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[Deadline for the September newsletter is Tuesday, August 27, 2024](#)

Upcoming Events

August 4

Blessing of the
Backpacks/Teacher
Appreciation

August 4

Pilgrimage Presentation at
Lemonade in the Shade

August 11

Bluegrass & Stained Glass

August 25

St. Paul's Birthday Celebration

September 8

Rally Day - Return to four
services on Sunday

September 15

Christian Formation starts

September 28

Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ



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/>



Forward we go!

This summer has already been what seems like a small miracle as our blessings continue to be shared with our community in a new and different way. (More on that below.)

Most important to me and the Vestry, Rev. Monna is leading us in all worship, community outreach, and preparation for 2024 Christian Formation, as well as guiding those parishioners involved in numerous things that must occur for our Renovation/Expansion.

Rev. Rusty has been staying in touch from a distance also, to help and assist when needed, and we continue to pray for his sabbatical to be refreshment for he and Laura.

Rev. Rick Britton, our part-time assistant priest, has offered the Eucharist and impacted all of us with his sermons. He is a true gift, and the Vestry truly appreciates him and his wife, Donna, for giving us this time of service.

So, here's the really cool small miracle to share:

In addition to shepherding the church through various ministries on a summer schedule in new locations, Rev. Monna has worked with our Vestry and members of our Building and Design Committee to make certain that the Lord's blessings keep blessing others.

As we continue the multitude of tasks required in pre-construction, there are some very happy folks in our community who are benefitting from the wisdom of parishioners.

What do I mean exactly?

The aged kitchen appliances and some of the cabinetry from Otey Hall kitchen, have been dismantled and given to our Outreach community partners, including 21st Drug Court and Habitat for Humanity's Restore, both organizations supporting people trying to reestablish their lives after difficulties.

Even when we think there is not enough time or volunteers to undertake a last minute Outreach opportunity, the hearts and hands of our folks arrive to do the work.

Next, our leaders, from Finance Committee to Building and Design Committee and Vestry are ensuring that all the i's are dotted and t's crossed before we move forward on the Renovation/Expansion of St. Paul's offices and Christian Formation rooms.

We are all especially grateful to the work of the Building and Design Committee members who have spent long hours setting up our professional relationships with 906 Studio Architects and our general contractor, Solomon Builders, Inc. Please thank Charles Carlisle, Kay Heller, Melanie Lampertz, Bob Larson, Susan Miller, Alan Robertson, Jim Poole, Sam Yeager, and David Zegley for their continued work overseeing St. Paul's Renovation and Expansion.

Thank you to Susan Miller, a member of the B&D, who has agreed to commit the next 12 months to be our St. Paul's direct liaison with Solomon Builders, giving Clergy and our Vestry regular updates. In the world of construction, she is our Owner's Rep. Her experience in design and managing multi-faceted projects with many moving parts and multiple professionals is going to be shared generously with St. Paul's. Rusty announced Susan's role to the Vestry in June and she joined us at our July meeting. We are thrilled to have her step into this very important role.

In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with the Diocesan committee of Property & Finance to update members on our project, including a loan proposal from our banking institution, First Horizon, formerly First Tennessee Bank, and, for those longtime parishioners who recall our earliest bank, the former Harpeth National Bank. This relationship dates back decades.

Thank you to our treasurer, Michael Walters Young, who continues to prepare our monthly financials with Kristy Moore to keep the Finance Committee and Vestry apprised, of both our regular and capital campaign budget. This has been a huge undertaking.

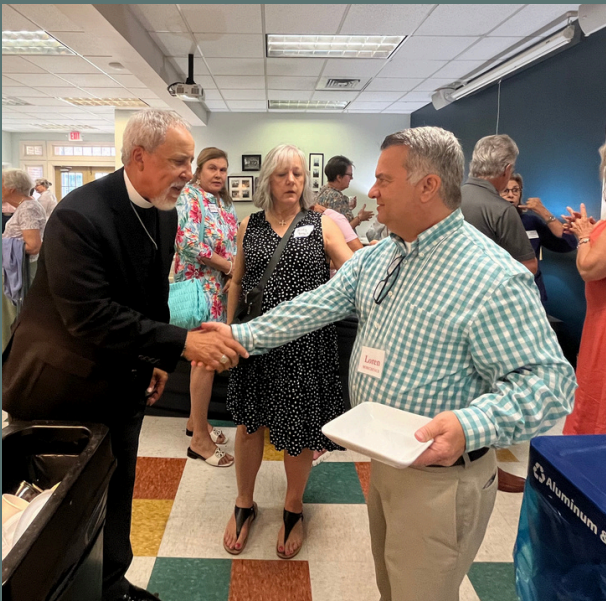
If you have questions about anything related to our ministries, the work of our Vestry and committees, do not hesitate to reach out to any Vestry member. I believe we have some of the finest and most dedicated people looking out for our mission and our church. I am grateful for and honored to serve with Ron Howes, Mary Emilie Acklen, Rob Curwen, Chris Oberholtzer, Bruce Theobald, Mindy Boggs, Ann Denson, Paul Hannah, Holly Spain, Larry Whitlock, and Angela Lassiter.

One last note:

On Sunday, August 25, we will celebrate the 197th birthday of St. Paul's Episcopal Church! Please join us to commemorate this milestone following the 10 a.m. worship service inside the Williamson County Archives, located across the street from St. Paul's. We will have cake and it will be a special occasion for sure!

Gratefully,
Pam Horne
Sr. Warden

Welcome Rev. Rick Britton



A Message from Rev. Rick Britton



Thank you for the Warm Welcome!

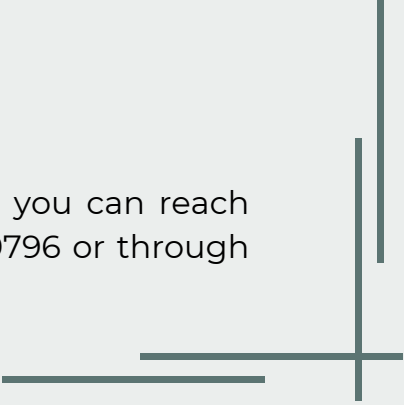
Donna and I want to thank you for the wonderful welcome shown to us this past Sunday. It was so good to see old friends again. We look forward to forming new relationships. The congregation is buzzing with activity and fellowship even during the summer. This was so nice to see.

I encourage you to contact me using my mobile phone -- 615-818-9796. I do not have regular office hours but frequently check my voice mail at the church. Please feel free to call me on my cellphone. I am at the church each Monday morning for staff meeting at 10am. I am happy to come to my office or the church for specific meetings and appointments anytime during the week.

Take care and God bless.

Yours in Christ,
Rick B+

Rick's email is rickbritton@stpaulsfranklin.com and you can reach him via phone by calling his cell phone at 615-818-9796 or through St. Paul's at 615-790-0526 ext. 107.



Pilgrimage

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Rusty's Shirt on Pilgrimage



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND TEACHERS

AUGUST 4TH [AT] 10 AM

**JOIN US AS WE BLESS OUR STUDENTS AND
TEACHERS BEFORE THEY EMBARK ON A NEW
SCHOOL YEAR! STUDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACKS!**



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St. Paul's Annual Birthday Celebration – August 25th

Summertime is here and we're just a few weeks away from St. Paul's very special 197th Birthday Celebration. This year we'll be gathering just across the street from our Church at the Williamson County Archives, 611 W. Main Street, right after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 25th.

Established in 1993 by the Williamson County Commission, the Archives collects, preserves, and provides access to information with enduring administrative and historical value. Their records date back to the founding of Williamson County in 1799. The Archives Reading Room is open to researchers during regular business hours, and Archives staff are available on site and remotely via phone, mail, and email for historical, professional, and genealogical research assistance.

The Archives also operates the Williamson County Museum with wonderful exhibits reflecting the events, people and communities that shaped the history and development of our County. St. Paul's is represented in many of these exhibits, and we will have a map identifying these special locations at the Birthday Party so you can view them while you're there.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 25th after the 10:00 a.m. service as we continue the countdown to our historic Bicentennial anniversary in 2027.



Bad Girls Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, August 27th in Barnabas from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We will discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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



Acolyte Training

Calling on all our young people, your church needs you! If you are a fourth grader or up, we would love for you to become an acolyte at St. Paul's. Being an acolyte is a lot of fun and a big help during worship. If you are interested in learning more please come to the Acolyte Training session in the church on Sunday August 18, after the 10:00 am service. This training for ALL acolytes, both new and seasoned. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Monna (monna@stpaulsfranklin.com).



Usher Training

All usher, please join Ann Denson on Sunday, August 25 after the 10:00 service or at 4:45 that afternoon.

Attendance at either meeting is strongly encouraged. Each meeting will cover the same topics and last approximately 30 minutes. We will gather in the back pew area of the Sanctuary. If you have a specific idea regarding tweaking our Usher duties, please bring it. Also, we do need Usher Ministry Co-leaders. If you are so inclined, please let Ann know on the 25th or before.

Your ongoing voluntarism for this very important ministry is deeply appreciated - thank you!

The Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee Conference

Please join us for the 78th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee, August 9-11, 2024 at St. Mary's Conference Center in Sewanee.

This year's conference theme is "Brothers Dwelling Together In Unity."

For More Information and Registration visit their website:
<https://tnchurchmen.org/>



Mercy Franklin Classic – Labor Day

Mercy Franklin Classic road race is held every Labor Day and supports the mission of Mercy Community Healthcare. It begins and ends in downtown Franklin, TN. As one of the most popular races in Middle Tennessee, the Mercy Franklin Classic is a community-wide event that supports the mission of Mercy Community Healthcare while promoting wellness and fitness for children, families, and the community. Each year, more than 2,000 participants gather at the square in Historic Downtown Franklin to participate in the day's festivities.

This year, St. Paul's Outreach Committee has made a commitment to be a Silver Sponsor for this year's Franklin Classic on Monday September 2, 2024. This not only provides support for this annual race, it also has benefits, which we are passing along to parishioners. How does FREE sound? The first 10 people who email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com can get a code to register for FREE!



Here is general information about the Franklin Classic:

Register before August 18 at these rates:

- 10K \$55 6:30 am
- 5K \$45 8:00 am
- Combo 5K & 10K \$65 (must be able to complete the 10K course prior to 8:00 am when 5K begins)
- Kids 1K \$15 9:00 am
- Spirit Runner \$25 (shirt only – not walking or running in event)



Call for St. Paul's Youth Volunteers

Would you like to be involved with the youth this year? Our youth thrive when they get to interact with the adults in our church family. There are so many ways to serve from providing dinner to leading a formation class to being a chaperone. If you would like to volunteer with the youth this year, please fill out the following Google form or email Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com. I will keep you informed about opportunities to serve that line up with your availability and interests.

Youth Volunteer Google Form: <https://bit.ly/3Yi9N9o>

A poster for an EYG Pool & Pizza Party. The background is a blue, rippling water texture. Two cartoon red crabs are positioned on the left and right sides. In the center, a light blue rounded rectangle contains the text "EYG POOL & PIZZA PARTY" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, in white text, it says "School may be starting but we're still swimming". At the bottom left, another light blue rounded rectangle contains the text "Chestnut Bend Pool", "555 Ploughmans Bend Dr", "Franklin", "Sunday, August 11", and "5 - 7 PM" in blue text.

EYG POOL & PIZZA PARTY

School may be starting
but we're still swimming

Chestnut Bend Pool
555 Ploughmans Bend Dr
Franklin
Sunday, August 11
5 - 7 PM

All rising 6th – 12th grade students are welcome to join us for our back to school Pool Party on August 11 from 5 -7! We will have pizza, music, and games!

EYG Summer Edition

Our last EYG: Summer Edition is Movie Night on August 18 from 4:00 – 6:00. We'll wrap up our summer schedule with popcorn, movie snacks, and the star-studded 90's heart warmer, *Angels in the Outfield*!







Pilgrimage Presentation

This Saturday will mark one month since six of our youth, along with four chaperones, returned from a Pilgrimage to Scotland and England. First and foremost, thank you to everyone who made this trip possible! We could not have done it without your support! While getting everything planned, we ran into hurdle after hurdle, but in the end, it was all worth it.

This experience was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we are all forever changed. Getting to explore an area so enriched and saturated with the Anglican tradition felt like coming home, even though we were 4,000 miles away.

We came back to Franklin more grounded in our faith, connected with God, and closer to each other. There are so many stories that we want to share, so please join us this Sunday, August 4 at Lemonade in the Shade for A Moment of Grace: A Pilgrimage Summary!



St. Cecilia Choir returns in September

Beginning Wednesday, Sep. 11 at 5:00 pm, our Children's Choir, aptly referencing the patron Saint of Music, St. Cecilia, will begin rehearsals for our Fall semester. We will sing on two Sunday mornings at the 8:45 service (TBD) and at Advent Lessons and Carols on December 8, 6:00 pm. If we have enough of our singers, we can also sing on Christmas Eve at 4:30 service.

Early choir training offers so much to our children: self-confidence, a life-long appreciation for music, and learning to make connections to God through music. So bring your children or grandchildren (neighbors and friends welcome too) into the sanctuary on Wednesday, Sep. 11 as we begin a musical journey together. If you have questions, call Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 481-5144 or donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.



Adult Choir and Handbell Choir Seeking New Members



Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? If you have choral/handbell experience and can read music and are interested in offering your musical talents to St. Paul's, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers (615) 481-5144 or donnastokesrogers@gmail.com. She would love to talk to you about ways you can be a part of the rich ministry at the church.

Fall Mum Sale

The WSP Retreat Committee is sponsoring a Fall Mum sale to help offset the cost for the 2025 heArt and Soul Women's Retreat.

- The mums are \$25 each and come in 3 gallon containers with a sleeve.
- Color choices are: Yellow, Orange, Purple, White, and Burgundy.
- The sale will run July 14th-August 28th.
- Pick up mums on September 14th, 9:00 am – 11:30 am.
- Order forms can be found in the Narthex or [download from St. Paul's website](#).



Payment can be made by cash or a check to St. Paul's with "Mum Sale" in the memo line. Send the check along with your order form to Mindy Boggs, 320 Hughes Ln., Franklin, TN 37064. Or put the cash or check and order form in an envelope and leave it in Shannon's office or place in the offering plate.

Payment can also be made online www.stpaulsfranklin.com/give. Under "Fund" choose "Retreat" and fill out the information. If doing so, please help offset the card processing fee of \$3.00. A paper order form still needs to be filled out and sent to Mindy or put in the WSP mailbox in Barnabas.

Share the beauty of Fall with your family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends!

If you have any questions, you may email

Mindy Boggs at boggs.mindy@gmail.com, 219-929-8269 or

Cindy Tumblin at cindytumblin57@gmail.com, (615) 405-8658.

WSP Social

Our next social will be September 13. Details to come.

WITS in August

Women in Theological Study began a new series for the month of July on the book *Glad Reunion: Meeting Ourselves in the Lives of Biblical Men and Women* by John Claypool.

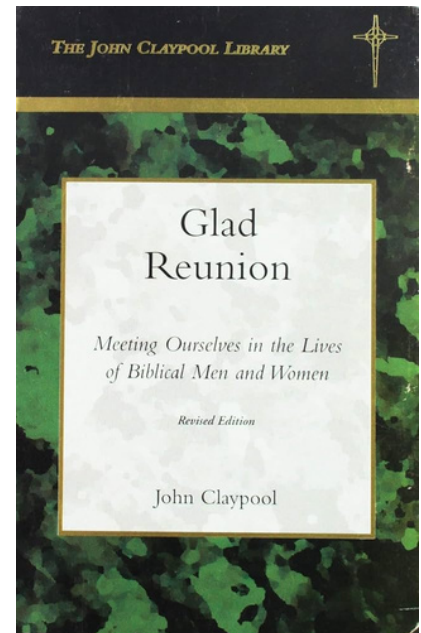
In order to understand ourselves as the people of God, we need to look back across the centuries to the Old Testament, a place of remembrance for the church. Over five weeks, we'll explore the lives of some Old Testament characters to get in touch with our religious root system.

Each week is a stand-alone study, so join us anytime. You will NOT need the book.

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527

WITS meets in The Lounge in Barnabas from 9:30-11:00 am on Thursday August 1 and 8.

August 15 – Lunch and Learn Field Trip to Healing Housing - Watch for Details



Coffee Club

After being on a brief “sabbatical”, St. Paul’s weekly men’s Bible study, Coffee Club, resumed on July 17 for a four-week study of N. T. Wright’s *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters*. Quite simply the book explores what it means to be a follower of Jesus and asks the question - who exactly is the Jesus that we are being called to follow.

We’d love some new members and this a great book to make a start. We meet in the Barnabas Conference Room at 6:45 am on Wednesdays. Hope to see you then (and bring your own coffee!)

Education for Ministry (EFM) Registration Begins in August

This year's Education for Ministry (EfM) group will start up again in September. Registration will open mid-August. If you are interested, you must register. Contact Jean Larson (jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949) or Kelly Pitsenberger (pitz@bellsouth.net) for more information.

EfM is a program that offers the laity a way to connect our heads, hearts and souls. It helps us explore our ministries and then work to extend God's kingdom on earth.

Theological reflection is one tool we use to deepen our faith. As a group we follow a structured method to ponder our connections with God in the world. Maybe the prompt reminds us of a bible verse or hymn, maybe it brings up personal memories, or maybe we connect it to a movie or song. After discussion, musings and laughter we write a collect, a prayer, to use throughout the week. Below is an example of one meeting's work.

Fred Warner shared a ceramic bowl from the great San Francisco Fire. It is still beautiful despite significant damage. The EfM group chose the word "Metamorphosis" as our focus and concluded our reflection with this prayer:

*Dear God of new beginnings
You offer us moments of awe
We pray we accept others and ourselves, scars and all
So that through transformation we draw closer to you.
Amen.*

Please consider joining us in September.



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 \$4,500 to The Well and their "jet pack" program. Jet packs provide weekend food and snacks for 20 children throughout the school year. This gives kids much needed nutrition and sustenance when not at school where free or reduced cost lunch is available. They are a true lifesaver for families in need!



We were also delighted to participate once again in the Boys and Girls Club, "Steak and Burger Dinner". Our contribution of \$2,500 to this fundraiser will help the Boys and Girls Club finance some of the many positive programs they have in our community. These include free daycare, tutoring and mentoring for children in Williamson County.



Last, but definitely not least, the Outreach Committee has pledged \$2,000 to CASA. As you may know, CASA advocates for and assists children within the court system. St. Paul's has been a long time supporter of the extraordinary work they do for children. What you may not know, is that our one and only Tony Springman was both a volunteer and an advocate for CASA.

Tony was a beloved member our Outreach Committee and St. Paul's before moving to St. Louis a few years ago to be closer to his children. We are brokenhearted to disclose that Tony has entered a hospice program. We could not think of a better way to honor our dear friend's life and legacy then by championing CASA, an organization that he held close to his heart. Please keep Tony, his wife Lisa and his family in your prayers.

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!

St. Paul's is making a difference in our community and it shows! This month we received thank you letters from Mercy Children's Clinic and Doorstep project.

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.

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Attn: Judy Stockton
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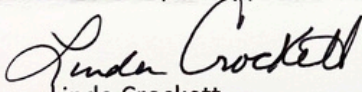
Dear Ms. Stockton and Mission Committee,

"Broken, scared, lonely. These words describe me when I left my abusive marriage. I had no idea how I would afford to stay in Williamson County. It was important to keep my children in their schools. I couldn't take the abuse anymore. Bridges Domestic Violence Center referred me to the Door Step Program. They provided me with a year of rental assistance and one on one support. Upon graduating from the program, I am hopeful, confident and happy about my future." Brenda

Thank you for your generous donation of \$3000.00. Your gift makes it possible for Door Step to help victims of physical, mental and sexual abuse. For individuals who have experienced domestic violence or the children who have witnessed domestic violence, the decisions faced are difficult ones. Door Step provides transition housing upon leaving shelter for up to one year. This gives clients the opportunity to get back on their feet and stay in their community.

We realize that there are many worthy nonprofit organizations in our community, so on behalf of the clients, staff and board of directors at Door Step thank you for believing in our mission to ensure a safe transition to successful independent living. We could not do it without your support!

With deepest appreciation,


Linda Crockett
Board Member

* Door Step Project is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3). Your donation may be tax deductible. For your benefit and as required by law, we state that Door Step Project Center did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this consideration.



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July 12, 2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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* Franklin Classic Sponsorship

Dear Monna and Friends of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

We are grateful in so many ways for dear friends like you. Thank you for your recent contribution of **\$2,500** and for supporting Mercy Community Healthcare with your time, talent, and treasure – volunteer service hours, shared skills, donations, and prayer, support Mercy's mission to *reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by providing excellent healthcare for ALL and support to their families*. Each day is a new opportunity to give life-changing care to people in need, and your support helps to make this possible.

More about Mercy

- ✓ **Mercy's Mental Health Services** (including counseling and psychiatry) are here to support you, your family, and our community with resources that are an integral part of support and self-care, now more than ever. Please call us at 615.790.0567 in Franklin and 615.814.3400 in Lewisburg to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ **The 2024 Mercy Franklin Classic**, Monday, September 2—Williamson County's favorite Labor Day tradition. The race will include a 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk, and a 1K Kids Run. This community-supported race begins in historic Franklin Square and culminates with a finish to remember as participants race down Main Street to cheers from their friends, family, and neighbors. Visit our webpage and participate in the fun: <https://mercytn.org/mercy-franklin-classic/>
- ✓ **Mercy Community Healthcare 25th Anniversary Silver Gala**, Friday, November 15 — Join us at Liberty Hall in The Factory at Franklin for Mercy's first-ever formal event with drinks, dinner, a silent auction, live music, and dancing! We can't wait to celebrate God's blessings over the past 25 years and dream of Mercy's bright future. The Silver Gala funds will support Mercy's Centers Of Excellence for All: Primary Care, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Patient & Family Support, allowing us to serve thousands of uninsured and underinsured people in our community. For sponsorship opportunities and ticket information: <https://mercytn.org/-silver-gala/>

Grateful daily,

Cindy Siler
Cindy Siler, Chief Executive Officer
Mercy Community Healthcare

cc: llf

*You are a blessing
to Mercy!*

Prayer Makes a Difference! The leadership and staff of Mercy believe in the power of prayer. How can we pray for you? Please email us at Friends@MercyTN.org – we want to join you in prayer.



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

Cochrane Flats

A Piece of Franklin and St. Paul's History

This is the second of a series of regular articles about the history of St. Paul's.

Go by 125 Third Avenue North in Franklin, and you'll see a lovely home that has played a significant role in the history of both Franklin and St. Paul's.

The house that became known as Cochrane Flats was built in 1818 as the home of the parents of John Henry Eaton, Secretary of War under Andrew Jackson as well as other high offices. * While John and his wife Margaret never lived there, they were frequent visitors and the house eventually ended up in the hands of Eaton's niece, Maria Louise Henderson Handy (herself a member of St. Paul's along with her husband, Thomas Handy).



The home was eventually purchased by Dr. Harden Perkins Cochrane and used as an apartment building. Dr. Cochrane was a physician and Civil War veteran from Tuscaloosa, Alabama whose second marriage led to him moving to Franklin, where he practiced medicine for over fifty years.

Dr. Cochrane gave the house to his second wife, Leighla (Perkins), to give to St. Paul's upon her death. In her 1926 will which was updated shortly before her death in 1931, bequeathed the property to St. Paul's. Her will stated that:

"...the vestry of said church [is] to have charge of this property, and used for its best interest, we only stipulating that 200 dollars per year be spent in music for the praise of God, and on the 1st of May and on the 1st of October (\$10) ten dollars be spent on cleaning [our] graves...."

When Dr. Cochrane died in 1935, he reiterated that he had given Cochrane Flats to his wife to give to St. Paul's – subject to a mortgage due Mr. Robert Hodge - with the hope that the Vestry would "pay this off and comply with the wishes of Mrs. H.P. Cochrane's will."

The Cochrane heirs signed a quit-claim deed to the property in July 1935 and deed the property in September 1935. A vestry committee was appointed to oversee the property, its upkeep and rental, as well as making sure that proceeds were used for the choir and music program. In 1937, the Vestry authorized that the Endowment Fund loan Cochrane Flats funds for repairs and the loan be repaid at six percent interest.

Owning Cochrane Flats was not a trouble-free proposition. The building was over 100 years old and pictures of the time show it to be in some disrepair, so there was a constant litany of repairs needed and safety concerns. Often tenants would pay for repairs themselves, then ask for reimbursement from the Vestry. Those reimbursements might or might not be made. Also, there were renter issues; for example, one renter would not take the upstairs apartment unless the downstairs tenants were changed.

Rent in 1943 was \$25 per month and tenants were required to waive liability for any injury to tenants and that they waive all rights and claims against the Church for any injury. By the late 1950s rent was \$50 per month (with a one-year lease) and tenants were responsible for the upkeep of the grounds.

In a September 1943 Treasurer's report to the Vestry, the amount on hand in the Cochrane Flats account showed a balance of \$120.18, rent collected of \$25.00, and expenses of \$8.00. That same Vestry meeting authorized payment of \$100 on the mortgage. A later meeting authorized payment of up to \$500 and accrued interest on the mortgage.

In addition to apartment rentals, Cochrane Flats also was the Rectory. Rent was initially \$18 per month, but was raised to \$30 per month in October 1945.

Over the years, funds from the Cochrane Flats fund were used to provide music, launder the choir robes, and pay the organist.

In 1944, the Building Committee noted that Cochrane Flats was in very bad condition and considerable work was needed "for the protection of our property." Bids were taken, but eventually painters were hired for \$1.00 per hour and the inside was painted for \$100.

Vestry minutes and correspondence during the remainder of the 1940s through the 1950s and 1960s show that this process continued. The Cochrane Flats fund was overdrawn from time to time and the Vestry sometimes had to be reminded to pay for the upkeep of the Cochrane graves.

In March of 1968, the Vestry authorized the sale of Cochrane Flats to Mrs. Claiborne (Ruth) Kinnard for \$30,000 in cash. The building was restored and in 1970 was sold again for law offices of Berry, McWilliams & Oglesby. The building was sold yet again in 2012 and remains a well-maintained, lovely part of downtown Franklin.

A couple of interesting side notes. What we now know as Founders Hall was once known as Cochrane Hall. Also, St. Paul's recently had a visit from Ms. Fairfax Smith Segner, a relative of the Cochranes and a member of the Perkins family. Ms. Segner had visited St. Paul's a few years ago when sharing information with county historian Rick Warwick and St. Paul's historian Scott Smith. While she had seen the Sanctuary during her previous visit, she had a particular interest in the memorial windows to the Perkins family and she had not seen Founders – nee Cochrane – Hall on her previous visit.



Ms. Fairfax Smith Senger, her daughter Sharon Segner, and Monna Mayhall

* Secretary Eaton's wife, Margaret "Peggy" Eaton, was the subject of a Washington scandal during Jackson's administration. To learn more, see *Andrew Jackson and the Course of American Freedom 1822 – 1832* by Robert V. Remini, or, of course, Wikipedia.

We hope you have enjoyed this article about the journey of St. Paul's. If you have questions, further information on the topic, and especially ideas for future articles, please let us know.

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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.





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 June 2024

June Summary: Half way through 2024 and the parish is still trending slightly better budgetarily, but June was a rest month to be sure.

Revenues: June collections were about 20% below expectations, lead by lower than expected pledging for the second straight month. Cash-in-plate was actually above monthly targets. This is the first time this year where pledging is below budgeted anticipations.

Expenses: Expenses were significantly above expectations, but this is due to the continued accounting for the insurance settlement of the work done at Barnabus. Other areas of sizeable activity included Parish Life (Dinner for the talent show and confirmands and Sounds tickets, Computer Maint/Upgrade (Internet & wiring for Barnabas), Property maintenance (Lights for undercroft, and new water line, locks and drainage for coffee maker and ice machine in barnabas) For the year, expenses are still 4,4% under budget.

Overall: The parish is still performing better than expected YTD.



Monthly Summary

Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	June 2024				Year to Date to June 2024			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$55,730	\$69,986	(\$14,256)	-20.4%	\$616,417	\$631,671	(\$15,253)	-2.4%
Other Income	\$1,032	\$542	\$490	90.5%	\$2,421	\$3,250	(\$829)	-100.0%
Total Revenues	\$56,761	\$70,527	(\$13,766)	-19.5%	\$618,838	\$634,921	(\$16,082)	-2.5%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$61,110	\$55,350	\$5,761	10.4%	\$334,226	\$333,300	\$926	0.3%
Operating Expenses	\$71,076	\$41,727	\$29,349	70.3%	\$224,356	\$251,258	(\$26,902)	-10.7%
Total Expenses	\$132,187	\$97,077	\$35,109	36.2%	\$558,582	\$584,558	(\$25,976)	-4.4%
Net Operating Income	(\$75,425)	(\$26,550)	(\$48,875)		\$60,256	\$50,363	\$9,893	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	\$56,198				(\$13,581)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$19,227)				\$46,675			

August Birthdays

- 1 Tyler McPherson
- 2 Emily Nance, Robert Hennes
- 3 Mary Elizabeth Morreale, Marcia Wilkinson
- 4 Fran Osteen, Eduard Robinson, Connie Senseney, Chelsea Huggins
- 6 Griffin Horne
- 7 Kathy Ulezelski, Gail Griffin, Fiona Wieman, Michael Aldrich
- 8 Lisa Whitten, Pam Leet
- 9 Emily Williams
- 10 Katelyn Waggoner, Bruce Theobald
- 11 Nancy Boring, Nan Jorgensen, Amanda Bushnell
- 12 Emily Boylan, Mike Wesson, Charles Marshall, Samantha Caroline Hennes, Calen Cussimanio
- 13 James Sheller, Jim Suttle
- 14 Walt Goss, Leah Sutherland, Rod Heller
- 16 Allison Pullen
- 17 Jesse Campbell, John Paul Saalwaechter, Lianette Sander
- 18 Jane Davis, Hunter Humphreys, Peyton Cochrane, Lauren Michael-Cussimanio
- 19 William Preston, Jennifer Alvey
- 20 Syd Rodocker, Henry Branson V, Kayla Sheridan
- 21 Bob Abstein
- 22 Tom Sharpe, Dean Bose, Amanda Craft, Simeon Keenan
- 23 Tina Carpenter, Rudy Jordan, Kathryn Moran
- 24 Donna Thomas, Margaret Brown
- 25 Josh Deepan, Michelle Blackwelder, Darlene Odgers, Judy Larson
- 26 Laura Medlin, Heather Bottoms, Melanie Adams
- 27 Jennifer Beck, Cassie Farmer, Katie Elkins, Simons Addison, Oliver Werner
- 28 Lorinda Hancock, Rick Osteen, Mark Robbins, Angie Saylor, Donna Stokes-Rogers, Bob Russell
- 29 Barbara Rogers, Louise Renaudin
- 30 Joey Bryan
- 31 Susan Trailov, Mollie Sessions

August Anniversaries

- 1 Charlie & Angela Curtiss
- 2 Phil & Annette Scharre
- 2 Cindy & Mark Tumblin
- 3 Len & Julie Reinhardt
- 4 Richard & Nancy Boring
- 4 Jay & Pam Fahey
- 5 Rick & Chandler Miniatt
- 5 Devon & Billy Anderson
- 7 Christopher & Angela Lassiter
- 8 David & Darlene Odgers
- 9 Bill & Judy Phelps
- 11 Joe & Pam Horne
- 12 Jim & Kim Poole
- 12 Jane & Bob Davis
- 14 Mike & Karen Garfield
- 17 Charlie & Marian Palmgren
- 18 Andy & Lea Larsen
- 18 Sam & Angie Yeager
- 19 Jim & Phyllis Gray
- 23 Kent & Jeni Burnside
- 24 Tina & Bob Carpenter
- 25 Pete & Kellye Pirtle
- 28 Ronald & Marty Ligon
- 30 Gerald & Lorinda Hancock
- 30 John & Cindy Thomsen

Condolences to

- Lois Nagy in the death of her husband, Huba
- Family and Friends of Mildred Stahlman
- Family and Friends of Deborah Bell

