

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin, TN
Vestry Minutes
May 19, 2025

Attendees: Ann Denson, Spencer Dibble, Larry Whitlock, Jonathan Webster, Jim Miller, Angela Lassiter, Bruce Theobald, Melissa Montero, Paul Hannah, Mindy Boggs
Absent: *Chris Oberholtzer*

Staff: Monna Mayhall, Rusty McCown, Brett Smith, Donna Stokes-Rogers, Libby Sullivan, Michael Walters Young (financial advisor)

Call to Order 5:30 pm

Opening Prayer-*Rusty McCown*

Approval of minutes: Melissa Montero made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ann Denson seconded, motion approved.

Financials: *Michael Walters Young*

April Summary: One third into the fiscal year and the parish is performing as expected.

Revenues: Cash-In-Plate and pledging remain very strong. Again, cash-in plate continues to out perform - a single \$22,000 donation came in in April. This may get moved once the donor is found, but even without this donation, monthly collections still more than double expectations.

Expenses: Expenses were under budget by 13.4%. The largest areas where expenses were under budget for April were the Music Budget and Sexton Services. Utilities continue to exceed budgeted expectations. Overall: The parish budgeted for a deficit but operationally ran a small surplus for the month. Non-budgeted expenses (a large Memorial Fund expense for work at Barnabas) resulted overall in a net loss for the month, but the parish remains nearly \$190,000 to the good through the first four months.

- Discussion about ACH deposit of \$22,000 cash in plate. If the donor's wishes are not discovered as to what fund the money should go to, the money can be used at the discretion of the vestry.
- Going forward, capital campaign monthly draws will be shown on the monthly financial spreadsheet.

Staff Reports

Music and Creative Ministry- Donna Stokes-Rogers

· Chamber Choir will sing their last Sunday before summer break on May 25, Memorial Day weekend. Adult Choir sang yesterday, May 18, for the last time. · Trying to find a refurbishing center for our handbells. They need some work, with some clappers and rubber inserts needing to be replaced. No maintenance has been done on the bells since buying them in 2001. They need it!

- Maker's Table ladies are hard at work making wreaths and quilting fabrics for our Christmas Bazaar.
- Due to the sprinkler issue, the WSP and Tea Committee have decided to halt plans for the tea until July when we can more accurately tell if we will be able to use Otey Hall. In the meantime, we are all moving forward with MENTAL plans just in case.

Youth Ministry-Brett Smith

EYG

May 11 was Youth Sunday, and it went beautifully! 3 graduating seniors shared sermons, and many other youth volunteered as ushers, readers, and musicians. We had a great breakfast in between services where youth families were able to mingle and watch a slideshow of photos from this year. Thank you to everyone who helped Youth Sunday go so smoothly, especially Chris Oberholtzer and Bob Larson who were supervising ushers, and Libby Sullivan who helped with the youth breakfast.

We had another successful car park at the Main Street Festival on April 26. The youth raised \$865! Eight youth attended our last Barnabas EYG on May 4, where we had a lot of fun sharing a fajita dinner for Cinco de Mayo and playing minute to win it games. One of our graduating seniors led us in Compline. May 18 is our End of the Year pool party, where we will wrap up the 24-25 year with games, pizza, and swimming! Looking to the summer, registration is open for a hiking day for rising 7th and 8th graders on June 18.

EYG: Summer Edition will return in June and July with ice cream meet-ups, movie nights, and more! We are also making final preparations for MTOP! We have 21 people attending this year, including 7 youth and adults from Marysville United Methodist Church in Marysville, MI!

Young Adults

Starting in June, I will host a once monthly game night for the young adults. Small groups are still meeting for trivia and meet-ups around Franklin! This weekend we are gathering at Arrington Vineyards, and later this month we will have a bowling night.

Children's Ministry - Libby Sullivan

We had a really great turn out for our last day of Godly Play on Sunday, May 4th. The children brought in donations to stock the Free Little Pantry over the summer, we honored our 5th graders who are moving on to Youth Group and had a fun ice cream sundae bar. Sarah Webster brought in baby basil plants that she grew from seeds to share with each child. Many thanks to our children and wonderful volunteers who made Godly Play a success once again this year.

Our final Gathering for Good for the program year was a Nashville Sounds game on May 7th. Besides the rain and the home team losing, it was a great time!

The Bicentennial Backroads Spring adventure was very successful. Eleven parishioners from St. Paul's enjoyed learning about the Roberson Project at Sewanee from the

leader of the project, history professor Woody Register. Plans are in the works for a Fall adventure. Stay tuned!

Week of Wonder is coming up June 9-12th at Jim Warren Park. We still need lots of volunteers-so register today: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vbs-volunteers/> And don't forget about the parish wide picnic on Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7 pm!

Associate Rector-Monna Mayhall
PASTORAL CARE

Stephen Ministry
Stephen Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, with the 2 different groups - a morning group and a late afternoon group. We have 15 Active Stephen Ministers, with 12 of them currently having Care Receivers. I am so grateful to Marcia Wilkinson and Carol Waters for coordinating this vital parish ministry.

Grief Support Group at St. Paul's
St. Paul's Grief Support Group continues to help people experiencing any kind of grief. There are 6 parishioners who rotate as facilitators with the Grief Group. We offer a morning group, but for now, have decided to cancel the evening group. The Grief Support Group is open to anyone and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 9:00 am-10:00 am.

PARISH LIFE

WITS

For May, WITS (Women in Theological Study) is exploring Biblical accounts of post resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Social Graces

For May, Social Graces offered a Catered Lunch and a Program - Brain Health and Dementia: 10 Ways to Love your Brain & 10 Warning Signs of Dementia This program was presented by Tiffany Cloud-Mann with AgeWell Middle Tn.

Holy Hikes

Holy Hikes-Middle Tennessee is offering a hike at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park in Brentwood on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00 am - weather permitting!

OUTREACH

Spring Street

April Spring Street was great hit with Pictionary/Charades, and a delicious lunch. The

May event is the last one of the season, until September, and it will be a cookout (MOSP providing the burgers), and live music entertainment. Jackie King and her crew have done a great job of navigating new space and coordinating all things.

Birthday Outreach Ministry

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, we continue to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We meet there from 12:40-1:30 pm giving us time to visit with residents. We have had 5 parties, so far, providing cake and ice cream. Each month, we have had about 5-6 volunteers from St. Paul's.

Outreach Committee

Listing of Funds recently distributed: Tennessee
Resettlement Aid \$1,000

OTHER

Last week, 40 Kindergarteners from BGA came to visit and learn about the Food Pantry. Debbie and Larry Whitlock were able to join us, and they helped offer a great learning experience for the children. Charlotte Scholl, Kindergarten teacher at BGA, has brought her class to St. Paul's, every year for the past 12 years. Each kindergarten class also brings several bags of collected items for the food pantry.

Rector's Report-Rusty McCown

- Parish picnic was a success, thank you for all involved
- Thank you for all the great work done in my absence during my 2 week vacation •
Capital Campaign: the sprinkler system will need to be extended to Founders Hall. New permits by the city need to be done which could delay the project. It is hoped to be approved in 2 weeks.
- Capital Campaign money: As of today, we are \$40,000 short to finish.
- The acoustical tiling has been reconfigured to drastically reduce the cost. Furniture and fixings are being looked at, AV equipment as well.
- Bishop will be here May 25th. The vestry is asked to be here at 9am.
- 6 people went to Resurrection Church last Sunday who will not be able to attend May 25th. Paul Hannah and Jim Miller were there to represent St. Paul's.
- We will have 6 youth presented for Confirmation, 9 adults to be confirmed, received, or re-confirmed.
- VBS party June 12th at Jim Warren Park

Senior Warden: Paul Hannah

- Paul thanked all for what they do to keep St. Paul's running smoothly.

- We can start to consider planning for the end of the construction project and the Grand Opening of our new space.

Junior Warden: *Jim Miller*

- Newly installed Barnabas HVAC system has been repaired
- Main Street will be blocked off to put HVAC units up this Thursday at 6am • New awning installed at Rectory
- Rectory fence fixed and will be stained

Committee reports

Finance-Spencer discussed a software issue being looked into-software programs are not talking to one another. Also, a big shout out to Larry Whitlock for taking care of the BGA kindergartners at St. Paul's for the food pantry.

Hospitality-Sign Up Genius for Bishop's reception is online

Senior Ministries-Larry is trying to get an idea of how we should go.

Communications-Ann reported a book club parish wide event will be held November 18th at St. Pauls. Landmark Booksellers will be interviewing Jared Sullivan about his book, *Valley So Low*.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing Prayer- *The Lord's Prayer*

Adjournment - 6:30pm

*next meeting scheduled for June 16th at 5:30 pm