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Office Closed May 26

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 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 June newsletter is Wednesday, May 28, 2025](#)

Upcoming Events

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May 2

Bicentennial Backroads
Spring Excursion

May 7

Gathering for Good
Sounds Baseball Game

May 11

Youth Sunday

May 25

Bishop's Visit

May 25

Summer Schedule Begins

May 26

Office Closed

June 1

Lemonade in the Shade begins

June 8

Bluegrass and Stained Glass

June 9 -12

Week of Wonder - VBS

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/>



From the Junior Warden

Some things never change – taxes are still due on April 15th, dogwood trees bloom for Easter, and old buildings require constant maintenance. Barnabas has been our lifeboat for the past several months for our staff, parishioners, and visitors. Unfortunately, in the middle of a cold snap this winter, one of the units developed a leak in the heat exchanger which required it, by law, to be shut down. Replacing the heat exchanger was going to be a lengthy and costly process, so we looked into simply replacing the entire unit. A decision was reached that it would make financial sense to replace both units as both were 25 years old.



Both units were removed and with the help of a crane brought down to the parking lot and replaced with brand new units with extended parts warranties. The process hit a small speed bump when it was determined that some additional duct work needed to be done but fortunately the weather cooperated with moderate temperatures. Both are now installed and working great and Barnabas should be good from an HVAC standpoint for many years. See pictures below for scenes from the installation.

Jim Miller



Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday





Easter





THE EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND:

In thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Penelope, Garrett, Oliver, and Eugene
by Woody and Beth Woodruff

In thanksgiving for their 4 daughters, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren
by Margaret (Gene) Brown

In honor of their fathers, Larry, Ernest, and Sanford
by Michael and Laurie Austin

In loving memory of their parents: Lex and Helen Howes
and Paul and Helen Meisner
by Cyndy and Ron Howes

In loving memory of Harry and Carrie Clarke,
Jeno and Ida Nagy, and Huba Nagy
by Lois Nagy

In loving memory of Bob Carpenter
by Tina Carpenter and Family

In loving memory of George Charles Newcomer, Jr.
by Nancy and Richard Boring

In loving memory of Ed and Marion Silbernagel and Harry and Ruth Rohde
by Mark and Lori Rohde

In loving memory of their parents
by Jenny and Gary Kovac

In loving memory of their parents
by Bob and Jean Larson

In loving memory of Rick Jackson
by Elizabeth, Alston, Avery, and Eliza Tyer

THE EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND:

In loving memory of their parents, Jack and Joanne, Bill and Georgia
by Mindy and Will Boggs

In loving memory of Bettie Shepard
by Linda Hall

In loving memory of their parents, Jim and Carola Twigg,
and Wade and Edna Ramsey
by Vickie and Jim Ramsey

In loving memory of Peggy and Tom Love, Jr. and Peggy Capadalis
by Tom and Emily Love

In loving memory of John E. Sloan, Jr. and Kenneth L. Roberts
by Catherine Sloan



THE CHORAL OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND:

In thanksgiving for Timothy, Liz, Peter, Matthew and Anna, Philip and Allison
by Lois Nagy

In thanksgiving for Patricia Bailey and Paul Shearer
by the Horne Family

In thanksgiving for their grandchildren
by Chris and Jackie King

In loving memory of Rick Jackson
by Shannon and Graham Buttrey

In loving memory of their parents
by Karen Austin and Ken Young

In loving memory of Alan Barnes,
by Josh, Brett, Elizabeth, and Alaina Smith

In loving memory of Gene Brown
by Margaret Brown







Social Graces

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

Tuesday May 13th
Lunch and Program in Barnabas
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.

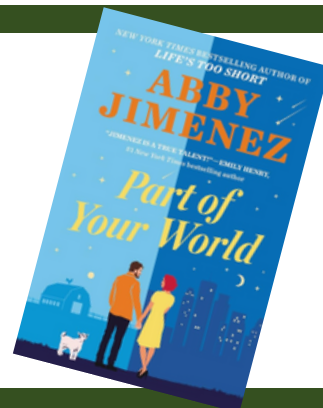
Lunch is \$10. RSVP by Thursday May 8th to Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. Please note any dietary restrictions. Pay for lunch at the event.

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](#).

Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is May 27th from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas. We will discuss *Part of Your World* by Abby Jimenez. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.



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.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025

May 25, Sunday	First Day of Summer Sunday Schedule 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 6:00 pm Eucharist Confirmation and Bishop's Visitation
June 1, Sunday	First Lemonade in the Shade Social after 10:00 am service
June 8, Sunday	Pentecost Sunday: Everyone wear red! First Bluegrass and Stained-Glass Sunday, 10:00 am Pentecost celebration after 10:00 am service. Week of Wonder Volunteer Commissioning and T-shirt pick-up
June 9-12	Week of Wonder: Jim Warren Park, 9:00 am-12:00 pm June 12, Thursday evening, Church-Wide Potluck at Jim Warren Pavilion
June 15, Sunday	Week of Wonder Celebration Sunday: Wear your t-shirts and children will sing.
June 18, Wednesday	Middle School Day Trip: 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Rising 7 th and 8 th graders
June 19, Thursday	Juneteenth Celebration: McLemore House, Franklin, 11:00 am-5:00 pm
June 22, Sunday	EYG Summer Edition: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
June, 29, Sunday	EYG Summer Edition: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
July 6, Sunday	EYG Summer Edition: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
July 13, Sunday	Second Bluegrass and Stained Glass Sunday, 10:00 am
July 13-19	Mountain Top Service Week
July 27, Sunday	EYG Summer Edition: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
August 3, Sunday	Blessing of the Backpacks and Teacher Sunday: 10:00 am
August 10, Sunday	Third Stained Glass Sunday, 10:00 am
August 31, Sunday	Last Sunday of Summer Schedule
Sep. 7, Sunday	Rally Day: Return to 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm
Sep. 14, Sunday	First Day of Christian Formation for all ages

EYG in April

The youth started off April with a very special Iona Eucharist service, led by Monna Mayhall. The evening was full of prayerful and meaningful moments!

The next week we abruptly shifted gears and tried nearly every sauce flavor from Buffalo Wild Wings (including the hottest Blazin') before we stuffed Easter eggs for the kids' egg hunt!

Thanks to all the youth who helped make our annual egg hunt possible!



POOL **PIZZA**

**EYG
2025 END OF
THE YEAR
PARTY!**

**CAPTURE THE
FLAG** **SLIP & SLIDE**

SUNDAY, MAY 18 5 - 7 PM
CHESTNUT BEND POOL
555 PLOUGHMANS BEND DR

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 with any questions!

Children's Communion Class



Week of Wonder

St. Paul's Week of Wonder is back at Jim Warren Park June 9th-12th from 9 am until noon. We will share stories, snacks, crafts, games and nature walks with old and new friends as we wonder about how each season brings its own gifts and challenges.

We will have a church wide potluck celebration on Thursday evening from 5:30-7, and all Week of Wonder participants and volunteers are invited to wear their t-shirt to the 10 am service on June 15th where we will share our special Week of Wonder song with the whole congregation!

Week of Wonder VBS is geared toward children who are 3 years old through rising 4th graders. The cost for Week of Wonder is \$20 per child.

Register here: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vbs>

Children who are entering 5th grade or older are encouraged to register as volunteers and helpers. We need plenty of adults, too!

Volunteers Register here: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vbs-volunteers>

If you have questions, email Libby at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.



St. Pauls Week of Wonder 2025

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Week of Wonder Prep Days

St. Paul's Week of Wonder is coming up on June 9th, and the planning team is looking for some helpers to create some set and crafts ahead of time. We are hosting two Prep Days June 2nd and 3rd from 9 am until 1 pm in the Middle Room of Barnabas. We will build a portable set, prepare decorations, share some snacks and laughs while we get everything ready to go for a great Week of Wonder!

Whether you plan to join us or you are willing to work on some cut-out projects at home, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Young Adults & College Students

Mason Hart won the Young Adults March Madness bracket challenge and took home a commemorative basketball to show off for the year! Way to go Mason!

The Episco-pals were back at it again for a fun Trivia Night at ML Rose. We've got a bowling night and a meet up at Arrington Vineyards planned for May!

We would love to have all college students and young adults in your 20s or 30s join us! Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information!



MAY EVENTS

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

DOWNTON FRANKLIN ART CRAWL 6 - 9 PM	FRI 5/2
TUES 5/6	TRIVIA NIGHT AT NEIGHBORS (FRANKLIN) 7 - 9 PM
GATHERING AND GAMES AT ARRINGTON VINEYARDS 4 - 6 PM	SAT 5/17
MON 5/19	HARRY POTTER TRIVIA NIGHT AT ML ROSE (FRANKLIN) 7:30 - 9 PM
BOWLING NIGHT AT FRANKLIN FAMILY REC CENTER 7 - 9 PM	SAT 5/24

WITS - Women in Theological Study

The Bible records several post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to individuals and to groups of people including his disciples. During these few weeks after Easter, WITS will spend some time exploring the accounts of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection and before his Ascension. Come join us on Thursdays.

WITS meets on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am.

These are the dates for WITS for this study series:

May 8, 15, and 29

May 22 – NO WITS (Spring Street)

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



Adult Christian Formation

Adult Christian Formation - Join us as we continue to explore "The Acts of the Apostles" and what the 5th book of the New Testament can tell us about our own faith journeys.

Adult Formation meets at 10:00 am in Founders.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Calling EfM Alums

Education for Ministry (EfM) is offering an all-new curriculum beginning this fall. It is the fifth curriculum revision in the organization's 50 year history. The new texts are supplemented with websites, videos and podcasts.

Here is a link to the current EfM website:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>

As an EfM alumnae you can choose from any year's program (Old Testament, New Testament, church history and personal theology) or try the new 5th year options called "Wide Angle."

Here is another link you may find to be interesting/useful.

https://educationforministry.substack.com/p/new-efm-formation-products-debut?r=2iuasq&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web&triedRedirect=true

The new program has less reading, 1-2 hours a week.

We meet Tuesday evenings, beginning in September from 6:00 – 8:00pm. We will register St. Paul's group in July.

If you are interested, please reach out. My contact information is Jean Larson, 847-987-6949, jam.larson@gmail.com. Or contact Kelly Pitsenberger, another mentor, at 615-598-6695.

It would be great to have you with us.



WSP Social

The next WSP Social is on Friday, May 30th, 6 PM at Cindy Thomsen's home. Please bring a snack or a beverage of choice.

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee has been busy testing dishes! Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 20, at 10am in the Barnabus Middle Room. Feel free to stop by and have a taste!

Please contact us if you would like to try a recipe to bring to the meeting or any St. Paul's event. We will be testing Vegetables and Side Dishes next.



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



Parish Outreach – Love Thy Neighbor



Spring is here and it's time to support Franklin Elementary School's end-of-school-year Field Day! This is an initiative of our partnership with United4Hope, an organization dedicated to connecting churches and public schools to help students and communities thrive. Our St. Paul's is partnered with FES.

We're seeking volunteers for Friday, May 9th, from 8:15 a.m. to noon and 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. The morning session is for kindergarten and 1st graders; the afternoon session is for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. In case of rain, Field Day will be moved to Monday, May 12th.

Volunteers need to register for and attend one hour of online training over the next few weeks and a background check is required for a small fee which can be reimbursed. Once completed, volunteers will not have to repeat the training for any future projects, although background checks are required once a year.

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Pat McCracken at pat@newleafpartners.com or 615-351-1113.

Spring Street

Barnabas was a spring delight with cheerful table decorations and fun games of Pictionary. Thank you to everyone who brought the fun and the food!

Our final Spring Street until September will be held on May 22 in Barnabas. We will have live music and the Men of St. Paul's will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. We will take a group photo about 10:45 and I encourage all volunteers to join us as we celebrate a year of friendship, food, fun, (and flexibility)! Here is the sign up link: <https://bit.ly/spring-street-05-2025>

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 or 615-790-0527.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels May delivery dates are Wednesday, May 21st and Friday, May 23rd. 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 May, they will meet on the 7th and 21st, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

The Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Church functions to serve non profit 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 of 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 with our own 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 the only reason we can do this, thank you!

This month we were able to four, yes four, nonprofits in our community!



We awarded \$800 to the 21st District Recovery Court for multiple crock pots. They will be utilizing the crockpots to teach their participants cooking skills as a much needed life skill.



We donated \$2,700 to The Well Outreach. St. Paul's will be providing the weekend meal bags for students (Jet Packs) at a local area school who are on free or reduced lunch programs.



We were happy to assist our friends at The Nook with a check for 4,000 in order to help students throughout Franklin with emergency needs such as clothing and shoes.



And lastly we discovered, thanks to Mindy Boggs, parishioner extraordinaire, the Franklin Special School's "Take a Bite Out of Student Debt" program. Each year students from PreK thru 8th grader incur debt over their school lunch. Often, these children and their families get caught up in the application process for free or reduced lunch and create debt as they are awaiting certification. Some parents do not meet the strict criteria for free or reduced lunch and struggle to pay for their children's meals. No child is ever denied food while in school, but the numbers still add up. The Outreach committee is delighted to tell you that our St. Paul's parish will be taking 5,000 of that debt away for over 60 families!

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 on the "Community Partners" on our Outreach page. There are many opportunities to volunteer or donate to help our friends and neighbors 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 of the committee: Will Boggs, Mark Rohde, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Spencer Dibble and Anglea Lassiter.

JOIN US TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

DIAPER & HYGIENE KIT DRIVE



COLLECTING APRIL 30- MAY 15

Needed Items:

baby items: diapers of all sizes, baby wipes

adult items: shampoo, conditioner, body soap, toothpaste, hand soap, feminine hygiene products (pads of all sizes)

**Can't drop off physical donations?
Donate here & funds will go
towards diapers & kit materials.**



Contact Lauren Gardner

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Laurengardner33@gmail.com



**TENNESSEE
RESSETTLEMENT
AID**

DROP OFF TIMES:

SAT, MAY 10TH FROM 11-12:30PM

THURS, MAY 15TH FROM 10AM-12PM

SAT, MAY 17TH FROM 9-11AM

DROPOFF LOCATION:

**TRA storage unit
6346 Nolensville pike**

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.

Bicentennial Society

Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary

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.

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 March 2025

January Summary: One Quarter into the fiscal year and the parish is performing as expected.

Revenues: Cash-In-Plate and pledging remain very strong. Revenues slightly paced expectations - up 3.2% compared to budget. For the year, they are on target being only 0.4% under expectations.

Expenses: Expenses were slightly over budget buy only by 3.4%. The largest payment was \$7,000 for audit work. Utilities and Property costs were also higher than expected. We will monitor the April bills to see if this is a one-time occurrence or a trend to be concerned about.

Overall: March was anticipated to be a deficit month and it was - but within 3% of expectations. The monthly loss was \$41,348 across all operating accounts. However, the parish starts the year nearly \$213,031 to the good.



Monthly Summary

Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	March 2025				Year to Date to March 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$69,957	\$67,610	\$2,347	3.5%	\$514,851	\$518,121	(\$3,270)	-0.6%
Other Income	\$393	\$542	(\$149)	-27.5%	\$1,978	\$625	\$1,353	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$70,350	\$68,152	\$2,198	3.2%	\$516,829	\$518,746	(\$1,917)	-0.4%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$64,631	\$58,323	\$6,308	10.8%	\$179,851	\$175,168	\$4,683	2.7%
Operating Expenses	\$43,627	\$46,049	(\$2,422)	-5.3%	\$119,742	\$128,180	(\$8,438)	-6.6%
Total Expenses	\$108,258	\$104,370	\$3,886	3.7%	\$299,592	\$303,346	(\$3,755)	-1.2%
Net Operating Income	(\$37,908)	(\$36,219)	(\$1,690)		\$217,236	\$215,399	\$1,836	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp. (Net)	(\$3,440)				(\$4,205)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$41,348)				\$213,031			

May Birthdays

- 1 Laurie Austin, Suzanne Robertson, Robert Walter
- 2 Marida Stearns, Jim Haddon
- 3 Dylan Paschal, Remy Martini
- 4 Linda Wesson, David Zegley, Emily Peters, Kent Burnside
- 5 David Rogers, Genevieve DeRosia
- 6 Emerson Cook, Wyatt Dees, Eleanor Smythe
- 7 Josey Messina, Wyatt Anderson, Tiffany Sugalski
- 8 Sarah Ingram, Louis Pirtle
- 9 Wendy Heard, Murray Huber, Juliette Blackwelder
- 11 Alex Wilkerson, Judith Walter, Ann Martin
- 12 Elizabeth Morrow, Virginia Such
- 13 Susan Nance, Mary Eloise Austin
- 14 Bob Broenen, Jenny Kovac
- 15 Stephanie McCormick, Mickey Trailov
- 17 Sarah Butler, George Renaudin
- 18 Jennifer Lloyd, Brett Gardner
- 19 Dan Norem
- 21 Eddie Phillips, Mimi Grant, Paige Poole
- 22 Artie Bobo, Noah Mayhew, Rebekah Brown, Rick Leet, Blake Hogan
- 23 Carolyn Loeffel, Carla Myers, Lucinda Dyer
- 24 Sarah Webster, Bennett Chew, Ellen Hart, Robert Pitt
- 25 Angela Curtiss, Beth Sheller, Marty Sutherland, David Crumpton, Mary Hill
- 26 Kristy Williams, Jeff Bailey
- 27 Stuart Saylor, Samuel Chew, Maria McPherson, Rusty Culp
- 28 Kathy Miller
- 29 Wayne Senseney
- 30 Bea Thurman
- 31 Catherine Gain, Inez Rice, Cynthia Keiser

May Anniversaries

- 5 Bill & Mary Kate Brandon
- 14 Jason & Joan Bowles
- 15 Philip & Natalie Pratt
- 16 Bo & Caroline Butler
- 16 Luke & Christine Pototschnik
- 17 Dewees & Kathy Berry
- 17 Rudy & Lauren Jordan
- 18 Brett & Mary Grace Gardner
- 20 Nelson & Maria Williams
- 20 Kristin Schmitter-Webster & Jonathan Webster
- 20 Debbie & John Brake
- 22 Brad & Sam Williams
- 24 Paul & Chloe Hannah
- 26 Jim & Vicki Ramsey
- 29 Will & Mindy Boggs
- 29 Jason & Marion Werner
- 31 David Austin & Julia High

Baptisms

- Shawn Alen Gregory
- Alexander Tate Roh son of John and Jennifer Roh
- Hugh Wallace Hart son of Ellen Williams Hart and Thomas Paul Mason Hart
- Myla Katherine Johnson daughter of Katherine and Zachary Johnson

Condolences to

- Becky King in the passing of her husband, Ben King.
- Renessa Genoble, Ann Genoble, and their family in the passing of Clint Genoble.

