

The Epistle

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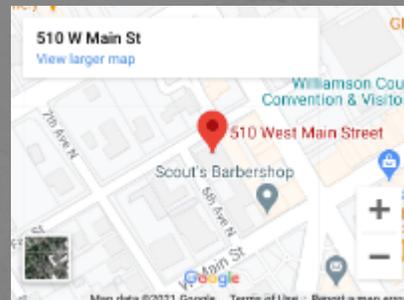
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January 2021 Office Hours:

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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High Church Humor:



Sadly one week after Christmas, and there are still people in line to meet the Savior of the World.



The Epistle is published on the first day of each month. 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 February newsletter is Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, Jan 31, 2021

On Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 11:00, St Paul's will have its Annual Parish Meeting. This year we will gather virtually for one hour following the 10:00 Facebook Live broadcast from the church. This meeting is crucial to the life of our parish, when we finalize our budget and vote for our new Vestry members. Please join us for this important meeting. And thanks be to God, this year you can attend in your pajamas!

Meet your Vestry Nominees:

George Bishop

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and have attended St. Paul's for the past 25 years. After spending my teenage years in Knoxville, I attended the University of the South in Sewanee where I majored in English. I then studied in England attending St. Stephen's House seminary and the University of Oxford where I earned an M.A. in Theology. My next stop was law school at the University of Tennessee. I have practiced law in Nashville with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis for 45 years.

Over the years I have been involved in numerous community activities, having served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee and the President of the DuBose Conference Center. I am a long time member of Nashville's Downtown Rotary Club and have also served on the boards of the Nashville chapters of the American Lung Association and Habitat for Humanity.

At St. Paul's I have served as a chalice bearer and lay reader for many years. I am a graduate of the EfM program and currently serve as a Stephen Minister. Other activities include being an adult participant in the Mountain TOP program and teaching a class in comparative religion to high school students. More recently, I have been a member of the stewardship team.

It would be an honor to serve our parish as a member of the vestry. St. Paul's is a dynamic church in the heart of a growing community. I feel like we have been on a very good path over the past few years. My hope would be to help St. Paul's continue on that path. In particular, my interests would be in encouraging increasing our outreach activities and maintaining our financial stability.



Jean Larson

My husband Bob and I joined the Episcopal Church in 1980 and no matter where we've lived since then (we've moved nine times), we have been active members of a local church. We first visited St. Paul's five years ago at Christmas and transferred our membership to the parish shortly afterwards.

I have volunteered in many capacities at different parishes but my major focuses have been Christian formation, pastoral care, and food ministries. At St. Paul's I mentor the Education for Ministry (EfM) group, teach adult Sunday School from time to time, and serve as a Stephen Minister. I attend W.I.T.S. and a couple years ago I chaperoned at Mountain T.O.P. I enjoy parish gatherings such as the Advent wreath workshop, Shrove Tuesday Pancake suppers, and the Lenten Wednesday night programs. In the diocese I participate in the Beloved Community and serve as the EfM diocesan coordinator.

I am a retired librarian who continues to enjoy reading, book groups, and structured educational programs. Previously I served on the vestry at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, IL. My family - which includes not only Bob but children, grandchildren, and siblings - is the great joy of my life. St. Paul's is an amazing parish and it would be an honor to serve on its vestry.



Matthew Muenzen

My wife Lesley and I love St. Paul's because of the community participation within the parish and the emotional support and care for the congregation by other church members and the church staff. We have attended St. Paul's since we moved to Franklin from Nashville in 2013. We have two daughters, Maggie, who is 11 years old, and Leah, who is almost 2 years old. Leah was baptized at St. Paul's last year. When we first moved to Nashville in 2008, we went to Christ Church Cathedral, where Lesley was confirmed as an Episcopalian and Maggie was baptized. I was baptized in the Catholic Church but raised and confirmed in the Episcopal Church in New Jersey.

I am a lawyer and work for myself at Muenzen Law, PLLC. I practice child welfare law and juvenile law throughout Middle Tennessee, but primarily in Williamson County. I spent almost a decade as a lawyer for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and was formerly a police officer in New Jersey. I am the President of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association. I am also a pro bono attorney for the Davis House Child Advocacy Center in Franklin and Williamson County CASA in Franklin.

I have been a lay reader for the last few years, and I have also previously assisted with the Men of St. Paul's Barbecue. I also presented to the Christian Responsibility class last year on child abuse and neglect. I have never served on a Vestry before but feel honored and privileged to participate in this role within the church. I am excited to use my community and legal experience to help serve the parish.



Samuel "Sam" Yeager

My wife Angie and I moved to Franklin in 2017, although I have been working in Nashville/ Franklin since 1999. We have three grown children; Robert 39, Cassie Wood 35 and Chester 31. We also have 4 granddaughters ages 1 month to 12 years. We joined Saint Paul's in 2017 because , although not being raised as Episcopalian, we were members of Church of the Nativity in Huntsville where Rusty served as associate Rector for many years. We concluded that if the Church wanted Rusty as a Rector it must be a great place. I am also a business partner of Charles Carlisle, a former Senior Warden, and had learned a great deal about St Paul's from him. We also live in downtown Franklin and being able to walk to church was a big plus.



I am a graduate of Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and early on in my career was a CPA with a large accounting firm, Arthur Andersen. I soon moved over into small entrepreneurial business ownership and continue today as one of the founders and principals of Bristol Development Group in Franklin, where we develop multifamily rental communities throughout the Southeast.

Angie and I enjoy the relatively informal nature of St. Paul's and the fact that it is growing and the leadership includes a lot of newcomers just like us. I have enjoyed the Coffee Club Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, and Angie enjoys creating floral arrangements for the Sunday Services on occasion. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the Vestry from my many years of working with people in business as well as several churches in my adult life. I mainly look forward to supporting the current leadership and helping them grow and mature St. Paul according to their vision. My hobbies include being an avid golfer, travel with Angie and friends, and relaxing with my family and frequent guests at our lakehouse on Tims Ford Lake.



Weekly Worship Services

Sundays:

- 8:00 am: **Eucharist** Service In-person with reservation required
- 10:00 am: **Eucharist** Service In-person with reservation required
Nursery provided with reservation required
Service broadcast live via Facebook Live
- 10:00 am: **Godly Play for Children**, In-person with reservation required
(In-person temporarily suspended) but continuing via Facebook live
- 11:05 am **Richard Rohr Adult Formation Class** via Zoom
- 6:00 pm: **Eucharist** Service In-person with reservation required
- 9:00 pm: **Compline** via Facebook Live

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: **Eucharist** In-person Service and no reservation required
- 9:00 pm: **Compline** via Facebook Live

Thursdays:

- 9:00 pm: **Compline** via Facebook Live

Fridays:

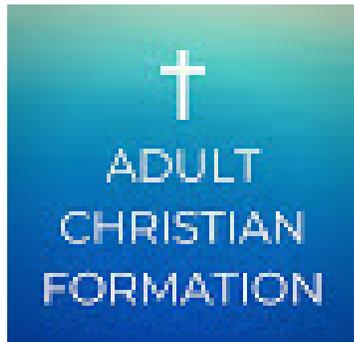
- 9:00 am: **Morning Prayer** via Facebook Live
- 9:00 pm: **Compline** via Facebook Live

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 Godly Play and if you need nursery. We are limited to having only two families utilizing the nursery and availability is first come, first served. All reservations can be made from the church [website](#).

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

Christian Formation



**St. Paul's 11:00 pm
Adult Christian Formation
will resume during Lent.
Be watching for details.**

Richard Rohr Study, led via Zoom by Susan Nance at 11:05 am each Sunday, will start 2021 by considering topics of change through the lens of Order, Disorder, and Re-Order - "The Wisdom Pattern" by Richard Rohr. No external preparation is required. We will reflect on the order of our lives - personal routines and patterns, cultural ways of life such as transportation and air conditioning; and institutions such as the church and government. How have those orders been disordered? How can they be re-ordered? What is our role in dis-ordering and re-ordering?

**Hooray for Godly Play!
Sundays at 10:00 am**



Christian Formation for children is resuming via Facebook live at 10 am until further notice. Instead of our traditional Christian Formation hour between services, we will be holding Godly Play by airing the lesson live on our Children and Families Facebook page. If you have any questions or want to be added to their Facebook page, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.



EYG meets Sundays from 4:00-5:30 pm!
Note the time change!

EYG January Calendar:

EYG will resume in-person gatherings on January 17th with meetings from 4:00-5:30pm this semester, as we will not be eating dinner as a group for the foreseeable future. This week (January 10th) EYG will meet via Zoom to discuss plans for this semester. We will execute our Outreach Project (previously planned for December) on the 17th, packing bags with winter and COVID-19 essentials.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Breakfast Casserole Take-Away

Be watching for details on how to order. This youth fundraiser will replace the Pancake Supper Celebration.

For more information
about the Youth Ministry
at St. Paul's, contact
Nic Parmer at
nic@stpaulsfranklin.com



Parish Happenings



Church Talent Show

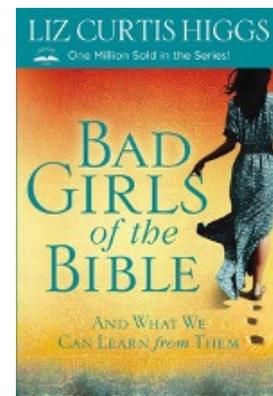
This year's showcase of parishioner-supplied, epic display of talents (and the staff's attempts at adequacy) will go live on Wednesday, Feb 3. We are asking you to record your talents using whatever you have (phones or ipads) and send the videos to donnastokesrogers@gmail.com before Friday, Jan. 29. **Pandemics can't keep us down! The show will go on!**

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

WITS (Women in Theological Study)

WITS resumes on Thursday January 7 for gathering together "virtually," catching up, and watching a video, followed by discussion. Beginning on Thursday January 14, we will start a new study series based on the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. Studying biblical role models is a good thing, but studying how NOT to behave is also a good thing.



"Can those Bad Girls from the past teach us how to be Good Girls in the present? Whether those girls were bad to the bone, bad for the moment, or bad for a season but not forever, these [bad girl] sisters show us how not to handle the challenges of life." Get ready for some lessons in good living from the Bible's bad news belles! We meet via Zoom on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am. If you want to join us, but are not already receiving weekly emails, please contact Monna Mayhall at monnaestpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Bad Girls Book Club

BGBC will meet January 26 and read Elin Hilderbrand's *Trouble in Paradise*.



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WSP (Women of St. Paul's)

COMMUNICATIONS: Want to stay in the loop? Would you like a copy of the Comfort & Joy cookbook? Complete this quick [form](#) to opt into our WSP list in Constant Contact, so that we can send you periodic newsletters and quick reminders about events (like the weekly Zoom socials). You only need to complete the form once! We will keep posting in Facebook and 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. THANK YOU!

WEEKLY ZOOM SOCIALS ARE RESUMING NEXT FRIDAY, JAN. 8! Every Friday for the foreseeable future, we have TWO Zoom socials: 4:30 and 7:30. Everyone is invited! Hope to see you there! The link is the same every week: Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97571704966> and email Julia for the passcode (or sign up for the WSP emails and it will be sent to you every week).



MOSP (Men of St. Paul's)

Happy New Year everyone from the Men of St. Paul's (MoSP)! 2020 was certainly a year to forget but in many ways life continued on as normal for the MoSP. We met in the spring and decided that we would go ahead with our annual BBQ in July. It was different in that it was carry out only but it was still very successful thanks to all of you. We also continued to cook for CITY and Jefferson Street once a quarter but most all of the other events that we cook for were cancelled. Unfortunately, in late summer our trailer was stolen from the front of Barnabas. Fortunately insurance covered most of the replacement cost another trailer was purchased in addition to grills, coolers, etc. The Franklin Police told us that the number one deterrent to trailer theft is a wrap so after we brought the trailer back to Franklin we took it to a company that does that and a week later we had a beautifully wrapped trailer. Fred Warner came up with the design of the wrap. With any luck we will be using this trailer for years to come.

Our cooks continued in October and November for City and Jefferson Street - masked and gloved of course. In December we engaged with Mark Robbins from the Franklin Chop House to provide 150 meals for the children and staff of Franktown for their Christmas celebration. Franktown is a great organization that provides services for the under privileged here in Williamson County. We also support various causes financially. Most notable in 2020 were Dismas House and St. Paul's very own Outreach Committee. We look forward to returning to normalcy in 2021 and hope that the various events that we cooked for such as Saddle Up and High Hopes have resumed normal operations and we can help them out as well. We also look forward to another hot July BBQ to serving all of you!

Please stay safe as we begin the year and in the words of Memphis pit master Malcolm Reed - **"let's get to cookin!"**



Stephen Ministry

Our current environment has brought emotional changes to all of us. Our lives have been changed by COVID-19, and it may be a while before we return to anything close to what we were used to before the pandemic. Stephen Ministry does not have the visibility and access to the community and Church family because of the current situation, which makes it more difficult to identify people who need someone to listen to their concerns and help them through their crisis. Parishioners in general, have not been as active outside their own immediate family or work environment as perhaps they were, which makes it more difficult for them to know about people who need a Stephen Minister. Yet there are people who are struggling through the isolation and the new “normal”. **Stephen Ministry is alive and active at St. Paul’s.** We are constantly trying to reach out to individuals who might feel lonely, frustrated or depressed do to the isolation this pandemic has created. We are available to meet by Zoom, Facetime, email, messages, and cards until the guidelines allow us to meet in person.

If you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you know of someone who could, please let us know. We can always be reached through a confidential email – sm@stpaulsfranklin.com. Monna Mayhall or the Stephen Ministry Leader, Fred Warner, can be reached through St. Paul’s Episcopal Church office at 615-790-0527. Thank you in advance for reaching out to us.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Fred Warner

Stephen Ministry Leader

Reaching Out in 2020

One of St. Paul's traditions has been providing holiday food bags for Spring Street Seniors. This year we opted for gift cards rather than food bags. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to collect and deliver \$50 worth of Kroger gift cards to all 45 families.

Another holiday outreach tradition has been providing gift cards for Waves, a non-profit organization in Williamson County whose mission is empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to progress toward their full potential. St. Paul's was given 60 Angel ornaments, each representing a gift card. Thanks again to your contributions, we collected all 60 gift cards to donate back to Waves.

In the continuing commitment to increase St. Paul's footprint in the community, the Outreach Committee of St. Paul's was able to distribute all of the Local Outreach budget funds in 2020 to help the following non-profits in Williamson County:

BrightStone
Erika's Safe Place
Gentry's Educational Foundation
FrankTown Open Hearts
GraceWorks Ministries
Williamson County CASA
Bridges Domestic Violence Center

Hard Bargain
Franklin Community Center
Williamson County Homeless Alliance
High Hopes Development Center
Boys & Girls Club of Williamson County
NOOK (Needs of Our Kids)
St. Paul's Clergy Discretionary

We are grateful to the Men of St. Paul's and the Women of St. Paul's for the contributions they made to help with these efforts to care for those in need. If you know of any non-profits in Williamson County that you would like for us to know about for 2021, please contact one of us.

Thank you.

The Outreach Committee -

Judy Stockton (chair)

Sheila Morreale (vestry liaison)

Will Boggs

Jim Miller

Nancy Black

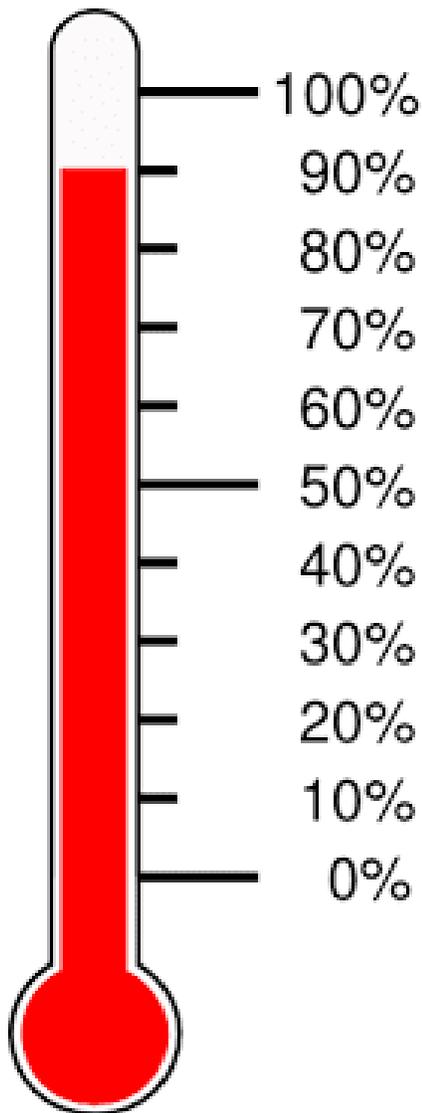
Tony Springman

Monna Mayhall



Stewardship Update 2021

Updates on St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign 2021



Another \$8,000 was pledged this week for 2021! This year's goals include increasing our Outreach programs to 10% of our budget, among others. The hurt of the world has never been more visible and our community needs us more than ever. We are so close and if you want to pledge and haven't had the time just yet, please press the button below to pledge. Every dollar counts.

Congratulations to all of us at St. Paul's! We have now reached over 93% of our pledging goal of \$900,000 (\$841,033) as of today! Thank you to all who were able to turn their pledges in so that our Finance Committee can begin planning our 2021 budget in January! We are so grateful for the generous and gracious offerings.

If we can get to 100% of our pledge goal, which we are right on track of reaching, we will be able to meet our outreach goals and help our community even more than we have done in past years. We are grateful for our parishioners, who not only commit to us financially, but serve in such various and beautiful ways. Still haven't had time to pledge? Click the links below in one easy step.

Pledge [Here](#) with 1 Easy Step

Need some help? Watch this video titled ["How to Pledge"](#) by parishioner, Julie Reinhardt.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions about pledging at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.



If you are interested in being an usher for one of our three 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 this summer, 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](#). We will also have a list hanging on the Church Bulletin board if you prefer to sign up that way.

Food Pantry Needs:



St. Paul's Food Pantry Update!

Thank you to everyone from St. Paul's who has continued to help us fill our food pantry! There are lots of people in need and our community appreciates you. In addition to people who come to St. Paul's for food, we have developed a relationship with our neighbors at the Natchez Community Center and our parishioners, Debbie and Larry Whitlock, have been helping unpack, organize and, now deliver bags of food for those who need it on a weekly basis. Since they have been going above and beyond by delivering food to the community center, we need more donated food than ever! This month's needs consist of:

- Recyclable Bags
- Jelly
- Dried Beans
- Baking mixes
- Dry Milk (individual)
- Bouillon cubes
- Boxed cereal
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Peanut Butter
- Dried Pastas
- Dried Rice
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Vegetable Oil
- Individually Wrapped Cereal or Granola Bars
- Individual Fruit Cups
- Cheese or PB Crackers
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers (all sizes, esp Size 1 and 2)
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Canned Soups (With pop-top lids!)
- Saltine Crackers
- Juice Boxes

Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box).



Parish Notices

January Birthdays

- 1 Mary O'Mara, Duncan Knopf, Kathy Watkins
- 3 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, 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, Marietta Todd, 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 Tammy McCormick, Carson Cook
- 30 Becky Grimes, 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
- 21 Katie and David Dees
- 27 Angie and Lance Saylor
- 30 Kathryn and Andrew Johnson
- 31 Patti and John Wilkison



Congratulations:

- to Jackson Mayhall on his graduation from Middle Tennessee State University
- to Kevin Barcus on his graduation from the University of Tennessee

We are proud of you, gentlemen!

Condolences:

- to Fran Osteen and her family on the death of her father, Oren Williams
- to Chloe Hannah and her family on the death of her father, Howell Peebles
- to the family of the late John Mather
- to the family of the late Hal Jamison
- to the family of the late Frankie Dorsey

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Our prayers are with their loved ones.

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 shannon@stpaulsfranklin.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.

From your Historic Committee:



Historic Committee Items for Sale

Looking to get a head start on your Christmas shopping? The Historic Committee is offering our popular t-shirts and Christmas ornaments for sale, and we just reordered more candles, too! Please email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com to arrange pick-up of your items.

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. In these 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 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.



January 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:

- 11:05 AM Richard Rohr (Susan Nance)

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 6:45 AM Coffee Club
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting

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.