



September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*- Paulus Gerhard/David Hurd

Processional Hymn: *The Spacious Firmament on High*

H-409, vs 1 and 3

*The spacious firmament on high, with all the ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display;
And publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.*

*What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice;
Forever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BCP, p. 355

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Gloria (*Spoken at 7:30 am and 6 pm, sung at 8:45 & 11 am – S-277*)

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson:**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8 (*Spoken responsively, sung only at 11:00 am by Adult Choir*)**BCP, p. 759**

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.**

The Second Lesson:**James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: Take Up Your Cross

H-675, vs 1, 4, and 5

*Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciples be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

*Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

(At the 10:00 am service, during the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:27-38

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory: *Look at the World*—John Rutter (b. 1945)

Presentation Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Sung at 8:45/11am)

H-376, vs 1

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Spoken at 7:30am & 6 pm, *sung at 8:45 & 11 am: S-124*)

BCP, p. 362

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (*Hosanna in the highest.)*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

BCP, p.

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(Spoken at 7:30am and 6 pm, sung at 8:45 & 11 am: Hymnal, S-152)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.

Music During Communion

8:45 am: *Will You Come and Follow Me?*—John L. Hooker

11:00 am: *Teach Me, My God and King*—Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

H-523, vs 1 and 4

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;

On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!

Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:

And as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

Dismissal:

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45 am: *Lead Me to Calvary*- Hussey/Kirkpatrick

11:00 am: *Praeludium in C major*- J.S. Bach

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Adam Dawkins, *Seminarian*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tatiana Trailov, given by Mickey and Susan Trailov, and family.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Rob Miller, Rachel Robinson, Max Jordan, Karen Austin **Monday:** Matt Painter, Amanda Walker **Tuesday:** Weslea Miniatt, Audrey Hall, Daniel Robicheaux **Wednesday:** Mandy Nickerson **Thursday:** Nicole De Peri, Vicki Carlisle **Saturday:** Allison Richter, Piper Medlin, Cyndy Howes, Luke Bucciarelli

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday: Brent and Michelle Blackwelder

PARTICIPANTS:

	7:30 am	8:45 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
Usher:		Chris Oberholtzer	Chris O.	Tom Stearns
Usher:	Jim Lambert		*	
1 st Reader:	Margaret Brown	Adam Dawkins	Chris O.	Steve Nifong
2 nd Reader:	*	Matthew Muenzen	Adam Dawkins	*
Prayers:	*	Matthew Muenzen	Adam Dawkins	*
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Jeannie Jones	Carolyn Seabrooks	Marida Stearns
Altar Guild:		Scott Jones	Phyllis Thompson *	
Musicians:	*	Derek Pell, violin		Don Dicie, organ
		Kent Burnside, guitar		

St Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Phyllis Gray, Fanny Haynes, Ashley Swann, Rachel Robinson and Fletcher, Eduard, Christian, Mary Virginia, Sarah Katherine, Henry, Dean Bose, Kristin Chew, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Tom Becker, Bettie Shepherd, Debbie Whitlock, Julie Reinhardt, Katy Nickerson, Don Hughes, Michael, Martha, Fred, Kerstin, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Delores, Joanne, Joe, Ernie, Libby, Jackie and Wayne, Lorraine, Claire, Reed, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, Molly, Lauren, Claudia, Craig, John, Nancy, Kirby, Anne Marie, Cathy, Ethan, Mimi, Don, Gray, Cindy, Todd, Sean, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Suzie, Tonka, Sandy, Autumn, Tamara, Molly, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Grace, Edwin, Terry, Loy, Bill, Elizabeth, the Rabinowitz family, Darletta, Richard, Emily, Bob, Garrett, Rachel and Luke, Mary, and Hala and Robin, Adelaide, Kathryn, Aly, Fred and Bridget, and Linda and Tom, Mark, Madia, Shougofa, Raha, Patty, Ed, Maddie, and Paul



TODAY – September 12, 2021

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

St. Paul's Christian Formation Today

- 10:00 AM **Rally Day!**
- 8:45 AM **Children's Chapel**
- 11:00 AM **Children's Chapel**

Rally Day

Rally Day is today! This is when we kick off our Fall Schedule (it has been a really long time since we've seen that one!) and a new year of Christian Formation. We will go back to 4 services: 7:30, 8:45, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, with Christian Formation (Sunday School for all ages) at 10:00 am. Join us after the 8:45 am service to Discover the Treasures of St. Paul's! You will receive a map with a mission. The clues are in St. Paul's. Can you find them all? The final destination is Otey Hall where breakfast and the treasure chest awaits. Don't miss it!

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)

Sundays, from 5-7:00 pm in Barnabas

Welcome back to EYG! I'm so excited to kick off youth activities for the fall. EYG is open to all youth grades 6-12. This week, we'll eat barbecue and play 9-Square and other games around Barnabas. Come ready to run around, and bring a mask! If you'd like to provide dinner for one of our EYG gatherings, we'd love to have you! Please use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca922a0ffc07-fall>

Additionally, if you'd like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, check out our table at Rally Day this Sunday! If you can't make it, please reach out to nic@stpaulsfranklin.com

Beloved Community-Sacred Ground Racial Reconciliation Workshop

Saint James Church in Sewanee is offering an opportunity for education and conversation on racial reconciliation through a 10-week film and reading-based dialogue series grounded in faith. This Sacred Ground workshop is presented by the Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese of TN, and is created by the national Episcopal Church for the purpose of promoting racial reconciliation. Participants attend via Zoom on Tuesdays, Sept 7-Nov 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. CST (10 weeks). If you have any questions or would like to commit to join us, please contact Chris Colane at chriscolane@gmail.com for registration information. There is no charge for the workshop. We welcome you to join us on this Sacred Ground journey! More information about the Beloved Community can be found on the diocesan website at:

<https://edtn.org/programs/beloved-community-commission-racial-reconciliation/>

The Hospitality of God: A Reading of the Gospel of Luke

The word hospitality invites us to think of guests, visitors, putting on meals, providing lodging, and making strangers feel at home in our homes and in our church. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, significant events and exchanges take place in the context of meals and the offering (or refusal) of hospitality. Hospitality provides a frame for Jesus' ministry throughout Luke, who sees Jesus' whole life as a visitation on God's part to Israel and to the world. This fall, we will look at Luke's Gospel as a whole, approaching it through the interpretive lens of hospitality. Please join seminarian Adam Dawkins and friends at St. Paul's as we read and study Luke's Gospel together on Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, beginning September 13. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/85451505859>

Meeting ID: 854 5150 5859

Want to Hike the Perimeter Trail at Sewanee?

Have you ever thought about hiking the Perimeter Trail at Sewanee? We are planning a four-segment hike (four Saturdays - September 18, 25 and October 2, 30) to cover the 21.5 miles of the moderate trail circling the University. St. Paul's in partnership with the Columbia/Franklin Chapter of TTA (Tennessee Trails Association) will have very knowledgeable hike leaders. You are invited to hike as many of the segments with us as you like. This 4-segment perimeter hike is offered for adults who are either members of St. Paul's, and/or members of the TTA Chapter. All hikers must be fully vaccinated. The TTA quarterly meetings are

at Barnabas. Join the next TTA meeting on Tuesday September 7 - 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Meeting, when we will be discussing the Perimeter Hikes. You can learn much more about the Trail by visiting Sewanee's web site. <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/sewanee-outing-program/sewanee-trails/>, AllTrails, or Wikipedia. Sewanee is about an hour and one half drive from Franklin. For more information, please contact Janeth McKendrick Janethmck@aol.com or Monna Mayhall monna@stpaulsfranklin.com. Please RSVP and download the waiver form here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca4a623a0fa7-hiking>

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Tennessee-Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 18th beginning at 9am at St. George's in Nashville-Please join us for our annual meeting. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM with refreshments in Hampton Hall. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM, at 10:45 AM, our speaker will be Bishop Bauerschmidt. At 11:15, separate business meetings and lunch at noon. The registration deadline is September 8th, 2021. Email the St. Paul's office for the form.

Bad Girls Book Club

Tuesday, September 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm in Founders Hall

We look forward to seeing you! Please bring a simple appetizer and/or drink to share. Our September title is Lost Roses by Martha Hall Kelly. All are welcome!

WSP heArt & Soul Retreat

Feb 25th through February 27th at Camp McDowell

I Am Wonderfully Made Ps 139 - After months and months in the cocoon of cancelled events and isolation from each other, we are emerging, changed, ready to embrace new opportunities and friendships and celebrate how each of us is wonderfully made. For more information, please see this month's Epistle or the weekly News From the Pews.

Christian Formation Volunteers for Children and Youth

If you are looking for a way to help out while growing spiritually yourself, we have the perfect job for you! Christian Formation begins Sunday, September 19th at 10 am for all ages, and we need volunteers to make our Children and Youth programs run smoothly. Both programs are designed so that volunteers can rotate. Even if you think you can only volunteer a few Sundays during the school year, that's great! Both programs offer ways to really engage with our young people without the adult volunteer having to do the planning. We will hand you what you need, so all you do is spend some time with the lesson in preparation for your class-what a deal! We haven't even mentioned to the best part-working with children and youth of St. Paul's in this setting is incredibly rewarding for the volunteer! If you think you'll have some time to commit to helping with this important ministry-or if you have any questions-please e-mail Libby (Children's Ministry) libby@stpaulsfranklin.com or Nic (Youth Ministry) nic@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Contemplative Prayer – Lectio Divina

Mondays at 6:30 pm in Damascus

Lectio divina contemplative prayer will be held every Monday night at 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Damascus. We started this group in 2012 and are excited to have it continue post pandemic.

Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am (in-person)

Women in Theological Reflection have plenty planned for September!

September 9 – Sarah Webster is leading a class on making a booklet for Healing Housing. If you have not sent me your inspirational verse, quote or poem, please get that to me. If you want to write it one time on a half sheet of paper, and give to me, that is great. If you want to send to me to print, that is great too. Sarah will have everything else to ready for us to put this booklet of inspirations together.

September 16 – Heather Bottoms is leading a BOOK SWAP – for now, find a book you want to bring to swap, that you can make a pitch for! Watch for Heather's details to come.

September 23 - Watch a video and then have discussion

September 30 - TBD

We meet in-person in Otey 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 monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Love Thy Neighbor (LTN)

Throughout September, LTN is serving Mercy Community Healthcare in conjunction with the Mercy Franklin Classic race by gathering some needed items from their Wish List. Mercy's mission is to reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by providing excellent healthcare to ALL as well as aid to their families. **Mercy's Wish List includes: diapers (all sizes), baby**

wipes, cartoon Band-Aids, Dum Dum lollipops, black pens, pipe cleaners, Zil lock bags (all sizes) and individually packaged snacks. Please place your donations in the bin marked “Love Thy Neighbor” outside the courtyard entry that leads to Shannon’s office anytime throughout the month of September. If you’d like to know more and perhaps volunteer at Mercy, follow this link [Mercy Community Healthcare \(mercytn.org\)](https://www.mercycommunityhealthcare.org). If you have any questions, contact Pat McCracken, pat@newleafpartners.com or 615-351-1113.

[Hurricane Ida Relief – Episcopal Relief & Development](#)

On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today.

[The Bicentennial Society - Celebrating St. Paul’s 200th Anniversary](#)

In 2017 the Bicentennial Society was formed to plan the commemoration of the church’s 200th anniversary in 2027. After hitting the pause button in 2020, we are back at work. The Society is laying the groundwork for the ongoing work of various committees. To date, we are planning a year-long celebration for 2027 with different monthly themes. We will involve the entire Franklin community in plans leading up to our Bicentennial year. Each of the next six years will be focused on specific details of the master plan for St. Paul’s 200th Celebration. If you’d like to take part in this historic event, please join the Bicentennial Society today. Your \$1,000 pledge—due in 2027—will help fund the bicentennial and its ancillary events. To join, visit stpaulsfranklin.com and click “give.” Committees are also looking for help with community relations, event planning, and technology. To learn more, please contact members of the Historic Committee: Scott Smith, Susan Miller, Melanie Lampertz, Kathy Ulezelski, Libby Sullivan, Tom Stearns, John Henderson, Greer Carlisle, Cindy Thomsen, Pam Horne, Virginia Callicott, Rusty McCown, Rector, Pat McCracken, Vestry Liaison. An RSVP will come out next week.

[St. Paul’s Food Pantry](#)

The food pantry is still running low this week. If you are able, there are lots of people in need. We are out of beans and spaghetti sauce, frosting and are low in the following: canned fruit, dried beans, canned dinners, cereal, canned chicken, oatmeal boxes, cake mix/cookie mix, pancake mix, granola bars, canned fruit and sugar-free items are always needed. Thank you to **everyone** who has donated! Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box).

[Zoom Groups](#) Contact facilitator or office (Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com)

Mondays

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer ([Gerald Hancock](#))
- 6:00 PM K-Group ([Gerald Hancock](#))

Tuesdays

- 10:20 AM Lectionary Class (ctcrumpton@hotmail.com)

Thursdays

- 4:00-5:30 PM Meditation and Reflection ([Gerald Hancock](#))

Fridays

- 3:30 PM Richard Rohr Class (Susan Nance)
- 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM WSP Happy Hour ([Sarah Karpie](#))

