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Blessing of the Backpacks

Cover Image: St. Paul's Youth on trip to Mountain TOP

The Epistle is published the first of each month. Forward any information you have for News In The Pews, Sunday bulletin, or The Epistle monthly newsletter to communications@stpaulsfranklin.com and we will make sure it gets to the right publication.

Deadline for September newsletter is Monday, September 26, 2022

Upcoming Events

September 7

EYG Movie Night
Otey 5 - 7 PM

September 7

St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsals Begin
(Children's Choir)
5 - 5:30 PM

September 11

Rally Day
10 - 11 AM

September 11

EYG Starts
Barnabas, 5 - 7 PM

September 15

Young Adults Happy Hour
6:30 - 8 PM

September 18

Fall Schedule Starts
Sunday Eucharist Times:
7:30, 8:45, 11 AM, 6 PM
Christian Formation 10 AM

September 18

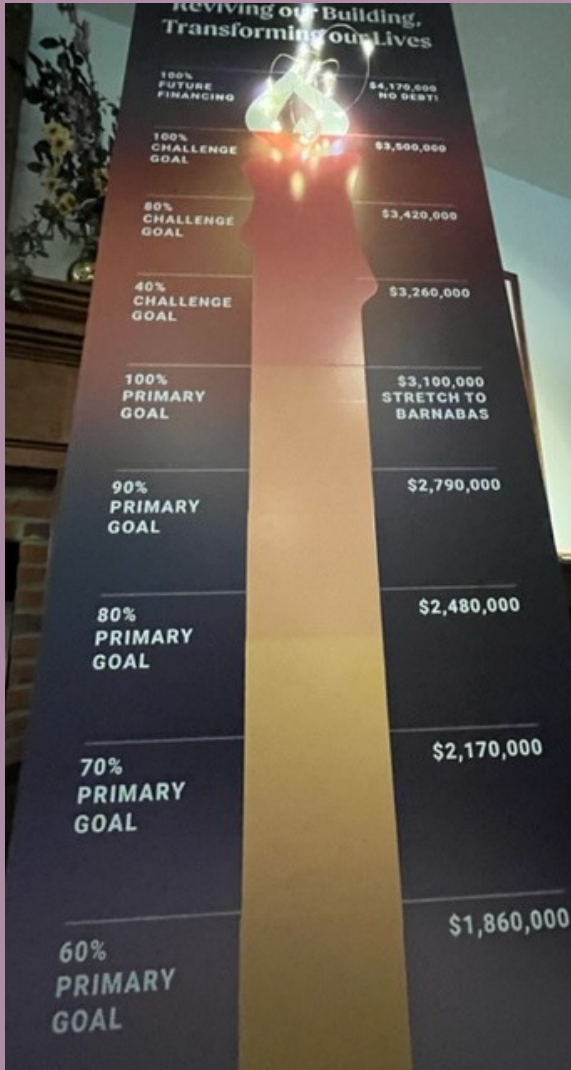
Biscuit Minute Starts
9:45 - 10 AM

September 28

Gathering for Good: Bluegrass & BBQ
5:30 - 7 PM



Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar which is located under the "About Us" tab on the church website, or you can follow link here: <https://74053364.view-events.com/calendar/74053364/>



On August 25th, we celebrated St. Paul's 195th birthday and the end of a successful capital campaign.

After Melanie Lampertz lead us in celebrating our birthday, she turned the mic over to Barb Roth and Tom Stearns.

Barb reflected on the spiritual emphasis of the campaign and thanked everyone involved. Tom recapped the need for the renovations, the steps we took from the original ideas through the completion of the campaign, and what to expect now. At the end of his speech, he announced that we had pledges totaling \$3,750,000!

In case you were unable to be with us that evening, Barb and Tom's speeches are below along with reflections from Dewees Berry from the renovations of 1979.



Capital Campaign - Barb Roth



I love that we are celebrating the official conclusion of our capital campaign in conjunction with the 195th birthday of our beloved St. Paul's. Birthdays can be both a time to reflect on the past and a time to contemplate the future. I think our entire campaign has been driven by this same cycle of reflection and contemplation. How fitting it is then to celebrate them together!

When our campaign committee was formed back in the beginning of the year, one of the first tasks was for the spiritual emphasis subcommittee to write a prayer for us which I'd like to say now. Let us pray:

Unchanging God of grace, faithfulness, and truth; Giver of life and all we possess, We pray that as the buildings of St. Paul's are revived, we too, may be transformed spiritually, finding new ways that each of us may be Christ's hands and feet in our ministries and community.

Amen.

This prayer is a beautiful reminder that while changes will take place to the physical structures of St. Paul's, we will always be intentional about ministering to others, both within our walls and beyond them, out into the community. St. Paul's has been a light in this community for 195 years. Our light has always been on the lampstand. Now, thanks to the gifts of many, it will just shine a bit brighter now.

Capital Campaign

Much transpired during these last few months as our capital campaign kicked off and progressed. Conversations happened. New friendships formed, and old friendships were rekindled. Some folks returned to physical worship for the first time since before the pandemic. Prayerful considerations of financial support occurred. We have a congregation that is thoughtful, engaged, and generous.

On behalf of the campaign committee, thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this very important campaign in the life of our parish. There were numerous volunteers who served on subcommittees and assisted with spiritual emphasis, event planning, communications and inviting gifts from fellow parishioners.

Thank you all very much for your invaluable time and talents that you so graciously give. Finally, thank you to everyone who made a financial pledge or contribution to our campaign. Your generosity and willingness to give is truly remarkable. I am excited to walk the next step of this journey with all of you!

--Barb Roth





Let's recap the scope of the campaign both from the aspect of the projects to be undertaken and the projected funds that would be needed to complete these renovations.

You will recall that this has been a very careful and deliberate process as we progressed through determining the needs and preferences of the congregation and staff for the buildings of St. Paul's. First, through a strategic planning process the Vestry decided to engage the consulting firm of Vandersall Collective to survey the Parish to secure as much input as possible through written surveys, phone interviews and numerous meetings. This resulted in a clear vision of what needed to be accomplished to improve our facilities, as well as some strong opinions as to what should not be touched. Some of what was gleaned was:

The members of the Parish cherish our historical buildings, particularly the Nave. Therefore, it was clear that whatever was done the historical aspects of St. Paul's should be preserved and the Nave should not be changed.

There was clear direction that there were specific areas of need for improved space:

- Educational and meeting space should be expanded, enlarged, accessible and flexible.
- The fellowship space (Otey Hall) was inadequate to meet the needs of our growing congregation.
- The Otey kitchen was inadequate to support the large events that so often occur at St. Paul's.

Capital Campaign

- The current administrative space for staff is inefficient and not conducive to the team efforts needed to accomplish the many tasks to support our large parish.
- There was not appropriate space for the needs of the music programs to practice, store their materials and robes.
- The Barnabas building is in very poor shape and is not configured in a manner that is conducive to the programs for our youth. Plus, there is not a complete kitchen in Barnabas, therefore, food for the youth meetings has to be prepared in the Otey kitchen and carried across the street.
- Many voiced the special significance of the pecan tree in the courtyard and were concerned that it not be lost or damaged.

With this information an architect with special expertise in Historic Franklin was hired to explore what could be done on our property to meet these needs. Then, from there cost estimates were made.

The Vestry then contracted with Vandersall Collective to survey the Parish to determine how much money realistically could be raised in a capital campaign. This estimate was then used to prioritize and modify the full renovation projects to what we could actually afford. And that was:

- Add a second floor to the educational wing and reconfigure the first floor in order to give more meeting space, music rooms, consolidate the administrative offices and make the whole campus accessible to all.
- Otey Hall would be expanded and the kitchen enlarged.

The cost estimates of that work would \$3.8 million plus the associated fees for architects, designers, code fees and licenses, etc.

The Vestry designated \$1 million from reserves to be used toward theses additions and renovations with the Capital Campaign given the responsibility to raise \$3.1 million. The additional costs for the projects over and above what was raised by the Capital Campaign would be financed.

Barnabas was not included in the first tier priority, but the needs of our youth led to adding a second goal for the campaign for doing some major repairs, renovations and adding a kitchen to Barnabas. This was estimated to be an additional \$400,000.

Vandersall Collective continued to guide us through the capital campaign process with the first step being the formation of a Capital Campaign Committee. And the Capital Campaign started in earnest.

That brings us to tonight. I am more than pleased to announce to that through your and your fellow parishioners' gifts and pledges we have met our \$3.1 million goal AND I can announce tonight that you, also, have met the stretch goal of an additional \$400,000 for Barnabas!

So, what now? A Design and Construction Committee has been recruited. Their backgrounds include buildings science, architecture, and interior & historical design. The committee is composed of: Charles Carlisle, Kay Heller, Melanie Lampertz, Susan Miller, Jim Poole, Alan Robertson, Sam Yeager, and David Zegley. They will begin the task of working with the architects, the City of Franklin, the Diocese, Franklin Historical entities, the staff and most importantly you to design the new and renovated spaces. They will then oversee the building process. Their pledge to you is the process will be prayerful, careful, fiscally responsible, transparent and that they will be open to discuss any aspect of the project with any member of the parish.

So, on this most special of evenings where we celebrate our past and our future, I would like to propose an Irish toast:

*"In thanks for the fullness of days spent together,
The friends that we pray, will be with us forever,
The feelings we've shared, the food and good fun,
With faith that God's blessings have only begun."*

--Tom Stearns

In 1979, we at St. Paul's concluded that we had outgrown our existing facilities. We hired an architect to draw up plans for the addition of Otey Hall, the adjoining kitchen, and additional classrooms. (At the time, our education wing was only about one-half of its current size.) The plans required the demolition of a commercial building with frontage on Fair Street that we leased to the telephone company. Some of the materials were donated, but the anticipated cost of the project was still a daunting \$140,000. We would have to borrow a large part of that sum.

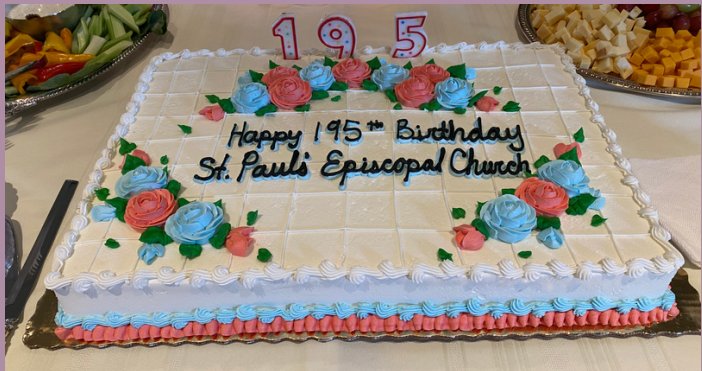
I was the Junior Warden in 1979. Even though I knew nothing about construction, I was given the task of supervising the project. Fortunately, we hired an excellent contractor. For the most part, things went smoothly.

There were, of course, a few concerns and hiccups. There always are with this sort of undertaking. Some worried about the loss of income from the telephone company lease and about whether we would be able to repay our loan. Others feared that the garden would be seriously compromised. A question arose about whether the chimney outside Otey Hall had been built exactly as designed. And we had to negotiate with the contractor about whether the cost of repairing damage to the sidewalk was his responsibility or ours.

Yes, we had issues. But because everyone involved was proceeding in good faith and wanted the best for the Parish, we were able to work through them. Construction was completed on time and within budget. Repaying the loan was never a problem. The project was a success. And it helped us grow and flourish and become the vibrant place that we are today.

--Deweese Berry

Happy Birthday St. Paul's





The youth of St. Paul's pitched in and did their part for the capital campaign. They have pledged to contribute \$4000 and started fulfilling that pledge by washing cars. They raised \$1600. Thanks to all who came by and had their car washed.



We had an eventful August with our Car Wash Fundraiser and Film School, but September will be even better as regular EYG programming kicks off this month! First, we will meet for Film School in Otey Hall from 5-7pm on September 7th. We'll watch a movie, eat dinner, and discuss the film as a group.

Additionally, weekly EYG meetings resume on Sunday, September 11, from 5-7pm in Barnabas. If you'd like to provide dinner for one of our upcoming meetings, please sign up via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAEA922A0FFC07-septemberoctober>

Finally, Youth Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 18th at 10am in Barnabas. If you're interested in helping out with Sunday School, please email nic@stpaulsfranklin.com.

LTN and EYG

The Love Thy Neighbor crew had a busy time at Barnabas last Saturday, vacuuming and steaming floors, polishing furniture, washing windows, and scrubbing refrigerators and bathrooms.

Special thanks to Kathy Berry, Mary Kate Brandon (plus husband Bill and son Peyton) and Inez Rice for helping make it a sparkly welcome back to the new program year for our Youth!



Junior Usher Program Begins September 11th!

Junior Ushers are children 4 years and older who'd like to help Libby hand out Children's Bulletins to friends and visitors in the Narthex before the service. If you know a child who is interested, you can find the sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aada82ca0f58-jrusher>

Jr. Ushers will need to arrive about 10 minutes before the service begins. Questions? Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Children's Sunday

Please join us on September 25th for Children's Sunday! We, like many others, find that when you speak directly to children, everyone listens. In these services the teaching, the songs, and the prayers will be aimed at the hearts and minds of our young worshippers, with the hope that we will all learn something about the God who loves us. We will use the Children's Liturgy at both 8:45 and 11 am services. If you know a child that is in 5th grade or younger that would like to serve as a reader, usher, or greeter, you can find the sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4AADA82CA0F58-childrens1>



St. Cecilia Choir - Children's Choir

Do you have a child that LOVES to sing? We have just the spot for them! The children's choir, also known as the St. Cecilia Choir, is returning this fall to St. Paul's. The choir is comprised of rising 1st through 5th graders and will meet on Wednesdays each week, 5:00-5:30 pm in Antioch. We will work on musicianship and vocal techniques, as well as prepare music to be sung in church.

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00 pm. The St. Cecilia Choir will sing for the first time at the Children's service on September 25 at 8:45 am.

For more information, please call Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 790-0527, ext 104 or email donnastokesrogers@gmail.com. FYI, did you know that Cecilia is the Patron Saint of Musicians? Who better to represent our young musicians?



Parish Happenings

Worship Ministry Fair

The Worship Ministry Fair was on Sunday, August 21. If you were unable to attend, here are some of the positions we assistance with on Sundays:

- Readers
- Ushers
- Altar Guild
- Intercessors
- Oblation Bearers
- Chalice Bearers
- and more!



Parish Happenings

Uganda Mission Trip

Mishelle Phillips and Monna Mayhall are heading to Uganda in October as part of a mission trip for the children of Acre's of Hope School. They are collecting school supplies for the children and need to fill seven bins with much needed supplies.

The current needs are:

- Ink Pens
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Ruled Paper
- Crayons
- Sanitary Pads
- Toothpaste



Donation of items, or money for items, are appreciated and will be such a blessing to this amazing place!

The bins must be filled by September 12th.

If you have any questions, call, text or email Kathy Ulezelski (kathyulezelski@comcast.net, 615-512-1592) or Katie Faulkner (peppyf@comcast.net, 334-430-4613).



Men of St. Paul Named “Ed Moody Award of Excellence” Recipients

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee announced the Men of St. Paul are the recipients of the 10th “Ed Moody Award of Excellence.” The award was presented at their 33rd Annual Steak & Burger Dinner and recognizes an individual or organization that has made a lasting impact on Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee and the Williamson County community.

Since 2014, The Men of St. Paul have maintained a long tradition of feeding Boys & Girls Club members throughout the year and providing financial support. The group can often be found manning the grills outside the Fairview and Franklin Boys & Girls during summer and back to school events, on Olympic Days and other special events.



Rally Day!



It's a brand new year for Christian Formation at St. Paul's and we are kicking it off with a Tailgate Party in Otey Hall on Sunday, September 11th at 10 am! Wear your favorite team colors and bring your favorite tailgate food to share for fun and fellowship.

Come and learn about all our Sunday offerings at this fun annual event!

Questions? Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com

Young Adult Happy Hour

Calling all Young Adults! If you are wondering if you are in this group, chances are good that you are!



St. Paul's wants to know how we can serve you better, so join us for a Happy Hour Social in Founder's Hall on September 15th from 6:30-8pm for snacks and drinks. You just need to bring yourself and your ideas about what this community could be for your age group!

Childcare is available upon request.

Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com if you can make it.

Gathering For Good

Gathering for Good is back! The first of our monthly parish wide gatherings is BBQ and Bluegrass on September 28th from 5:30-7. We will bring our blankets and chairs and gather in the 6th Avenue courtyard for live bluegrass and a delicious BBQ dinner. The cost for dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family maximum. Look for an RSVP coming soon!

Save the dates for upcoming Gathering for Good Events: Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival is October 26th. Advent Wreath Making is November 30th.

Gathering for Good Presents

BBQ & BLUEGRASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
5:30-7 PM
6TH AVENUE COURTYARD

Bring your whole family!
 Don't forget your chairs and blankets.
 Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max.

The Biscuit Minute

Beginning September 18, we will offer the “Biscuit Minute” at 9:45 am each week- a 15-minute period in Founders Hall- where you can grab a biscuit and some juice or coffee before heading off to Christian Education. We want to make it easy to grab a quick breakfast on Sunday mornings.

We are currently looking for cooking teams, who can come in an hour before, put biscuits and sausage into the oven, and then wrap biscuits in foil. All food and supplies will be provided and step-by-step instructions will be posted in kitchen each week, so no financial and planning commitment is required. We just need your time and kitchen talent. You can sign up for as many or few Sundays as you like.

See the Sign-Up Genius link to pick your date! Contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com for more info.

Biscuit Bakers and Happiness Makers sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADAF22A3F49-biscuit>



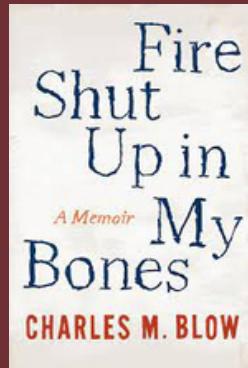
Bad Girl's Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, September 27 in Founders Hall from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

We will be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote In Silk* by Kelli Estes.



Upcoming Books: *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* by Charles M. Blow (October), and *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (November).



Kairos

We at St. Paul's would like to invite all writers -- accomplished or NOT -- to join our Friday morning writing group called Kairos. We meet at 10 am in the church library, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. All you need is a notebook (a gift from us when you join) and bring your favorite pen. We have great fun just writing about similar subjects for five or ten minutes at a time.



Please contact Peggy Macpherson at pmacpherson@comcast.net, 615-308-2215 or 615-794-8518 for more information about this very pleasant group of ladies and gentlemen. Teens are welcome too!

Maker's Table

At Maker's Table made creations this month from broken glass.

Maker's Table meets on Tuesdays at 11:30 am.



Weaver's Guild

St. Paul's Weaver's Guild meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am till Noon in the Labyrinth Room in Barnabas. Experienced and "Wanna-Be" weavers welcome. We have a few rigid heddle and inkle looms available to learn about weaving. If you own a loom, please bring yours, and each week we will work on our individual projects while offering support and conversation.



For more information, contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Animals

Mark your pet's calendar! Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, October 2nd in the side courtyard.



All Saints Memorial Concert

Requiem for the Living

By Dan Forrest

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 4:00 PM

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* Cum sanctis tu- is in æ-térnum, qui- a pi- us es.

The Choir of St. Paul's will be joined by an orchestral ensemble for the performance of Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* on Sunday, November 6, at 4:00 pm. A "requiem" is traditionally a prayer for rest for the deceased; however, the five movements of this work form a narrative just as much for the living and their own struggle with pain and sorrow. It is a prayer for us all in our struggles. If you would like to hear the piece in anticipation of our performance in November, you can watch and listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTsqM7CDYgc>

This is an extraordinarily beautiful major work with soaring vocal lines accompanied by violin, cello, oboe, harp, flute, percussion, and organ. The choir starts rehearsing this week and musicians have been booked. We are ready to tackle this amazing work, but we need your help. If you would like to support the music ministry in this undertaking, we would welcome your memorial gifts to offset the cost of the concert. Contributions can be made in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones. For more information, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 790-0527, ext. 104 or at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.

All are welcome to attend this fall as we celebrate All Saints Day at St. Paul's.

English Christmas Tea

The 2022 Women of Saint Paul's English Christmas Tea is Returning to an In-Person Event! Please Join Us on Saturday, December 10th in Otey Hall for 1:00 and 4:00 Seatings as we step back in time to a Colonial Williamsburg Christmas. Timeless decor of fruits and greenery with pops of Delft Blue will greet you as we come back home to the tradition of the In-Person Tea.

Watch for Updates and Ticket Sales coming in October.



St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop & Tours

St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop is thriving! Look at the cards and bookmarks we just added! Thank you to all who have contributed items and those who have purchased. All proceeds go to various programs at St. Paul's.



St. Paul's Tours

Guided tours of the church are between 12-2 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. If you are interested as serving as a docent and are 12 or older, contact Libby Sullivan at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Historic Committee Products

The Historic Committee has some new items in the Corner Gift Shop. Pick up a mug with the new bi-centennial logo on it or a limited edition numbered print. There are only a few prints left, so hurry!



Thistle Farms Products

The Corner Shop at St. Paul's carries several Thistle Farms products:

- Room Spray
- Love Heals Candles
- Calm Healing Candles
- Hand Lotion
- Body Butter
- Body Wash
- Becca Stevens' books

Every dollar spent goes to help a woman to get off the street, get into recovery, move into her own home and go on to lead the healthy life God made her to live.



If you have questions, contact Lorinda Hancock or Ann Van Dervoort.

WITS (Women in Theological Study)

September 1

Karen Austin - Prayer of Jabez

Learn about the Prayer of Jabez

September 8

Jackie King - Craft Prep for Sept Spring Street

Please bring any spare 8x10 or 11x14 picture frames you have to donate. We will be covering in burlap. Bring glue guns if you have them.

September 15

Donna Stokes-Rogers - Cakes

Cake decorating, jazzing up boxed cake mixes

September 22

NO WITS - SPRING STREET

September 29

Cindy Thomsen - Book Club!

Please read Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson. It's a whimsical tale about children who spontaneously combust.

If you have questions or would like to be added to WITS mailing list, please contact Sarah Karpie mkarpie@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer

Matthew 6:6. "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Contemplative Prayer meets every Monday evening, 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Antioch at the church. We select a short scripture and during the reading we allow the reading to evolve into meditation and then into prayer and finally contemplation. The meditation is 20 minutes and each member of the group does their own quiet meditation.

For further details, contact scottlfaulkner@comcast.net.

Spring Street

After a summer break, we are very pleased that the Spring Street Outreach ministry will begin again on September 22nd – the fourth Thursday of the month, 9:30-Noon. This fun ministry hosts a social with our older neighbors primarily from Hard Bargain and Natchez Street area, offering a program or entertainment followed by lunch.

There are volunteer opportunities - for set up, greeting and serving food, helping with a craft project, providing food, and clean up.

To volunteer please email or text Jackie King (914-329-3017, momking2nd@yahoo.com), or click on the SignUpGenius link below. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EADA82AA02-september>

Upcoming Dates for Spring Street:

September 22

October 27

November 17

December 15

Love Thy Neighbor

In September, we'll be cooking for folks in the Natchez and Hard Bargain neighborhoods. Meet us in Otey Kitchen on September 15th where we'll cook from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., then we need a few people to drive food to the Community Center at 4:00 p.m. and serve food until 6:00 p.m. Bring your apron and let's fill some hungry bellies with a great St. Paul's dinner! For info contact Pat McCracken at 615-351-1113 or Laura McCown at 206-601-6959.

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. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to embrace community services in Williamson County dedicated to encouraging and advancing development in all people towards their fullest potential, and 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.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St. Paul's for entrusting us with such a labor of love. Your financial support is making a difference in the lives of so many people. You are only the reason we can do this, thank you! And, to that effect, we would like to make all aware of exactly who you are helping in our community. So, each month, we would like to share a few of them so you might be able to see and support these organizations.

The Outreach Committee has chosen to donate \$2,000 to St. Paul's own Food Pantry. The money given will help subsidize the pantry when the shelves begin to get a little low. Each week in our bulletin the wants and needs of the Food Pantry are listed. We actively encourage you to shop for our food pantry when you are at your local grocery store. As members of the congregation, we are often unaware of how many local members of our community utilize our pantry. We feed families!

Our 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 monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or any other members on the committee: Will Boggs, Jim Miller, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale Carrie McBrayer and Pam Horne.

The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some ministers, and teachers, (some Stephen Ministers), to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

There are periods when one feels empty or broken-hearted, or times when there are too many questions and not enough answers. The help of a Stephen Minister may be part of the answers. We are not the solution, but we can be the sounding board for your inner thoughts and search for direction. We can walk with you in search for answers.

A Stephen Minister is a layperson who will provide one-to-one Christian care to confused or hurting people in St. Paul's and the community. Look over the list of needs for care. Are there people with needs described? Yes, there are many people who have these needs. You or someone you know may be one of them.

Please take a moment to reach out to us. Your information is confidential. Our contact with the care receiver is confidential. And the care by the Stephen Minister is confidential. We know that people in need of care suffer alone and may slip through the cracks. The Priests and congregation may not have the means or capacity to reach out to hurting people long term. This is why St. Paul's has a Stephen Ministries program. When necessary, we can be there for the long haul.

If you know of a situation where we might help, please contact Rusty or Monna, call the Church Office (615-790-0527), leave a confidential email (sm@stpaulsfranklin.com) or contact one of the Stephen Ministers below.

Fred Warner, Stephen Ministry Leader

Barbara Green

George Bishop

Kelly Pitsenberger

Melissa Crain

Vicki Carlisle

Becky Farmer

Jean Larson

Laura McCown

Mindy Boggs

Carol Waters

Katie Faulkner

Marcia Wilkinson

Scott Faulkner



Needs for Care That Stephen Ministers Can Meet

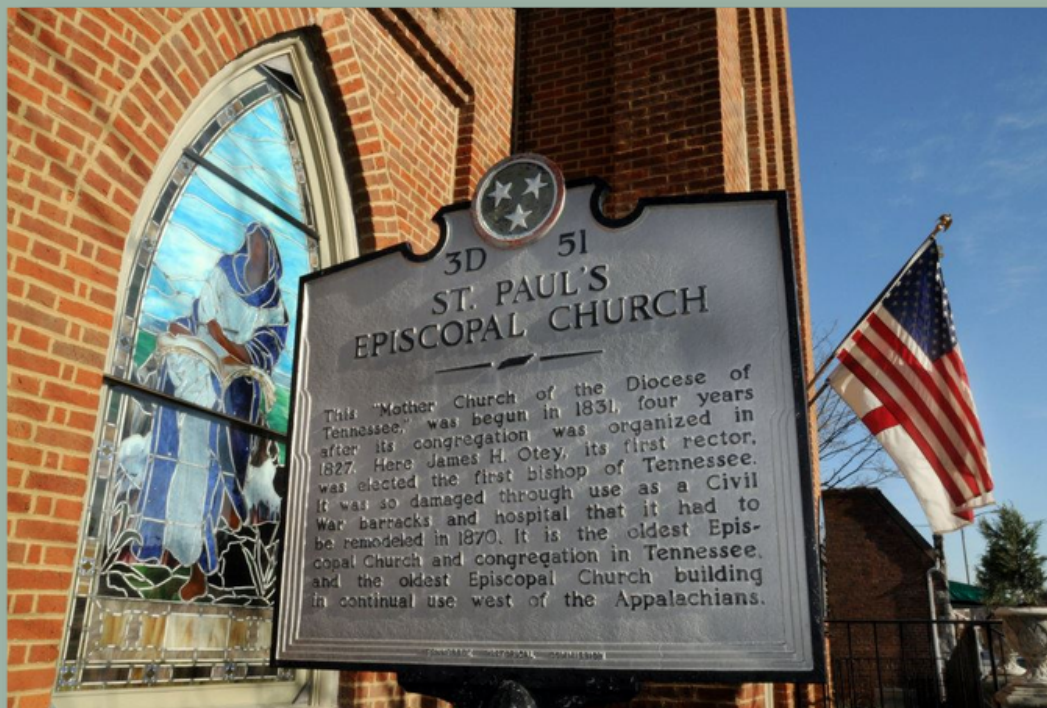
- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are hospitalized
- People being treated for cancer -- and members of their families
- Individuals who are terminally ill -- and members of their families
- People who are experiencing divorce (before, during, and after)
- Parents who have children leaving home for the military, college, marriage, or work in another geographical area
- New congregation or community members who are experiencing transition difficulties
- Parents and families with children who have disabilities
- People recovering at home or in a rehabilitation facility after an illness or injury
- Those who are homebound or reside in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- Family members of someone (nearby or far away) who is homebound or resides in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- People with a chronic illness or a long-term disability-and their primary caregivers
- People facing birth-related issues such as infertility, adoption, an unplanned pregnancy, or the birth of a child
- People who have lost their jobs or had some other significant financial setback
- People experiencing significant job-related stress
- Family members of deployed military personnel
- People in the process of downsizing to a smaller home, moving into an assisted living situation, or changing their living arrangements in some other way
- People who are preparing to retire, who have recently retired, or who have been forced to retire early
- People affected by disasters or violence
- People experiencing spiritual crisis
- People with other critical needs or major life transitions that you know about

Celebrating Our Legacy

Just imagine—195 years ago this month St. Paul's was just a twinkle in the eye of Reverend James Hervey Otey, who not only gave life to this “Mother Church of the Diocese of Tennessee”, but later became the state's first bishop. Today, we are counting down to a Bicentennial Celebration of our amazing Parish and our ongoing mission to provide sacred space and support for Christian worship, joyful celebrations, caring Ministries, adult and youth education, and loving outreach.

The Bicentennial Society at St. Paul's is the engine behind the festivities that are being planned for August 25, 2027 and we need YOU! Please consider becoming a member and helping support and engage in the forward-looking plans for our 200th birthday jubilee. Membership of \$1,000, which can be spread over time, may be given in the name of a family member or in memory of a loved one.

For more information, please contact Melanie Lampertz w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or Libby Sullivan, libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.



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.

Join your friends in the Bicentennial Society.

Bob Andrews	James and Phyllis Gray	Randy and Linda Miller
Anonymous	Charlie and Becky Grimes	Karen Montefiori
April Ashburn	Gerald and Lorinda Hancock	Huba and Lois Nagy
Judith Atkinson	Frances Haynes	Ben and Susan Nance
Michael and Laurie Austin	John and Nell Henderson	Andy Peterson and Bob Barrett
Sam Barchus and Pat McCracken	Pamela Holley	Sara Richter
Grant Benedict and Judy Oxford	Ron and Cyndy Howes	Phillip Phillips and Sharmila Patel
Deweese and Kathy Berry	Mark and Andrea Hyssong	William and Dee Rainey
Nancy Black	Roger and Tina Jones	Amanda Ryden
Will and Mindy Boggs	Marty and Sarah Karpie	Carolyn Savage
Richard Bolte	Bill and Janet Keith	Wayne and Connie Senseney
Val Box	Ellen Kirk	Charles Sidbury
William and Mary Kate Brandon	Robert and June Knabe	Roy and Frances Sieber
Ginny Brewer	Chris and Lyn Knopf	Judy Simmons
Gene and Margaret Brown	Walter and Melanie Lampertz	Scott Smith
Justin and Amanda Bushnell	Van and Dannie Latture	Tom and Marida Stearns
Patsy Carter	Rick and Pam Leet	Brandon and Libby Sullivan
Tav and Carolyn Cooke	Ronald and Marty Ligon	Karen Sullivan
Bob and Susan Cowperthwaite	Doug and Joyce Little	Mickey and Susan Trailov
Charlie and Sharon Crumpton	Ed and Lucetta Mannion	Jim and Kathy Ulezelski
Jay and Pam Fahey	Doug and Monna Mayhall	Bob and Ann VanDevoort
Scott and Katie Faulkner	Mark and Catherine Mayhew	John and Patti Wilkison
Leslie Fraser and Wanda Woolen	Rusty and Laura McCown	Barbara Williams
Granville and Mimi Grant	Maria McPherson and Matt Nicks	Woody and Beth Woodruff

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St. Paul's Directory Photos

If you haven't already, please send a family photo to be added to our online directory on Instant Church Directory. If you didn't know we had an online directory, please download the app on your smart device, register with your email address and enter our parish ID is "stpaulsfranklin." It's a great way to keep in touch with our church family during these strange times! Please send updates, changes, and family pictures to shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

The Lord's Lift

If you need a ride to church on Sunday, contact the church office before 4:00 pm on the Thursday before the Sunday that you will need a ride. Provide Shannon with your name, address, contact information, your preference of Sunday Service time, and if you use a walker or wheelchair. The Lord's Lift driver will contact you to finalize transportation.

If you can offer a ride to someone to church on Sunday, contact the church office to be placed on a Sunday Rotation Schedule. Let us know if you have a Sunday preference, (i.e. 1st Sunday of the month).

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Shannon at 615-790-0527 or shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Recycling

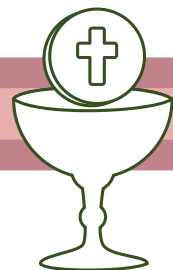
We need the help of parishioners who would be willing to take a blue bag (or several!) with them to recycle with their own household recyclables when they come to church. The paper will continue to be collected in the large, gray bin in the workroom next to Shannon's office and there is a large, green bin for glass in Otey kitchen.

For more information, please contact Lois Nagy (lois@nagy.com or 615-804-1203) or any member of the recycling committee. St. Paul's and the environment are grateful for your help.



Ushers for all services needed

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

If you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please let us know, and we can schedule a time for someone to visit you. If you wish, the Eucharistic Visitor could remain outside your house and the Eucharistic Visitor would wear a mask and gloves.

If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a Eucharistic Visit, you can contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

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.

September Birthdays

- 1 John Brake
- 2 Julie O'Donnell, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathan Webster
- 4 Martha Holland
- 5 Carly Williams, Rita Warner, Weezie Green,
Devon Anderson
- 6 Becky Farmer, Peggy Macpherson, Sarah Paris,
Bev James
- 7 Phyllis Gray, April Ashburn, Jenna Garner, Susan Brand,
Wynn Smythe
- 8 Jerry Larson
- 9 Bari Horton, Woody Woodruff, Keith Jacobs,
Walker Dees
- 10 D'Anna Agnetta, Christina McCormick,
Lucy McCullough, Curtis Finn
- 11 Jack Henry
- 12 Rob Miller, Rachel Robinson, Max Jordan, Karen Austin
- 13 Amanda Walker
- 14 Weslea Miniatt, Audrey Hall, Daniel Robicheaux
- 15 Mandy Nickerson
- 16 Nicole De Peri, Vicki Carlisle
- 18 Piper Medlin, Cyndy Howes
- 19 Grant Benedict, Phyllis Thompson, Chloe Hannah, Elaine Williams
- 20 Claire Sheller, Cindy Thomsen, Chandler Miniatt
- 21 Becky Facer, Lori MacDonald
- 22 Hannah Miniatt, Wallace Lilly
- 23 Kim Helper, Will Paris, Brad Williams, Beckett Hyssong
- 24 Chris Knopf, Emily Trahan, Andrew Johnson, Richard Pullen
- 25 Ansley Addison, Sally Gray Branson
- 26 Gerald Hancock, Laurie Parker, Will Boggs
- 27 Bo Butler
- 28 Henry Ingram, Elizabeth Power, Charlie Palmgren
- 29 Carson Beck, Wallace Beauchamp, George Tumblin
- 30 Thomas Harvanek, Rick Jackson

September Anniversaries

- 1 Tim & Kristin Chew
- 5 Kirby & Bari Horton
- 6 Robert & Sharon Collins
- 7 Bill & Janet Keith
- 9 David & Sarah Ingram
- 10 Wynn Smythe & Lisette Benefield-Smythe
- 18 Brent & Michelle Blackwelder
- 18 Tim Sumja & Maury Haynes
- 19 Spencer & Suzanne Dibble
- 22 Tom & Marida Stearns
- 23 Rick & Pam Leet
- 24 Carl & Ginna Campbell
- 24 Walt & Peggy Goss
- 25 Rusty & Laura McCown
- 26 Liz Callicott & Dean Bose



Condolences

- to Doug Mayhall and family, for the loss of his father, Thomas Douglas Mayhall
- to Elizabeth Powers and family for the loss of her brother in law, Eddie Cloma Miller
- to Bill Muir and family for the loss of Jane Muir
- to the Hubbard family for the loss of Linda Hubbard

May They Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

