, I look forward to serving a full 3-year term for the Church.

Parish Notices

January Birthdays

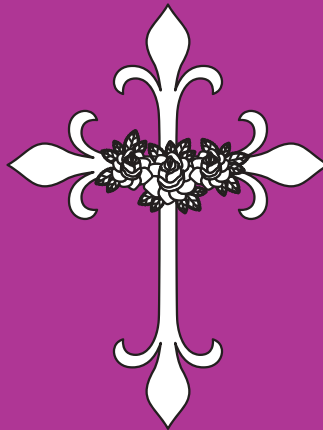
- 1 Mary O'Mara, Duncan Knopf, Kathy Watkins
- 3 Abby Phillips, Brent Hughes
- 4 Ann Van Dervoort
- 5 Ensley McFarland
- 6 Ronald Ligon, Shirley Allen
- 7 Gloria Cox, Lynne McFarland, Vicki Ramsey
- 8 Mitchell Brown, Matt Myers, Lawrence Card
- 9 Jennifer Barton
- 10 Jamie Trahan, JT Sullivan, Bennett Brown, Michael Walters Young
- 11 Duncan Callicott, Kelly Pitsenberger, Lauren Branson, Rob Curwen
- 12 William Keiser
- 13 Iain Macpherson, Don Smith, Henry Bowles
- 14 Brandon Hall, Sophia Hutchens, Bob Davis
- 15 Claire Rogers
- 16 Jeremy Atack, Walter Lampertz, Jacob Angola
- 17 Amanda Havlicek, Blake Taylor
- 18 Christian Robinson, Fount Smothers, Rachel Zegley
- 19 Jackson Mayhall
- 20 Garrison Horne, Alex Farmer
- 21 Nick Johnson, Scott Smith, Audrey Barton, Ashlyn Miniatt, Sandy Dyess
- 22 Beth Lamb, Sadie Garner, Sophie Taylor
- 23 James Dickerson, Alice Finn
- 25 Jackie V Honeycutt, Laura Turner, Jack Hughes, Russ Brown, Shannon Buttrey
- 26 Mindy Boggs, Dylan Rhea
- 27 John Henderson, Janeth McKendrick, Steve Nifong
- 29 Tammey McCormick, Carson Cook
- 30 Val Box, Alexandyr Card
- 31 Julie Fisher, Maddie Rogers, Duncan Hannah

January Anniversaries

- 6 Arlene and Dave Berexa
- 10 Wendy and Bill Heard, Julia and J. Scott Hutchens
- 14 Carolyn and Tav Cooke
- 20 Dee and Bill Rainey
- 27 Angie and Lance Saylor
- 30 Kathryn and Andrew Johnson

Condolences:

- to Catherine Gain and her family on the death of her father, Alfred "Bud" Perry.
- To Elizabeth Morrow and her family on the death of her son, Shannon Fitzgerald.
- to Mary Emilie Acklen on the death of her bother and Emilie Armstrong on the death of her uncle, Nick Acklen.
- to Karen Montefiori and her family on the death of her father, Arthur Robert Buell.
- to Rick Osteen and his family on the death of his mother, Justine Osteen



Keep us in the know!

Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event? Contact Shannon Buttrey in the church office at 615-790-0527 or at shannonestpaulsfranklin.com

We also need everyone's pictures for the online directory. If you have not had yours made, let Shannon know, and we will arrange a time to make one.

EYG News



Advent Lock-In, Dec. 20-21

Upcoming Schedule



AG Passey
Youth Minister
and Communications



Nic Parmer
Youth Intern

Jan 5:

No Biscuits and Bibles.
Potluck breakfast in Otey instead!
No EYG Evening Meeting

Jan 10-12:

EYG Winter Retreat at Dubose
(RSVP to AG by Jan 6)
No Biscuits and Bibles
No EYG Evening Meeting

Jan 19

Biscuits and Bibles, 10:00 am
EYG Meeting , 5-7 pm

Jan 26

Biscuits and Bibles, 10:00 am
EYG Meeting , 5-7 pm

Feb. 9

Confirmation Class begins

Women of St. Paul's (WSP) News

9th Annual heArt and Soul Women's Retreat

This I Promise



Feb 7-9, 2020, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN

All the women who attend St. Paul's are invited to experience a sacred time and space in which to nourish your spirit, soul, and body as a child of God. The weekend includes fun and fellowship, optional enrichment classes on Saturday with supplies included, Morning Prayer, Compline, and Sunday morning Eucharist, optional hiking excursions, fun social hours (BYO drinks), along with plenty of free time (with a Spa Room!) to relax.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and can also be completed online.

Price includes room, meals, participant goodies, and all class supplies.

Early-bird pricing until Jan 1: \$185-230 for 2 nights, 5 meals; \$55 Saturday only, with lunch

Confidential financial assistance is available (contact Monna Mayhall. monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

Questions? Contact: Sarah Webster at webstersje@gmail.com

Women in Theological Study (WITS)

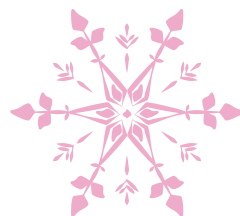
Thursday 9:30-11:00 am in Barnabas.

WITS will meet Jan. 9, 16, and 23.

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790-0527 or at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.



An invitation to all women:



You are invited to

JOIN THE FUN!

January Women's Social
Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

Otey Hall

Business Meeting 5:30-6:00 pm

Social 6:00-8:00 pm

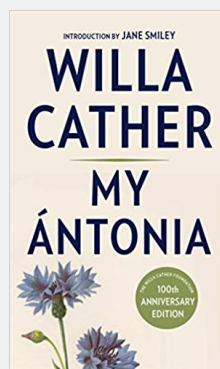
Bring a drink and or snack if you can,
but not necessary.

Child Care will be provided upon request.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit, crochet or sew? The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your help. We are running low on prayer shawls. As a group, we meet once a month on the last Thursday of the month. This month it will be January 30 from 9:30 to 11:00 in Founder's Hall. However, you do not need to meet with the group. All that you need to do is make a shawl and bring it to Monna's office. It can be done any place or any time. There are a few guidelines, so if you are interested, please join us on **January 30** or contact me and I can help you with the details. We can even provide yarn and needles if you need them. There are kits available that include yarn, needles, and instructions in the book nook in Founders Hall for anyone who is interested in offering their time and talent to this ministry. Contact for info: Jane Muir nanadrives@comcast.net 615-566-8465 (call or text)

Bad Girls Book Club



The Bad Girl's Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 28, 2020, and the book for discussion is My Antonia by Willa Cather. Bring a snack to share if you are able.

Parish Events:

Dinner and Church Talent Show!!



Wednesday, January 29, 6:00 Dinner, 6:30-7:30 Talent Show

St. Paul's Has Talent! Come witness the grand event!

Dinner is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 max per family.

Interested in sharing your talent? We have only 15 spots available and one of those could be yours! Sign up here.

Follow link for Talent show sign ups: <https://forms.gle/XutEaiXpUrYXQt3YA>

Follow link for Talent show rsvp: <https://forms.gle/HLozfsW2d82oB3E8>

(We are asking that all acts remain under 4 minutes each.)

Monthly Gathering for Good: Where Church Family comes together!

Social Graces:

Social Graces is organizing an event on January 27, 2020, complete with dinner followed by a concert at the Franklin Theater.

The Gateway Chamber Orchestra will present Gran Partita

6:00 pm: Catered Dinner at Church in Otey Hall

7:00 pm: Theater doors open. 7:30 pm: Concert begins.

The cost is \$30 per person for the evening. To secure your spot, write a check to St. Paul's (please include Social Graces in the memo line) and RSVP to Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Social Graces is a ministry planned for people 55 years and older, but anyone, any age, is welcome to programs and events.

Music Ministry:

Souper Bowl Sunday Returns! 2, 2, 2020

We're baaaaaaaack!

The Music Ministry is preparing soup
for your Super Bowl Sunday Celebrations!

Place your order on the sign-up
list in the Narthex or in Founder's
Hall. You can also send your soup
request to Donna at
donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.
There will be extra available in
LIMITED QUANTITIES on Feb. 2,
but go ahead and order yours
today to ensure your share of
deliciousness.



Your Awesome Choices: All \$15 per container

Tomato-Basil Soup (No guilt, gluten-free, and vegetarian!)

Black Bean Chili (juuuuust spicy enough to make it interesting!)

Greek Chicken and Orzo Soup (cures all your ailments!)

Soups are packaged in 32 oz containers and will be available in
the Otey Kitchen window after 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00 am services
on Feb. 2. If you reserve your soup and it isn't picked up after
11:00 service (unless arrangements have been made), it will be
sold the next lucky duck!

January 1-10, 2020 Calendar:

Wed. Jan. 1

Office Closed

Thur. Jan. 2

Regular office hours resume, 9am-4pm

Fri. Jan. 3

Parents Night Out- Childcare provided

Sun. Jan. 5

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm- Eucharist Services

10:00 am-Epiphany Potluck Breakfast in Otay Hall

12:00 pm- DOK Chapter Meeting

Mon. Jan. 6

8:00 am- Prayer Group in Founder's Hall

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Jan. 7

9:30 am- Women's Bible Study

10:30 am- Lectionary Group

11:30 am- Maker's Table

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

6:00 pm- EfM

Wed. Jan. 8

6:45 am- Men's Coffee Club

12:05 pm- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

4:00 pm- Stephen's Ministry

4:30 pm- Finance Committee Meeting

5:30 pm- Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thur. Jan. 9

9:00 am- Charlie Palmgren's Group

9:30 am- WITS

6:30 pm- Theology on Thursday

Fri-Sun, Jan 10-12

EYG REtreat at Dubose Conference Center

January 12-19, 2020 Calendar:

Sun. Jan. 12

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm- Eucharist Services

10:00 am- Christian Formation

12:15 pm- Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm- EYG

5:00 St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal

Mon. Jan. 13

8:00 am- Prayer Group in Founder's Hall

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Jan. 14

9:30 am- Women's Bible Study

10:30 am- Lectionary Group

11:30 am- Maker's Table

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

6:00 pm- EfM

Wed. Jan. 15

6:45 am- Men's Coffee Club

12:05 pm- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

6:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thur. Jan. 16

9:00 am- Charlie Palmgren's Group

9:30 am- WITS

6:30 pm- Theology on Thursday

Fri. Jan. 17

5:30 pm- WSP Business Meeting

6:00 WSP Social in Otey

Sun. Jan. 19

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm- Eucharist Services

10:00 am- Christian Formation

12:15 pm- Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm- EYG

5:00 St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal

January 20-26, 2020 Calendar:

Mon. Jan. 20- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am- Prayer Group in Founder's Hall

6:30 pm- Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Jan. 21

9:30 am- Women's Bible Study

10:00 am- Historic Committee Meeting

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:30 am- Lectionary Group

11:30 am- Maker's Table

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

6:00 pm- EfM

Wed. Jan. 22

6:45 am- Men's Coffee Club

9:00 am- Stephen's Ministry Meeting

12:05 pm- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer

4:00 am- Stephen's Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thur. Jan. 23

9:00 am- Charlie Palmgren's Group

9:30 am- WITS

6:30 pm- Theology on Thursday

Fri. Jan. 24- Sat. Jan. 25

Diocesan Convention

Sat. Jan. 25

8:00 am CiTY Ministry Cooking in Otey Kitchen

12:00 pm PEO Fundraiser

Sun. Jan. 26

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm- Eucharist Services

10:00 am- Annual Parish Meeting

12:15 pm- Handbell Choir Rehearsal

1:00 pm- Sons of the American Revolution

5:00 pm- EYG

5:00 St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal

January 27-30, 2020 Calendar:

Mon. Jan. 27

8:00 am- Prayer Group in Founder's Hall
10:00 am- Staff Meeting
5:30 pm- Social Graces Dinner and Symphony
6:30 pm- Contemplative Prayer
6:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Tues. Jan. 28

9:30 am- Women's Bible Study
10:30 am- Lectionary Group
11:30 am- Maker's Table
4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer
6:00 pm- EfM
6:30 pm- Bad Girls Book Club Meeting

Wed. Jan. 29

6:45 am- Men's Coffee Club
12:05 pm- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
4:00 pm- Contemplative Prayer
6:00 pm- Gathering for Good Dinner and Talent Show

Thur. Jan. 30

9:00 am- Charlie Palmgren's Group
11:00 am- Spring Street Luncheon
11:00 am- Witty Knitters in Founder's Hall
6:30 pm- Theology on Thursday