

The Epistle



SEPTEMBER 2023

Our mission is to proclaim the news of Jesus Christ and care for all

The Clergy and Staff

The Rev. W.R. "Rusty" McCown, Rector
The Rev. Monna Mayhall, Associate Rector
The Rev. Ann Van Dervoort,
 Assisting Priest, Retired
Donna Stokes-Rogers, Music Minister
Rick Jackson, Organist
Libby Sullivan, Children's Minister
Nic Parmer, Youth Minister
Shannon Buttrey, Parish Administrator
Kristy Moore, Financial Administrator
Paula Sherman, Communications Manager

Vestry

George Bishop, Senior Warden
 Finance, Stewardship
Ron Howes, Junior Warden
 Building and Grounds
Jean Larson, Christian Education
Pam Horne, Outreach
Paul Hannah, Stewardship
Mindy Boggs, Parish Life
Mary Emilie Acklen, Hospitality
Sam Yeager, Finance
Chris Oberholtzer, Communications
Bruce Theobald, Pastoral Care
Rob Curwen, Long-Range Planning
Holly Spain, Youth and Children's Ministries
Michael Walters Young, Treasurer

FIND US:

**510 WEST MAIN STREET
 FRANKLIN, TN. 37064
 (615) 790-0527
 WWW.STPAULSFRANKLIN.COM**



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK
 @STPAULSFRANKLINTN**

**FIND US ON INSTAGRAM
 @STPAULSFRANKLIN**

September 2023

Office Hours:

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

**Friday
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Closed Labor Day

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.

In This Issue

- 5 Announcements
- 7 August at St. Paul's
- 15 Upcoming Events
- 21 Parish Life
- 23 Article: Historical Summary
of the Ordination of Women
in the Episcopal Church
- 27 EYG
- 28 Men of St. Paul's
- 29 Women of St. Paul's
- 31 Acting Upon Our Reverence
For The Earth
- 34 Outreach
- 37 WITS/EfM/DOK
- 39 Stephen Ministry
- 42 Historic Reflections
- 44 Corner Gift Shop
- 45 St. Paul's App
- 47 Volunteer Opportunities
- 48 Financial Information
- 49 Life Events



St. Paul's at the Boys & Girls Club Dinner.

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 August newsletter is Monday, September 25, 2023](#)

Upcoming Events

September 1 - 3

WSP Annual Bazaar

September 10

Rally Day

Parish Meeting

September 20

Gathering for Good -
Bluegrass & Burgers

September 30

Annual BBQ

October 1

Blessing of the Animals

.....

Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar, under the "About Us" tab on the church website:

<https://74053364.view-events.com/calendar/74053364/>



St. Paul's Young Adults won Trivia Night at Neighbors...Again!



The women were in charge when Rusty was on vacation. They held the staff meeting in Founders, had scones and finished the meeting 15 minutes early.

Parish Meeting

For many years "Our Doors Are Always Open" has been the primary motto for St. Paul's. It appears on most things we send out and is prominently displayed as the first statement on our website. And the doors to our sanctuary have always been open, 24 hours a day, with a few brief exceptions, for these many years.

Because of this unrestricted availability, however, St. Paul's also has a history of being a place where the homeless and others seeking a place to spend the night come on an almost nightly basis. Some of these visitors act responsibly; others do not. In recent years, our clergy and staff have on several occasions arrived in the morning and found the sanctuary in a mess. Also, some of our overnight visitors have alarmed staff members and volunteers who have encountered them in the morning hours. Recently, the lectern hangings in the sanctuary have been stolen.

Over the past few months, your Vestry has been discussing what we might do to address these issues. Before we make any decisions, however, we would like to get input from the parish at-large. In light of this, we will be holding a parish meeting on Sunday, September 10th, following the 11 o'clock service. The meeting will be held in Otey at 12:30. We hope that anyone having thoughts about this issue will attend. Thank you.

George Bishop
Senior Warden

Sunday Services Time Change

We will return to four Sunday services on September 10th: 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. See you there!

Building Update

As we kick off our new programming year, I thought I'd provide an update on our building project. In early August, the Building and Design Committee interviewed potential contractors. It was an impressive group but Solomon Builders, Inc. was our unanimous choice in part because of their experience with historic buildings. We recommended them to Vestry who approved the selection in a special meeting.

We are making progress in securing all the necessary building permits. While we do not yet have a fixed construction timeline, we hope to begin construction in either the first or second quarter of next year.

Look for information about a parish-wide meeting later this fall where more details will be presented.

Bob Larson

Help The People of Lahaina

Help those impacted by wildfires on Maui. Provide immediate relief and assist with long-term recovery with a gift today through the Episcopal Relief & Development:

<https://bit.ly/erd-lahaina>



Bayou Bash



The McBrayers hosted an end-of-the-summer Bayou Bash for St. Paul's in August. We dined on shrimp, rice and beans, sides and desserts. The kids bounced on the trampoline and splashed down the water slide while the adults enjoyed the Zydeco Band. Thank you McBrayers for a delightful evening.



Bayou Bash

8



Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers



A Prayer for the School Year

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
We bring ourselves, our big feelings,
and our backpacks to you.

In our backpacks,
we carry blank pages,
sharpened pencils,
and pointy crayons,
and in our hearts,
we carry big feelings,
unanswered questions,
and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities
of what this new year might bring-
of what we might learn,
who we might meet,
and who we might become.

God, our friend
who is always with us,
be with us through it all. Amen.

A Prayer for Teachers and Educators

God of all learning, grant our
teachers an abundance of your
wisdom. Prepare their hearts to
welcome and love. Give them
grace in their encounters,
courage to face challenges, and
strength when they feel weak.
When they feel unseen, remind
them we are overwhelmed with
gratitude for the gifts they share
with our children. May they see
how their dedication forever
impacts generations. Amen.

-The Rev. Kaitlyn Bouchillon,
adapted, www.crosswalk.com

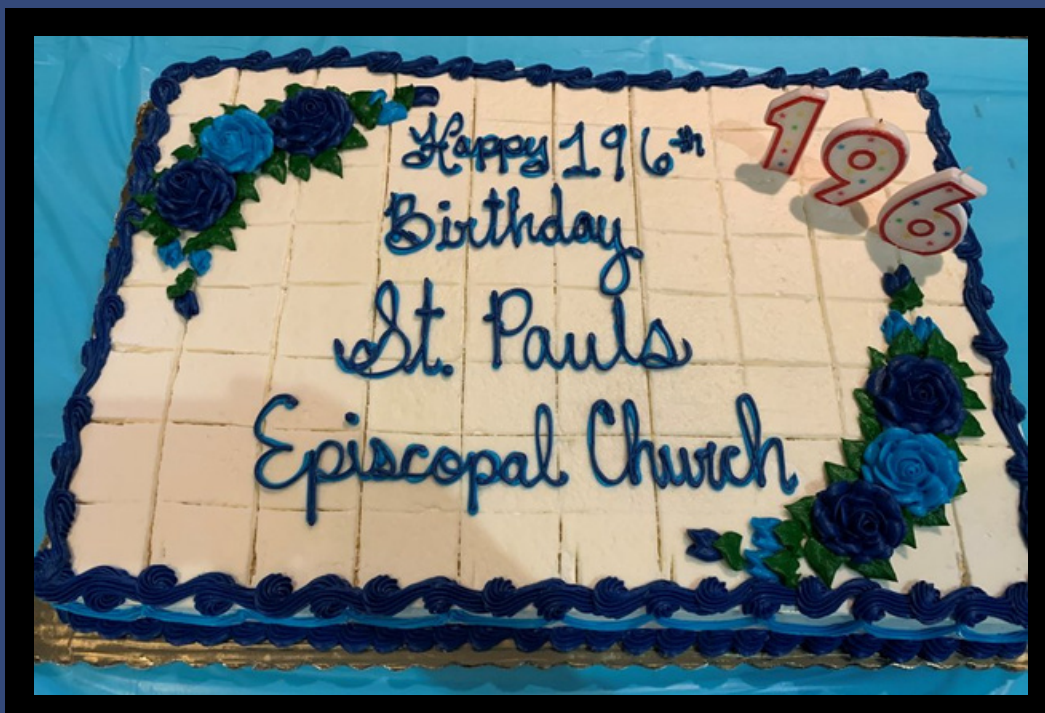


St. Paul's Birthday Celebration

Last Friday night Otey Hall was standing room only for the celebration of St. Paul's 196th birthday. There were lots of new and familiar faces joining in the festivities, which included delightful music by Fred Newell and Barney Robertson. All enjoyed deep dish, thin crust and hand-tossed pizza, salad and beverages with a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream to top it all off. Mike Wesson, the newest Bicentennial Co-Chair joining Libby Sullivan and Jay Fahey, led a lively trivia contest. Light blue and navy baseball caps were the newest addition to merchandise offerings along with candles, mugs and history books for sale.

Melanie Lampertz reported on several exciting historic preservation projects funded by Bicentennial Society donations including the building and installation of new wooden louvers above the Church entrance, led by Ron Howes, as well as restoration of Bishop Otey's son's tombstone at the foot of the entry stairs, spearheaded by Colbi Layne Hogan. Jay Fahey thanked those already participating in the Bicentennial Society and encouraged everyone to consider becoming a member with a donation of \$1,000 payable over the next four years. Jay also encouraged everyone to take part in one of the committees working on preparations for the Bicentennial celebration in 2027.

For more information on how to get involved, contact Melanie Lampertz at w.m.lampertz@comcast.net or 615-887-3568, or Libby Sullivan at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-804-8118.



St. Paul's Birthday Celebration



St. Paul's Birthday Celebration

12



EYG Kickoff Bowling Party

The EYG Kickoff Bowling Party last Sunday was an absolute success! A special thank you to Holly Spain for making it happen!

We will not meet this next Sunday, September 3rd, because of Labor Day. Students, enjoy your long weekend! We will start back on September 10. We will have an EYG table during our Rally Day celebration at 10am, and we will meet in Barnabas from 5pm – 7pm for our usual evening gathering!

If you would like to sign up to bring dinner for the youth group on a Sunday night, we would be most grateful. Click on the link below to sign up for a night that works for you. Thank you!

<https://www.bit.ly/eygsunday>

Feel free to contact Maddie (maddie@stpaulsfranklin.com) with any youth related questions, comments, or concerns.





Rally Day - September 10

15

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, September 10th at 10 am in Otey Hall for Soul Food Sunday. We will feast on snacks while we see what's being offered this Fall to satisfy our souls!

This will also be the day that we return to four services: 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11 am and 6 pm. See you there!



ST. PAUL'S RALLY DAY

SOUL FOOD

Sunday

September 10th @ 10am

Otey Hall

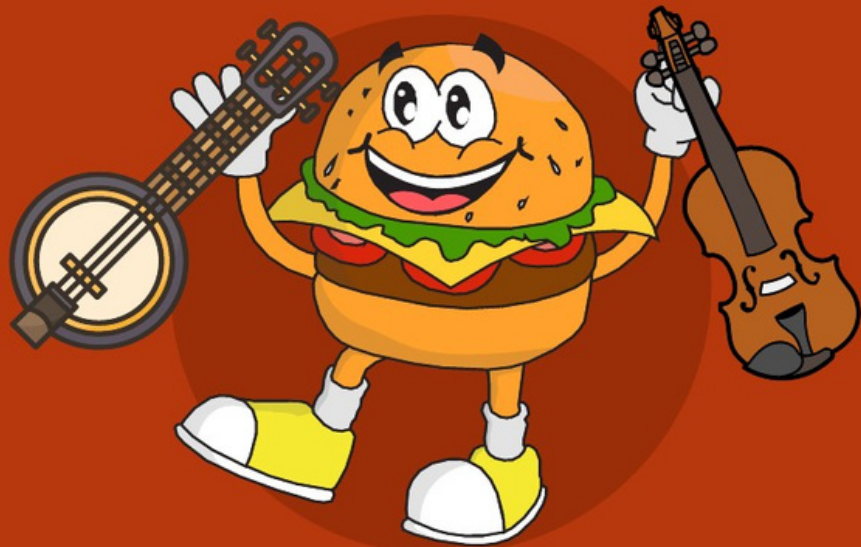
TASTE AND SEE ALL THE OFFERINGS ST. PAUL'S HAS TO NOURISH YOUR SOUL AS WE GATHER FOR OUR PROGRAM YEAR ONCE AGAIN! THIS IS THE SUNDAY WE RETURN TO FOUR SERVICES:

7:30am 8:45am 11am 6pm

Burgers & Bluegrass - September 20

Gathering for Good Returns September 20th. Gathering for Good is our monthly parish-wide social event. Join us as we kick off a new program year on Wednesday, September 20th as we enjoy Bluegrass and Burgers in the 6th Avenue courtyard from 5:30-7 pm. Dinner is \$5 per person or family maximum of \$20. Look for signup for RSVPs coming soon. Bring a chair or blanket and meet us in the courtyard for some great music and delicious burgers with your parish family!

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLUEGRASS AND BURGERS



20
SEPT
2023

GATHERING FOR GOOD

DINNER IS \$5 PER PERSON OR \$20
FAMILY MAX.
6TH AVENUE COURTYARD
5:30-7 PM

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET!

Save the date for these
Gathering for Good
events in 2023:

October 25
Halloween Carnival

November 29
Advent Wreaths

St. Paul's Annual Barbeque - September 30

63RD ANNUAL



BBQ

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
2 PM -Until it's all gone!



AWARD-WINNING PULLED PORK
SMOKED CHICKEN
WHOLE PORK BUTT
CHICKEN QUARTER
FAMILY PACK MEALS



For More Information or Order Online:

WWW.STPAULSFRANKLIN.COM/BBQ



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
510 W. MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, TN

SUPPORTS LOCAL OUTREACH



Men of St. Paul's BBQ

It's time once again for the Men of St. Paul's to host our annual BBQ.....Almost!

After more than sixty years of holding our beloved event in the scorching heat of July, the decision has been made to move the date to the cooler weather of late September. Careful consideration was put into this decision including the safety of our guests and our volunteer workers. In addition, last year anyone who preordered online had the opportunity to vote on this proposed date change. It was unanimous. 100% of the voters agreed that September would be a better time to hold the BBQ. Therefore, this year's event will be held on Saturday September 30th, and moving forward, it will be held on the last Saturday of each September.

All our traditional offerings will be available, including our award-winning pulled pork BBQ, smoked chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, vegetable mix and hoe cakes! This will be a carry out event only and meals can be purchased individually or in bulk quantities as a family pack. We will also offer whole chickens and whole butts. The women of St. Paul's will once again be offering their delicious baked goods and deserts during the event.

In a few days, we will be sending a letter about this year's BBQ and we will enclosed six tickets. The tickets are \$15 each and we ask that you purchase them for use or give away to friends. Please make your purchase by September 21st as this helps us with our food order. Additional information regarding event times, details about preordering, bake sale specifics, and other general information about the BBQ will be provided soon.

So, that's it for now, save the date! We are extremely excited about holding this special event in more pleasant weather conditions and we look forward to seeing you there!



ST. PAUL'S FAMILIES

2023 EVENTS

Friday, July 28 Families Kick-off event @St. Paul's from 5:30–7:30

Parents will have Taziki's for dinner in the courtyard while the children have their own party in Otey Hall with pizza and crafts.

Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max.

Children's beverages will be provided. Adults may BYOB.

Older children are welcome to volunteer to help with the pizza and crafts party!

Saturday August 19th: Parish Wide End of Summer Bayou Party

Join us at the McBrayer's for a Zydeco Band, waterslide and cajun feast! 5–7 pm. Check out the website for more details!

Friday, September 29th: Men's BBQ Kick-off

Dads are encouraged to attend the kick-off for the BBQ at the church. Moms and children are invited to the Spains' house for a potluck dinner and fellowship.

Wednesday October 25th: Halloween Carnival at St. Paul's

Wear your costumes and join us for a fun Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off. Prizes will be awarded for best individual and group costumes.

Saturday, December 2nd: Christmas Parade Potluck Lunch in Founder's Hall

We will gather for lunch and to watch the parade go down Main Street while we enjoy a Hot Chocolate Bar!

Holy Hikes

Join us for our next Holy Hike on

WHEN: Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 am

WHERE: Watch for details to come in News from the Pews and Takeout



St. Paul's has had 2 Holy Hikes-Middle Tennessee since it started in July. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our September Hike - It is a great way to start the day!

If you have questions about Holy Hikes, please email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.



QUICK POINTS

Holy Hikes...

- are like a progressive Liturgy
- are once a month
- are open to anyone, any age – please share information with friends
- are accessible, being mostly flat, and 1-2 miles in length
- are at various location each month - park, trail, zoo, etc.
- are free unless the place of the hike charges admission/fee

Lemonade in the Shade

As fall approaches, we are nearing the end of Lemonade in the Shade season. Thank you Loren and Daniel Robicheaux, Annette Phillips, and Elizabeth Tyler for prepping the food and drinks, making it look pretty, then cleaning it all up.



Tennessee Trails Association

The next Columbia/Franklin Tennessee Trails Association Quarterly Meeting is September 5th in Barnabas. Social hour begins at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.

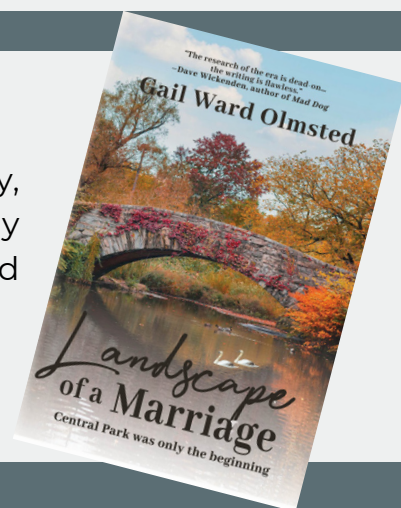


This month we will have Rick Lausten presenting his latest trek across England. As many of you know, Rick and his troupe set out every 2-3 years and hike long distances in the English countryside and this year was no different. He will also have hints/ideas for you in case you are interested in making similar hikes. We welcome anyone interested in hiking to join us for this special presentation.

Bad Girls Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, September 26 in Founders Hall from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We will discuss *Landscape of a Marriage* by Gail Ward Olmsted.

Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.



Dinner Groups

At long last, Dinner Groups are coming back this Fall. Since Dinner Groups are small groups of people who get together monthly (September-May) to share dinner, they are a great way to meet new people and reconnect with long-time friends.

Sign-up on the website to join one of these dinner groups (<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/dinner-groups/>):

- Families with Young Children Dinner Group
- Adult Dinner Group
- Women's Dinner Group – (Meet at Restaurants)
- Men's Dinner Group



If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Kirk at 615-545-8820 or ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Historical Summary of the Ordination of Women in the Episcopal Church

by Rev. Ann Van Dervoort

Early in the 19th century women were the majority of and the active members in the church, really holding the churches together, but they had to do their good work underground.

In 1848, the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. Antoinette Brown, the first woman to be ordained in a Protestant Church was present and spoke these words: Women are needed in the pulpit as imperatively and for the same reason that they are needed in the world-because they are women. Women will become indispensable to the religious evolution of the human race.

After W.W I, the church changed a lot, but women were still barred against any type of leadership for a half century. But they continued to work for social justice even though their persistence was met by rejection and ridicule.

When the women's suffrage amendment was ratified in 1920, the change affecting women in the church became more deliberate, and their political activity grew. In the 30's, however, women were deliberately excluded from any study processes in the church. Not to be thwarted, the women put out "devotional booklets" which included a radical package of political and social reform.

Beginning in 1946, there was a fear out there that women might take the place of men in the church's business, and by 1949, the church re-affirmed it was a "male institution."

In 1958 the "Women's Auxiliary" became what we know as ECW-Episcopal Church Women. This was important but women still had no participation in church government. It was not until 1961 that women were allowed to READ in the church—competent women that is! And between 1958 and 1964 some Episcopal seminaries began to allow women entrance, but not to study to become priests.

THE REAL TRANSFORMATION OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS BEGAN IN THE 70'S.

In 1971, The Episcopal Women's Caucus (EWC) was formed to network all over the country to help pass positive resolutions for women's ordination. They continued their good work in support of women until 2018, when they believed their best work was done.

Some of the arguments against the ordination of women that had been going on for decades were the following:

1. Their mental and emotional character made them unsuitable.
2. How would a woman be able to manage marriage and ministry?
3. There is no way a women can be in the image of God.
4. Women have too many emotional and psychological pressures.

The tactic being used against women's ordination was to "Study and delay,"---"Study and delay," but the women were sick of it. There was distress, pain and anger on both sides.

In 1973, things looked optimistic for women until a new conservative Presiding Bishop, John Allin, was elected. But a critical mass of women came together and helped to make the idea of women's ordination thinkable. Women could, finally, fifty years later, be elected as deputies to General Convention.

At this time people began to turn away from the political "But men have always been priests," and began to realize that this issue was a matter of justice. Actually, there was nothing in the canons of the church which explicitly prohibited the ordination of women. The women were also tired of being polite and patient and many stopped being deferential to male authority figures. They stopped asking permission and started making demands, claiming their authority of conscience in a faith community of women. This behavior scandalized many, but it proved to be a time when nothing was quite the same again. Female deacons who were helping to serve communion were verbally and physically assaulted by parishioners!

THINGS WERE GETTING DOWN TO THE WIRE!

On June 3, 1974 three brave bishops were called on to “Just do it!” Irregular ordinations were planned for July 29. The die was cast. Each of the eleven women who risked coming forward notified their bishops confidentially, and asked them to attend or to participate. This ordination of the “Philadelphia 11” sent shock waves throughout the church and the story ran in newspapers all over the country.

Even though the ordinands were in direct defiance of the appeal from other bishops, they followed the model of the Civil Rights Movement; i.e. “appealing to the higher authority of conscience informed by the Holy Spirit and accountable to a community which valued the full humanity of women above the claims of the church tradition.

No actions were taken against the women, but ecclesiastical charges were filed against the ordaining bishops and the priests who let them celebrate the Eucharist. Nothing came of these charges.

Whether the women were actually priests or not would be decided by the General Convention of 1976 where there was tension and suspense on both sides. The YES vote would be a change in the Canons of the church which would take place immediately.

On the fourth day, September 16, 1976, the motion passed! ORDINATION SHALL BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO MEN AND WOMEN! People were weeping and hugging and the rest is history.

In sum, it was not all peaches and cream for the first ordained women. In fact, it took a long time for women to be comfortable in their positions, and several dioceses held out, regardless of the vote. The final crisis for the traditionalists came when The Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris of the Diocese of Massachusetts, was consecrated bishop on February 11, 1989.

The good news is that now there are many, many women priests and bishops in the Episcopal Church in the U. S and around the world.

For the complete and detailed history of Episcopal women’s place in the church see *New Wine: The Story of Women Transforming Leadership and Power in the Episcopal Church*, by Pamela W. Darling (1994) from where this summary came.

Feasting on Crumbs


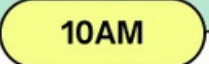
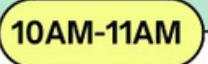
St. Paul's very own Rev. Ann Van Dervoort has written a book entitled, *Feasting on Crumbs*. It's available for \$20 exclusively at The Corner Gift Shop.

If you would like to purchase her book, put \$20 cash or a check made out to "Ann Van Dervoort" in the envelope located in the front of the book. Please place the envelope in Ann's box in the copy office/workroom.



ST. PAUL'S YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

 First EYG of the Semester! 	 Rally Day! 	 Sunday School starts! 
---	---	--

www.stpaulsfranklin.com/youth

insta: stpauls_eyg

Sunday School

Starting September 10, the youth will be having our own Christian Formation hour held in the conference room of Barnabas. This year we are trying out a new curriculum titled, "The 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers." While working through this program, students will learn about important Christian doctrines including the death and resurrection on Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit in their life, and the beauty of prayer.

Men of St. Paul's

The Men of St. Paul's (MOSP) have an exciting year ahead and there are many ways to get involved. Activities include men's group gatherings, special events, and outreach opportunities.

Here are some of the upcoming opportunities. We hope that you can participate in one or all of them.

- September 8 - Freedom Reins Ranch (Public Grand Hoedown)
- September 30 - Annual MOSP BBQ Fundraiser
- October 15 - City (Church in the Yard), Holy Trinity, Nashville

If you are interested, reach out to one of the key men listed below for more information.

Greer Carlisle, President

Joe Horne, Past President

Mike Wesson, Treasurer

Jim Gray, Past Treasurer

Fred Warner, Calendar of Events Coordinator

Jim Miller, Church in the Yard Coordinator

Terry O'Donnell, Boys and Girls Club Coordinator

Josh Sutherland, Annual September BBQ Fund Raiser Coordinator

Alan Robertson, Past BBQ Fund Raiser Coordinator

We welcome all men, young or active older adults, even if you are not a member of St. Paul's,



Don't
miss it!!

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S

ANNUAL

BAZAAR



510 WEST MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, TN 37064
WWW.STPAULSFRANKLIN.COM

SEP 1-2, 2023

9AM-4PM

WSP Monthly Social

Our next social will be at the home of Kathy Berry October 13. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share. We look forward to another chance to get together and visit with old friends and new ones!



Fashion to Die For?

The global clothing industry creates 8 to 10 % of all greenhouse gases—more than the aviation and shipping industries combined. Yikes!

Clothes play multiple roles in our lives, but typically we don't think of that new t-shirt as an environmental wrecking ball.

Turns out we maybe should.

Of course, not every garment, fiber and textile creates environmental hazards. A fabric's fibers, its processing method, and its waste products all go into assessing how sustainable, or not, new clothing is.

In general, natural fibers have the least impact on the environment, and petroleum-derived textiles the most. There's a lot of caveats to that generalization, though.

Cotton

Organic cotton is a winner. No synthetic pesticides or fertilizers are used to produce it, and its production process uses 88% less water.

Conventionally grown cotton, though, has been nicknamed “the world's dirtiest crop.” It's responsible for 6% of global pesticide use and 16% of insecticide use, despite occupying only 2.4% of cultivated land.

Linen

Linen made from organic flax is an environmental superstar, in addition to being wonderfully comfortable. Conventionally grown flax is fairly green, too. Neither type need additional water or chemicals to grow, though some linen producers use chemicals to break down the stalks. Linen sequesters CO₂ as well. Most of the negative environmental impact of linen comes from the amount of ironing, and therefore energy use, that linen usually needs. Because linen can last 30 years or more as a garment textile, that Ironing energy can really add up!

Bamboo

Bamboo initially earned a glowing reputation as a wonder fiber between 2007 and 2010. It grows quite quickly, sequesters a high volume of CO₂, and needs almost nothing except rain now and again to grow well.

Unfortunately, the method for processing bamboo fiber—which is a pretty darn tough fiber—destroys all trace of bamboo, due to the toxic chemicals used.

Linen is the exception to this, because the bamboo fibers don't need to be broken down completely to produce that fabric.

Rayon

Rayon is a semi-synthetic textile (sometimes called viscose). It starts as wood, bamboo or even seaweed fibers. It can be a sustainable choice, depending on how the fibers are processed.

Conventional rayon production uses lye, or sodium hydroxide, to derive the cellulose that is the main substance in rayon. Lye is highly caustic and can cause severe chemical burns.

The cellulose then gets treated with sulfuric acid, carbon disulfide (a neurotoxin) and more lye. Definitely not what most of us would describe as “environmentally friendly.”

Another method, invented in the 1970s, is much less toxic and kinder to the environment: the Lyocell process.

The Lyocell process replaces carbon disulfide with a significantly less toxic chemical. Both rayon branded as Lyocell and as Tencel are made with this process.

The company that invented the Lyocell process has created an even cleaner process to make another type of rayon, EcoVera. This newer process halves emissions, and takes half as much energy and water as the Lyocell process.

Wool

From a purely environmental standpoint, wool is one of the most sustainable fibers. Made from the fleece of sheep, goats, llamas, yaks, bison, musk oxen, camels, and even rabbits, wool requires little chemical processing, except for dyeing. Natural dyes pollute little, though artificial dyes are another story.

The main environmental problem with wool is the amount of methane produced by the sheep and other livestock that provide wool. Nearly half of the carbon footprint for wool comes from methane. Compared to cotton, though, wool has a smaller carbon footprint.

Wool presents some ethical issues that plant fibers don't. Done correctly, wool shearing doesn't harm the animal. As wool production scales up, though, the potential for harmful shearing practices often grows, too. Animal activists have filmed sheep being beaten, stood upon, and otherwise roughly handled.

Clothing manufacturers are increasingly using recycled fibers of all kinds—natural fibers, rayons, and even polyesters and nylons. Recycled fibers may provide an affordable price point that is greener than new artificial fibers, though not as green as organic natural fibers.

The TL:DR

If you don't want to memorize what fibers are greener than others, you can look for certifications on the garment's labeling. The most widely used environmental certifications are:

- GOTS awards certification to textile that are at least 95% organic fiber content, and evaluates the toxicity and biodegradability of textile manufacturing practices;
- OEKO-TEX evaluates the presence of toxic chemicals in garments; it doesn't assess overall environmental impact

Retailers are paying attention to this issue. I recently saw two blouses at Walmart that both bore OEKO=TEX labels—I did not see that coming, but was delighted.

Happy sustainable shopping!

Have a tip to live more sustainably? Email Jennifer Alvey, jalvey@jenniferalvey, or text 615-947-7521.

Spring Street

Our first fall Spring Street gathering will be September 21. It will be great to see everyone again! We have a delicious lunch and a fall craft planned.

You can sign up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/springstreet-923>

For more information call or email Jackie King 914-329-3017
momking2nd@yahoo.com.



Meals on Wheels

Franklin Community Meals on Wheels has been around for 47 years this year and has been working out of Franklin First United Methodist Church. The entire program operates solely through volunteers and donations from this community.

St. Paul's has been delivering meals all this time. Meals are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of every week. This Meals on Wheels program is not a federally funded program – it is funded purely through donations. There are about 30 people from St. Paul's who deliver meals on the third Wednesday and Friday of every month and an occasional Monday.

Meals are prepared at Franklin First United Methodist Church and drivers pick up the meals between 10:30 and 10:45 to deliver them. If you ever want to help drive or contribute in any way please contact Kathy Berry, 615-419-4548 or kmdb3@aol.com.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Church functions to serve nonprofit organizations. Its vision is to share God's Grace with those in need in Williamson County. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to embrace community services in Williamson County dedicated to encouraging and advancing development in all people towards their fullest potential, and it is the intent of the committee to assist our church community in sharing God's grace outward into our wider community, participating, donating and encouraging people and the organizations addressing their needs. We intend to promote existing initiatives in our church and continue the conversation within our church community on what we can do for our neighbors in the fulfillment of our Christian duty.

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

The Outreach Committee has made donations to several organizations we have previously assisted:



We gave \$2,500 to the fundraising dinner for the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin (bgcmt.org). The Boys and Girls Club is a neighborhood-based program that provides curriculum-based programs and activities to ensure that academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character for at risk children in our community.



We donated 1,000 to Franklin Community Development (franklincommunitychurch.org) to cover the cost of purchasing shoes for shoes for children in need at the beginning of the school year.



And last, but not least the Outreach Committee has decided to give \$1,500 Brightstone (brightstone.org) to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for one of their residential homes. As you know, Brightstone provides work, social support and residential community for adults with special needs.

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. Our best nonprofits are found through our parish! 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.

We receive many letters from the wonderful organizations we assist. This month, we got our first video of thanks from Freedom Reigns.



WITS

Here is what is happening in WITS – Women in Theological Study – during the month of September...

September 7 - The Wonderful WITS brood is getting back together after several weeks off. We will gather in Founders from 9:30-11:00 am – or weather permitting, we'll meet in the side courtyard (bring your lawn chair).

September 14 - We will gather in Founders from 9:30-11:00 am – or weather permitting, we'll meet in the side courtyard (bring your lawn chair).

September 21 - NO WITS Gatherings – Spring Street Outreach ministry starts back – contact Jackie King to volunteer.

September 28 - NO WITS – Gearing up for BBQ – Pie making possibly?

If you have any questions about WITS please contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

EfM Registration

St. Paul's EfM (Education for Ministry) group will resume in September but now is the time to register for the upcoming year. Our group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm.



EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South, that examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. As the EfM website states, “while the course materials provide substantial academic content, the focus of the program is on understanding the call to ministry throughout our daily lives The goal is to become Christians mature in (our) faith who are reflective practitioners of the Way of Love that Jesus himself taught and modeled.”

For more information contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949, or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net.

DOK - Order of the Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King® discernment classes started in late August. Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. For more information please contact Ginny Brewer vgbrewer@gmail.com 435.602.9148.



Become a Stephen Minister Fall '23 Training



I was sick and you took care of me
Matthew 25: 36

The Stephen Ministry Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide **ONE-TO-ONE** Christian care to hurting people in and around the St Paul's congregation.

- The Stephen Ministry is Christ centered.
- The Stephen Ministry is always about finding people who want to listen and care for other people.
- The Stephen Ministry will equip a Stephen Minister for the work they are to do.
- The Stephen Ministry will support all Stephen Ministers through faith, sharing and love.

All conversations between the Stephen Minister and the care receiver are confidential. (We follow the HIPAA privacy and security provisions.)

Training classes for anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister will begin in mid- August and run through January (no classes in December).

Classes will meet on Monday evenings at the church from 6:00-8:00 pm.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or you have additional questions about the Stephen Ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, please contact Monna Mayhall (Monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527 x119), Fred Warner (SM@stpaulsfranklin.com).

Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministry

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

Join St. Paul's Bicentennial Society

With only four years left until St. Paul's 200th birthday, please consider joining the Bicentennial Society by making a donation of \$1,000, payable on a schedule of your choosing between now and 2027.

Funding from the Bicentennial Society supports our mission of preserving our past, and securing our future by supporting various projects and events that are not provided for in St. Paul's annual budget. As a member, you will play an important role in these endeavors.

Education: St. Paul's recently hosted a History Symposium on the establishment of the early churches in the city of Franklin. This symposium, open to the entire community, was the first of a series of events to both educate and unite our local faith communities. The Bicentennial Society has also helped create the history panels on display in Otey Hall and the self-guided tour brochures of our historic nave.

Preservation: The Bicentennial Society has helped catalogue our historic documents and photographs now maintained at the Williamson County Archives, and will soon undertake the restoration of the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son at the front entrance of the church.

Presently, the society is helping with the repair of the historic wooded louvers above the front doors of St. Paul's. Keeping the historic parts of our church in good repair is a key goal for the Bicentennial Society.

Celebration: Your membership will also support the many events currently in the planning stages for 2027. When the Bicentennial Society was established in 2017, one of the primary goals was to raise funds to support church-wide and community celebrations without straining the annual operating budget of the church.

Please consider joining the Bicentennial Society and play an important role in the Education, Preservation, and Celebration of St. Paul's.

Gratefully,

Jay Fahey and Libby Sullivan, Bicentennial Co-chairs

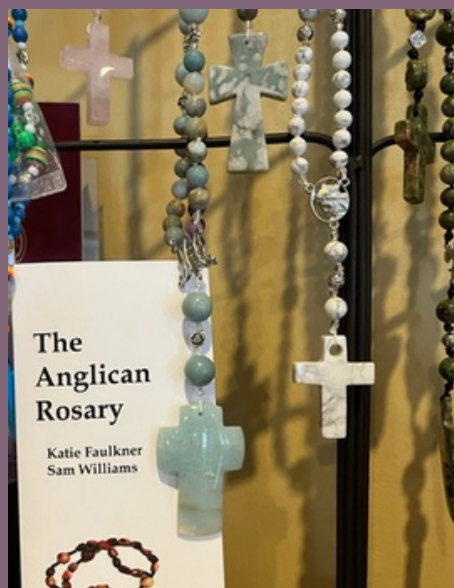
Historic Committee Products

Stop by the Corner Gift Shop to pick up some items from the historic committee.



St. Paul's Corner Gift Shop

44



St. Paul's App

St. Paul's now has an app! We are still developing content, and determining what would be most useful for you to have on the app. So look for new features to come.

To install the app, visit the site <https://bit.ly/stpauls-app> and add it to your home screen. There are detailed instructions below on how to add to home screen for most Androids and iPhones. If you are having problems, search for "Add To Home Screen" for your specific phone.



For Android Phones:

1. Enter this address in the Android browser:

<https://bit.ly/stpauls-app>

OR

Scan the QR Code to the left

2. Click the 3 dots in the upper right corner

3. Then click Add to Home Screen



St. Paul's App

For iPhones:

1. Enter this address in the iPhone Safari browser:

<https://bit.ly/stpauls-app>

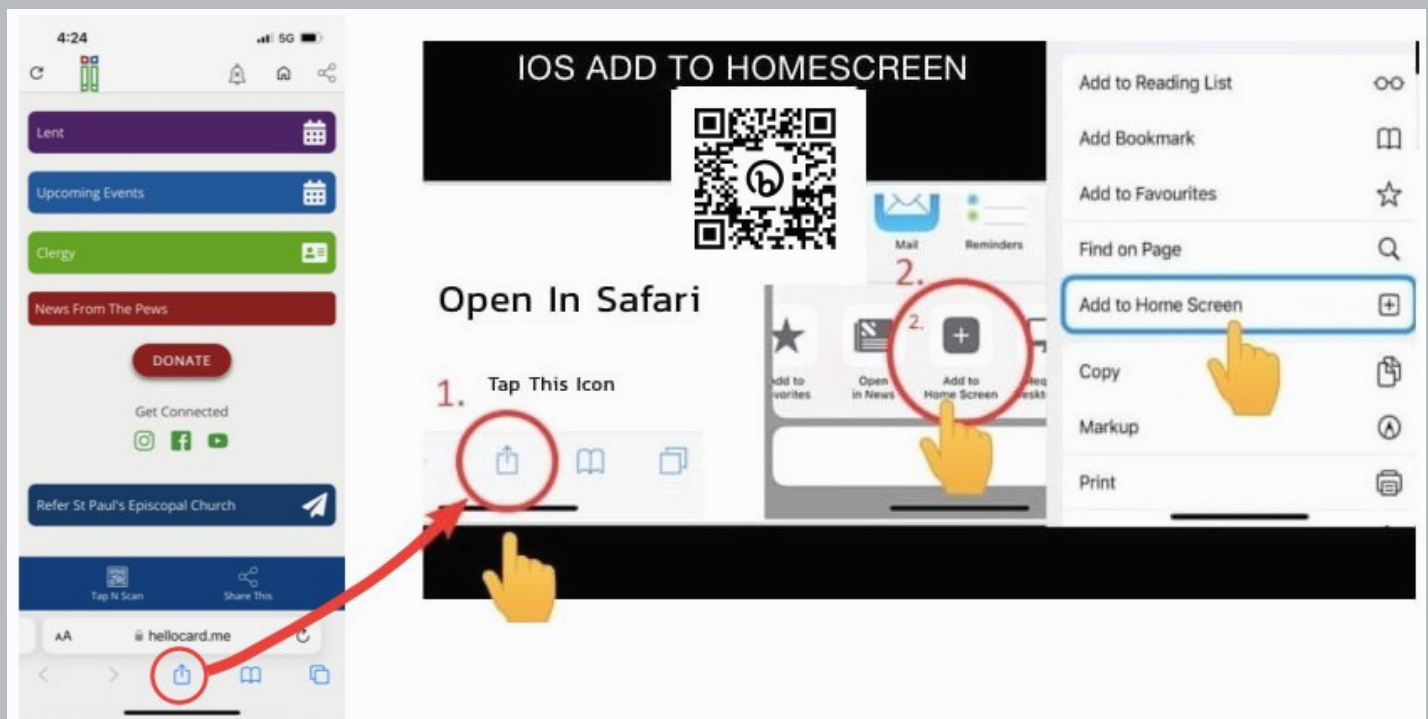
OR

Scan the QR Code to the right

2. Scroll all the way to the bottom

3. Tap on the iPhone Share icon

4. Then scroll down to Add to Home Screen and click



Ushers for all services needed

If you are interested in being an usher for one of our Sunday services, 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. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Shannon at 615-790-0527 or shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Recycling



We need the help of parishioners who would be willing to take a blue bag with them to recycle with their own household recyclables when they come to church. Paper is 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 Shannon or any member of the recycling committee. St. Paul's and the environment are grateful for your help.

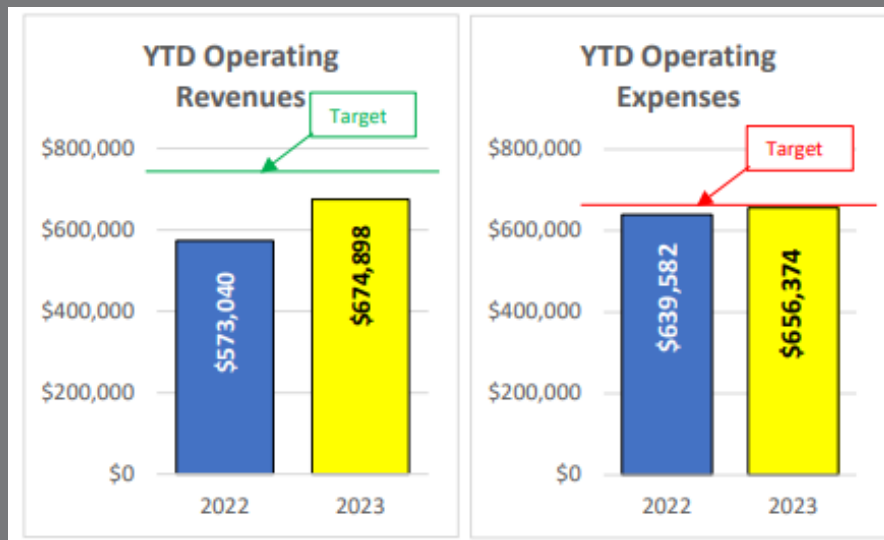
Financial Performance for the Month of July 2023

July Summary: Seven months into through the year and the parish is about breakeven.

Revenues: Monthly collections for revenues were again above expectations, in pledging, in cash-in-plate, and in interest earned. Nearly \$16,000 above.

Expenses: Expenses were much higher than budgeted for the month, but many of these were expected. Of note, we paid one of the two installments of Property & Liability Insurance in July, and a significant amount of the Outreach budget was dispersed in July (nearly 1/3 of the annual total). But these line items are still under budget for the year.

Overall: While the parish spent more than it took in during the month of June, this was expected and the operating budget is still performing nearly \$26,000 better than anticipated. Taking into account the operating and non-operating, the parish is essentially at break-even.



Monthly Summary

Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	July 2023				Year to Date to July 2023			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$80,176	\$68,871	\$11,306	16.4%	\$655,443	\$635,218	\$20,225	3.2%
Other Income	\$5,942	\$1,510	\$4,432	293.5%	\$19,455	\$10,570	\$8,885	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$86,119	\$70,381	\$15,738	22.4%	\$674,898	\$645,788	\$29,110	4.5%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$53,976	\$52,483	(\$1,493)	2.8%	\$390,094	\$373,680	\$16,414	4.4%
Operating Expenses	\$60,487	\$40,801	(\$19,686)	48.2%	\$266,280	\$279,771	(\$13,491)	-4.8%
Total Expenses	\$114,462	\$93,284	(\$21,179)	22.7%	\$656,374	\$653,451	\$2,923	0.4%
Net Operating Income	(\$28,344)	(\$22,903)	(\$5,441)		\$18,524	(\$7,663)	\$26,187	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp. (Net)	(\$11,653)				(\$19,185)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$39,996)				(\$661)			

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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

