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

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[Deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, October 26, 2022](#)

# Upcoming Events

## October 2

Blessing of the Animals  
Side Courtyard, 2 PM

## October 19

St. John's Ashwood Tour  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

## October 20

Newcomer's Dinner  
6 - 8 PM

## October 26

Gathering for Good:  
Halloween Carnival

## November 6

All Saints Concert  
4 PM

## December 10

Christmas Tea  
Otey, 1 PM and 4 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/>



# Update on “Transforming our Building, Transforming our Lives”

As you hopefully know by now, we conducted a feasibility study in 2021 which indicated that \$3.1 million was a realistic goal for a capital campaign to refresh and reimagine our physical spaces and, in so doing, refresh our souls and our life together. We also set a stretch goal of an additional \$400,000. Thanks to many of you, we successfully raised \$3,501,449.25 from 223 gifts and pledges.

Now the fun begins. In the past week, we had an engineering team in to reconfirm the feasibility of adding a second floor to our educational wing. Our architects, 906 Studio, are creating detailed blue prints and reassessing the overall cost of our project. We hope to hear back from them within the next several weeks.

Once we have that assessment, we will schedule a Parish-wide meeting early next year to review the plan and seek additional input. Subsequent to that meeting, we will approach the city and seek formal approval for our proposed project. Those of you who have dealt with the city of Franklin know that this will be a long process. Optimistically, the earliest we will be able to begin construction is mid next year.

During the campaign, we stressed the fact that gifts of all sizes were needed to meet our goal. While the formal phase of the pledging campaign has ended, it certainly is possible to pledge if you have not. Simply go to the St. Paul's website where you can pledge on-line. Likewise, many folks have actually increased their pledge and we ask that you consider this possibility as well.

Thanks to all who have said yes to a future filled with the light and life for St. Paul's.

# Vestry Nominations

As we move into the last months of the year, it is time to nominate individuals for membership on the Vestry. This year we will be electing 5 new members to the Vestry. Four members of the current Vestry will be rotating off at the end of the year and we will elect their replacements for three-year terms at the annual meeting. We will also need to elect someone to complete Matt Muenzen's term as he and his family have relocated to Portland, Oregon.

If you would like to nominate a fellow parishioner or yourself for any of these positions on the Vestry, please reach out to:

Rusty (rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com) or  
George Bishop (george.bishop@wallerlaw.com) by Sunday,  
November 6th.



# Hurricane Ian

The Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with Episcopal dioceses in the southern United States and Cuba in response to Hurricane Ian, which made landfall in Cuba on Tuesday and in southwest Florida on Wednesday.

In Cuba, the category 3 storm killed two people and knocked out power to the entire country.

“The Episcopal Church in Cuba has mobilized its local disaster committees who are assessing the damage, and potential responses, in their communities,” said Kellie McDaniel, Senior Facilitator, Training & International Development, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We pray for the people of Cuba who are living through several recent disasters.”

Hurricane Ian intensified to a category 4 storm before making landfall again on Wednesday near Port Charlotte, Florida with winds of 150 m.p.h. As of Thursday morning, more than two million people were without power and a storm surge of up to 12 feet caused severe flooding. The storm also caused flooding in the Florida Keys after heavy rain on Tuesday night. It is expected to reach Georgia and South Carolina by Friday.

Dioceses in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina have been preparing this week by checking in with communities in the storm’s path, testing emergency communications systems and coordinating with area agencies.

“Our partners in the southern United States have deep roots in the community and are using their relationships to assess the needs caused by Hurricane Ian,” said Lura Steele, Program Officer, US Disaster Program, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We stand ready to assist in the coming days and weeks.”

Please pray for the people impacted by the storm. Donations to the Hurricane Relief Fund will support Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners as they respond.

Make a donation here: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>

# Rally Day and Team Spirit

By Ann Denson with input from Libby Sullivan

Attending the St. Paul's "Rally Day" this "season" presented me with a choice: which orange team t-shirt to wear? My co-author didn't face such a dilemma, hers was straightforward: The University of Tennessee. Me? Well, growing up in Texas, being raised by graduates of The University of Texas, I always wanted to attend and graduate from that UT. Yet, as life happens sometimes, I graduated from the "UT in Knoxville", not the one in Austin. (If you've read this far, I know where your head is going, so, stop, it's okay, I understand my roots and my alumnae loyalty.) However, the day prior to the Annual St. Paul's Rally Day solved my decision: one of my orange teams lost their football game, by a hair, and the other? Won by a mile, thus that was the t-shirt I donned in the spirit of the occasion.

Okay, moving on with the point of this shaggy-dog tale. St. Paul's chooses a fun way to "kick off" the Fall Season of new Sunday School Classes and other Christian Education(al) offerings for children and adults. Those of us who wish to do so come to church that Sunday attired in our choice of team t-shirt, jersey, hat, et al, making for a colorful day. The 10:00 hour is a time to get together, show our colors and hear about "coming attractions". Thanks to the capable and creative hands of planners Donna Stokes-Rogers and Libby Sullivan, we had a fun gathering in a bannered-decked Otey Hall with "Game Day" treats (supplied by attendees) and a chance to visit together. Libby created a St. Paul-themed Bingo game to encourage mixing and mingling to find the answers & check-off our squares. While we mingled, photos of the many smiling faces were taken by our own Paula Sherman.

At one point, Libby commented to me that while we are all supporting different teams, we are truly part of one team (not exactly her words, but her sentiment). That's when we decided to "team up" for this story.

So, there we were in Otey Hall on Rally Day, visiting, nibbling and participating in a fun game while supporting our own favorite (and different) teams. Simply put, all of us are part of the St. Paul's team, even more, we are members of God's Team. In addition, we have Jesus as our Head Coach and the Holy Spirit as our encourager and motivator. "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord", to quote a camp song. Sporting team colors and team spirit, team St. Paul's is off to a colorful and festive new season. Amen!







# Rally Day!



EYG programming is off to a great start for the 2022-23 school year! We have had a great time welcoming new friends and reconnecting with old ones. We met three times for EYG and twice for Youth Christian Formation in September, and we are definitely building momentum as we move into October.

On Sunday, October 2nd, our youth group will participate in Episcopalooza, the first Diocesan Youth Event in more than three years! Youth from several churches in Middle Tennessee will gather at the Diocesan Offices in Nashville for an afternoon of prayers, games, and fellowship.

Finally, we are in need of volunteers to provide dinner for several of our upcoming EYG meetings! If you'd like to bring a meal, please sign up via the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaea922a0ffc07-septemberoctober>.

## Children

### **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](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com).

# Children's Sunday



# Parish Happenings

## Bicentennial Committee Tour of St. John's Ashwood

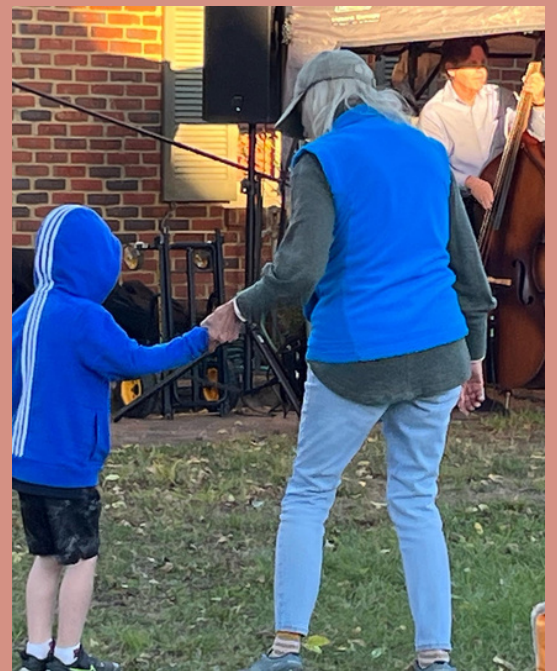
Join us as we travel to Ashwood, TN for a tour of historic St. John's Episcopal Church, called by Carroll Van West in his book *Tennessee's Historic Landscapes*, a "magnificent achievement in rural Gothic Revival architecture."

Like St. Paul's, St. John's is packed full of history. Consecrated in 1842 by Bishop James Hervey Otey, it was built by Leonidas Polk, the Missionary Bishop of the Southwest. The land was donated by the Polk family, part of a land grant awarded to William Polk of North Carolina. Many Confederate soldiers, including General Colonel R. B. Young and Lieutenant John H. Marsh, are buried in the cemetery.

The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m. and plans are being made by the Bicentennial Committee for lunch following the tour, so please RSVP to Libby Sullivan at [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com) and also let her know if you'd either like to carpool or would be willing to drive.



# Bluegrass & BBQ



## Coca Cola/Sherry Party

All the women of St. Paul's are invited to a Coca-Cola Party also known as The Sherry Party on Thursday, October 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 at the home of Kathy Berry 920 Fair Street. Come join us and enjoy each other's company.

Child care will be provided at the church. Please let Libby know if you will be needing child care.



## Gathering For Good

October's Gathering for Good is going to be a Halloween Carnival with fun activities for everyone! Join us in the parking lot behind Barnabas on October 26th for games, prizes, and all sorts of Fall fun!

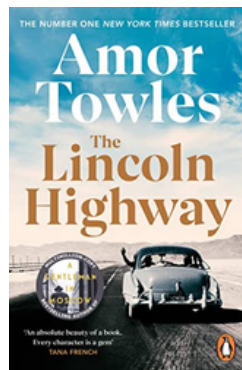
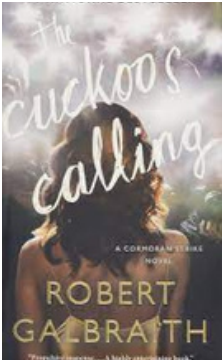
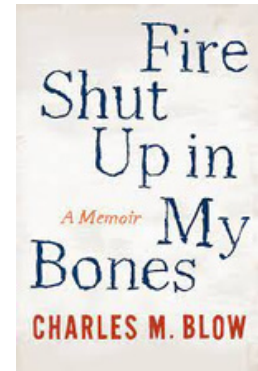
Mark your calendars for November 30th when we will be making Advent Wreaths during Gathering for Good.



## Bad Girl's Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, October 25 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 *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* by Charles M. Blow



Upcoming Books: *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (November), *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Toles (January).

November's meeting is on the 15th due to Thanksgiving and we will not meet in December.

## Kairo's

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](mailto: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!

**Chili  
Cook-  
off!**

**Gathering for Good**

**Hot dogs  
and funnel  
cakes!**

**Costume  
Contest**

**Pie the  
Priest!**

# Halloween Carnival

**Join us in the parking lot behind  
Barnabas for games, prizes, and all  
sorts of Fall fun!**

**Bounce  
House!**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Wednesday, October 26**

**5-7 pm**

**Cake  
Walk!**



## Ticket Sales Coming Soon

The Women of St. Paul's Christmas Tea will  
be opening up ticket sales in October.

Be on the lookout for more detailed  
information in the Takeout and News from  
the Pews in the near future.



# 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](mailto:donnastokesrogers@gmail.com).

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

# Mighty Mice Ministry

By now, most of you are aware we have mice in the building! Ginny Brewer's Mighty Mice Ministry has taken residence in St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop and delighted many who have stopped by to see (and purchase) a mouse.

*Southern Exposure Magazine* also heard about the mice and are featuring a story in an upcoming issue. But you don't have to wait for the publication. Ginny has provided us with an advance copy of the story.

Thank you Ginny and Pam Horne!



Just a few steps from the stairs leading down to the historic undercroft of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, there is a cozy nook where a small parish of church mice have made their home. They live in a place called Founders Hall, a quaint setting where each mouse busily works to shine a light on the mission each mouse has been given.

The merry makers are knitting prayer shawls. The mighty barbecuers are preparing for the annual barbecue cookout, and the bakers are hastily taste-testing scones and cucumber sandwiches for their church's English Tea.

Around the corner, there are other little creatures engaged in lively activities, too. While the baby mice gather to hear a Bible story, older church mice join together at choir rehearsal. Clever mouse musicians even practice for the next worship service in St. Paul's nearly 200-year-old nave. And, nearby, a sermon is being offered from the lectern.

If you don't recognize these mice immediately, it's only because you haven't visited the intricate diorama display of mice characters that have come straight from the imagination of St. Paul's devoted parishioner Ginny Brewer.

During the quarantine of 2020, like the rest of us, Ginny was looking for ways to be useful in a time when there was so much chaos in the world. She began cultivating her already artistic mind and created what is now known as The Mighty Mice Ministry.

"[Developing the ministry] got me through the pandemic," Ginny says, pointing to an array of outfitted miniature mouse figures she creates from her home workshop in Williamson County.

Each mouse figure, standing at just four inches tall, requires eight hours to customize so it will authentically portray the ministry it represents. Over the years, St. Paul's has not only expanded teaching programs developed by clergy and lay staff, but the church has added new ministries as parishioners feel a nudge to use their God-given gifts and talents to serve the church and broader community. Ginny's vivid imagination has captured the essence of each ministry.



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Inside her home workshop, there are mice galore, each one prepared with care to soon be placed in the hands of a loving owner. Neatly organized by their respective ministries, the Mighty Mice are endearing to say the least, almost life-like. "They don't like to just be thrown in a bag, you know," Ginny insists of the creations that have captured her attention and drawn her to service over the past two years.

In a real way, the Mice Ministry gives a warm and heartfelt glimpse into how the church members worship and serve the community.

Every mouse is crafted of felt material, but also intricately and purposely costumed. Ginny has employed her own gift of design and sewing to fashion each figure. For example, their tiny faces and abdomens are gusseted, so they appear more three-dimensional. They are also weighted for easy display.



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In fact, 2027 will usher in a grand celebration, when this venerable church will mark its bicentennial. Preparation for the milestone event is already underway. Parishioners have gathered every August 25 for a few years to memorialize that summer day in 1827 when Rev. Otey and a handful of Williamson countians met at Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 on Second Avenue to organize the first Episcopal church in the state. Shortly thereafter, plans for construction at 510 West Main Street were underway with the financial support of only a few families.

Construction of the Gothic-revival style nave took nearly four years. Remarkably, it has survived the test of time, as well as the American Civil War, two world wars, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights era, and COVID-19.

This sacred worship place is near and dear to Ginny, but hundreds of families who have called St. Paul's home for decades.

At \$50, each individual mouse can be purchased at the St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop, open every Friday and Saturday, noon until 2 p.m., a time when the church offers free public tours. Ginny is donating 100 percent of the proceeds from her ministry to support the historic preservation of the church.

"Everytime a figure begins to be shaped in my hands," she says, "it isn't mine anymore. It belongs to the Mighty Mice Ministry."





Ginny is a member of the international Episcopal women's organization, The Order of the Daughters of the King, founded in 1885. Members take a vow of prayer and service, and the Order encourages members to use their individual gifts and talents for the good of Christ and the Church.

Through much contemplation and prayer, Ginny discerned her unique gift resulting in the Mighty Mice Ministry for the benefit of St. Paul's.

As a young mother, she loved to create for her two daughters and set the stage for their creativity and imagination.

"I used to work mostly in bunny rabbits," she says. "Beatrix Potter was my inspiration for the children."

Ginny's husband, John, was also a major inspiration. His professional work in accounting took their family to many states across the country, so when the family relocated they found a local Episcopal church where they could worship.



During these years, John often served on building committees in the parishes his family attended (St David's, of Roswell, Georgia and Church of the Epiphany, of Agoura Hills, California), and his name, engraved into the building block of each church, lives on in the hearts of many.

Sadly, just before the pandemic, John passed away unexpectedly, leaving behind his wife, children, and grandchildren. Losing her childhood sweetheart was devastating for Ginny, but she believes he is watching over her mission and supporting her every step of the way.

It was John's passion for helping churches turn a building vision into reality that influenced her decision to donate the proceeds of the Mighty Mice to St. Paul's.

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# St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop & Tours

Gift giving season is coming up soon! Stop by our Corner Gift Shop and find one-of-a-kind items for the people on your shopping list.

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](mailto: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)

### October 6

Heather Bottoms - Book Swap

Bring a book (used is fine) to contribute to the swap.

### October 13

Sharon Crumpton - Meyers Briggs Personality Indicator

We will discuss your results of the Myers Briggs Personality Indicator (MBTI) which you will be able to take online before we gather. The MBTI is a fun way to understand our personality preferences and differences.

### October 20

Mindy Boggs - Photography and Editing

Come learn ways to improve your phone photography and editing skills.

### October 27

NO WITS - SPRING STREET

Since Monna is on Sabbatical, Sarah Karpie will be coordinating the weekly WITS program. If you have questions or would like to be added to their mailing list, please contact Sarah Karpie [mkarpie@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:scottlfaulkner@comcast.net).

## Spring Street

The September Spring Street Social was a happy event! Fellowship, fall and creativity was in the air as St. Paul's members gathered with 20 of our neighbors to craft fall wreaths and enjoy a delicious lunch. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this a success!

If you would like to be involved next month on October 27th, contact Jackie King at 914-329-3017 or momking2nd@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates for Spring Street:

- October 27
- November 17
- December 15



## Free Little Pantry

Perhaps you have noticed a small addition to the front on Barnabas. It is the St. Paul's Little Free Pantry. The pantry is a way to provide certain items for our neighbors in need without them having to come into the church at certain hours. Items in the pantry include canned goods, peanut butter, pastas, and soups.

The Daughters of the King are also providing hygiene kits as well.

A big, big, "thank you" goes to Ron Howes who did such a wonderful building the pantry for us.

If you haven't seen it, please come by and take a look at our newest Outreach addition as we continue to answer Jesus' call to help others in God's name.



*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](mailto:sm@stpaulsfranklin.com)) or contact one of the Stephen Ministers below.

Fred Warner, Stephen Ministry Leader

Barbara Green

Becky Farmer

Carol Waters

George Bishop

Jean Larson

Katie Faulkner

Kelly Pitsenberger

Laura McCown

Marcia Wilkinson

Melissa Crain

Mindy Boggs

Scott Faulkner

Vicki Carlisle





## Needs for Care That Stephen Ministers Can Meet

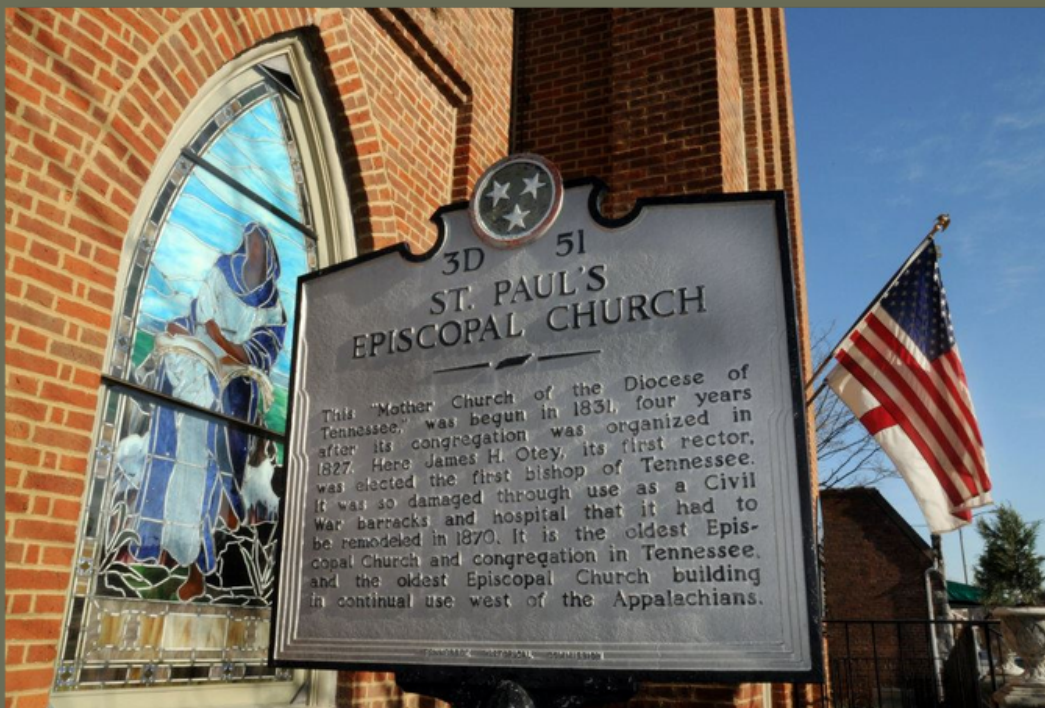
- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are hospitalized
- People being treated for cancer -- and members of their families
- Individuals who are terminally ill -- and members of their families
- People who are experiencing divorce (before, during, and after)
- Parents who have 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](mailto:w.m.lampertz@comcast.net) or Libby Sullivan, [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto: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](http://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
Dewees 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](mailto: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](mailto:shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com).

## Recycling

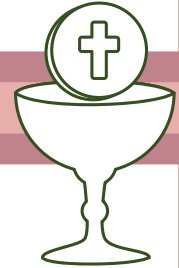
We need the help of parishioners who would be willing to take a blue bag (or several!) with them to recycle with their own household recyclables when they come to church. The paper will continue to be collected in the large, gray bin in the workroom next to Shannon's office and there is a large, green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

For more information, please contact Lois Nagy ([lois@nagy.com](mailto: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.

## October Birthdays

- 1 Robinson McFarland, Lynn Cook, Austin Wilson, Annalee Pitt, Ian Pitt
- 2 Wiley Robinson, Tav Cooke,
- 3 Hannah Boylan, Carolyn Savage, Marta McClanahan
- 4 Dean De Peri, John Looney
- 5 Beverly Headley, Emilie Armstrong, Sophia Nickerson
- 6 Liam Brandon, Thomas Smith
- 7 Richard Boring, Grady Gaskill, Helen Austin, Karen Sullivan, Celeste Phillips
- 8 Emerson Myers, Hayes Myers
- 9 Evey Knopf, Connie Trahan, Josh Thurman, Lois Henderson
- 10 John Nickerson, Jim Ramsey
- 11 Sarah Nance, Andrew Preston
- 12 Rebecca Attack, George Bishop, Bruce Burton
- 13 Randall McFarland
- 14 Arlene Berexa
- 15 Bobby Pitts, David Shepherd
- 16 Trevor Hyssong, Nell Henderson
- 18 Dave Berexa
- 19 Debbie Brake, Barb Walker, Robin Hensley, Fritz Moorman
- 20 Clint Genoble, Seth Cost
- 21 Bob Facer, Joan Bowles, Carrie McBrayer, Alan Robertson, Vivienne Bose
- 22 Lois Nagy, Will Wesson, Sarah Scott Cook, Lane Summers
- 23 Mark Mayhew, Elizabeth Pace, Eliot Williams, Courtney Lamb
- 24 Leah Morrisett
- 25 Chris McBrayer, Angie Yeager
- 27 David Harvanek, Philip Pratt, Judith Atkinson
- 28 Alice Gaskill, Paula Sherman
- 29 Virginia Callicott, Jodie Jaudon
- 30 Gale Haddock, Kellye Pirtle, John Dyess
- 31 Lucy Jordan, Jean Larson, Bob Barrett

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff & Sadie Cost
- 1 Fred & Carolyn Loeffel
- 1 Dean & Robbi De Peri
- 7 Mark & Lisa Robbins
- 7 Jeff & Kathy Bailey
- 9 Syd & Patti Rodocker
- 9 Paul Deepan & Lori MacDonald
- 9 Andy & Jennifer Barton
- 9 Richard & Allison Pullen
- 10 Tom & Emily Boylan
- 16 Scott & Catherine Gain
- 19 Richard & Tracy Waggoner
- 26 Laurie & John Parker
- 28 Randy & Gloria Cox
- 28 Josh & Marty Sutherland





## Condolences

- to the Sidberry family for the loss of Dr. Charles Sidberry
- to Nell Henderson for the loss of her sister, Nancy Siltman

*May They Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.*

