

The Epistle



JANUARY 2023

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January 2023

Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Friday

9:00 - 12:00 pm

Office Closed

January 16

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY:

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

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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 the January newsletter is Friday, January 27, 2023](#)

Upcoming Events

January 8

Epiphany Brunch - Potluck

January 15

Youth Confirmation Classes Begin

January 25

Gathering for Good - Game Night

January 29

Annual Parish Meeting

February 12

Seeker's Class Begin

February 21

Youth Pancake Supper

February 22

Ash Wednesday

And more to come!



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/>



Annual staff Christmas party and bowling outing!

English Tea



English Tea



Caroling Down Main Street



Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve



Giving at Advent



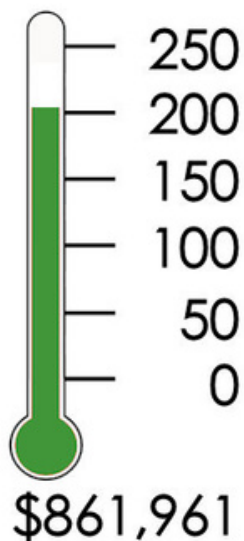
Thank you St. Paul's for your generosity during Advent. We were able to help so many people through the Red & Green bag groceries for Spring Street, St. Luke's Toy Drive, and WAVES Angel Tree. Plus many of you contributed to our outreach partners. It really was the season for giving!



Epiphany Brunch

The Epiphany Brunch is on Sunday January 8, 10 AM in Otey Hall.
Bring a dish to share. No need to RSVP!





STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card for the 2023 Stewardship campaign. We already have received commitments from 203 of our 250 family goals and raised \$861,961.

You can pledge online at:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/stewardship/> or mail in your pledge card to the church.



New Accessible Sanctuary Seating

Due to a generous financial gift, St. Paul's has added some accessible seating in the sanctuary. When you come into the sanctuary, you will notice there are four new beautifully crafted, wooden chairs on the right side where a half pew used to be. (The pew is now on the left side, along the wall).

Thank you to those who helped make this possible.

The Youth Confirmation Class will kick off in January. We will have a Parent Meeting and Introductory Session at 10 am on January 15th in the conference room in Barnabas.

Confirmation is open to all youth 8th grade and older, and we will meet weekly on Sundays at 10 am in Barnabas except Sunday, February 19th. Our class will culminate with the Bishop's Visit on May 21st. We will also have a weekend confirmation retreat in February or March, pending our participants' availability.

If you are interested in being confirmed, simply attend our introductory meeting on January 15th! Please let Nic know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

EYG will resume on January 8, 2023.



EYG Car Park during Dickens Christmas. Thank you to all who participated.

Gathering For Good

Game Night!

January's Gathering for Good is Wednesday, January 25th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM.
Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 maximum for a family..

St. Paul's
Gathering for
Good

Game Night



Jan 25
5:30-7

Games for
All Ages!

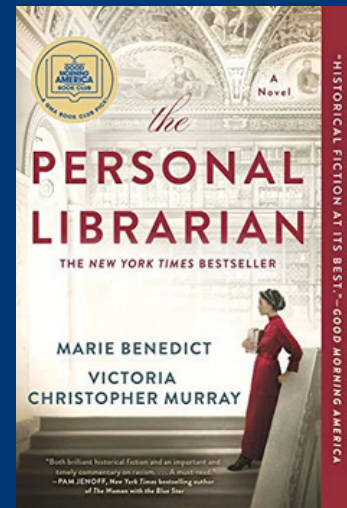
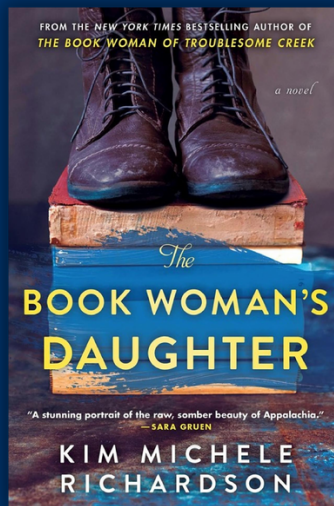
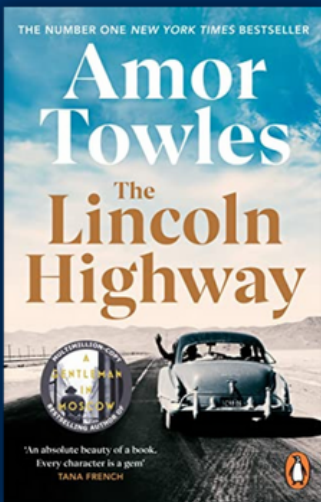
Dinner is \$5 per person
or \$20 maximum
for a family.

Otey Hall 

Bad Girl's Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, January 24th in Founders Hall from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

January's book is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Toles. February's book is *The Bookwoman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson and March's book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.



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, 615-308-2215 or 615-794-8518 for more information about this very pleasant group of ladies and gentlemen. Teens are welcome too!

WITS (Women in Theological Study)

January 5th in Barnabas

We'll spend some time catching up - we'll watch a video and have some discussion.

January 12th in Otey

Sound Bath - You don't want to miss this soothing and renewing meditative experience. Ann Sensing will be with us providing a way for us to enter the new year in a new way. Go to this link to find out what a Sound Bath is: <https://annsensing.com/>.

Wear comfortable clothes, and bring a yoga mat or a towel if you want to be on the floor. You can also do Sound Bathing, while sitting in a chair if that is more comfortable for you.

Please let me know if you plan to come for the Sound Bath. The cost for this wonderful class is \$5 (it would normally cost \$35). Pay when you come.

January 19th in Barnabas

We will begin a new study book study based on *Walking Home: From Eden to Emmaus* by Margaret Guenther. This book is a series of meditations on the "walking stories" of Holy Scripture beginning with the expulsion from Eden. Please let Monna know if you would like a copy of the book.

We meet from 9:30-11:00 am on these Thursdays – Jan 5, 12, and 19; February 2, 9, and 16 (Spring Street Outreach is Jan 26 and Feb 23).



Come join us. If you have any questions about WITS or wish to be added to our weekly reminder email, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.



English Tea



Prayer Shawls & Scarves



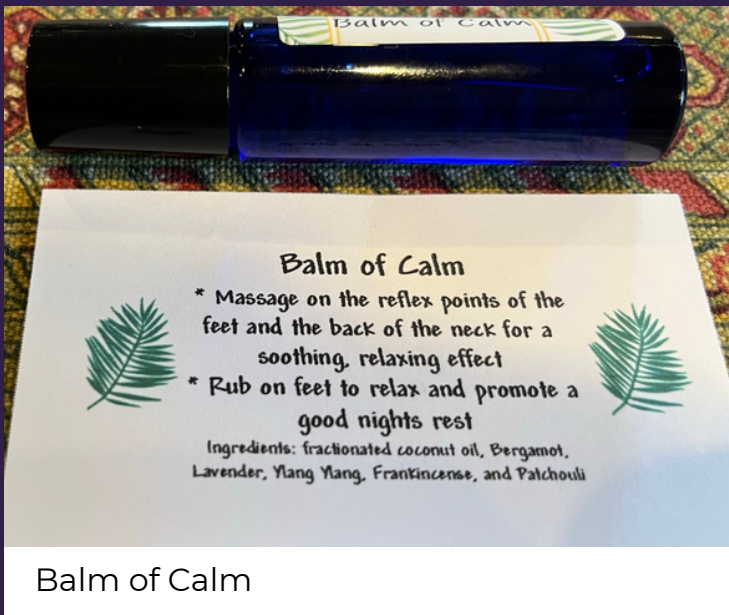
Mice



Shea Butter & Lavender Soap



Rosaries



Balm of Calm



Love Pocket Quilt



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.

Spring Street

The December Spring Street gathering was full of music, good food and even a little dancing! Many thanks to all those who volunteered and cooked for our 33 guests. A special thanks to our own St. Paul's Choir members Ian MacPherson and Amanda Max who led us in carol singing and Will Berger from Trinity Presbyterian who accompanied them on the piano.

We look forward to our next gathering on January 26.

If you'd like to help please call or email Jackie King at 914-329-3017 or momking2nd@yahoo.com



Little Food Pantry

With your generous donations, the Little Free Pantry has been accessed extensively and served our community since August. It is now being restocked twice a week with certain food items in more demand than others to meet the needs of those in our community.

We are in need of small pop-top Vienna sausage cans, hearty soup cans, cans of chili, individual dried soup and mac-n-cheese cups, collards/greens cans, applesauce and fruit cups, fruit juice pouches and water bottles.



Since August, the Daughters of the King have been able to pack/supply 136 “personal care” bags because of your contributions. The supply of individual sized shampoos, conditioners, lotions are extremely low. Please consider donating your “hotel sized” items as well as wrapped plastic utensils from your restaurant take-outs.

Any extras of pocket sized hand sanitizer, alcohol free wipes and tissues are needed during this cold/flu season.

Socks continue to be appreciated, and we were able to provide mittens/hats during the coldest spell of 2022.

These are all gifts of life – thank you!

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

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

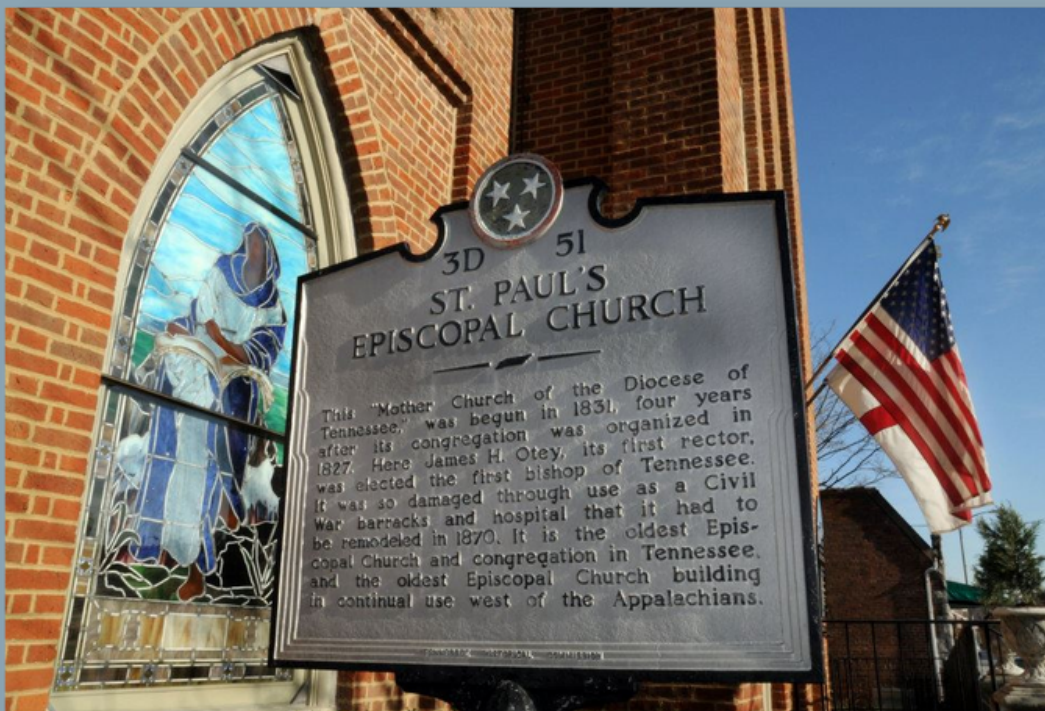
- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are hospitalized
- People being treated for cancer -- and members of their families
- Individuals who are terminally ill -- and members of their families
- People who are experiencing divorce (before, during, and after)
- Parents who have 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 or Libby Sullivan,
libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.



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, Melanie Lampertz, Kathy Ulezelski, Libby Sullivan, Tom Stearns, John Henderson, Greer Carlisle, Cindy Thomsen, Pam Horne, Virginia Callicott, Pat McCracken, Mike Wesson, Jesse Tumblin, Rusty McCown, Rector.

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 Barcus 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.

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. For 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.

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. 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.

Parish Notices

January Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Watkins, Mary O'Mara, Duncan Knopf
- 3 Brent Hughes
- 4 Ann Van Dervoort
- 5 Ensley McFarland
- 6 Ronald Ligon, Abigail Smythe
- 7 Gloria Cox, Vicki Ramsey, Lynne McFarland
- 8 Christy Hilley, Lawrence Card, Matt Myers, Mitchell Brown,
Gabriella Raia
- 9 Jennifer Barton, Heather Creel
- 10 Michael Walters Young, Jamie Trahan, Emmaline Bradley,
JT Sullivan
- 11 Duncan Callicott, Kelly Pitsenberger, Rob Curwen, Lauren Branson
- 12 William Keiser
- 13 Iain Macpherson, Henry Bowles
- 14 Bob Davis, Brandon Hall
- 15 Max Haddon
- 16 Walter Lampertz, Jeremy Atack, Jacob Angola
- 18 Margaret Russell, Rachel Zegley, Christian Robinson
- 19 Jackson Mayhall
- 20 Alex Farmer, Olivia Russell, Garrison Horne
- 21 Sandy Dyess, Nick Johnson, Ashlyn Miniati, Audrey Barton
- 22 Art Creel, Sophie Taylor, Sadie Garner
- 23 Alice Finn
- 25 Laura Turner, Shannon Buttrey, Jackie V Honeycutt, Jack Hughes
- 26 Mindy Boggs
- 27 Janeth McKendrick, John Henderson, Steve Nifong
- 29 Tammey McCormick, Carson Cook
- 30 Val Box, Becky Grimes, Alexandyr Card, Emmett Tkach
- 31 Julie Fisher, Maddie Rogers, Marion Price

Parish Notices

January Anniversaries

- 6 Dave & Arlene Berexa
- 10 Bill & Wendy Heard
- 14 Tav & Carolyn Cooke
- 20 Bill & Dee Rainey
- 21 David & Katie Dees
- 27 Lance & Angie Saylor
- 30 Andrew & Kathryn Johnson

Congratulations

- to Pezh and Megan Shoureshi on the birth of their son, Theodore Melvin Shoureshi

Parish Notices

Condolences

- to the family of Muff Farmer

May He Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

