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Nick, Libby and a friend at the Episcopal Christian Formation Conference



Young Adults social at Neighbors in Cool Springs.

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, February 24, 2023](#)

Upcoming Events

February 6

Beloved Community Book Study starts

February 12

Seekers Classes Begin

February 21

Youth Pancake Supper

February 22

Ash Wednesday

February 28

Book Event with the Robertsons

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/>



Middle Tennessee Diocese Convention

On January 20-21, the Diocese of Tennessee held our annual (191st) convention at St. David's in Nashville. St. Paul's was represented by our delegates: Chris Oberholtzer, Ann Denson, George Bishop, and Sarah Karpie as well as our clergy. I want to thank our delegates for their time and energy this past weekend.

I can report that there's really not too much to report. I've never been to a convention where there were no resolutions presented but that is exactly what occurred. However, even though there were no resolutions, that does not mean we didn't do the business of the diocese.

The convention discussed and passed the diocesan budget for 2023. The approved budget for 2023 is \$2,131,576. The main expenses for the diocese consist of Diocesan Compensation, Outreach, Missions, Education, Ministry/Service, Church Governance, and Administration.

We also approved many individuals to bishop-appointed positions, committees that do a wide array of ministry throughout the diocese. There are many St. Paul's members who selflessly serve on these committees. We also elected people to serve on boards such as Bishop and Council, the Standing Committee, and the Danbridge Trust. I'm happy to report that our Senior Warden, George Bishop, was elected to the Bishop and Council Board, representing the Southwest Convocation.

One very bright spot was hearing a report from our youth. Our very own Eliza Tyer did us proud by giving half of the report and inviting the entire diocese to participate more in youth activities.

Each year the convention features a guest preacher and speaker, usually from outside our diocese. This year we were honored to host The Right Rev. Brian Cole, bishop of East Tennessee. Bishop Cole spoke on our opening day and preached at the Saturday Eucharist. Bishop Cole engaged us with his warmth, humor, and sincere and abiding faith. It was truly a gift having him in our presence.

Included in the Saturday Eucharist were many members of St. Paul's choir, assisting St. David's. The members who participated were Elizabeth Tyer, Amanda Max, Maddie Rogers, Sharon Hels, James Westerfield, Calvin Bottoms, and Donna Stokes-Rogers.

So, that's pretty much it. There are some other things that happened but it was fairly minor in scope. The diocese is alive and well. We have a very bright future before us. As this year's theme stated: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."—2 Cor. 12:9.

Rusty+

Game Night



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was Sunday, January 29 in Otey Hall. We went over the church business, discussed the budget and elected a new vestry. If you missed it, you can download a copy of the [Annual Report](#) here.



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Annual Report 2022



Our annual Pancake Supper is fast approaching! The event will take place on Tuesday, February 21st, from 5:30 to 7:00pm. As always, proceeds from the Pancake Supper will help offset the cost of our trip to Mountain T.O.P. this summer.

We are in need of youth volunteers to help make the Pancake Supper happen. We will decorate Otey Hall as a group at 3pm on Monday, February 20th.



Additionally, youth volunteers will make pancakes, greet visitors, and serve food at the event. If you'd like to participate, please sign up via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaea922a0ffc07-pancake1>

If you are planning on coming to Mountain T.O.P. this summer, your presence at the Pancake Supper and/or our Otey Hall Set-up on the 20th is expected.

This year, we are asking volunteers to provide Hashbrown and Sausage/Egg/Cheese casseroles for the Pancake Supper. Pans and recipes will be available in the church office beginning this Sunday, and you can drop off the casseroles at 5pm on the night of the event. If you'd like to provide a casserole, please sign up via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C48ABAD2FA0F58-pancake>

On February 26th, we will have Diocesan Wide Movie Night at St. Bartholomew's in Nashville. This will be a great way for our youth to meet and mingle with youth from all around the diocese of Tennessee. We'll meet from 4-7pm to watch a movie, eat pizza, play games, and read compline. RSVP to edtnyouth@gmail.com if you'd like to attend!

Finally, we will have an outing on February 12th, as EYG will not meet due to the Super Bowl. The details of this are pending- we will either go ice skating as a group, or have EYG at Jim Warren Park.

St. Paul's Youth



\$10

February

21st

PANCAKE

SUPPER

5:30-7 PM

Otey Hall

**All proceeds benefit
our Youth's summer
trip to Mountain TOP**

**New this year! Bring an extra \$5 to nominate
or vote for our very first St. Paul's
Mardi Gras King and Queen!**

WITS (Women in Theological Study)

We are continuing a book study series 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. “If we take the walk of faith, our feet will get dirty, worn and blistered. But the walk demands that we stand on solid ground, that we feel the earth beneath our feet, like Adam and Eve, when we go barefoot from the garden, ready to start a lifetime of walking.”

Join us from 9:30-11:00 am on these Thursdays in February:

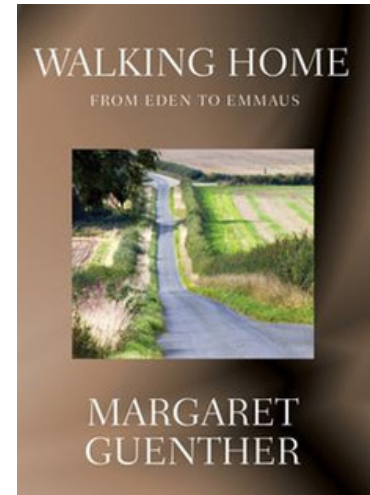
Feb 2 – Discuss Chapters 5-8 (In Founders)

Feb 9 – Discuss Chapters 9-12

Feb 16 – Discuss Chapters 13-17

(Spring Street Outreach is Feb 23)

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.

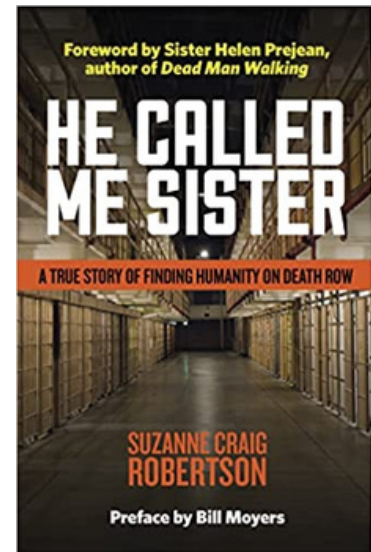


Sound Bath meditation during WITS.

Bad Girl's Book Club Special Event

This month's book club will be a departure from our usual format. We will instead host a parish-wide event with Suzanne and Alan Robertson, featuring Suzanne's book *He Called Me Sister: A True Story of Finding Humanity on Death Row*. The story is about Cecil Johnson and the Robertsons, who built a lasting, life-changing friendship with Johnson.

This is not the usual book club format, but an opportunity for the Robertsons to tell their story. They will speak for about 45 minutes, then will take questions for about 15-20 minutes. A book signing will be offered afterward, concluding by 8:00.



The release date for the book February 21 and an initial book event will be held in Nashville on that date. If you would like to purchase a book prior to the event, we will work with Landmark Booksellers in Franklin to offer a local purchase option. It is not necessary to purchase a book to attend the event.

The event will be on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm in Otey Hall. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, tea, coffee and water will be available.

Our regular format will resume in March where we will discuss *The Bookwoman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. All of our planned titles will be bumped a month and our next regular book club will be in Founders Hall on March 28.

WSP

WSP will welcome a new slate of officers during the HeArt and Soul retreat. President- Jackie King, Vice-President- Cindy Howes, Secretary- Kathy Berry, Treasurer- Pat McCracken, At Large Members- Cindy Thomsen, Mindy Boggs, Fran Osteen, Kathy Ulezelski.

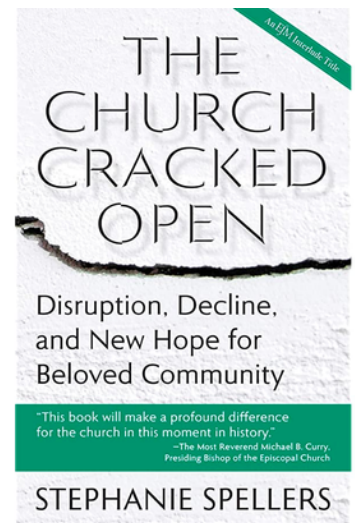
All adult women who attend St. Paul's are members of WSP, please contact Jackie King (momking2nd@yahoo.com) for more information.



February Monday Night Book Study

The Beloved Community of St. Paul's Franklin is offering a discussion series via Zoom on the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* by The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers via Zoom every Monday night in February (February 6, 13, 20, 27) from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The study is open to anyone interested, so please share this information.

The Church Cracked Open takes readers on an incredible journey exploring the American story and the Episcopal story in hopes of finding out how we can embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way.



Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. It's not surprising that a global pandemic and once-in-a-generation reckoning with white supremacy—on top of decades of systemic decline—have spurred Christians everywhere to ask who we are, why God placed us here and what difference that makes to the world.

The Church Cracked Open invites us to surrender privilege and redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.

Please register in advance to receive the Zoom link:
bit.ly/3Xya98y or scan the QR Code:



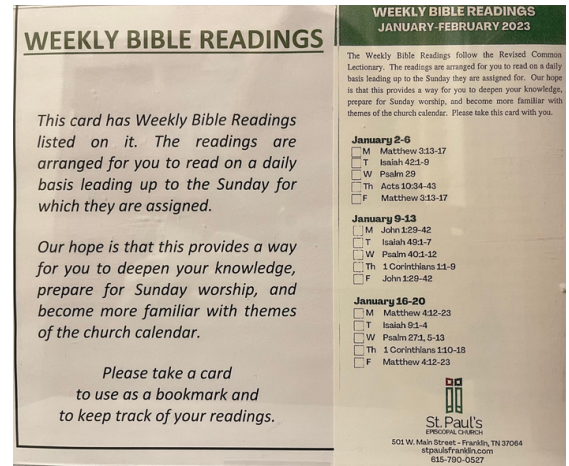
For more information contact: Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com

Weekly Bible Readings

Weekly Bible Reading cards are now available in the narthex. The readings, based on the Revised Common Lectionary, are arranged for you to read on a daily basis leading up to the Sunday for which they are assigned.

Our hope is that this provides a way for you to deepen your knowledge, prepare for Sunday worship, and become more familiar with themes of the church calendar.

Please be sure to pick up a card to use as a bookmark and to help keep track of your readings.



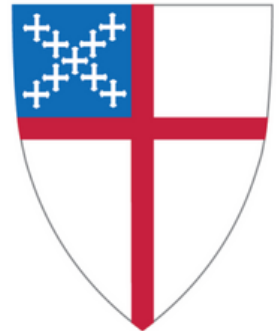
Seeker's Class 2023

Beginning Sunday, February 12 our annual "Seekers" Class will begin. This is traditionally a class given for those adults who wish to join the church through Confirmation or Reception. However, please know that all are welcome, especially current congregants of St. Paul's who would like a refresher course. We will look at church subjects such as worship, church history, and Episcopal theology.

The course will last seven weeks, ending the week before Palm Sunday. We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in our Barnabas annex which is the building located behind the church on Fair St.

The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St. Paul's for Confirmation on May 21.

If you have any questions please contact Rusty via email: rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com or by phone 615-790-0527.



THE SEASON OF LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Season of Lent, a penitential time in the church. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent (the forty days before Easter) by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Jesus's resurrection on Easter Day.

On Ash Wednesday, we are offering 3 times for you to join with the community of faith in receiving the imposition of ashes. Please consider one of these opportunities to enter into this Holy Season:

7:00 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

12:05 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Lenten Meditations

Who is My Neighbor?

According to The Book of Common Prayer, Lent provides us with the opportunity for self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial; and to read and meditate on God's holy word (BCP, p 265). This Lenten Season, Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us, as we meditate on the commandment to love our neighbor and consider the meaning of this fundamental instruction in our daily lives. "Who is my neighbor?" [Sign up here sign up](#) to receive a meditation in your inbox each day.

May God richly bless you this Lenten season.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM and Compline 8:00 PM on Monday - Saturdays

To help you begin and end the days during the Holy Season of Lent, join us from wherever you are, on Facebook Monday – Saturday during Lent, beginning Thursday February 23rd – April 6th . We will offer Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and Compline at 8:00 pm.

Not on Facebook? Not a problem – you can access our Facebook through our website.

If you would like to officiate either one of these Daily Liturgies, look for sign-up opportunity to come.

Adult Christian Formation - Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

Holy Living, Holy Ending- Planning for Aging and End-of-Life Matters

The Season of Lent is an appropriate time to intentionally consider our mortality.

At some point, our time on earth will come to an end, yet we are promised that death is not the final end, for there is everlasting life in God. But now, how do we prepare for the transition and what does end of life planning ensure for those we leave behind?

There are many options and decisions to make when it comes to responsible planning for end of life for ourselves or for those we love. In an effort to provide formation, along with education and helpful information, we are offering a series during Lent, entitled Holy Living, Holy Ending.

This is an opportunity to hear experts discuss topics covering Elder Law, Evaluating Needs, Hospice Care, Final Resting Place, and Funeral Planning. We hope you will join us Sunday mornings during Lent at 10:00 in Otey Hall, beginning Feb 26.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

Lenten Programs - Wednesday Evenings - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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5:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

5:30 PM - Supper in Otey (look for to sign-up to bring food)

6:00 -6:45 PM - *Psalms of Lent – Program for Adults

6:00-6:45 PM – Program for Children

*The Psalms that are assigned for the Sundays provide us with plenty to reflect on during this Holy Season. On Wednesday nights during Lent, we will spend time digging deeper, studying the Psalm that we will say together the following Sunday.

“You are dust and to dust you shall return.”

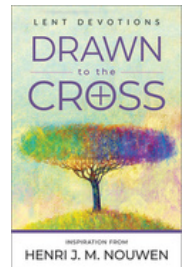
Children's Program for Lent

Children will be exploring the season of Lent through stories, drawing, and reader's theater in Founder's Hall during the Lenten Series on Wednesdays during Lent beginning March 1st. If your child is planning to participate and is at least 5 years old, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com so that we have plenty of materials for everyone. The nursery will be available for children under 5. Please let Libby know if you plan to use the nursery.

Lenten Devotions

Be sure to pick up a copy of Drawn to the Cross – Daily Lenten Devotions with inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Look for them in the Narthex beginning Sunday February 19th.



“You are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Parish Outreach – “Chef For the Night”

We're headed to My Friend's House (MFH) on Sunday, February 19th to cook with the boys!

We'll be preparing a meal to share with the eight residents and one or two staff members. The evening helps teach important life skills in cooking and simply socializing. Some of the boys will be more excited about socializing than cooking, so we may play games, too!

We would love some of our St. Paul's men to join in, as you are exceptional role models for these young people.

The mission of MFH is to serve neglected, abused or at-risk boys ages 12-18 by offering a home-like environment with a balance of safety, structure, encouragement, care and optimistic expectations. The goal is to give each resident the chance to recover from the adverse situation they were in and become successful young adults.

Location: 626 Eastview Circle, Franklin

Date/Time: Sunday, Feb. 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*All Volunteers must be 21 or older

If you would like to help, please contact Pat McCracken at pat@newleafpartners.com or 615-351-1113, or Mishelle Phillips at shellbokey@gmail.com or 615-403-0703.



Spring Street

The January Spring Street gathering celebrated love with cheerful pink and red decorations and a delicious lunch.

I don't think any of our friends or volunteers passed on the beautiful carrot cake! We were so happy that 27 neighbors didn't let a few snowflakes keep them away.

Planning is underway for our gathering on February 23. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer.

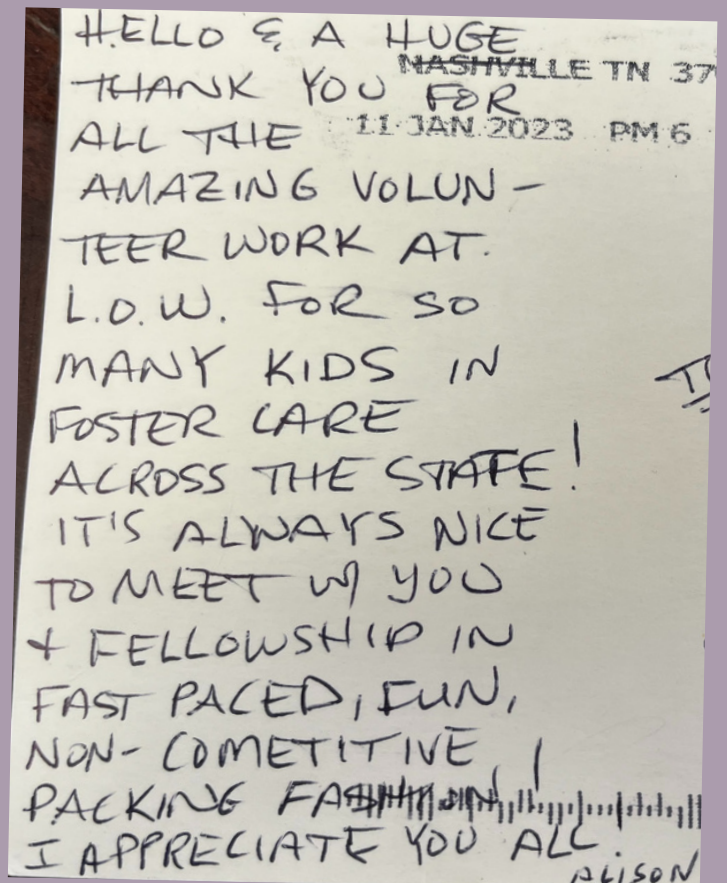
Jackie King
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Love On Wheels

Instead of trading Christmas gifts with each other this year, the staff opted to do a community service project. So after staff meeting one day, we went to Love on Wheels, where we spent a couple of hours pulling toiletries, blankets, books, socks, etc, to be delivered to children in foster care.

It was a very rewarding experience. Learn more about Love On Wheels [here](#).



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! In the month of January we are awaiting our 2023 budget. We would like to share some of the wonderful thank you notes we have received in the past few months from organizations such as Tennessee Resettlement Aid, The Nook, Davis House and Tucker's House.

The gratitude of these nonprofits shows the work in our community in which St. Paul's is an active participant!

As a reminder, 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 our church's extra hand up. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about organizations, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpauls.com or any other members on the committee: Will Boggs, Jim Miller, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Pam Horne and Spencer Dibble.

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Dear St. Paul's community,

Thank you so much for your generosity during this holiday season. Your contribution to the Angel Tree will make such a huge impact in the lives of adults this year. You all are truly making Waves in our community. We are so grateful for all your support. From all the staff at Waves,

Thank You!

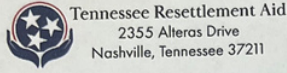


REV. MORNA MAYTAL:

THANK YOU TO YOU AND THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT ST. PAUL'S FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY. WE APPRECIATE THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND VALUE YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND EVERYONE AT ST. PAUL'S. I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING FROM YOU.

Sincerely,
MARCOZ HERNANDEZ





Thank you to our friends at St. Paul's for standing with our refugee neighbors. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve our Afghan and Ukrainian families with your help and support.

-Katie Finn
Tennessee Resettlement Aid

I STAND WITH REFUGEES



Dear Reverend Mayhall,
On behalf of our Afghan and Ukrainian refugee neighbors, I want to thank you and the outreach committee for the generous grant. These funds will allow us to continue our mission of welcome to families who have endured so much. Indeed, St. Paul's is a bastion of loving kindness in our community and I'm especially grateful for your support. It's an honor to serve God's people and share the love of Christ with St. Paul's as a partner. Blessings to you and thanks again.

-Katie Finn, Director, TRA

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

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Laura McCown

Marcia Wilkinson

Melissa Crain

Mindy Boggs

Scott Faulkner

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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

Lest We Forget

by John Henderson, member of the Historic Committee



This the first in a series of vignettes on slightly known incidents in the history of St. Paul's that will appear in The Epistle from time to time.

For many years, a metal sign labeled Cochrane Hall appeared above the Main Street entrance to the administration office area. It disappeared a couple of decades ago. Who was Cochrane and why was he or she so honored? Actually, there were two Cochranes, Dr. Hardin P. Cochrane and his wife, Mrs. Leighla O. Cochrane. They came to Franklin from Alabama. She had family who years before had been members of St. Paul's. He was a Civil War veteran who, on special occasions, proudly donned his Confederate attire. Both were active participants in the life of St. Paul's for more than four decades.

At the time of his death, Dr. Hardin Cochrane owned several parcels of land in Franklin, including a house on the west side of Third Avenue North which he and his wife interestingly called The Cochrane Flats. This lovely building, more commonly referred to today as the Eaton House, is one of only a few examples of Federal architecture that has been preserved in Franklin. In the late 1920s, Dr. Cochrane deeded the property to Mrs. Cochrane. In his holographic will (a document wholly in the handwriting of its author), he recites that, to comply with her wishes, he had given The Cochrane Flats to his wife to give to St. Paul's upon their deaths. In her holographic will, which predates his will, she mentions The Cochrane Flats by name and then abruptly ends the document thusly: "upon their deaths we mutually give," omitting the name of St. Paul's or any designee. He died in 1935, she having predeceased him. (Readers with legal backgrounds will immediately recognize a need for some very good "lawyering.") Both wills were simultaneously filed for probate. Somehow or other The Cochrane Flats ended up in the hands of St. Paul's. According to Judge John Henderson it was understood that the church was to keep the grass cut around his and her gravesites; Scott Smith, in his excellent history of St. Paul's, stated that part of The Cochrane Flats was to be the rectory of the current parish priest and the rest was to be rental property with the income to be used to support the choir in perpetuity. For many years the property was put to use by St. Paul's as a parish hall or a rectory. 1968 this historic building was sold "for a song" to a parishioner who in turn had it renovated and resold. For many years thereafter, the building housed legal offices.

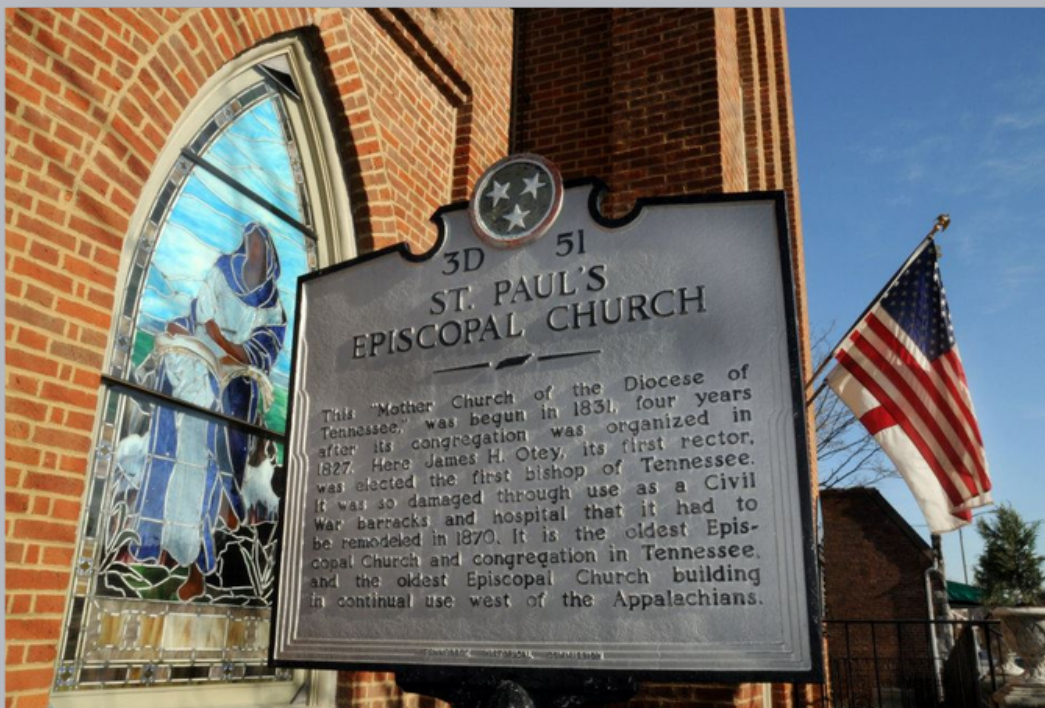
With the disappearance of the Cochrane Hall sign, the name Cochrane began to fade from public view. Let us never forget Dr. and Mrs. Cochrane's donation of The Cochrane Flats to the church they dearly loved.

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	Patti and Syd Rodocker
Will and Mindy Boggs	Marty and Sarah Karpie	Amanda Ryden
Richard Bolte	Bill and Janet Keith	Carolyn Savage
Val Box	Ellen Kirk	Wayne and Connie Senseney
William and Mary Kate Brandon	Robert and June Knabe	Charles Sidbury
Ginny Brewer	Chris and Lyn Knopf	Roy and Frances Sieber
Gene and Margaret Brown	Walter and Melanie Lampertz	Judy Simmons
Justin and Amanda Bushnell	Van and Dannie Latture	Scott Smith
Patsy Carter	Rick and Pam Leet	Tom and Marida Stearns
Tav and Carolyn Cooke	Ronald and Marty Ligon	Brandon and Libby Sullivan
Bob and Susan Cowperthwaite	Doug and Joyce Little	Karen Sullivan
Charlie and Sharon Crumpton	Ed and Lucetta Mannion	Mickey and Susan Trailov
Jay and Pam Fahey	Doug and Monna Mayhall	Jim and Kathy Ulezelski
Scott and Katie Faulkner	Mark and Catherine Mayhew	Bob and Ann VanDevoort
Leslie Fraser and Wanda Woolen	Rusty and Laura McCown	John and Patti Wilkison
Granville and Mimi Grant	Maria McPherson and Matt Nicks	Barbara Williams
		Woody and Beth Woodruff



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.

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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

February Birthdays

- 1 Austin Pratt, Eliza Tyer, Avery Hilley
- 2 Cecilia Harvanek, Julie Reinhardt, Julia High, Marie Nelson
- 3 Melanie Lampertz, Landon Kowalski
- 4 Susi Trabue
- 7 Philip Phillips, Bob Johnson, Jack Buse, Paul Hannah
- 8 Brianna Bailey
- 9 Lyn Knopf, Hope Elkins, Dorcas Mansell, Linda Hall, Theodore Walters Young
- 10 Sam Miller, Nelson Williams
- 11 Theodore Melvin Shoureshi
- 12 Hannah Impeartrice, Whitfield Spain, Nate Card
- 13 Allen Henry, Sam Williams
- 14 Lindsay Gain, Robert McCown, Sarah Thurman
- 15 Glenn Trahan, Ken Young
- 16 Granville Grant, Debbie Whitlock
- 17 Brent Blackwelder
- 18 Paris Henry, Richard Phillips, Margen Laratta, Abe Lamb
- 19 Beth Woodruff
- 20 Freda Garrett, Fanny Haynes, Linley Williams
- 21 Robbi De Peri, Colin Henry, Jay Fahey, Brooke Zegley, Maggie Hennes
- 22 Bonnie Sullivan, Marty Karpie
- 23 Brad Preston, Lisette Benefield-Smythe
- 24 Tom Stearns, Wes Edwards, Pam Fahey, Olivia Jones
- 25 Richard Waggoner
- 27 Greer Carlisle, Robert Collins, Brian Grant

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February Anniversaries

- 12 George and Drusie Bishop
- 16 Kit and Janet Carroll
- 22 Larry and Ellen Kirk
- 24 David and Barbara Roth
- 24 Jeff and Kristy Williams
- 24 Brandon and Shay Hall
- 24 Larry and Debbie Whitlock
- 26 Wayne and Connie Senseney

Congratulations

- to Rachel and Rod Blackhurst on the birth of their daughter, Georgie Blackhurst
- to Spencer and Suzanne Dibble on the birth of their boy, Jamie Dibble
- to Rob and Laura Beth Ramirez on the birth of their son, Bobby Ramirez

Parish Notices

Condolences

- to Steve Thompson on the death of his sister, Kathryn Thompson
- to Donna Stokes-Rogers on the death of her uncle, Glenn Gregory
- to the family of Bob Innacone

May He Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

