# The Epistle



**JUNE 2024** 

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The Epistle is published the first of each month. Forward any information you have for News In The Pews, Sunday bulletin, or The Epistle monthly newsletter to communications@stpaulsfranklin.com and we will make sure it gets to the right publication.

Deadline for the July newsletter is Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Upcoming Events

<u>June 6</u> Newcomer's Dinner

<u>June 8</u> Moving Party

<u>June 9</u> Blue Grass & Stained Glass

<u>June 10</u> Staff moves to Barnabas

<u>June 17 - 20</u> Vacation Bible School

<u>June 20</u> VBS BBQ

<u>July 4</u> Officed Closed



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





Dear St. Paul's Family—

Every so often ministry leaders and congregations set aside a period of time for a clergyperson to take a sabbatical for the purpose of rest and renewal. A ministry sabbatical is a call for the physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of clergy.

Beginning July 1, I will be talking a sabbatical from St. Paul's for a three month period. I want to thank the vestry and you for the support I've received while considering this time away. This will be the first one I've encountered so I'm looking forward to seeing the fruits that will come of it. It is often said that a sabbatical helps the parish more than the clergy.

Thankfully, our parish will be in very good hands while I'm away. Our staff is incredibly seasoned and are always dedicated to the purpose and calling of the church.

I'm also thankful that Monna is our Associate Rector and very glad that she will have some help in my absence. I'm very pleased to announce that the Rev. Rick Britton will be assisting our staff and the parish on a part-time basis while I'm away. Rick is a recently retired priest here in the Diocese of Tennessee. He will be here on Sundays and Mondays and other days as needed. I have attached a photo and resume. Please give Rick a great St. Paul's welcome when you meet him.

It is such a blessing to be your rector. Again, thank you for your support and your prayers. You are always in my prayers. I will look at this time as a gift from you and will treasure it always. St. Paul's is such a wonderful and dynamic church and a great place to call home. I so look forward to our future together. Thanks again and may God bless you, your family, and our beloved parish of St. Paul's.

Peace-Rusty+

Brief Biography of Father Britton

The Rev. Richard C. (Rick) Britton, Jr. has been a priest for forty-five years. He retired in 2017 as Rector of St. Ann's Church in East Nashville. Father Britton was the first African-American priest to serve as Rector in a majority Anglo congregation in the Diocese of Tennessee.

He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. His home parish was the Church of the Holy Cross, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Father Britton's ministry has been mostly congregational based. He was the priest-in-charge at Church of the Holy Redeemer, Denver, Colorado; Vicar and Episcopal Campus Minister at St. Anselm's, serving Fisk University, Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College; Rector, Church of the Incarnation, Atlanta, Georgia; Canon for Outreach at Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina; and Associate Priest for Outreach, St. Luke's Church, Atlanta.

He served as the part time interim priest-in-charge and Episcopal Campus Minister at St. Anselm's after retirement from 2019-2022. During this time he guided the people through the COVID epidemic and worked with the members in the priest search process.

He currently is an active member of the Diocesan Beloved Community Commission for Racial Healing. He leads anti-racism trainings in the Diocese. He occasionally serves as a Sunday supply priest.

Father Britton is also a member of the Isaac Project Committee at Christ Church Cathedral. The Isaac Project is the Cathedral's effort to examine their historic involvement in slavery, the impact of the sin of racism on its life and ministry and creating systemic, ongoing and concrete ways to address racial justice and reconciliation.

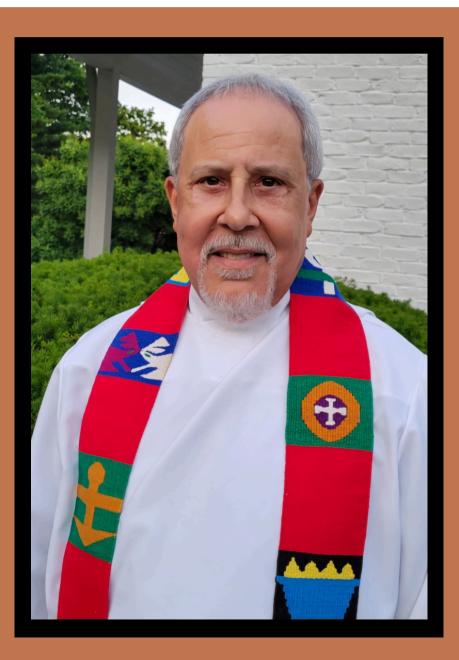
National Church experience and ministries include membership on the Commission for Stewardship and Development and the Commission for Black Ministries. Father Britton served twice as a deputy to the General Convention from the Diocese of Tennessee.

Brief Biography of Father Britton

His various diocesan ministries included the Commission on Ministry (Diocese of Atlanta and Upper South Carolina) and the Standing Committee (Diocese of Tennessee). He was also chair of our diocesan Title IV Commission that oversees accusations of clergy misconduct.

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Father Britton and his wife Donna live in Bellevue. Donna is retired from Delta Airlines. They have two sons. Evan is the younger son. He lives in Atlanta and was recently married in February. He is a graduate of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. Derek lives in east Nashville. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University.



Bishop's Visit













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Confirmation



The following people were confirmed during the Bishop's visit to St. Paul's:

Juliette Blackwelder, Richard Brand, Mimi Bushnell, Samuel Chew, Rusty Culp, Stephanie Hastings, Robin Hensley, Parks Jones, Hattie Lambert, Coleman Lassiter, Knightly Max, Molly Newlon, Desi Noller, Loren Robicheaux, Mary Virginia Robinson, Sarah Kathryn Robinson, Jon Roebuck, Linda Roebuck, Brett Smith, Josh Smith, Garner Spain, Michael Zimmerman.



Shiloh Battlefield Trip







Gluegrass & Stained Glass

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# BLUEGRASS AND STAINED GLASS SUNDAYS

JOIN US FOR A FOOT STOMPIN' GOOD TIME!

# JUNE 9, 10:00 AM JULY 14, 10:00 AM AUGUST 11, 10:00 AM

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Parish life

### **Bad Girls Book Club**

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, June 25 in Barnabas from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We will discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

Beginning in June, we will meet in Barnabas throughout the rest of the year. Barnabas is the building on Fair Street, across the street from Otey Hall. There is plenty of parking in the lot behind the building. We will have a classroom-type arrangement with plenty of room to spread out.

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

#### **Newcomers Dinner**

Newcomers' Dinner – Wednesday, June 5th, 6:00-8:00pm at The Rectory (608 Fair Street, Franklin)

If you are new to St. Paul's, we would love to get to know you a little better. The staff of St. Paul's is hosting a Newcomers' Dinner at the home of The Rev. Rusty and Laura McCown. This will be a time to get to know each other a little better and answer any questions you might have about St. Paul's.

If you would like to attend, please contact shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com or call the office 615-790-0527, ext. 103. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th!

# Holy Hikes

Save The Date! The next Holy Hikes is June 22nd. Look for details on the website and News From The Pews soon!







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Parish life

#### **Packing Help Needed**



We are in the home stretch and could use some help packing this last week before the move of items to Barnabas and storage. Please see the updated signup genius for shift times to see what works for you. The spaces are small and the staff is continuing to work so we are trying to spread the help out over the week.

All the fun will culminate in the Move Party, Saturday June 8th beginning at 10:00 am, where lightweight items will be moved from the main building to Barnabas. All are welcome. Thank you for your help and all the wonderful moving supplies provided.

Please take a look at the signup genius and see where you can help – sign up here: <u>https://bit.ly/sp-move</u>

Thank you!!

Move Committee: Debbie Whitlock (901-277-5909), Carol Waters (615-364-3405), Laura McCown (205-601-6959).

There has been a lot of activity the past few weeks as we prepare for the renovation project. Most of the staff is moving to Barnabas and have been sprucing up that space. Barnabas will also serve as a meeting place for many groups. While it may seem a little confusing as to where to find people or meetings, we will create a guide as we work out all of the details. Look for updates in News From The Pews, St. Paul's App, next month's Epistle, and the website.





# **Youth Sunday Participants**

Ushers: Hannah Lassiter, Piper Medlin, Maggie Gilchrist Readers: Emma Haddon, Avery Beck, Adam Curwen, Margot Blackwelder Prayers: Bonnie Sullivan, Juliette Blackwelder Crucifers: Garner Spain, Coleman Lassiter Torch Bearers: Bonnie Sullivan, Forrest Latta, JT Sullivan, Knightly Max Speakers: Eliza Tyer, Mimi Bushnell

Thank you Bob Larson, and Jim and Susan Miller for your help with the youth ushers.

#### **EYG Summer**

Summer Edition kicks off with Movie Night! We'll watch *The Prince of Egypt* with popcorn and movie snacks on June 2 from 4 – 6:30!



#### **Summer Coffees**



Hey youth! Our first Summer Coffee will be on June 5!

Join Brett at The Fainting Goat Coffee in Franklin on most Wednesdays in June any time from 10-12 for a great chance to connect over the summer!

youth Sunday













TJG Backyard Bash



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Class of 2024

Congratulations to our many graduates! Kudos to your hard work and perseverance and to your families who are so proud of you!



#### Brianna Bailey

Daughter of Jeff and Kathy Bailey Graduate of Page High School Attending the Middle Tennessee University

**Avery Beck** Daughter of Jennifer Beck Graduate of Centennial High School Attending the University of Tennessee





#### Mimi Bushnell

Daughter of Justin and Amanda Bushnell Graduate of Page High School Attending the University of Mississippi

# Class of 2024



**William Card** Son of Lawrence and Gia Card Graduate of Columbia Academy Attending Middle Tennessee State University

#### Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth Gilchrist Daughter of Rudy and Cassy Gilchrist

Graduate of Fairview High School Attending Middle Tennessee State University





#### Olivia Jones

Daughter of Scott and Jeannie Jones Graduate of St. Cecilia Academy Attending Wake Forest University

#### Eliza Warren Tyer

Daughter of Elizabeth Tyer Graduate of Fairview High School Attending the University of the South (Sewanee)



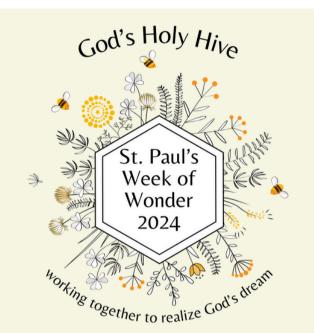
#### **Last Call for Week of Wonder Registration**

We are just about 2 weeks away from Week of Wonder 2024! Please register by June 7th so we will be sure to have enough supplies and t-shirts for everyone. Week of Wonder takes place at Jim Warren Park June 17-20th.

Register Here: <u>https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vbs/</u>

St. Paul's V.Bee.S. is geared toward children who are 3 years old through rising 4th graders. Children who are entering 5th grade or older are encouraged to register as volunteers and helpers. We need plenty of adults, too!

Volunteers can register here: https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vbsvolunteers/



Just like the bees, butterflies, and plants we'll be studying, we will all work together to create a beautiful Week of Wonder world!

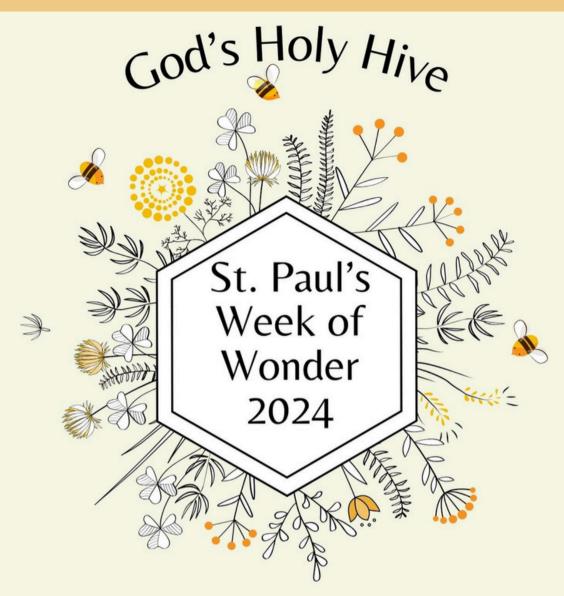
Contact <u>libby@stpaulsfranklin.com</u> if you have any questions.

#### **VBS Prep Day**

We will gather in Barnabas on Tuesday, June 11th from 11:30-2 pm to do some prep work ahead of the Week of Wonder that begins the following week. We will have some fun making paper flowers and bees so that we can easily "decorate" our pavilion on Monday morning. Lunch will be provided!

If you can come, please email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.





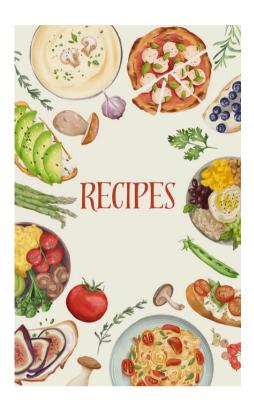
Parish Wide Week of Wonder Celebration Thursday, June 20th 5:30-7 pm Jim Warren Park Enclosed Pavilion Fried chicken and drinks will be provided Last names A-P: bring a side

Last names Q-Z: bring dessert

BEE there or BEE square!

WSP - Women of St. Pauls

#### WSP Cookbook



The Women of St. Paul's (WSP) is undertaking the exciting task of writing a cookbook! We think this endeavor will be a fun way to have fellowship and community during the months ahead while the new construction gets underway. Also, St. Paul's 200 year anniversary will be here in 3 years, so a fabulous cookbook will be part of that celebration!

The proceeds from selling the cookbook will go towards the mission of WSP... Outreach, Inreach, and Historic Preservation, We will be taste testing recipes at various gatherings like WSP Socials, Weekly Staff Meetings, etc. We are in the very beginning of formulating just how to get the cookbook together, and are fortunate enough to have Gwen McKee helping us. Gwen is a very accomplished cookbook author and we're excited to work with her.

WE NEED your fabulous recipes! Please send them to our email below. Also a box in the Narthex has recipe templates to write your recipe and place them in the box. How ever you can get your recipe to us, we will be most grateful! Please remit your recipes by September 1.

WE NEED COOKS to test the recipes, and TASTERS to rate the recipes. These tests and tastings will be held over the next year or so.

Email us your recipe at <u>stpaulscooks@gmail.com</u> OR we can be found in the St. Paul's directory.



Gwen McKee

Gwen McKee, Heather Creel, Jackie King, Mindy Boggs, Catherine Mayhew, Cindy Thompsen, Gail Haddock, Kathy Ulezelski, Becky Grimes, or Susan Miller.

NSP - Nomen of St. Pauls

#### **WSP Social**

The next WSP Social is July 12 at the home of Mindy Boggs in Berry Farms. Board meeting at 5:00 social at 6:00. Please bring a snack or beverage to share.



### **WSP Board**

President: Jackie King Vice President: Cyndy Howes Secretary: Kathy Berry Treasurer: Pat McCracken At large members: Kathy Ulezelski, Susan Miller, Suzanne Dibble, Mindy Biggs, Becky Grimes, Cassie Gilchrist



## WITS in June

WITS or Women in Theological Study is easing into a summer schedule. We will be gathering in various places over the next few months, though always on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Here is the June schedule...

<u>June 6</u> Bicentennial Park in Franklin (9:30 - 11:00 am) (Meet there or meet at Barnabas Parking Lot at 9:15 am to walk - Bring a lawnchair)

<u>June 13</u>

Road Trip to St. Mary's Sewanee (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) Let Monna know 1) if you want to go, 2) if you can drive, and 3) how many people you can take.

<u>June 20</u> NO WITS - Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park

<u>June 27</u> TBD





# Will Boggs Graduates from the Education for Ministry (EfM) Program

Recently St. Paul's EfM group celebrated Will's 4 years in EfM. We miss him already. At our end-of-the-year gathering Will reflected on his experience in EfM:

"Several years ago I was discussing church history with Jim Miller, a graduate of EfM. One of my comments or questions lead Jim to suggest that I take EfM! I enrolled the next year thinking I would have many questions answered, and much knowledge gained in understanding scripture and theology.

What I learned was a better understanding of my own spirituality and beliefs. I enjoyed the open and frank discussions as I came to think that the best answers to my many questions were further questions ... perhaps deeper ones and sometimes ones with no answer, and that's okay."





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.

This month, the Outreach committee committed once again to assisting our local Meals on Wheels organization by providing them with \$2,000. This money will be paid in two \$1,000 increments. As you know, Meals on Wheels is an invaluable service that provides meals to the senior members of our community. St. Paul's is active in not only supporting MOW, but also in providing volunteers to serve them!

We would love to engage our St. Paul's family with the nonprofits we have helped along the way, so please check out the St. Paul's website and the "Community Partners" on our Outreach page. There are many opportunities to volunteer or donate to help our friends in Williamson County!

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, Spencer Dibble and Angela Lassiter.

reach

#### We have several letters of thanks to share with you:

#### Mr. Warner:

Thank you so very much for the kindness you and the others on the St. Paul Episcopal Church Outreach Committee showed to the participants in the Twenty-First District Recovery Court. I preside over this court and can tell you first hand your generosity meant a lot to our participants. They had a great time but, more importantly, they saw the kindness given by other which encourages them to do the same and pay it back. Also, they learned how much better it is to be healed and healthy so they can be active participants in society.

Thank you again,

Deanna Bell Johnson Circuit Court Judge, Division IV Twenty-First Judicial District Williamson County Judicial Center 135 Fourth Avenue, South Suite 264 Franklin, Tennessee 37064 615-599-4013



Monna, Will, and Outreach Committee Members:

We are in receipt of the \$5,000 donation in support of Zoey and Williamson County families. Many thanks for your continued support and efforts to change lives in our community! We appreciate the opportunity to continue partnering with you and will continue to identify ways for us to expand our efforts outside of this formal relationship. As we continue our work in the region, who on your team would be the best contact for invitations to community meetings that focus on impacting families?

Thank you for your leadership and generosity.

Marcel

Marcel Hernandez Development Director, Tucker's House 615-953-9572





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.

Marcia Wilkinson and Carol Waters, Stephen Ministry Leaders

Barbara Green Jean Larson Kelly Pitsenberger Heather Bottoms Donna Thomas

Becky Farmer Scott Faulkner Jan Abstein Chris Oberholtzer Sharmila Patel Elizabeth Tyer

George Bishop Vicki Carlisle Sam Barcus



Stephen Ministry

### 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

Historic Reflections

#### 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.

<u>Education</u>: 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.

<u>Preservation</u>: 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.

<u>Celebration:</u> 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















Ne Need You...

#### **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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-altar</u>. 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 April 2024

April Summary: One third through the year and the parish continues to perform better than expected, though April was negative month financially speaking.

**Revenues:** March collections were 4.3% above expectations, in both pledging and cash in plate were both ahead of expectations. Overall, regular pledging continues to slightly outpace expectations through 4 months.

Expenses: Expenses were under budget by 12.6%. While Personnel costs were lower to start the year due to the vacancy in the Youth Minister (since filled), Operational costs were lower overall for the first time with regular costs incurred and no out-of-ordinary property related bills to speak of. Overall: The parish is still performing well through the first four months of 2024.



#### Monthly Summary

	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	Ε	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	April 2024				Year to Date to April 2024			
Item	Actual	Actual Budget Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)			Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
<u>Revenues</u> Pledges & Cash in Plate Other Income	\$84,534 \$1	\$81,055 \$542	\$3,479 (\$541)	4.3%	\$498,852 \$1,207	\$492,450 \$2,167	\$6,402 (\$960)	1.3% 100.0%
Total Revenues	\$84,534	\$81,597	\$2,938	3.6%	\$500,059	\$494,616	\$5,442	1.1%
Expenses Personnel	\$53,156	\$55,350	(\$2,194)	-4.0%	\$218,456	\$221,800	(\$3,344)	-1.5%
Operating Expenses	\$34,853	\$45,297	(\$10,445)	-23.1%	\$118,751	\$168,554	(\$49,803)	-29.5%
Total Expenses	\$88,008	\$100,647	(\$12,639)	-12.6%	\$337,207	\$390,353	(\$53,147)	-13.6%
Net Operating Income	(\$3,474)	(\$19,051)	\$15,577		\$162,852	\$104,263	\$58,589	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	(\$9,855)				(\$18,780)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$13,329)				\$144,072			

June Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Berry, Scott Faulkner, Madison Tabor
- 2 Chelsea Rock, Emma Jones, Louis Laratta
- 3 Coleman Lassiter, Michael Zimmerman
- 4 Emma Johnson, Judi Culver
- 6 Amy McCullough, Tony Morreale, Patti Wilkison, Michael Austin, Wilder Max
- 7 Elizabeth Webster, Madelyn Humphreys, Sam Hilley
- 8 Andy McKinley
- 9 Bryson Williams
- 10 John Sessions, Chip Talbot, Michaela Messina, Bobby Ramirez
- 11 Jack Wesson, Dana Buse, Phil Scharre, Jan Abstein
- 12 Len Reinhardt
- 13 Jackie King
- 14 Drew Pitsenberger, Charlie Pitsenberger, Jason Bowles, Katherine McCown, Paul Hart, Lori Haddon
- 15 Eleanor Hyssong
- 16 Caroline Pullen, Jacqueline Brown, Pete Pirtle, Ron Howes
- 17 Sara Cost, Dan Vermillion
- 18 Rick Miniat, Natalie Hennes
- 19 William Branson, Adam Curwen
- 20 Doug Mayhall, Sophia Dees
- 21 Sam Griffey, Josh Sutherland, Cassy Gilchrist, David McGee, Janet Matz
- 22 Joe Horne, Anne Garrett Armstrong, Autumn DeRosia
- 23 Matthew Hill
- 24 Summer Curwen
- 25 Ellen Kirk, Fletcher Robinson, Michael Whitten, Creighton Cook, Coit Lamb, Suzanne Dibble
- 26 Kathy Bailey, Griffin Moody, Elizabeth Smith
- 27 Katy Johnson
- 28 Christine Pototschnik
- 29 Tim Armstrong, Bob Larson, Rowan Sheridan
- 30 Dewees Berry, Barbara Williams, Jackson Spain

June Anniversaries

- 2 Bruce & Lynn Burton
- 5 Richard & Mishelle Phillips
- 6 Jim & Susan Miller
- 6 Ron & Cyndy Howes
- 7 John & Susan Looney
- 8 Jim & Lori Haddon
- 8 Clara & Jake Martini
- 10 Ben & Cindy Shapiro
- 10 Scott & Kathy Watkins
- 10 John & Sandy Dyess
- 11 David & Barbara Rogers
- 11 Michael & Laurie Austin
- 13 Charlie & Becky Grimes
- 14 Steve & Phyllis Thompson
- 14 Fred & Rita Warner
- 17 Robert & Natalie Hennes
- 17 Ellen & Mason Hart
- 18 Michael & Lisa Whitten
- 19 Ed & Tammey McCormick
- 20 Bob & Margaret Russell
- 24 Scott & Jeannie Jones
- 25 Bob & Becky Facer
- 25 Melanie Adams & Bruce Theobald
- 28 Jessica & Sam Liang
- 29 Charles & Vicki Carlisle
- 30 Heather & Alexander Angola

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Oliver Calip Werner, son of Jason and Marion Werner Isla Onalee Werner, daughter of Jason and Marion Werner Knightly Max, son of Kevin and Amanda Max

Remy Martini, son of Clara and Jake Martini

Condolences to

- Chloe Hannah in the death of her brother, Winn Peebles
- Karen Rhea in the death of her son and Dylan Rhea's brother, Patrick Rhea
- Donna Nichols in the death of her husband, Bob Kinsley
- Dewees Berry in the death of her sister, Mary Susan Kennedy
- Lori Rohde in the death of her mother, Marion Silbernagel
- Dave Shepherd in the death of his wife, Bettie Shepherd





I am deeply grateful to you, my St. Paul's family for your prayers and encouraging, heart-felt words, notes, et al, after the recent death of my youngest brother. Truly, your kindnesses have meant and do mean so much to me and my family.

Thank you from my heart.

Ann Denson