

# The Epistle



**APRIL 2025**

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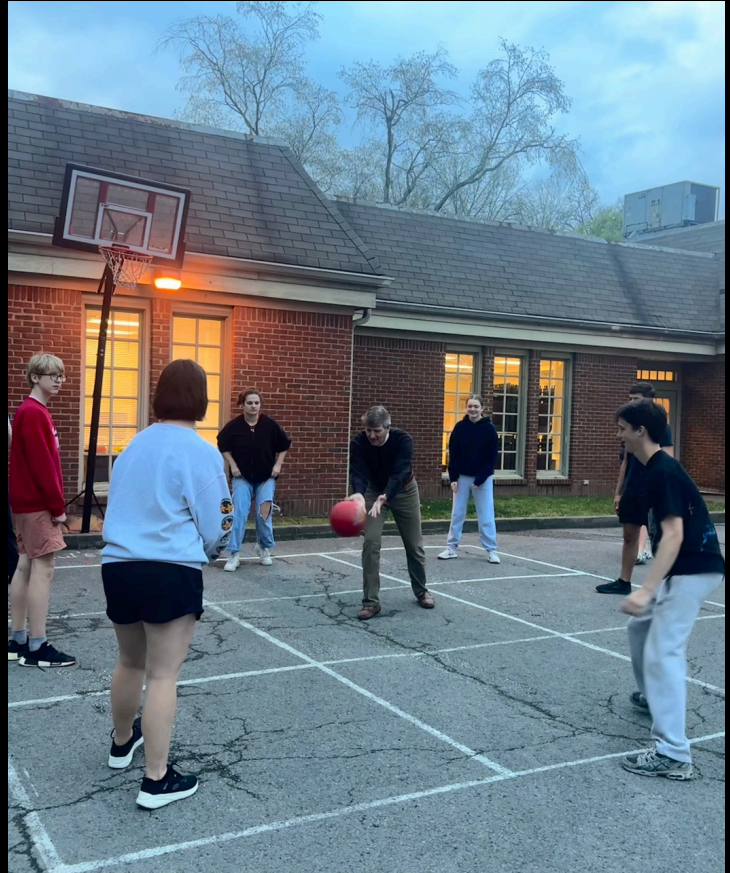
## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY:

A member of the clergy is always on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call is 615-790-0527. You will then be directed to a member of the clergy.



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[Deadline for the May newsletter is Monday, April 28, 2025](#)

# Upcoming Events

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April 1, 8

Stations of the Cross  
Lenten Series

April 12

WSP Flower Pick-Up

April 13

Palm Sunday

April 15

Children's Communion Class

April 17

Maundy Thursday

April 18

Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross

April 19

Great Easter Vigil

April 20

Easter

April 21

Office Closed

April 27

Church Picnic

May 2

Bicentennial Backroads Spring  
Excursion

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/>



The Women of St. Paul's delivered a Moses Basket to Henry Thomas Hyssong. Henry was born February 25th to Alexa and Trevor, and siblings Beckett and Eleanor.



Signing a beam for the building renovation.



Our building project is moving along at great speed now. The second floor base has been constructed as well as the facade studs and window openings. The concrete block wall is in the process of being built in between rain storms. As soon as the block wall is complete the joists will be installed for the roof and the interior second story stud walls will be built.

The first floor framing is complete and rough ins for electrical and plumbing is taking place this week and next. Our new kitchen appliances for the new Coffee Room and the commercial appliances for Otey Kitchen have been ordered and will be stored in Otey Hall for now. We are doing our part in securing products and building supplies before possible tariffs are in place.



This week we would like to describe our new Library. The new Library will be utilizing the existing stained glass doors that were going into Kristy's old office. They will open in the middle of the long room. These doors will have new wood scribed to the sides in order to meet codes. They will be painted green to match the wood wainscoting in the hallway. The Library will have three walls of floor to ceiling built-in bookshelves, painted a sage green, and have picture style lighting fixtures on top of each shelf. The walls will be creamy white and the window will have a shutter fixture. We think we will want to have a small library table with chairs, a small sofa and comfortable chairs. This will be a true library where we can sit and read and have small group gatherings.

You will be able to see vast progress in the next two months, then it may seem to slow during the finish installments. Solomon will be working as efficiently as possible in order to be completed by October 24. The inspections will be finished by the same date and we can begin to move back into our new space. Thank you for your continued interest and curiosity.

Susan Miller  
Design on Purpose

# Building Project Update

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# Capital Campaign II Update

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We have been so blessed with your response to our call to finish the necessary funding for our building campaign. Since beginning this final endeavor just last week we have raised over \$535,000! This leaves us only \$361,000 short of our goal to finish the work on the main building, with an additional \$300,000 needed to fully renovate Barnabas.

By your generous giving we will be able to support our many ministries for decades to come. If you would like to be a part of this mission, please go to the front page of our website to pledge. Thank you so much for your Spirit-led giving.

Bob Larson, Campaign Chair



The Capital Campaign Committee held a parish wide information meeting to answer any questions about the progress of the building renovation and the second phase of the capital campaign.

The next Capital Campaign Informational Meeting is Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in Founders at 12:00 pm.

You can pledge to the campaign by filling out the form sent in the mail or through the website: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/capital-campaign-2025/>



# Lenten Suppers





## Vestry Meeting Minutes

The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes can now be found on the website. The link is at the bottom of the vestry page (<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/>), or [click here](#).

## Beignets and Hash Browns

We still have hash brown casseroles (\$15) and beignet mix (\$10) for sale in Founders! Payment can be placed in an envelope in the Corner Shop Safe. Casseroles are in the deep freezer in the Barnabas kitchen.



## Volunteers Needed for Easter Overflow

We need your help! We need some folks to volunteer to help us carry the chairs from Barnabas to Founders (and back!) to set up for Easter Sunday possible overflow. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/easter-setup>



## HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY FAIR

- Memory, kidney and hearing screenings
- Products & services with YOU in mind!
- Fun freebies from vendors
- Door prizes



Free and open to the public!



Free parking, bring friends!



*Fifty  
Forward*

**MARTIN CENTER**

**April 16, 2025**

**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

960 Heritage Way  
Brentwood, TN 37027

**FOR QUESTIONS:**

Contact (615) 376-4330 or [esmith@fiftyforward.org](mailto:esmith@fiftyforward.org)

## Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is April 22nd from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas. We will discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

Our very special guest in April to lead discussion of *The Women* by Kristin Hannah will be The Rev. Ann VanDervoort, ret. Priest Assistant at St. Paul's. Prior to attending seminary and pursuing ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, Ann was a full time nurse. Ann can speak to the varied and demanding responsibilities of nursing while describing the state of our nation during the Vietnam war era.

It is encouraged for you to read the entire novel prior to attending Book Club on April 22. Its vivid portrayal of the women who volunteered to practice their skills in MASH units in the hot, humid, and dangerous jungles of Vietnam will captivate you and probably make you mad too! "No women served in Vietnam" became an all too often phrase repeated on a regular basis. Gaining any recognition for their service was next to improbable. The after-effects once they returned to their homes and "regular lives" were deeply troubling and transformative. No one understood the impact of their time there.



The Bad Girls Book Club met at Melissa Montero's home in March. Thank you Melissa!  
The April meeting will be back at Barnabas.

Join the Bad Girls Book Club on Tuesday, April 22 in Barnabas @ 6:00 PM.

We'll situate our food and drink and begin our meeting at 6:30, wrapping by 8:00 PM.

All are welcome.



## Bicentennial Backroads Spring Excursion

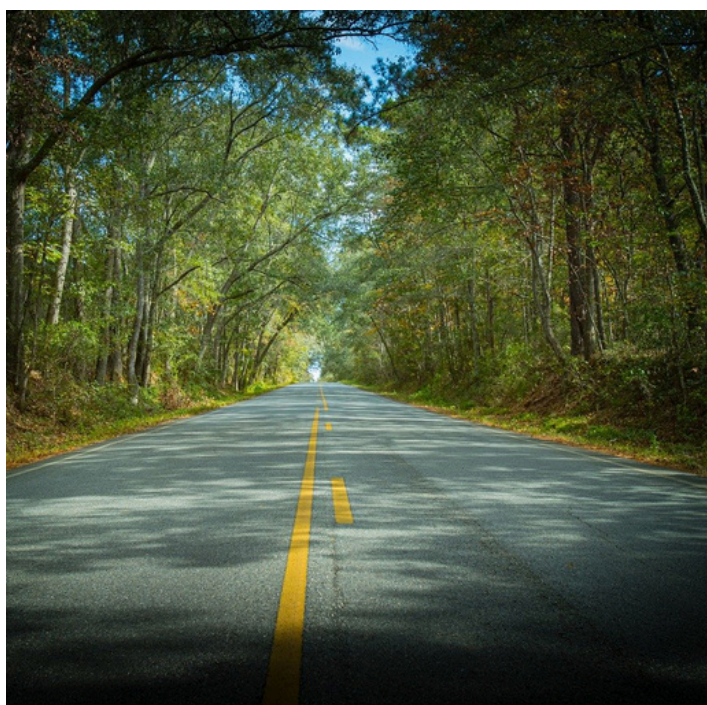
For our next adventure, we will be heading to Sewanee on Friday, May 2nd for two historic tours. We will begin the day at 10:30 for a tour of Confederate and Lost Cause memorials on Sewanee's historic campus.

After lunch at McClurg Dining Hall, we will walk the St. Mark's Heritage Trail to learn about the Roberson Project's efforts to preserve and tell Sewanee Black history.

Everyone is invited! You will need comfortable walking shoes as well as cash or a credit card for lunch.

For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at Barnabas at 8:30 am.

Email [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com) if you are interested or have any questions.



## St. Paul's Night at the Ballpark

How good does an evening outside sound right now? Bring the whole family and join us at First Horizon Park on Wednesday, May 7th to see the Nashville Sounds take on the Norfolk Tides!

Tickets are \$20 per person, and you can reserve your seats by emailing [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com). **The deadline to buy tickets is Wednesday, April 30th.**

We hope to see you there!



## Holy Hikes

Save the Date!

The next Holy Hike is on  
April 19 at 9:00 am.

Watch for details about the  
location!



March Holy Hikers

## Social Graces - Save the Date!

Tuesday May 13th

Lunch and Program in Barnabas

Brain Health and Dementia: 10 Ways to Love your Brain  
and 10 Warning Signs of Dementia

11:30 am Catered Lunch

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Program

The program is offered by Tiffany Cloud-Mann with AgeWell Middle TN. Tiffany will also answer questions on these topics, as well as share the resources at AgeWell Middle TN for older adults and caregivers.

Lunch is \$10. RSVP by Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> to Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527. Please note any dietary restrictions. Pay for lunch at the event.



# **IT'S THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH**

**4:30 PM**

**BERRY FARMS PAVILION**

**332 HUGHES LANE**

**FRANKLIN, 37064**

## **WHAT TO BRING?**

A lawn chair!

Last names starting with A-R, bring a side!

Last names starting with S-Z please bring dessert.

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

## **DIRECTIONS**

From St. Paul's:

Go south on Lewisburg Pike

Turn left on Old Peytonsville Road

Turn right on Berry Farms Crossing

Turn left on Hughes Lane

## Upcoming EYG Events

### **Sunday, April 6 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Barnabas**

Rev. Monna Mayhall will join us so that we can take part in an Iona Eucharist service together!

### **Sunday, April 13 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Barnabas**

Games, dinner, and stuffing Easter Eggs!

## Youth Sunday

May 11 at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM services

As always, Mother's Day is also Youth Sunday! Both morning services will be lead by our youth, from readers and ushers to the sermon! Join us in between services for a Youth Breakfast from 10:00 – 11:00 AM with a special time to celebrate our Seniors!

Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/2025youthsunday>

## 2025 Graduates

If you are graduating in 2025 from high school, college, or a graduate program, we would love to recognize you in our takeout on Youth Sunday! Please fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/StPaulsGrads>

## Youth Service and Fundraising Opportunities

### Hiding Easter Eggs

April 20 at 8:45 AM in the Rectory Backyard

EYG will hide Easter Eggs during the 8:45 Easter Service for the younger kids to find at 10! Breakfast will be provided afterward in Barnabas!

### Car Park: Main Street Festival

April 26 from 10 AM - 12 PM in the Barnabas parking lot

Our last fundraiser of the year! Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) if you plan to join. Each youth who volunteers will earn money for Mountain TOP!



## Mountain TOP

An impactful week of service, worship, and fellowship awaits youth and adults alike at MTOP! We would love to have you join us from July 13-19! Training days will be held at Barnabas on April 27, May 18, and June 8.

Register at [bit.ly/MTOP](https://bit.ly/MTOP)

All 6th – 12th graders are invited to join us Sunday evenings in Barnabas for Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)! We will have dinner together, play games, have small group discussions, and pray compline. Email Brett at [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) with any questions!



# FLG Pancake Prep

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# Young Adults & College Students

Click on the calendar for more information about February's events. All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome!

Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more information!

April							2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8 • Trivia at Neighbors at 7:00pm	9	10	11	12 • Arbor Day event at Pinkerton Park	
13	14	15	16	17 • Trivia at ML Rose at 7:30pm	18	19	
20 • YA and CITY collab from 12-4	21	22	23	24	25	26 • Franklin Main Street Festival	
27 • Franklin Main Street Festival	28	29	30				

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/April-YA-Calendar.pdf>



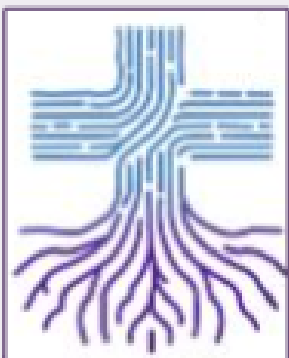
Young Adult Extreme Escape Games outing.



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.

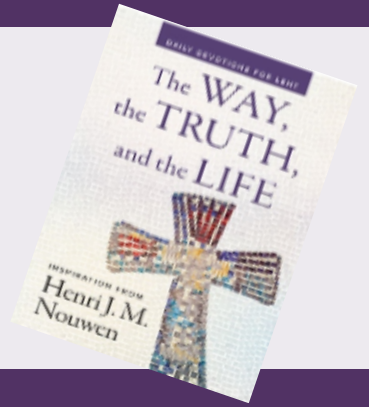


The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. This is the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection of Christ as the King of Kings, celebrated on Easter Sunday. There are no beautiful flowers on the altar during Lent, but only 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.



## Lenten Devotions

Make sure to pick up a copy of The Way, the Truth, and the Life –Lenten Daily Devotional booklet based on inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen. Available in the Narthex and Founders Hall beginning Sunday March 2nd.



## Lenten Meditations

### Sign up to receive for daily emails

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, discover new ways your faith is guiding you through, as you journey through Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten Meditations, reflecting on "A Commonplace Lent."

*"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

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/>





## Tuesday Evening Lenten Programs

April 1, 8

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

Sign up here to lead Stations one Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/LentenSeries2025>

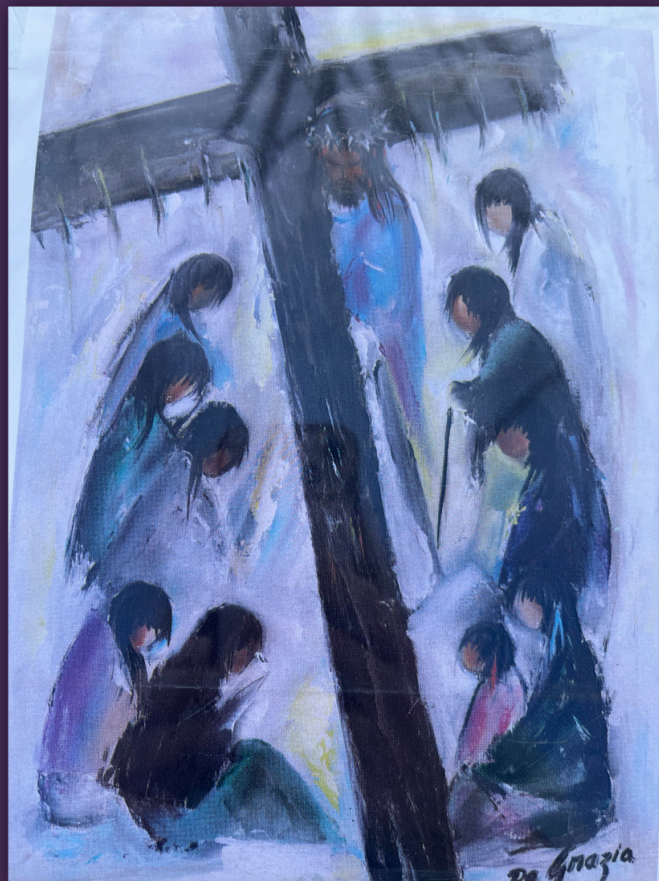
### 5:30 PM - Supper in Barnabas

Sign-up here to to bring food one Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/LentenSeries2025>

### 6:00 -7:00 PM Lenten Program in Barnabas – Sensing the Gospel

*"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... " (1 John 1:1)*

In Jesus Christ, the salvation God provides cannot be reduced to an idea or abstraction. Salvation happens, instead, in human flesh. Indeed, God arrives as human flesh. Moreover, people encountered Jesus in their own bodies. These were real people in real contact with a real man from Galilee. Join us on Tuesday Evenings during Lent to explore Biblical passages that discover Christ through our bodies, making God known in tangible, sensory ways.



## Easter Choral and Floral Offerings

If you would like to offer a thanksgiving or memorial for a loved one on Easter, please sign up for the Easter Floral and/or Choral offerings here: <https://bit.ly/floral-choral-offerings>. The deadline is April 11, 2025.

After you have signed up below, you can send your donations online or mail a check noting the flowers or music ministry.

Contact Shannon with any questions at [shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com).





## Easter Egg Hunt Donations

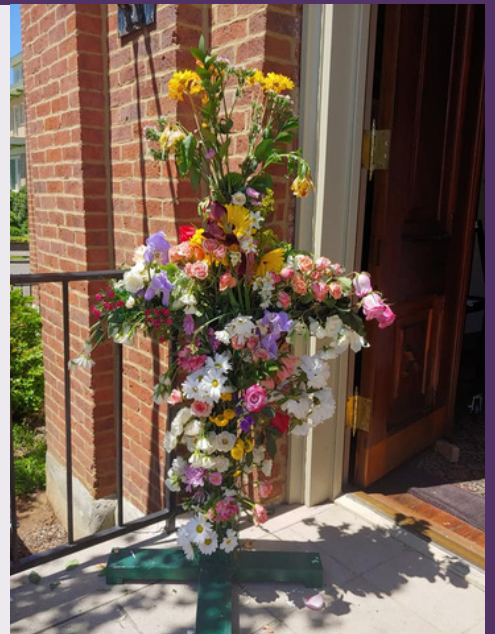
St. Paul's annual Egg Hunt will happen again this year at 10 am on Easter morning. Children will be divided up by age to go to different hunting grounds, and our fabulous Youth Group will help us out by hiding the eggs during the 8:45 service.

We would love to have donations of wrapped peanut-free candy and plastic eggs. We will gladly accept new or used plastic eggs. Please bring your donations to the church by Palm Sunday, April 10th. Thank you!

## Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, everyone is invited to bring some flowers to church to "Flower the Cross." There will be a cross in the Narthex where children will place their flowers as soon as they enter the church.

It is not necessary to bring a big bouquet! A small handful of flowers will be perfect.



## Communion Class for Children and their Families

Is there a child in your household aged 5 years or older who is curious about Holy Communion? Monna and Libby will host a class on Tuesday evening of Holy Week (April 15th from 5:30-7 pm) for those children and their families. We will explore the ideas of coming together to feast at God's table, and we will also share dinner together. Nursery will be provided for younger siblings. If you are interested or have any questions, please email [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com).

## 2025 HOLY WEEK

- April 13 Palm Sunday Eucharist Services**  
7:30 am, 8:45 am\*, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
10:00 am Palm Sunday Procession  
Childcare provided at 8:45 am and 11:00 am services and during Palm Procession
- April 15 The Royal Table**  
5:30 - 7:00 pm Communion Class for Children and Families  
Founders Hall and Church Sanctuary
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot-Washing**  
6:00 pm\*  
Childcare provided
- April 18 Good Friday Eucharist**  
12:00 pm\*  
Childcare provided  
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- April 19 Easter Vigil**  
7:30 pm\*  
Childcare provided with 7 days notice
- April 20 Easter Morning Eucharist**  
7:30 am, 8:45 am\*, 11:00 am\*  
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt  
Childcare provided at 8:45 am and 11:00 am services and during Easter Egg Hunt  
**No 6:00 pm Service**

\*Denotes Facebook Live Broadcast  
Request Childcare: [Libby@StPaulsFranklin.com](mailto:Libby@StPaulsFranklin.com)

**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 the week.

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# Stations of the Cross



Station I  
Jesus Is Condemned To Death



Station II  
Jesus Takes Up The Cross



Station III  
Jesus Falls The First Time



Station IV  
Jesus Meets His Mother





Station V  
Simon Helps Jesus to Carry The Cross



Station VI  
Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus



Station VII  
Jesus Falls The Second Time





Station VIII  
Jesus Speaks To The Daughters of Jerusalem



Station IX  
Jesus Falls The Third Time





Station X  
Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garmets



Station XI  
Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross





Station XII  
Jesus Dies Upon The Cross



Station XIII  
Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross



Station XIV  
Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb



## WITS - Women in Theological Study

WITS continues a book study on *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass. *Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.

We will finish this book study on the first two Thursdays of April. On May 1 we will meet at Bicentennial Park in Franklin.

These are the dates for this study in April and May:

April 3 – Chapter 5 – Jesus as The Way

April 10 – Chapter 6 – Jesus as The Presence

May 1 - Meet at Bicentennial Park - bring a lawn chair

(No WITS April 17)

WITS meets on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.





## From The Seekers Class...

Here are some notes from a recent Seeker's Class. You may need to know these for our next Jeopardy Night!

### Anglican Essentials The Sacraments

The Episcopal Church Has Two Sacraments And Five Sacramental Rites

#### Sacraments

1. Eucharist
2. Baptism

#### Sacramental Rites

1. Confirmation
2. Ordination
3. Holy Matrimony
4. Reconciliation of the Penitent
5. Unction

A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

Three elements make up a sacrament:

- 1) Matter
- 2) Symbolic Reality or Mystery
- 3) Effect

Thomas Aquinas originally set up the seven as sacraments. To him, they all were instituted by Christ. The 39 Articles changed the number down to two, as necessary for all Christians.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

The full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church.

### Eucharist

Meaning "Thanksgiving" It is the supreme act of Christian worship and the central act of our liturgy.

## SACRAMENTAL RITES

### Confirmation

A Mature expression of our commitment to Christ. It calls and equips us for ministry.

### Ordination

The authority and grace given by God to certain leaders of the church. We are all a priesthood of believers.

### Matrimony

Makes vows before God and the Church and receives a blessing from the priest or bishop. Its' for mutual joy, help and comfort, and for kids (God willing).

### Reconciliation of the Penitent

Confessing sins in the presence of a priest. It's the continuing forgiveness of God's will for us and the gift of renewal.

### Unction

The healing of body mind and spirit by oil or laying on of hands.





## Education for Ministry (EFM)

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group will hold an open house in Barnabas Tuesday April 29th, 6:00 pm. You're invited!

EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South. It examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. Next fall, EfM will launch a new curriculum including a single-year, "Wide Angle" offering. New materials include written texts, podcasts and short videos.

As the EfM website states, "the EfM program is designed to help (lay) Christians prepare for their ministry. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the communion service: 'And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.'"

The St. Paul's group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm, September through May. For more information about the open house or the program contact Jean Larson at [jam.larson@gmail.com](mailto:jam.larson@gmail.com) or 847-987-6949 or Kelly Pitsenberger at [pitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:pitz@bellsouth.net). Preregistration is required. We hope you can join us at the end of April.



## Flower & Fern Pick Up

Pick up for Flowers or Ferns is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Barnabas parking lot.

## WSP Social

The next WSP Social is on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM at Cindy Thomsen's home. More details to come.



## Women of St. Paul's Cookbook

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee recently tested 15 soups, stews, and chili recipes! Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 23, at 10am in the Barnabus Middle Room. Feel free to stop by and have a taste!

We will be testing salads next, so please contact any of us if you would like to try a recipe to bring to the meeting or any St. Paul's event.

Committee Members: Heather Creel, Gwen McKee, Jackie King, Cindy Thomsen, Mindy Boggs, Becky Grimes, Kathy Ulezelski, Catherine Mayhew, Susan Miller.





## Birthday Outreach Ministry

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, join with parishioners to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We will plan to meet there from 12:30-1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too!



If you are interested, contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels April delivery dates are Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kathy Berry for more information.

## Grief Support Group at St. Paul's

Loss comes in all shapes and sizes. Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself.

St. Paul's offers a Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In April, they will meet on the 2nd and 16th, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com).

## Spring Street

Thank you to all the generous volunteers who helped make our March Spring Street so much fun, especially our "Name That Tune" DJ's Kathy and Katie! This outreach event is such a bright spot in our lives every month.

In April we will play Pictionary!

Sign up here if you would like to help.  
<https://bit.ly/spring-street-4-2025>



Daughters of the King



## 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

## Bicentennial Society

### *Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary*

Our St. Paul's Episcopal Church was founded on August 25th, 1827, in a room of the Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 in Franklin when those persons "friendly to the formation of an Episcopal church in the area" met under the leadership of Reverend James Hervey Otey. Honored as the "Mother Church of the Diocese of Tennessee," St. Paul's led the way for Episcopal congregations to bloom throughout our state.

Today, there are three organizations committed to preserving the legacy of St. Paul's.

- **The Historic Committee** focuses on preserving our past and securing our future by supporting various projects and events that are not provided for in St. Paul's annual budget.
- **The Bicentennial Committee**, which is overseen by The Historic Committee, is responsible for planning and executing activities connected with the Bicentennial in 2027.
- **The Bicentennial Society** is a fundraising entity dedicated to providing financial support for the work of both the Historic and Bicentennial Committees.

Examples of projects that have been funded by the Bicentennial Society include:

**Education:** We are hosting several historic symposiums on Franklin's early churches and their role in sowing the seeds that helped make Franklin a vibrant, growing community. These events are open to the public and focused on both educating and uniting our local faith communities. We were also instrumental in creating the beautiful history panels on display in Otey Hall and the self-guided tour brochures for our historic Church.



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**Preservation:** The Bicentennial Society has supported cataloguing of our historic documents and photographs and restored the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son just outside the front entrance of the Church. We also contributed to the repair of the historic wooden louvers above the front doors of St. Paul's, improving both form and function.

**Celebration:** Each year we host a festive birthday party for the parish, counting down the years to our Bicentennial in 2027.

One of the primary goals of the Bicentennial Society is to raise funds to support related church-wide and community events without straining our annual operating budget. If you'd like to take part in this unique historic undertaking, please consider joining the Bicentennial Society and play an important role in the education, preservation, and celebration of St. Paul's. Your \$1,000 pledge—due in 2027—can be paid over time by visiting [stpaulsfranklin.com/give](http://stpaulsfranklin.com/give).

To learn more, please contact any member of the Historic and Bicentennial Committees:

Greer Carlisle, Virginia Callicott, Jay Fahey, Gale Haddock, Colbi Layne Hogan, Pam Horne, Melanie Lampertz, Rev. Rusty McCown, Pat McCracken, Libby Sullivan, Cindy Thomsen, Cindy Tumblin, Kathy Ulezelski, and Mike Wesson.



## 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.

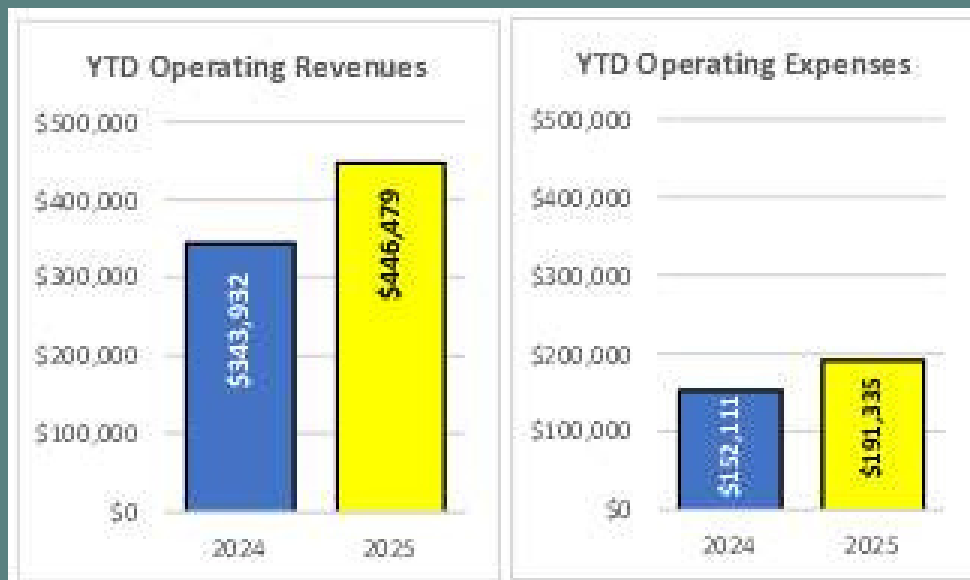
## Financial Performance for the month of February 2025

**January Summary:** Two months into the fiscal year and the parish remains where it wants to be - in an incredibly strong financial position.

**Revenues:** Cash-In-Plate and pledging remain very strong. Cash-in-Plate through two months is double the anticipated budget, and pledging for the month of February was nearly \$25,000 more than the anticipated budget. Taking into account the regular monthly pledges received, the parish has raised 36% of all of its expected income for the year - in one month.

**Expenses:** Expenses were more than \$11,000 under budget for the month, and are nearly \$8,000 under budget for the year-to-date. While Personnel costs are nearly right on budget, the parish has lower insurance and outreach expenses than anticipated (Insurance received a reimbursement for the now canceled premium for the former van owned by the parish). Music costs were higher than anticipated.

**Overall:** The parish starts the year nearly \$254,000 to the good.



Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
<b>February 2025</b>								
<b>Year to Date to February 2025</b>								
<b>Revenues</b>								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$100,129	\$66,860	\$33,269	49.8%	\$444,894	\$450,511	(\$5,617)	-1.2%
Other Income	\$619	\$42	\$577	1385.3%	\$1,585	\$83	\$1,501	100.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$100,748</b>	<b>\$66,902</b>	<b>\$33,846</b>	<b>50.6%</b>	<b>\$446,479</b>	<b>\$450,594</b>	<b>(\$4,115)</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
Personnel	\$58,537	\$57,758	\$779	1.3%	\$115,220	\$115,515	(\$295)	-0.3%
Operating Expenses	\$32,543	\$44,899	(\$12,356)	-27.5%	\$76,115	\$83,798	(\$7,683)	-9.2%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$91,079</b>	<b>\$102,656</b>	<b>(\$11,577)</b>	<b>-11.3%</b>	<b>\$191,335</b>	<b>\$199,312</b>	<b>(\$7,978)</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$9,669</b>	<b>(\$35,754)</b>	<b>\$45,422</b>		<b>\$255,144</b>	<b>\$251,282</b>	<b>\$3,861</b>	
<b>Non-Budgeted Rev. &amp; Exp. (Net)</b>	<b>\$4,255</b>				<b>(\$765)</b>			
<b>Total Parish Performance</b>	<b>\$13,924</b>				<b>\$254,379</b>			



## April Birthdays

- 1 Jim Miller, A. J. Morreale, Josh Bailey, Connie Dickerson
- 2 Alexander Angola, Stephanie Hastings
- 3 Heather Angola, Sam Liang
- 4 Ed McCullough, Nicholas Paris, Emily Love
- 5 Jo Ann Scalf, Jon Roebuck
- 7 Reagan Zegley
- 8 Joe Agnetta
- 9 Gwen McKee
- 11 Carl Campbell, Justin Jones, Patti Rodocker
- 12 Hannah Lassiter, Sue Sieveking, Kristy Moore
- 14 Caroline Butler, Tim Sumja
- 15 Olivia Miniati, Sam Yeager
- 16 Abby Helper, Lea Larsen
- 18 Sarah Karpie, Kathleen Webster, Cindy Shapiro
- 19 Sean Impeartrice, Margaret D. Brown, Francee Preston, Sally Johnson,  
Elizabeth Grant
- 20 Georgie Blackhurst
- 21 Ken Stansberry, Spencer Dibble
- 23 Laurel Aiello, Mary Emilie Acklen
- 24 Kay Heller, Al Benneyworth
- 25 Fred Warner, Olivia Montero
- 26 Melissa Impeartrice, Brooke Newell, Justin Bushnell, Bill Phelps
- 27 Gerard Helper, Shay Hall
- 28 Catherine Mayhew, Laura Kinnard, Louise Thurman
- 29 Mary Kate Brandon, Hattie Lambert
- 30 Ruth Travis, Will Miniati, Jeannie Jones

## *April Anniversaries*

- 1 Doug & Joyce Little
- 2 Wallace & Louise Beauchamp
- 7 Ken Young & Karen Austin
- 7 Justin & Amanda Bushnell
- 9 Doug & Monna Mayhall
- 9 Mike & Linda Wesson
- 10 William & Lauren Branson
- 14 Mark & Catherine Mayhew
- 17 Creighton & Lynn Cook
- 19 Charles & Elizabeth Marshall
- 21 Ed & Lucy McCullough
- 22 Ben & Susan Nance
- 23 Mark & Andrea Hyssong
- 24 Justin & Rebecca Pitt
- 26 Frank & Trish Baugh
- 30 Tony & Sheila Morreale



# Condolences to

- Tina Carpenter, in the death of her husband, Bob Carpenter
- Kim Haynie, in the death of her mother, Barbara Clowers

