

The Epistle



FEBRUARY 2024

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[Deadline for the March newsletter is Monday, February 26, 2024](#)

Upcoming Events

February 2 - 4
WSP Retreat

February 11
"Souper Bowl" Sunday

February 11
Seekers Class Begins

February 13
Pancake Supper

February 14
Ash Wednesday

February 21
Stations of the Cross
Wednesday Lenten Series
Begins

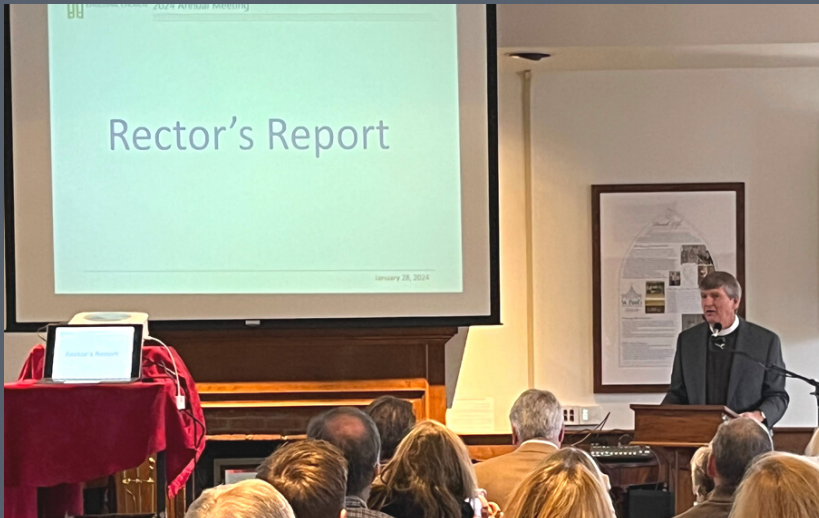
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Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar, under the "About Us" tab on the church website: <https://74053364.view-events.com/calendar/74053364/>



Annual Meeting

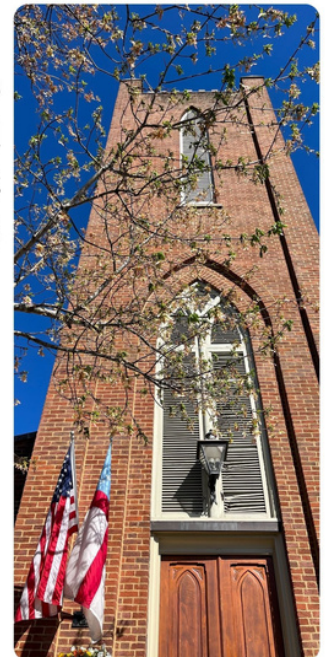


St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting was January 27th. During the meeting we discussed parish business, received the budget, heard reports from Rusty, George Bishop (Senior Warden), Ron Howes (Junior Warden) and Bob Larsen (Building and Design Committee). Angela Lassiter, Dr. Larry Whitlock, Ann Denson, and Chris Oberholtzer were elected to serve on the Vestry. Many thanks to Jean Larsen, Sam Yeager and George Bishop who ended their Vestry terms.

If you were unable to attend, [here is a link](#) to the annual report. It is 40+ pages long and contains photos, so it may take a minute to download.



**St. Paul's
Annual
Report
2023**



Annual Meeting



An Evening With Ann VanDervoort

On behalf of the Bad Girls Book Club, many thanks to all who attended our recent "Evening with Ann Van Dervoort" on January 23 in Otey Hall. Approximately 56 people joined us, enjoying delicious treats and sips supplied by our Book Club.

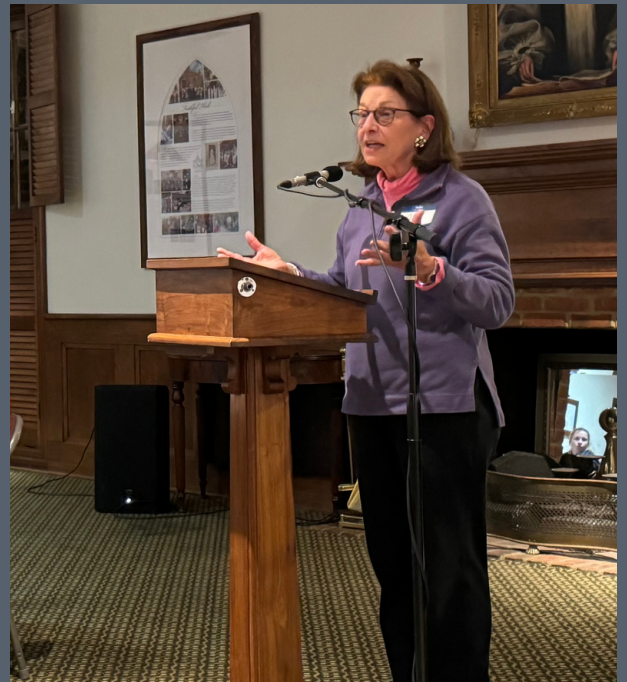
Pam Horne introduced Ann's family and explained the concept behind Ann's memoir, *Feasting on Crumbs*. Dr. Robert Collins interviewed Ann about her book, taking a somewhat chronological journey from her college years to seminary, ordination and beyond.

Again, appreciation to all for honoring Ann that evening. Her book is available in our Corner Store.



An Evening With Ann VanDervoort

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Jambalaya & Jeopardy

January's Gathering for Good was Jambalaya and Jeopardy. Donna Stokes-Rogers, Debra Taylor, Mary Emilie Acklen, and Ginny Brewer prepared a meal of jambalaya, rice and beans and beignets. After dinner everyone divided into teams for Jeopardy. The categories were: St. Paul's Stuff, Pop Culture, Episcopal Trivia, Geography, and Random Riddles. How well do you know Episcopal Trivia?

ANSWERS:

- 100 He is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
- 200 Meaning of the word "Episcopal"
- 300 The 3 ordained positions in the Episcopal Church
- 400 Year women were first ordained to the diaconate
- 500 The 7 Sacraments recognized by the Episcopal Church

QUESTIONS:

- 100 Who is the Right Rev. Michael Curry?
- 200 What is bishop?
- 300 What are Deacon, Priest, and Bishop?
- 400 What is 1974?
- 500 What are Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Confirmation, and Unction?

| St. Paul's Stuff | Pop Culture | Episcopal Trivia | Geography | Random Riddles |
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Jambalaya & Jeopardy



The Winning Team!

Stewardship

Friends-

I've just left the Annual Parish meeting, and on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I want to thank you!

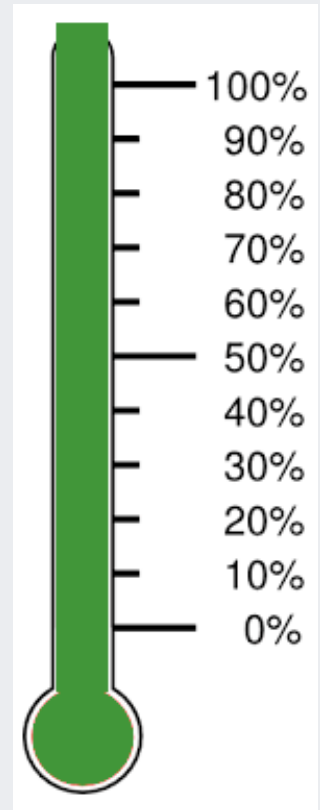
If you missed the meeting you also missed receiving the stunning news that not only have we exceeded our 2024 pledge goal of \$975,000, we have exceeded the \$1,000,000 mark. That's not all: there are 10 additional households pledging compared to 2023.

As a result, St Paul's outreach giving will increase by 43.8%, making outreach 9% of our budget. (Our ultimate goal is 10%.)

Again, THANK YOU for your participation and generosity and here is to our exciting adventure ahead.

In gratitude,

Julie Reinhardt, Rick Leet, George Bishop, Paul Hannah, Bob Larsen, Laura Beth Ramirez, Jonathan Webster



TAIZE

St Paul's Daughters of the King Chapter will present the annual Lenten TAIZE Service on Friday, March 1, 2024, 6pm, at the church. This service will be on the same evening as Franklin's first Downtown Art Crawl of 2024.

Our TAIZE services have become very popular. If you have not attended one before, this is a great opportunity!

Questions? Contact Ginny Brewer, DOK President 435-602-9148.



Piano Sitters Needed

Our Pianos Need a Spot to Vacation!

During construction, currently set to start in April, we will be placing most of our furniture and equipment in storage. We are looking for someone who would be willing to store our grand piano, currently in Otey, and the black upright in the choir room in their home.

The church will pay to have the pianos moved and set up for you and then pay to have them returned to the church. The pianos can also remain wrapped and disassembled for the duration if you would prefer. They just need to remain in a climate-controlled space until the construction is completed.

If you are willing to “baby-sit” one of our pianos, please give Donna Stokes-Rogers a call or email. (donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or 615-481-5144)



Bad Girls Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, February 27 in Founders Hall from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We will discuss *Mr. & Mrs. American Pie* by Juliet McDaniel.

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



St. Paul's Library

Thank you all for the donations. They have made a great, full library. The books we did not have a place for I donated to the Franklin Library.



Before long we will be packing up the library prior to construction, so I am asking you for some favors:

1. Please do not donate any more books at this time.
2. If you have library books at home, please return them (unless you must finish a book first.).
3. If you have any materials in the lower cupboards, please come get them otherwise they may be tossed when moving day comes.

Our new library will be larger and much more comfy for reading, browsing, or just a quiet time.

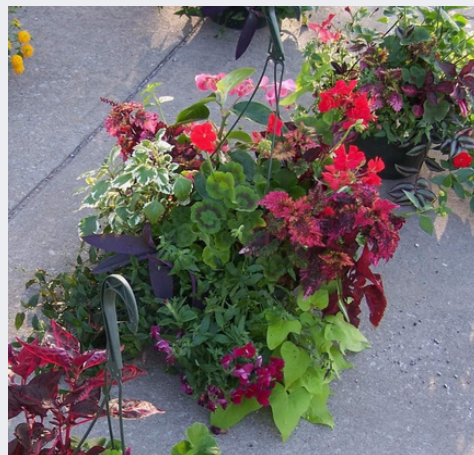
Thank you all again, and always good reading.
Peace, Ann

Fern and Flower Sale

Spring is right around the corner and the Fern and Flower Sale will be underway soon! These baskets were very popular last year.

Flower baskets are \$20 and Ferns are \$22.

Orders will be accepted until March 15, and fern and flower baskets will be delivered on April 20. Look for order information soon.



Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper



Tuesday, Feb 13
Otey Hall
5:30-7:00 PM

\$10 per adult
\$5 per child

**Benefits
St. Paul's EYG!!
Come for a great meal
and support
our youth!**

The Season of Lent At St. Paul's

The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, Lent was "a season of penitence and fasting," the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Today, during the season of Lent all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling.

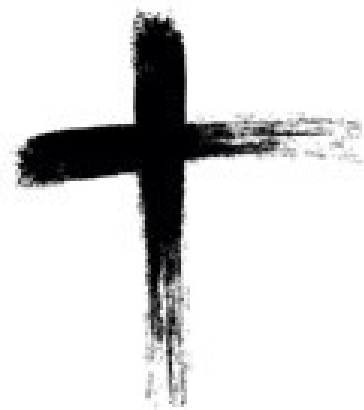
The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. This is the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection of Christ as the King of Kings, celebrated on Easter Sunday. There are no beautiful flowers on the altar during Lent, but only greenery or nothing at all. There are no Alleluias said within the liturgies, and there is no celebratory sounding music, but rather music that tends to be more somber.



The Season of Lent At St. Paul's

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Feb 14 is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the penitential Season of Lent, 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.

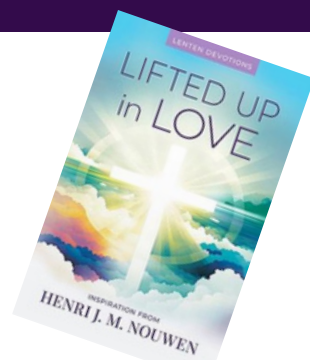


On Ash Wednesday, consider coming to one of these services to join with the community of faith to begin the Holy Season of Lent:

- 7:00 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 Noon Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist (Childcare is available)

Lenten Devotions and Meditations

Make sure to pick up a copy of *Lifted up in Love*, a Lenten Daily Devotional booklet based on inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen. Available in the Narthex and Founders Hall beginning Sunday February 11th.



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 in reflecting on your newness in Christ as you journey through Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten Meditations. Discover new ways your faith is guiding you through. The

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

Sign up to receive a meditation in your inbox each day. May God richly bless you this Lenten season. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

The Season of Lent At St. Paul's

Morning Prayer and Compline

Join us on during Lent for Morning Prayer and Compline

Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent

February 16th – March 27th

Compline

9:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday during Lent

February 15th – March 26th

Services will be broadcast on St. Paul's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfranklintn/>) and the Bulletins are available on the website (<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/>)

Sign-up to lead either of these Daily Liturgies

We are also looking for hosts, someone to sign on and lead the service. Even if you have never hosted an online service, it is very easy. Donna is happy to walk you through the set-up.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/lenten-on-line-hosts>. Email or call Donna Stokes-Rogers for more information. donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or (615) 481-5144.

Worship with others in community...

On-line Lenten Prayer Services



We are looking for
online hosts! If you
are interested, sign
up here:



SCAN ME

MORNING PRAYER
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS
9:00 AM

COMPLINE
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9:00 PM

You will find these services online at the church Facebook page.
Join us at 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfranklintn/>)

The bulletins for each service will be available on the church website.
(www.stpaulsfranklin.com)

The Season of Lent At St. Paul's

Wednesday Evening Lenten Programs

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

Contact Monna (monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) to lead Stations one Wednesday

5:30 PM Soup Supper in Otey

We are looking for soups, cheeses and breads, and salads for our Wednesday evening Lenten series. Sign-up here to to bring food one Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/sp-lenten>

6:00 -7:00 PM Lenten Program – Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, you are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

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

The Season of Lent At St. Paul's

Holy Week through Easter Sunday

Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

8:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Palm Procession

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Stations of the Cross during Holy Week

Booklets will be available inside the sanctuary for you to walk the Stations of the Cross on your own during this week

Wednesday March 27

5:30 – 7:00 pm The Royal Table

Dinner followed by Communion Class for Children and their Families (for children who have never received Communion and would like to, as well as those who already receive communion)

Thursday March 28

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist)

Friday March 29

12:00 Noon Good Friday (Holy Eucharist)

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (side courtyard)

Saturday March 30

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

8:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Children With Families Mardi Gras Party

Tim and Emilie Armstrong are hosting the St. Paul's Children and Families group for a Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner the evening of February 10th. Join us for fabulous food and fellowship with other St. Paul's Families. Please RSVP to Libby at Libby@stpaulsfranklin.com for the address.



Week of Wonder - VBS 2024

Save the date! June 17-20 will be the Week of Wonder (St. Paul's version of VBS) at Jim Warren Park. We will learn and play from 9-12 Monday through Thursday with a parish wide potluck celebration on Thursday night.

Children aged 3 through rising 4th graders are encouraged to sign up to participate. Children entering 5th grade and older are encouraged to volunteer as leaders and helpers.

Registration will open in April, but you can contact libby@stpaulsfranklin.com if you have any questions.

We Need Hash Brown Casseroles

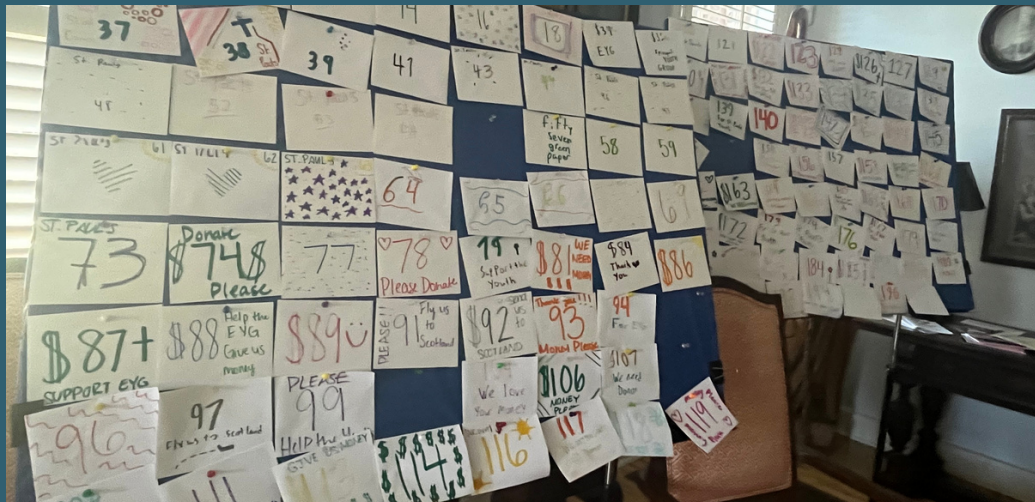
Our annual Pancake Supper is fast approaching and we need your help! If you would like to give us a hand, you can do so by making a hash brown casserole! A recipe and disposable pan will be provided. You can sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/eyg-hashbrowns>



Youth Pilgrimage

As of January 1, we have only raised \$2,500 of our \$20,000 goal. Please consider taking an envelope or making a direct donation to the Youth Pilgrimage fund. We are raising funds to pay for 2 chaperones and lessen the financial burden for our 6 youth. Our final payments are due March 15, so please keep that in mind when making your donations. Thank you!



We need chaperones and dinners for Sunday nights. If you would like to sign up for either, please use the links below:

Dinner Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0949A9AE23A5F58-47019923-eygdinner>

Chaperone Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0949A9AE23A5F58-47020213-eygchaperone>

Youth Pilgrimage

Dear St. Paul's Family,

As I am sure most of you know, six of our high school juniors and seniors are going on a pilgrimage this summer! We will be visiting multiple locations within Scotland and England between June 27 and July 6. We pray this trip offers a chance for our youth to grow spiritually, become closer to each other, and solidify their faith before heading off to college. Having a strong foundation of faith and friends will make such a difference when they start that next chapter in their lives.

I also hope that you all are aware of the fundraiser that we launched back in October. It has been ongoing since then; however, we have not met our goal. We had the goal to raise \$20,000 dollars. If the envelope fundraiser is completed, with every envelope being filled with its corresponding number, we would raise exactly \$20,100. So far, we have only received \$2500. Thank you to everyone who has already taken and returned an envelope. We are beyond grateful.

To put everything into perspective, the cost of pilgrimage per person is \$5,000! This covers airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and all breakfasts and dinners. We are raising money to pay for two chaperones and to help lessen the financial burden for our youth. Our pilgrims have been working extremely hard to raise money for themselves by participating in car parks, helping with church events, and doing personal fundraising. All that being said, we still cannot do this without your help. This is my official plea to please consider making a donation to the Youth Pilgrimage Fund or participating in the envelope fundraiser. I'm sure you have seen that those boards are still in Founder's Hall. I am writing this on January 2. The balance of our account with Lightline Pilgrimages is due March 15. This means that we have 72 days to raise \$17,500. I know this is a monumental task; however, I also know that we are extremely lucky to be able to call you all our church family. St. Paul's has always been supportive and loving towards the youth group. I experienced that when I was in middle and high school, and I continue to see that as I lead them during this time of transition.

Again, thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you in advance to those who donate in the coming days. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like more information about pilgrimage.

Peace,
Maddie Rogers

Adult Christian Formation - Spring 2024

St. Paul: His Life and Writings

Perhaps no other follower of Jesus Christ has been studied more than our own namesake, St. Paul. His ministry and faithful Christian journey is a holy foundation of our faith. This spring we will look at his life as well as each of his epistles and letters to better understand what his message was and what it means for us today. We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in Otey Parish Hall.

Seeker's Class 2024

Beginning Sunday, February 11 our annual "Seekers" Class will begin. This is the class traditionally offered 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 for eight sessions, with a few Sundays off for various reasons. Our last class will be on April 21. The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St. Paul's for Confirmation on May 5.

We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in our Barnabas annex which is the building located behind the church on Fair St.

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

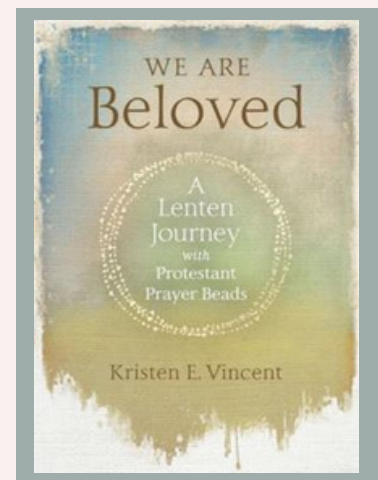
WITS in February and March

Women in Theological Study will start a new series beginning on Thursday February 8. The series, designed to lead into and run through Lent, is based on the book – *We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads*, by Kristen E. Vincent.

Sometimes it can be challenging to believe whole heartedly that we are beloved, even though we know it to be true. Through a journey that follows stories of Jesus' experience of God's love, we will explore and encounter the unconditional love of God. Just as Jesus learned of his belovedness, we, too, can cultivate the wisdom and knowledge that we are deeply loved.

You will not need the book. However, you might like to borrow or obtain an Anglican Rosary if you do not already have one. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

WITS meets in Founders Hall from 9:30-11:00 am on these Thursdays: February 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 28



Spring Street



Our next gathering will be February 22. We will have lunch and honor the history of our Spring Street friends.

Sign up to help here: <https://bit.ly/spring-street-2-2024>

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.

At our January meeting, the Outreach Committee decided to address the charities that participated in the St. Paul's Charitable Gift Fair that did not achieve a full \$3,000 for their programs. We then awarded \$1,100 to both Gigi's Playhouse and Meals on Wheels- bringing their totals to the similar outcome of the other organizations represented.

And lastly, we received a letter of thanks from The Well...

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.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Thank you so much for
supporting The Well Outreach
and helping feed hungry
kids through our Jetpack
program. We would love
to have y'all come help pack
some Jetpacks soon. ☺
We are so grateful for our
partnership with you as we
bring hope and food to those
in need.
Joyfully,
Sage and the staff
at The Well Outreach
Isaiah 58:10

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.



Corner Gift Shop

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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.

February Birthdays

- 1 Austin Pratt, Eliza Tyer, Avery Hilley
- 2 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, Mila Tkach
- 9 Lyn Knopf, Linda Hall, Theodore Walters Young
- 10 Sam Miller, Nelson Williams, Desi Noller
- 11 Trish Baugh, Theodore Melvin Shoureshi
- 12 Hannah Impeartrice, Whitfield Spain
- 13 Allen Henry, Sam Williams
- 14 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
- 21 Robbi De Peri, Colin Henry, Jay Fahey, Brooke Zegley, Maggie Hennes
- 22 Bonnie Sullivan, Marty Karpie, Olivia Cussimanio,
Elizabeth Vaughn-Neely, Henry Konyon
- 23 Brad Preston, Katie Liang, Lisette Benefield-Smythe
- 24 Tom Stearns, Wes Edwards, Pam Fahey, Olivia Jones
- 25 Richard Waggoner, Will Liang
- 27 Greer Carlisle, Robert Collins, Brian Grant
- 28 Tom Moucka

February Anniversaries

- 12 George & Drusie Bishop
- 16 Janet & Kit Carroll
- 24 David & Barbara Roth
- 24 Jeff & Kristy Williams
- 24 Brandon & Shay Hall
- 24 Larry & Debbie Whitlock
- 25 Wayne & Connie Senseney

Baptisms

Elliott Paris, son of Will and Bryana Paris and grandson of Mark and Chris Paris

Rowan Sheridan, daughter of Jay and Kayla Sheridan

Condolences to

- Jon and Linda Roebuck in the death of Linda's mother, Betty Jackson.

May She Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory

