

The Epistle

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

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Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing.

Give thanks in all circumstances!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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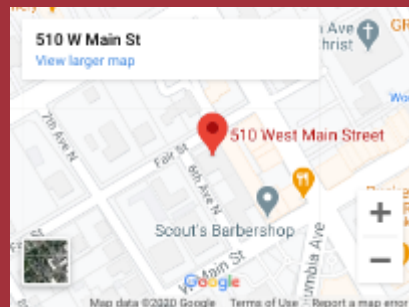
On the Cover:

Service of Remembrance, Aug 26, 2020

Pictured Left to right: Rev.. Rusty McCown,
 Rev. Rick Britton, The Right Rev. John
 Bauerschmidt, and The Rev. Monna Mayhall

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September 2020

Office Hours:

The clergy and staff are working from home and the office. Please call ahead if you need to come by.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY:

A member of the clergy is always on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call is 615-790-0527. You will then be directed to a member of the clergy.



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"You said there would be cake!!!"



Celebrating 193 years! Looking good!

The Epistle is published monthly. To submit events, articles, or pictures from St. Paul's events, please send to:
donnastokesrogers@gmail.com

Do you have news to share? A graduation? A birth? Recognition for something? Please let Donna know. We as a church family would love to celebrate with you.

Deadline for October newsletter is Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays:

8:00 am: In-person Eucharist and reservation required

10:00 am In-person Eucharist, Children's Chapel, and Nursery and reservation required an via Facebook live

6:00 pm: In-person Eucharist and reservation required

Mondays:

9:00 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live

9:00 pm Compline via Facebook Live

Tuesdays:

9:00 pm Compline via Facebook Live

Wednesdays:

9:00 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live

12:00 pm: In-person Eucharist and no reservation required

9:00 pm Compline via Facebook Live

Thursdays:

9:00 pm Compline via Facebook Live

Fridays:

9:00 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live

9:00 pm Compline via Facebook Live

Online sign-ups go live on Tuesdays for Sunday In-person worship and close on Fridays at noon. Please indicate if your child will attend Children's Chapel and if you need nursery. We are limited to having only two families utilizing the nursery and availability is first come, first served.

Please note that wearing a mask is REQUIRED for In-person attendance and that temperatures will be taken in the Narthex when entering.

Please call the church office if you have any questions: (615) 790-0527

Rally Day Town Hall Meeting



Town Hall Meeting Rally Day Sunday, September 13

immediately following
the 10:00 service

In-Person and via Facebook Live



Join us Sunday, September 13, at 11:00 am via Facebook Live for a Church Town Hall Meeting. We will broadcast from the church immediately following the 10:00 service and would love to talk about plans for the months ahead and answer any questions you may have.

You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch a live feed! We will post a link ahead of time that will allow you to join the entire parish for the meeting.

If you would like to send your questions in advance, please email them to Shannon at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com. We will also be answering questions in real-time during the meeting as they are posted.

A Moment to Remember...



St. Paul's Service of Remembrance...

St. Paul's Service of Remembrance finally happened this past Wednesday August 26 at 6:00 pm. The possibility of having a service to honor and remember an enslaved people who were baptized from St. Paul's, any enslaved people who labored to build this church has been weighing on the hearts and minds of people for years. Thank you to everyone who had any part in making it a reality. In case you missed it, Bishop John Bauerschmidt, from our Diocese was here to officiate, and Rev. Rick Britton from St. Anselm's in Nashville was here to preach. There were people in the pews and people watching online. The prayers were powerful, the music was amazing, and the preaching was inspired.

Here are a few prayers from the service:

For this community, that every heart may be kindled with a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish of St. Paul's: We regret our complicity to the institution of slavery. We apologize for the injury done by the institution of slavery and its aftermath. Guide us in openly acknowledging our sinful past. Renew in us the spirit for a Beloved Community that works toward justice for all. Help us to become agents of hope and healing.

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

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For all who labored to build the church of St. Paul's: we especially remember the enslaved people whose names were not recorded. With Christ as the chief cornerstone, we honor and remember all the builders.

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

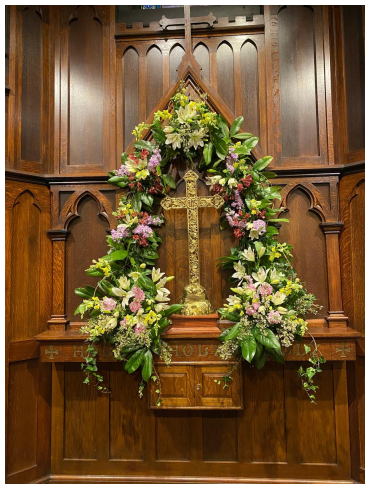
For enslaved people who were baptized from St. Paul's, by water and the Holy Spirit, but never fully acknowledged as members of the Body of Christ. We remember these children of God as their names were recorded:

*Esther, Richard, "a colored woman," Lucinda, Anderson
Turner, Martha, Chloe, Clara, William,
Frank, Josephine, Betty, Hannah, Frances, Isabella, Albert, Milly,
Nicholas, Henrietta, Betsey, Henry, Susanna, Orange, Cecily
Ann, Abram, Milly, Rebecca, Harriet, Patsey, Mary, Julia Ann,
Archer, Susan, Andrew Donelson, Mary Ann, Matilda, Angeline,
Leanner, Louisa, Louisa, Jordan, Susan, Martha, Jacob,
Thomas, Munroe, Mayella, Stephen, George, Jane,
Margaret, Elizabeth, and Sally.*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

While the Service of Remembrance has happened, our work of reconciliation and healing continues. If you missed the service, this is your chance to watch it – you don't want to miss this beautiful service:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/v=306106907127088&extid=IznD2KNaJY6xuqKK>



Almighty God, give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Help Wanted:

St. Paul's has an active online presence with our broadcasted Sunday morning services, Mon-Wed-Fri Morning Prayer, and Sun through Fri Compline/Night Prayers. We need you help to keep these services coming and flowing smoothly.

- First, you can participate as an usher or reader at any of our in-person Sunday services. We desperately need ushers. You can read more about that in a different article in this issue of The Epistle. Contact Shannon if you would like to help.
- You can volunteer to lead Morning Prayer or Compline. It's very easy. You go to the church website where you can find the link to the monthly calendar. Sign up for any available date and then contact AG or Donna for the bulletin. You can record these services anytime 24 hours prior to its release day. Use your smart phone or tablet to make a video and then send it to AG. Donna or AG will be happy to guide you through.
- We need help on Sunday mornings to run video and sound. If you would like to help out at the 10:00 Sunday service, we would happily train you to set up equipment and get ST. Paul's out on the net! Contact Donna for more information. We can train anytime you are available!



For more information, contact these ladies:
Shannon Buttrey: shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com
Donna Stokes-Rogers: donnastokesrogerse@gmail.com

Ushers Needed!!

If you are interested in being an usher for one of our three summer Sunday services (8am, 10am and 6pm), please let us know by contacting the office (shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com). A training class will be offered on what to expect and how to handle each situation.

Holy Eucharistic Visits

While St. Paul's resumed in-person worship in June, we are aware that some people are, for varying reasons, still taking precautions to avoid public places and people. If you are in this category, and if you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please let us know, and we can schedule a time for someone to visit you. The Eucharistic Visitor would wear a mask and gloves, and would offer Holy Communion in one kind only - bread. The Eucharistic Visitor would not come inside your home, but would remain outside your house, whether that be at your front door, back door, porch, patio, or other place outside you choose. If you have questions or would like to schedule a Eucharistic Visit, you can contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. Please note, that we are still unable to schedule visits in nursing care facilities, rehab facilities, or hospitals at this time.

Altar Flower Sign-Ups

If you would like to sign-up to memorialize, honor, celebrate or thank a special person(s) with Altar Flowers, please sign up on the date of your preference by signing up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-altar>. We will also have a list hanging on the Church Bulletin board if you prefer to sign up that way.

Outreach Committee Hard at Work

The Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Church functions to serve nonprofit organizations. Its vision is to share God's Grace with those in need in Williamson County, and its mission is to embrace community services in Williamson County that are dedicated to encouraging and advancing development in all people towards their fullest potential. It is the intent of the committee to assist our church community in sharing God's grace outward into our wider community, participating, donating, and encouraging people and the organizations addressing their needs. We intend to promote existing initiatives in our church and continue the conversation within our church community on what we can do for our neighbors in the fulfillment of our Christian duty.

With financial support from the Women of St. Paul's, the Men of St. Paul's and the church's annual budget, this committee has been able to assist the following groups: Bridges, Nook, Franktown Open Hearts, Hard Bargain Association, Williamson County CASA, GraceWorks, Erika's Safe Place, High Hopes Development Center, Brightstone, and Gentry's Education Foundation. This committee meets the third Tuesday of each month and is always eager to learn from church members about groups in Williamson County that can use this church's extra hand up. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about organizations, please contact Monna Mayhall monnaestpaulsfranklin.com or any other members on the committee: Will Boggs, Nancy Black, Jim Miller, Judy Stockton, Tony Springman, or Sheila Morreale.

Online Giving

We have three easy ways to continue to give during this unusual time:

1. Online giving
2. Realm Connect mobile app
3. Mail in your gift.

To give online or through the mobile app you need to have an active Realm account, which this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lRrRuJldlY>) will walk you through exactly how to give online. If you have never logged in or been given an account, please send Kristy or Shannon an email to have them send you an invitation.

Kristy@stpaulsfranklin.com or Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

The Women of St. Paul's (WSP)

WSP HeArt and Soul Retreat Information

With concern for the health and safety of those who would attend, the Women of St. Paul's Retreat normally held every year in February at DuBose has been canceled for 2021. We look forward to celebrating together at our 10th annual retreat in February 2022!

WSP COMMUNICATIONS

The Women of St. Paul Board has been meeting recently, and we have LOTS of news! We will send a newsletter with more details within the next week and plan to send newsletters every 4-6 weeks going forward. PLEASE complete this quick **form** (it's just your name and email) to opt into our WSP list in Constant Contact, so that we can send you our newsletter, as well as quick reminders about events (like the weekly Zoom socials). We will keep posting in FaceBook, as well as have quick announcements in the monthly Epistle and News From the Pews, but WSP emails will have more details, and you'll be easily able to find information on specific events and topics.

WSP BAZAAR

By now we all know that 2020 is one giant plot twist after another. The WSP are well known for amazing fundraising events that provide substantial financial support to both our in-reach and out-reach programs. Sadly, this year we cannot safely have any of our traditional fundraising events the way we have in the past, including our famous Labor Day Bazaar. We know many of you have been cleaning out closets and attics. Would you consider selling any items you would normally have donated to the WSP Bazaar, and donating that money to WSP? Our newsletter will have resources you could use to help your selling efforts. Thank you in advance!

WSP WEEKLY ZOOM SOCIALS CONTINUE

Every Friday for the foreseeable future, we have TWO Zoom socials: 4:30 and 7:30. Everyone is invited! Hope to see you there!
Contact Julia High or Shannon Buttrey for a zoom link.

Parish Happenings

WITS (Women in Theological Study)

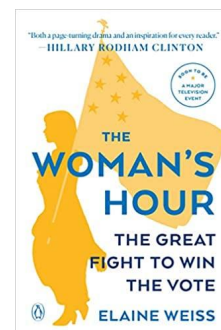
WITS continues to meet via Zoom every Thursday from 9:30-11:00 am. The discussion is lively and the subject changes each week. All women are invited to participate. If you wish to join us and are not already receiving our emails, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Kairos

Kairos is a writing group that meets weekly via Zoom at 10:00 am. Writing prompts are sent to everyone in advance and you are encouraged to write your own brief story based on the prompt. On Fridays the group shares their stories and ideas. It is a fun and supportive group and anyone is welcomed to join. Contact is Peggy Macpherson: pmacpherson@comcast.net

Bad Girls Book Club

The BGBC will gather on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm via Zoom for a lively discussion of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine Weiss. Please contact [Shannon](#) for a Zoom invite.



EYG (Episcopal Youth Group)

The EYG will meet in-person (masked, outdoors, and socially distant!) on Sunday, September 20 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. The first youth gathering of the fall will include dinner, games, and getting-to-know sessions. The evening will be led by Nic Parmer. For more information about the evening or about EYG, please contact Father Rusty at rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com.

We look forward to getting back together!!!



Parish Notices

September Birthdays



- 1 John Brake
- 2 Julie O'Donnell, Caroline Merritt, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathon Webster
- 4 Martha Holland, Marian Palmgren
- 5 Carly Williams, Rita Warner, Weezie Green
- 6 Jackson Turner, Becky Farmer, Peggy Macpherson, Sarah Paris, Bev James
- 7 Phyllis Gray, April Ashburn, Jenna Garner, Victor Elkins, Susan Brand
- 8 Jerry Larson
- 9 Bari Horton, Woody Woodruff
- 10 D'Anna Agnetta, Christina McCormick, Lucy McCullough, Curtis Finn
- 11 Jack Henry, Bailey Phillips, Jessie Merritt
- 12 Rob Miller, Rachel Robinson, Max Jordan, Karen Austin
- 13 Matt Painter, Amanda Walker
- 14 Byron Stanley, Weslea Miniatt, Audrey Hall, Daniel Robicheaux
- 15 Mandy Nickerson
- 16 Nicole DePeri, Vicki Carlisle
- 18 Allison Richter, Piper Medlin, Cyndy Howes, Luke Bucciarelli
- 19 Phyllis Thompson, Chloe Hannah, Elaine Williams
- 20 Claire Sheller, Cindy Thomsen, Chandler Miniatt
- 21 Becky Facer, Lori McDonald
- 22 Hannah Miniatt, Wallace Lilly
- 23 Kim Helper, Will Paris, Brad Williams
- 24 Megan Goss, Chris Knopf, Emily Trahan, Andrew Johnson, Richard Pullen
- 25 Julie Wilmering, Ansley Addison, Sally Branson
- 26 Gerald Hancock, Laurie Parker, Will Boggs
- 27 Bo Butler, Jackson Rhem
- 28 Henry Ingram, Elizabeth Power, Becky King, Charlie Palmgren
- 29 Carson Beck, Wallace Beauchamp
- 30 Tommy Harvanek, Rick Jackson

September Anniversaries

- 1 Kristin and Tim Chew
- 5 Bario and Kirby Horton
- 6 Sharon and Robert Collins
- 7 Janet and Bill Keith
- 9 Sarah and David Ingram
- 18 Michelle and Brent Blackwelder
- 22 Marida and Tom Stearns
- 23 Pam and Rick Leet
- 24 Peggy and Walt Goss, Ginna and Carl Campbell
- 25 Laura and Rusty McCown
- 26 Dean Bose and Liz Callicott



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.

- to Fran and Rick Osteen on the birth of their granddaughter, Nora Ann Osteen.
- to Barb and David Roth on the birth of their grandson, Levi Samuel Preston.

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.
Before you were born, I set you apart.
--Jeremiah 1:5*

Condolences:

- To Bobby Pitts upon the death and his wife, Florence.
- to Randy and Gloria Cox upon the death of his grandson, Hunter.
- To Karen Sullivan and Brandon Sullivan upon the death of her brother and his uncle, Ben Hamby.

*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
--Psalm 73:26*

Parish Prayer List:

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Denny Wilkening, Alex Wilkerson, Lloyd Griffin, James Dickerson, Ellen More, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Natalie Hennes, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Colleen Talbot, Frankie Dorsey, Glenn Trahan, Inez Rice, Sarah Lauricella, Ashley Holt, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Fount and Dee Smothers, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Phyllis Thompson, Ken Stansberry, Dorcas Mansell, Chip Talbot, Charles Sidberry, Ed and Lucetta, Michael, Kaleb, Martha, Alan, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Nolen, Noah, Delores, Joanne, Dylan, Norman, Joe, Ernie, Libby, Ferris, Sue, Jackie and Wayne, Gary, Susan, Mike, Greg, Ray, Lorraine, John Michael, Bill, Barry, Claire, Reid, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, Ed, David, Molly, Richard, Lauren, Claudia, Craig, John, Margaret, Nancy, Ruby, Kirby, Gloria, Linda, Susan, James, Doris, Anne Marie, Cathy, Lorinda, Marian, Sidney, Sandy, Ethan, Rebecca, Sahiba, Diane, Bridgette, Alice, Malinda, Mimi, Don, Molly, Wendy, Gray, Mary, Cindy, Todd, The Hearth, Norma, Ruth, Douglas, Jane, Helen, Jan, Sandra, Dick, Sean, Ed, Billy, Lance, and Phillip.

Help Record St. Paul's History



To the good people of St. Paul's parish, Franklin:

The Historic Committee of St. Paul's would like to extend an invitation to the communicants of our church. These are unprecedented times; moreover, these are historic times. It is important that this epoch is recorded on every level, including that of our own church family. Please begin a journal regarding your experiences of late. Include your daily activities, news, as well as your thoughts and feelings about these never-before-seen events. There are no rules: you can be as verbose or as filtered as you wish. You can express it in poetry, with humor, whatever you prefer. The idea is to capture what you are doing and how you are reacting and especially on a spiritual level. This will allow you to express yourself, keep yourself from getting bored, and, best of all, it will record this moment for future generations who will likely find this all very interesting—just as the interest of the history of the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918 has been rekindled now—100 years later.

When this pandemic has become a thing of the past, and it will indeed end, please donate a copy of your journal to the St Paul's Archives for the purpose of documenting and archiving the details of the Covid-19 virus and how it affected our parish. Each individual story will help make one great collective history about how this newly emergent virus and its global spread has impacted the members of our church. You can even make this a family project and include your children's stories if you like. Imagine decades from now when they have children and grandchildren of their own and have a written record to recall what would otherwise be long forgotten. We are literally experiencing history in the making. Therefore, this committee looks forward to seeing the variety of ways it has impacted us all. Until then, stay safe and have a blessed Easter season!

When it comes to writing your journal entries, consider the following questions:

- How has your daily routine changed as a result of the pandemic?
- Did you have to stay home to care for your children? Did your place of business close?
- Were you able to work from home? Did you still get paid during this time?
- Did social distancing change your shopping habits – the frequency or what you bought?
- How did you explain this to your children? Did anyone you know get sick?
- Did you have to convince your parents or another family member to isolate?
- How did you cope with the potential of getting the virus?
- How are you altering your habits, work life, and living arrangements to cope with the larger pandemic and our local shelter-in-place order?

You can also describe your thoughts on the pandemic, including how you feel about it, and your observations of what's happening in society around us. If you've got children at home, you can encourage them to document their thoughts and experiences as well or even create a shared family journal, as children are chronically underrepresented in the historical record.

September Zoom Calendar

Links for Online Services:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfranklintn>

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfvjvqSzyeC_SFS4PDWPluQ

Contacts for Zoom Meeting Invites:

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Zoom Group Meetings

Sundays:

- 11:25 AM Richard Rohr

Mondays:

- 8:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer (Gerald Hancock)
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 4:00 PM Beloved Community (Monna)
- 6:00 PM K-Group (Gerald) (Every 2nd and 4th Monday)

Tuesdays:

- 10:20 AM Lectionary Class
- 11:30 AM Makers Table (Jennifer Alvey)

Wednesdays:

- 6:45 AM Coffee Club
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Choir

Thursdays:

- 9:30 AM WITS (Women in Theological Study) (Monna)
- 4:00-5:30 PM Meditation and Reflection

Fridays:

- 10:00 AM Kairos, A Writing Group (Peggy Macpherson)
- 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM WSP Happy Hours (Julia High)

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact the class's facilitator or Shannon (shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com) to receive the links to join. If your group would like to begin meeting via St. Paul's Zoom account, please contact Shannon.