

The Epistle



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July 2025

Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday
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 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Office Closed July 4 & July 7

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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Makers Table at work!



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

[Deadline for the August newsletter is Tuesday, July 29, 2025](#)

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Teacher Appreciation

August 10

Bluegrass and Stained Glass

August 24

St. Paul's Birthday Party



Comics Corner

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/>



With the month of June over and July beginning, lots of items are finishing up and new items are beginning to take shape. The metal roof will be shaped and installed this coming week. The sheetrock installation on the 2nd floor will begin after the city inspection for electrical is complete and the spray foam insulation on the interior of the roof is applied. The sprinkler system is almost finished on the first floor and will begin upstairs this next week. Lastly the new sprinkler system will be installed in Founders Hall. This will be a messy week and we will ask you not to use or enter Founder's Hall during this time. We should be able to continue to use it on Sundays but keep in mind the room may be dusty. A deep cleaning of this room will happen at the end of construction.



Some time in the month of July the last existing restroom will be demolished in order to construct the new Coffee Bar area outside of Founder's Hall. We will have very nice Porta Potties installed on the sidewalk on 6th Ave. Solomon has held onto the existing restroom for as long as possible, now is the time for new construction. The final completion date may be as late as November 24, due to new sprinkler system instructions, however Solomon is doing their due diligence to make that date earlier, we will keep you posted.

We will be enlisting a stained glass artisan to help us clean up the existing arched stained glass window that was previously in the old hallway. The window appears to be in good condition, just simply in need of a good cleaning. This window will be back lit and installed in front of the new Nursery at the end of the hall. It will be enjoyed by everyone walking down the hallway, we are very happy to keep that part of our history.

In the next two weeks we will be having our new HVAC units on the new roof deck, the new exterior corridor ramp base floor and walls complete, and the brick tied into the 6th Avenue facade. Things will appear to look finished on the outside, but plenty left to do inside.

Thank you for your curious questions, please stay patient for the following months ahead. We will have much to celebrate and be thankful for in November.

Susan Miller
Design on Purpose

Building Project

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Dear St. Paul's Family---

Beginning next week the City of Franklin will begin water and sewer improvements around the 5 Points area. This will have some consequence to availability of our physical buildings but, overall, it should not hamper any of our activities. Please note:

- West bound traffic on Main Street will be diverted down to Church and around to 7th (which gets around the church nicely, but will result in extra traffic on Church and 7th.
- West Main in front of the church will remain open, but only for traffic coming down 5th.
- Anyone coming North to try to get to Church from the South (on Columbia) will HAVE to turn Left on to Church/7th and then go down to turn right on Fair to get to Barnabas or to 5th to park in front of St. Paul's
- Pedestrian access will continue along the Northside of Main Street from 4th to 5th and crossing to get to St. Paul's...but that is the ONLY access for traffic Westbound at Five Points.

Please be observant in these areas as many workers will be present during the day. Street closing and route maps are attached. The project time should only be about 3-4 weeks. Finally, this work has nothing to do with our building campaign.

Thank you for your understanding. Have a safe and blessed holiday weekend and I hope to see you Sunday.

Peace-Rusty+



Detour Ahead



Pentecost Sunday



Week of Wonder Prep



Week of Wonder







Congratulations to Karen Austin! She recently participated in the Tennessee Senior Olympics state finals and won gold medals in both the 5K and 10K road races for the 70-74 female age group. The road races were held in Brentwood on the River Park bike/run path on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 24 and 26.

Karen qualified for the National Senior Games in Des Moines, Iowa. Karen represents Rabbit (@runinrabbit.com) a female led retailer of running and athletic gear based in California.



BLUEGRASS AND STAINED-GLASS SUNDAYS



JUNE 8, 10:00 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**(WEAR RED AND JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
AFTER CHURCH!)**

JULY 13, 10:00 AM

AUGUST 10, 10:00 AM

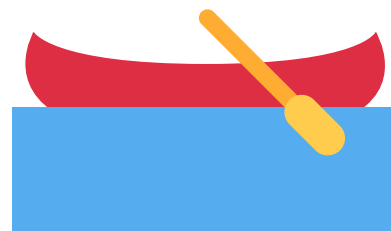


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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St. Paul's Day on the Water

Deadline July 7th

Bring your own Kayak/Canoe or rent from Higher Pursuits!



Who:

First 25 who register! Sign-up Genius link found here to make your reservation: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADAF22A3F49-57307618-stpauls>

Where:

Higher Pursuits on the Duck River
3114 Cheeks Bend Rd.
Columbia, TN 38401 www.higherpursuits.com

Cost:

Please choose what type of boat you want to rent and let Donna know on the sign-up genius. You can write a check to the church for the rental amount.

- Single sit on top kayak - \$35
- Single sit inside kayak- \$35
- Kid kayak (weight limit 100 lbs)- \$35
- Premium Sit on top kayak- \$45
- Versa sit on top (has space for a dog or small child)- \$45
- Two-person tandem Kayak- \$60
- Canoe (seats two adults and two small children)
- Bring your own kayak or canoe and pay for portage to launch- \$20

Time:

Meet at Higher Pursuits at 9:00 am.

We will be taking the Cheek's Bend route, which is 3-5 hours paddling time, plus a stop along the way for a picnic lunch on the river. There is a 30-45 minutes at beginning and end of trip to load out kayaks, etc.

What to bring:

1. A signed release form for every single person in your family. Release forms can be found here on the church website: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Release-Form-2019.pdf>
2. Wear shoes or sandals that will stay on your feet (flip flops can easily float away.)
3. Bring your own lunch and plenty of beverages!
4. Sunscreen and Insect repellent. Hats are recommended too.

What is provided:

1. Portage to launch site upriver.
2. Life jackets, paddles, and kayak/canoe.

If you have questions, email or text Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or 615-481-5144.



Social Graces



Thursday July 10
Lunch and Live Jazz!
Come join us in Barnabas (Middle Room)

11:30 am – Catered Lunch
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Musical Entertainment

\$10 for lunch --- RSVP by Monday July 7
and note any dietary restrictions
Pay for lunch at the event

Lemonade in the Shade Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with Lemonade in the Shade on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 am service. Our regular volunteers need a much deserved break for the summer. Tasks include putting out cookies, lemonade, napkins, cups and light clean up.

If you can help, email or text Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or 615-481-5144.

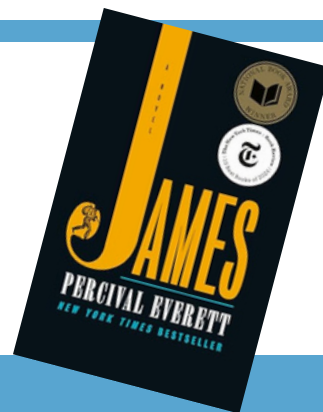


Vestry Meeting Minutes

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 July 22nd from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas. We will discuss *James* by Percival L. Everett. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.



Mountain TOP Service Team – Ways you can help!

Our St. Paul's team leaves for MTOP in just under a month! We are excited about our time on the mountain this year to partner with residents of Grundy County, working on home improvement projects and providing day camps. In addition to keeping us in your prayers, there are a few ways you can help us prepare! Thank you all for your support of our MTOP youth and adults!

Our MTOP volunteers love to receive treats and well-wishes from the parish after a long day on the mountain! If you would like to send a gift, please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com to coordinate drop-off by July 11. They will be distributed to our team during our evening church meetings!

We have a few tools and supplies on our wish-list! If you would like to contribute to our supplies, we would love Home Depot gift cards to buy the items we need! These can be dropped off in Brett's mailbox in Barnabas by July 6.

Would you like to join us this year? It's not too late! We have space available for one day camp youth or adult. The cost is \$405. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information!

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 Rusty (rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com).



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

Summer EYG

EYG Summer Edition - Sundays 4 - 5:30 PM - July 6, July 27

From ice cream meet-ups to movie nights, we'll still have youth gatherings this summer, EYG: Summer Edition style! Rising 6th graders will be invited to join us for our August events!

Youth Volunteering Interest Meeting

Do you want to volunteer with our St. Paul's youth as a chaperone, event planner, or small group leader? Whether you're a young adult, parent, or empty-nester, you're invited to join us for a youth volunteer interest meeting after the 10:00 service on July 6 in Barnabas Lounge!




ST. PAUL'S EYG

SUMMER

RISING 7TH - '25 GRADUATES
 SUNDAYS FROM 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 MEET AT BARNABAS

June

- 22** walk downtown for ice cream
- 29** movie night



July

- water games **6**
- movie night **27**

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)!
Email Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com with any questions!

Young Adults & College Students

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS *Summer Events*

JUNE**5****EPISCOPALS TRIVIA**

ML Rose Franklin

7:30 PM**JUNE****21****BACKYARD POTLUCK****& POOL PARTY**

1015 W Main St Franklin

5 PM**JULY****3****EPISCOPALS TRIVIA**

ML Rose Franklin

7:30 PM**JULY****19****YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH**

1227 Cooks Ct. Franklin

RSVP to 423-956-1460

10 AM

Young Adults Pool Party

WITS - Women in Theological Study

During the month of July, WITS will gather to explore and discuss various topics. Come join us on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am.

These are the July dates for WITS: July 3, 17, 24, and 31. July 10 - No WITS – (Social Graces)7.

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



Coffee Club - Summer Edition

Coffee Club, St. Paul's Men's Bible Study, meets weekly to discuss the Gospel appointed for the upcoming Sunday. This special Summer Edition will meet on Wednesday mornings in July from 6:45 am to 7:45 am in the Board Room of Barnabas. This leaves plenty of time to make work! All men are welcome.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

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.

Men of St. Paul's July Events

St. Paul's EYG Mountain TOP, Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th. The Michigan group will stay at Barnabas Saturday night. We will prepare dinner on Saturday, then breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

CITY (Church in the Yard): Sunday, July 20th. CITY located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 615 6th Ave South, Nashville, TN 37203



The Men of St. Paul's prepared a wonderful appreciation lunch for St. Paul's staff and Solomon Builders employees who are working on our building project. Thank you MSOP!

Women of St. Paul's

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee is now testing recipes in the Pasta, Rice and Casserole category. Thank you to all of the testers who have brought dishes and even stayed to taste and give feedback.

Please let us know if you would like to bring a recipe to our next meeting which is at Barnabus on Wednesday, July 23 at 10am.

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee

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



The St Paul's Outreach Committee was created to serve non profit organizations and share God's Grace with those in need within our community. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to be generous and thoughtful stewards of parish funds and to follow our call as Christians to engage with those in need within Williamson County, promoting compassion and generosity within our community.

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! 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 amazing organizations.

In June, we awarded funds to The Boys and Girls Club and to Graceworks both of which we have been happy to assist in the past. We gave 2,500 to the "Steak and Burger Dinner" which is the Boys and Girls club major fundraiser of the year. And we donated 4,000 to Graceworks for their summer food program which served over 2,300 children last summer.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE



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, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Spencer Dibble, Angela Lassiter and Mark Rohde.

Food Pantry Sunday



Thank you to everyone who brought donations for Food Pantry Sunday. Our weekly needs are in the News From The Pews. Also check the [Food Pantry page on the website](#) for ongoing needs for both food pantries.

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 June delivery dates are Wednesday, July 16th and Friday, July 18th. 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 July, they will meet on the 2nd and 16th, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

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

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

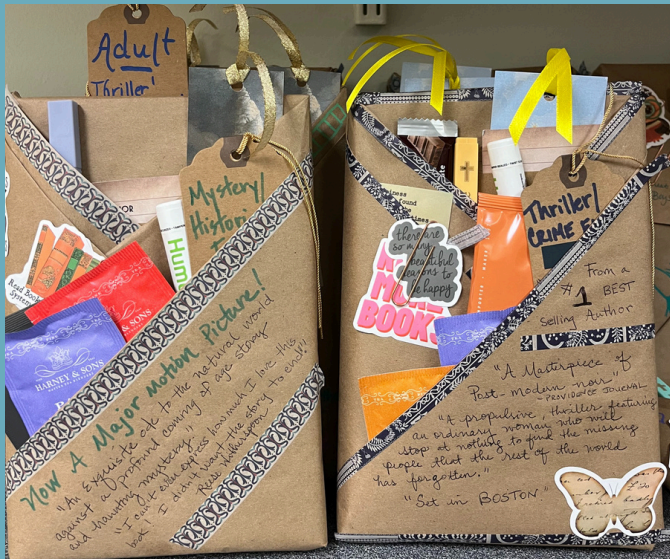
Historic Committee Products

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.

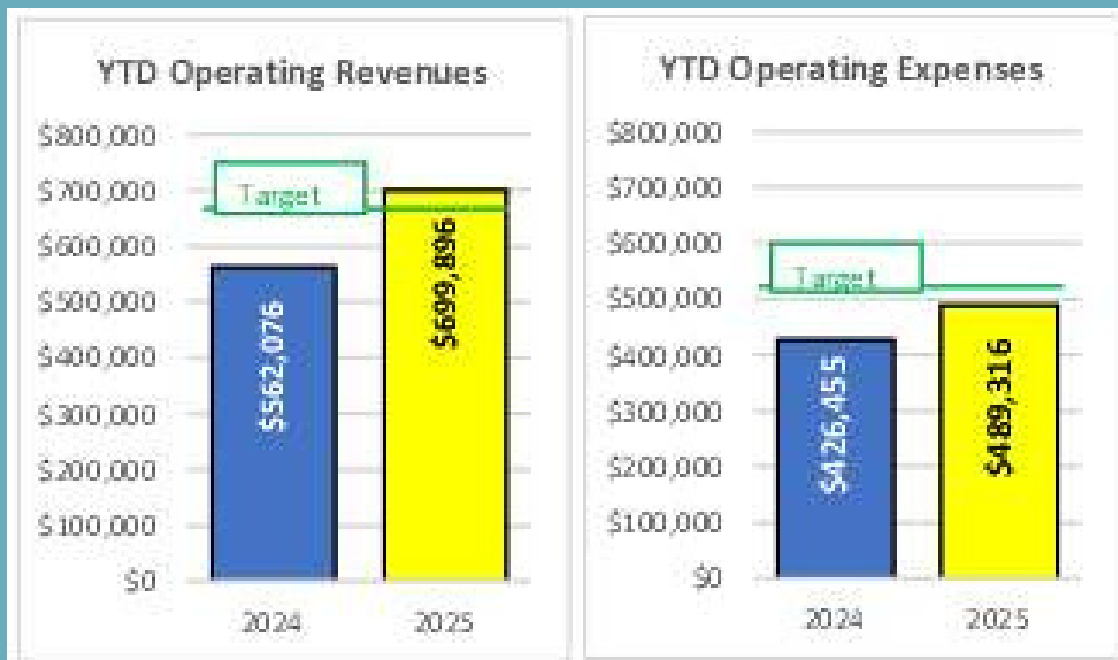
Financial Performance for the Month of May 2025

Summary: Five months into the fiscal year and the parish is performing as expected.

Revenues: Cash-In-Plate and pledging remain very strong. Cash-in-plate returned to a more humble number (nearly \$10,000) but pledging was 27% higher than expected in May. For the year, we are 5.5% above where we expected in revenues.

Expenses: Expenses were under budget by 6.1% Of note, Christian Ed - Children was higher due to Easter expenses and Moses Baskets as well as Office Equipment was higher due to excess copying costs for Easter. Utilities continue to exceed budgeted expectations.

Overall: The parish budgeted for a \$36,344 deficit but operationally ran only a deficit of \$11,280 for the month. Non-budgeted expenses were nearly a wash for May. For the year, the parish remains \$172,737 to the good.



Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	May 2025				Year to Date to May 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$84,088	\$66,110	\$17,978	27.2%	\$695,928	\$661,714	\$34,215	5.2%
Other Income	\$1,294	\$542	\$753	138.9%	\$3,968	\$1,708	\$2,259	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$85,382	\$66,652	\$18,730	28.1%	\$699,896	\$663,422	\$36,474	5.5%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$56,875	\$58,723	(\$1,847)	-3.1%	\$294,011	\$292,413	\$1,598	0.5%
Operating Expenses	\$39,786	\$43,841	(\$4,054)	-9.2%	\$195,304	\$217,914	(\$22,610)	-10.4%
Total Expenses	\$96,662	\$102,562	(\$5,901)	-5.8%	\$489,316	\$510,326	(\$21,011)	-4.1%
Net Operating Income	(\$11,280)	(\$35,910)	\$24,630		\$210,581	\$153,096	\$57,483	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	\$47				(\$37,844)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$11,233)				\$172,737			

July Birthdays

- 1 Nicholas Chew
- 2 Andrew Nickerson, Maria Williams
- 3 Annette Scharre
- 4 Colbi Layne Hogan
- 5 Sean Foote
- 7 Ann Genoble
- 8 Margot Blackwelder, Felix Laratta, Elizabeth Humphreys
- 9 Christopher Lassiter, Nancy Dunlap
- 10 Judy Oxford, Mimi Bushnell, Billy Anderson
- 11 Pam Horne, Rocky Myers, Maggie Gilchrist, Ben Shapiro
- 12 Donna Honeycutt
- 13 Ty Martin
- 14 Dylan Lookingbill
- 15 Terry O'Donnell, Payne Buse, Sue Worrell
- 16 Sadie Cost, Emma Angola
- 17 Lucinda Harshey, Alexa Hyssong
- 18 Margaret Ann Horn, Mark Hyssong, Katie Faulkner, Rusty McCown
- 19 Brett Smith
- 20 Mitzi Garner, Patrick McCullough, John Griffey, Lisa Robbins, David Odgers,
Maggie McBrayer, Liz Callicott
- 21 Gerald Butters, Jamie Dibble
- 22 Josh Smith
- 23 Blaine Bushnell
- 24 Sam Barcus, Clara Martini
- 25 Scott Jones, Chris King
- 26 Alex Lee
- 27 Alexander Armstrong, Louise Beauchamp, Charles Carlisle, Judy Stockton
- 28 Karen Montefiori, Lucetta Mannion, Jamie Cochrane, Jason Werner
- 29 Debbie Sharpe, Mason Hart
- 30 Larry Whitlock
- 31 Cindy Lewis, Laura Saylor, Shay Jacobs, JD Pirtle

June Anniversaries

- 5 Marty & Sarah Karpie
- 9 Abe & Courtney Lamb
- 10 Jackson & Holly Spain
- 10 Annette & Jeff Phillips
- 11 Art & Heather Creel
- 13 Penny & Tom Sebrell
- 15 Brad & Francee Preston
- 18 Dan & Patty Norem
- 19 Darrell & Janet Harris
- 21 Murray & Carol Huber
- 24 Charlie & Sharon Crumpton
- 28 Greg & Cindy Lewis
- 29 Chris & Lyn Knopf
- 30 Brandon & Libby Sullivan
- 31 Elizabeth & Hunter Humphreys

Baptism

Rowan Christopher Benson, son of Graham and Meagan Benson

Birth

Leanna Marie Thompson, daughter of Jacob and Natalie Thompson

Condolences to

- Family and friends of Henrietta Hobdy
- Joe Horne, in the death of his brother, Jim Horne
- Tony Morreale, in the death of his father, Anthony "Tony" Morreale, Jr.
- Bob Abstein in the death of his granddaughter, Serena Harrison

