# The Epistle



**AUGUST 2025** 

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This year, four of our college students spent their summer on staff at Mountain TOP. Maggie Gilchrist and Eliza Tyer were Day Camp managers. Mimi Bushnell and Avery Beck were Service Project managers.

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 September newsletter is Thursday, August 28, 2025

## Apcoming Events

August 2

St. Paul's Day On The Water

August 3

Blessing of the Backpacks & **Teacher Appreciation** 

August 10

Bluegrass & Stained Glass

August 24

St. Paul's Birthday Party

August 24

**FYG Kick-Off** 

August 31

Last Sunday of Summer Schedule

<u>September 7</u>

Rally Day

September 7

Winter Schedule Starts

September 14

First Day of Christian Formation

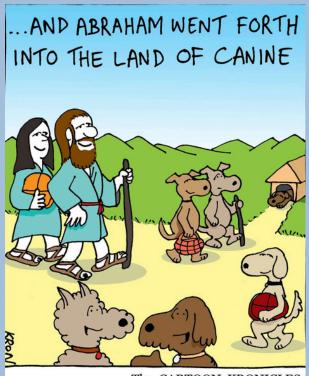
for All Ages

September 27

Annual BBQ & Bake Sale



## Comics Corner



The CARTOON KRONICLES

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/

## Building Project

After extremely hot weather in July, our building project remains on track for November completion. The 2nd Floor insulation is complete with a spray variety on the under roof and batten in the interior walls. This week drywall is being installed upstairs as well as the sprinkler system. Founder's Hall sprinkler system will be installed in a couple of weeks, we'll keep you posted. Our new A/C units have been installed on the roof and our electricians are working on getting that wired and inspected. It was an engineering feat and exciting to see those go up on the crane and hoisted over buildings! It sure will be good to get some cool air in the building for our Brick is being installed and contractors. finished on the 6th Ave facade. The new brick perfectly blends with the existing brick. Some salvaged brick was used where necessary to finish the interior ramp wall and other small Our brick masons have done a spots. fantastic job.



After the drywall is finished, next will be "Finishes". That means painting walls and ceilings, laying flooring materials like vinyl wood plank and porcelain tiles, installing lighting fixtures and installing cabinets and shelving. This process will seem to take forever, we must try to stay patient. We have had our initial look at new furniture like desks, tables, chairs, task chairs. The interior design team at 906 is doing a great job at defining our needs and styles.

Finally the old existing restroom has been demoed!! This area is now being prepared for our new Coffee Bar area and Reception Area. A Hoity-Toity Porta Potty is now enhancing the 6th Ave side of the church. It has running water and soap and is locked except for Sunday services. Remember the Restrooms in Barnabas are also accessible, please plan accordingly.

Thank you for your curiosity and patience in this project. We will be very glad to have this new space to grow and nurture our lives and spirits for years to come. Surely we will have much to be thankful for and to celebrate!

Susan Miller Design on Purpose Building Project









## Building Project











## Parish life

#### **Tennessee Trails**

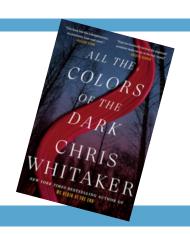
Our next quarterly meeting is September 2 (the day after Labor Day) in Barnabas. We are having a presentation from Rick Lausten's most recent trek across England. Rick has hiked extensively in England and always entertains us with striking photos and good stories. We invite anyone interested in hiking to join us at 6:00 for refreshments, and the program at 7:00



For any questions, please contact Janeth Mckendrick, <u>Janethmck@aol.com</u>.

#### **Bad Girls Book Club**

The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is August 26th from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas. We will discuss *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.



#### 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.





### **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 (<a href="https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/">https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/</a>), or <a href="https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/">click</a> here.

# YOUTH INTERN POSITION AVAILABLE!

Gain middle and high school youth ministry experience with supportive coworkers at a historic church!

Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin, TN is looking for a youth intern! Up to twenty 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a variety of Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) events, including weekly youth group, Christian formation, lock-ins, retreats, fundraisers, Mountain T.O.P. summer camp, and recently a Pilgrimage to Scotland.

#### The youth intern will:

- · be present at all youth events
- serve as a chaperone and co-leader
- assist the youth minister with planning and preparation for small groups, Christian Formation, youth group, and special events throughout the year
- help create content for social accounts

The position pays \$15 hourly or \$100/day for overnight events.

Please email a cover letter and resume to Brett Smith at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com. Call 615-790-0527 ext. 110 with any questions or visit our website at www.stpaulsfranklin.com



## Parish life

### Rally Day



Rally Day is Sunday, September 7th. Come learn about the new year of Christian Formation. This year's theme is Building God's Kingdom.

We also will go back to our regular Sunday schedule of four services: 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm.

More details soon!

### **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.

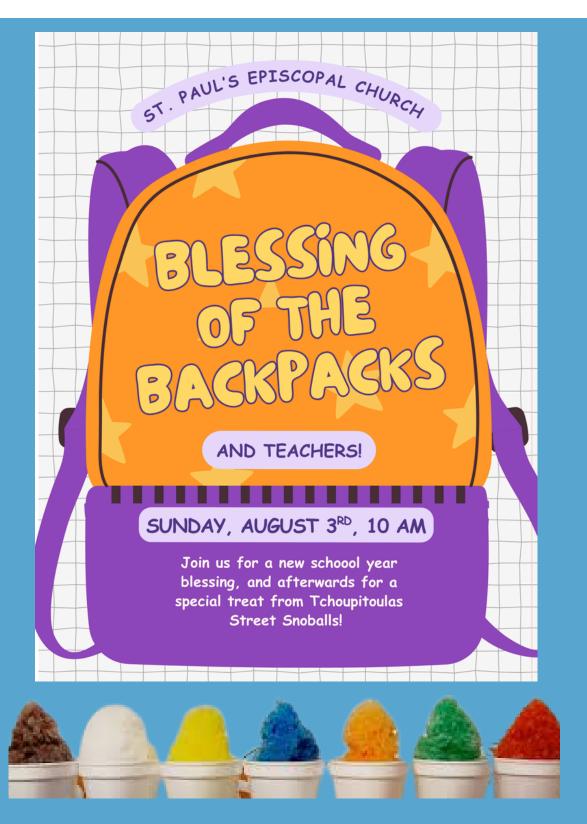
If you are interested in learning more please come to the Acolyte Training session in the church on Sunday August 18, after the 10:00 am service. This training for ALL acolytes, both new and seasoned. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please contact Rusty (<u>rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com</u>).



### Blessing of the Backpacks & Teacher Appreciation

Join us on Sunday, August 3rd at 10 am as we send our teachers and students off to a new school year with our prayers and love. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Everyone is invited to join us after the service for a special treat from Tchoupitoulas Street Snoballs!



## St. Paul's 198<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

August is here and at St. Paul's that means it's time for our very special 198th Birthday Celebration – just two years away from our historic Bicentennial! We'll gather on Sunday, August 24th in Barnabas to hear a short presentation on the building of St. Paul's from 1827 to 2025 while savoring a sweet bite of birthday cake.

Please plan to join us for fellowship, updates and jubilation as we continue the countdown to our historic Bicentennial in 2027! HAPPY BLRTHDAY



AUGUST 24TH - BARNABAS Following the 10 am service.

Parish life

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**65TH ANNUAL** 



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 2 PM - Until It's All Gone



AWARD-WINNING PULLED PORK
SMOKED CHICKEN
WHOLE PORK BUTT
CHICKEN QUARTERS
FAMILY PACK MEALS



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SUPPORTS LOCAL OUTREACH





## ST. PAUL'S EYG

#### august

#### Sunday 10th

4 - 5:30 pm

Franklin Family

**Entertainment Bowling** 

6th - 8th grade

#### Sunday 17th

7 - 9 pm

Dine through

Downtown: 9th - 12th

grade

#### Sunday 24th

4:30 - 6 pm

EYG Kick-off, Barnabas

#### septembe

#### Sundays 14, 21, 28

10 am

Christian Formation

#### Sundays 7, 14, 28

4:30 - 6 pm

EYG, Barnabas

#### Sunday 21st

12 - 4 pm

CITY

#### Saturday 27th

**Time TBD** 

Men's BBQ

#### october

#### Sundays 12, 19, 26

10 am

Christian Formation

#### **Sundays 12, 26**

4:30 - 6 pm

EYG, Barnabas

#### Sunday 19th

12 - 4 pm

CITY

#### Saturday 25th

10 am - 12 pm

Pumpkinfest Car Park

#### november

#### Sundays 2, 9, 16, 30

10 am

Christian Formation

#### Sunday 2nd, 4 pm

All Saints Concert

#### Sundays 9, 30

4:30 - 6 pm

EYG, Barnabas

#### Sunday 16th

12 - 4 pm

CITY

#### december

#### Friday 5th

5 -6 pm

Tree Lighting Car Park

Sundays 7, 14

10 am

Christian Formation

Sunday 7th

6 pm

Lessons and Carols

Saturday 13th

10 am - 12 pm

Dickens Car Park

Sunday 14th

Time TBD

Caroling

Saturday 20th

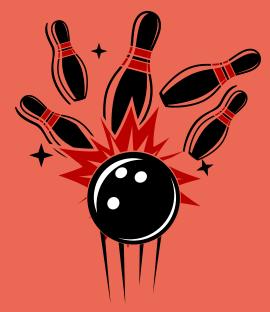
6 pm - 10 am

Winter Lock-In

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## ENJG - Episcopal Youth Group







Dine through
Downtown

August 17
7-9 PM

Meet at Barnabas
As a group we will select a different restaurant for appetizers, dinner, and dessert! Bring a friend!

In July, St. Paul's Youth once again embarked on a week-long mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. in Grundy County, TN. This year, Mountain T.O.P. is celebrating 50 years of service in that community and St. Paul's has been sending its youth there for 27 years.

Every day at Mountain T.O.P. is a long day! Breakfast is at 7:30 am and many days end around 11:00 pm. The accommodations are adequate, but most cabins do not have air conditioning. So after a long day of manual labor, some of our youth came home to a very warm cabin!

St. Paul's youth are grouped in teams with other youth from churches all over the US. There are two areas of service: Day Camps and Service Projects.







### **Day Camp**

The Day Camp is designed for area children ages 6-11. The youth lead the camp in activities such as playing games, reading Bible stories, making crafts, and taking field trips to spaces in the community. This year the children went to a trampoline park, a farm, a local artist's studio, and the Grundy County Courthouse, where the students had a blast participating in a mock trial. The week closed out with a water day and ceremony held at Mountain T.O.P. Local firetrucks came to spray the kids and MTOP volunteers with water, and families were invited to join in on the fun!









### **Service Projects**

The service projects include minor home repairs such as building a porch or ramp, yard work, painting to major projects such as roofing, siding, flooring, and remodeling. Mountain T.O.P. assigns a team to a project and gives them instructions on how to complete each project. Some tasks are completed in a few hours, others take a couple of days.









#### Pancakes, Car Parks, BBQ, and Gift Cards

Grundy County is one of the poorest counties in Tennessee. Many of the home repair projects in this community would never happen if it wasn't for the youth mission work and the support of their home churches.

Your participation in youth fundraisers such as the pancake supper and car parks, the Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ and the request for Home Depot gift cards had a direct impact on the people our youth were able to help.

While the proceeds from pancakes and car parks offset Mountain T.O.P. expenses, the Men of St. Paul's also contributed in many ways. Some of the funds from the annual BBQ are used to buy the food for the pancake supper. MOSP purchased many tools over the years. This year they answered a last minute request and provided nearly \$500 worth of tools including battery powered drills, two impact drivers, and extra batteries. The impact drivers were a lifesaver!

Thanks to all who gave gift cards. After arriving on site for one project, our team discovered they needed 4 4x4 posts to build the structure safely. However, they did not have the materials and there was not enough money in the Mountain TOP budget to cover it. Donna Stokes-Rogers headed to Home Depot with one of the donated \$50 gift cards. The total for supplies came to \$48.92.



## Mountain T.E.P.

The needs of this community are great. Many would not get the home repairs needed or the opportunity to send their children to camp if it wasn't for Mountain T.O.P. The experience of service leaves a lasting impact on our youth. Our youth learn to work with children, use power tools, reach out to help those less fortunate and work as a team often with people they just met. This whole endeavor was possible because of the time commitment and hard work of our youth and adult volunteers, and also because of our parishioners who consistently show up for our many events and giving opportunities. Thanks to all!









Mountain T.D.P.













## Mountain T.O.P.













## Young Adults & College Students

### **College Students Dinner**

Monday, August 11 \* 7 PM \* 301 Megan Court

All college students are invited to join us for a time to reconnect over dinner! If you are an EYG alumni or new to St. Paul's, please join us! RSVP to Brett Smith at <a href="mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com">brett@stpaulsfranklin.com</a>.





### **Young Adults**

Katherine Harris and Jess Fitzpatrick are the new planning coordinators for the Young Adults. They are have many ideas for the upcoming year. Some are official Young Adult Group events and others are fun outings that are coordinated through GroupMe app. Contact Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com to be added to the GroupMe app.

On the second Tuesday of each month, they are planning on hosting an intimate Bible study and dinner along with a service and social event. Check the monthly calendar for more events.

### **Young Adults Pool Party**

Monday, August 11 \* 7 PM \* 301 Megan Court

All college students are invited to join us for a time to reconnect over dinner! If you are an EYG alumni or new to St. Paul's, please join us! RSVP to Brett Smith at <a href="mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com">brett@stpaulsfranklin.com</a>.



## Young Adults & College Students



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Backyard Polluck a Pool Party SPM 1015 W. Main Street, Franklin	
17	18	19	20	Episcopals Trivia ML Rose Frankfin 7-30 PM	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Young Adults Brunch 10 AM 1227 Cooks Cf. Franklin	
<b>31</b>							



### August

16 BACKYARD POTLUCK AND POOL PARTY

21 EPISCOPALS TRIVIA



**30 Young Adults Brunch** 



### WITS - Women in Theological Study

#### **August/Early September**

WITS is taking a few weeks off and will not meet again until Thursday September 11. If you read or run across anything you think that WITS would enjoy, please let me know, and as always, if you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at <a href="monna@stpaulsfranklin.com">monna@stpaulsfranklin.com</a> or 615-790-0527.

### **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

Registration Opens at the Beginning of August

Please contact Jean Larson at <u>jam.larson@gmail.com</u> or 847-987-6949 if you are interested.



### Daughters of the King (DOK)

St. Paul's has an active Chapter of Daughters of the King and would love to welcome new members. Women interested in information or a future discernment process are invited to contact Karen Austin (<u>KSAustin@bellsouth.net</u>) or Beth Woodruff (<u>woodruffbeth96@gmail.com</u>).

Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, a focus on prayer, service and evangelism, and are supported through the companionship of sisters. Our Chapter participates in Diocesan and National DOK gatherings, the Christmas sponsors Charitable Giving Fair at St. Paul's. holds retreats and provides support for our clergy and parish where needed.



## Men of St. Paul's

## Men of St. Paul's August Events

#### Thursday, August 7th, Bethany Christian Services

Last year we provided a luncheon at FFR for the transitional foster kids and later in the summer we did a staff appreciation luncheon. Next week we will again do a staff appreciation and a "Thank you" for Kerri Faust's leadership.



#### Saturday, August 9th, Alive Hospice

The campers are having a weekend of activities and we have been invited to break bread with them on Saturday night. Unfortunately, trauma is too much a part of their lives and we want to support them by providing a good, wholesome meal. That will take an effort by all of us. Please mark your calendar and be a part of the team. Check out the links: <a href="www.campwidji.org">www.campwidji.org</a> and <a href="www.campwidji

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Boys and Girls Club Annual Steak and Burger Fundraiser The St. Paul's Outreach Committee is supporting this event. There are six seats at the table available for your participation and contributions. The MOSP has supported B&GC for years with many cookouts. Reach out to Will Boggs, Fred Warner, or Monna Mayhall for more information. This is a good meal and a fun night.

## **Episcopal Laymen of Tennessee Conference**



The 79th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Laymen of Tennessee is August 8-10, 2025 at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee.

The theme is "An Invitation to Intention", exploring how we can live more fully through routine and healthy habits. The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:15-16, "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time."

For more information visit their website: <a href="https://tnchurchmen.org/">https://tnchurchmen.org/</a>

## Momen of St. Paul's

#### **WSP Social**

The next Women of St. Paul's Social is September 19<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Berry's home. Details soon!

#### **Bake Sale**

We need volunteers to bring bake items, home-canned pickles for the bake sale during the annual BBQ.



### Cookbook Project

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee has been busy testing many of your recipes! We are currently in the Sauces and Seasonings chapter and moving into Poultry. Thank you to all of the testers who have brought dishes!

The next meeting is on Wednesday, August 27 at 10am. Please reach out if you would like test a recipe!

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee

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



## Women of St. Paul's

### Women of St. Paul's Fall Mum Sale

The WSP Retreat Committee is sponsoring a Fall Mum sale to help offset the cost for the 2026 heArt and Soul Women's Retreat.

The mums come in 3-gallon containers with a sleeve.

Color choices include: yellow, orange, purple, and burgundy.

The sale will run August 11th through September 5th, with pickup September 20th, 11:00-12:30.

Each mum is \$25.
Payment can be made by cash or check to St. Paul's, with the memo line denoted "Mum Sale," and sent, along with your order form, to Cindy Tumblin at 425 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin, TN 37069.

Order forms can be found in the Narthex or downloaded online.

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



### **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 <a href="monna@stpaulsfranklin.com">monna@stpaulsfranklin.com</a> or 615-790-0527.

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels August delivery dates are Wednesday, August 20th and Friday, August 22nd. 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 August, they will meet on the 6th and 20th, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

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

## Stephen Ministry

### 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

## Historic Reflections

### **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.

## Historic Reflections

### **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 <a href="mailto:stpaulsfranklin.com/give">stpaulsfranklin.com/give</a>.

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.



## Historic Reflections

### 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.

<u>Education:</u> 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.

<u>Preservation:</u> 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.

<u>Celebration:</u> 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

## Corner Gift Shop

## **Historic Committee Products**

Stop by the Corner Gift Shop to pick up some items from the historic committee.





## Corner Gift Shop













## We Need You...

#### **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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-altar">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-altar</a>. We will also have a list hanging on the Church Bulletin board if you prefer to sign up that way.

#### The Lord's Lift

If you need a ride to church on Sunday, contact the church office before 4:00 pm on the Thursday before the Sunday that you will need a ride. If you can offer a ride to someone to church on Sunday, contact the church office to be placed on a Sunday Rotation Schedule. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Shannon at 615-790-0527 or shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

### Recycling



We need the help of parishioners who would be willing to take a blue bag with them to recycle with their own household recyclables when they come to church. Paper is collected in the large, gray bin in the workroom next to Shannon's office and there is a large, green bin for glass in Otey kitchen. For more information, please contact Shannon or any member of the recycling committee. St. Paul's and the environment are grateful for your help.



#### Financial Performance for the Month of June 2025

**Summary:** While June looks bad from an operating standpoint, month-over-month, the parish is performing as expected half-way through the fiscal year.

**Revenues:** Cash-In-Plate remains very strong. Pledging dipped a bit compared to what was expected for the month, but for the year, we are 3.8% above where we expected in revenues.

**Expenses:** Expenses were over the monthly budget by 10.9% In personnel, a large expense in medical premiums hit in June. In operations of note, Office Supplies were high due to envelopes purchased for giving statements, Hospitality was high due to the Bishop's visit and Utilities continue to outpace budget.

**Overall:** The parish budgeted for a \$35,910 deficit but operationally ran a deficit of \$54,895. (For the record, last June was a deficit of over \$75,000). For the year, the parish remains \$107,767 to the good.



Monthly Summary									
	A	B	C(A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	Ε	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)	
	June 2025				Year to Date to June 2025				
Item	Actual Budget Monthly Variance -		ariance -	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Var	iance -		
2	Positive / (Negative)				Positive / (Negative)				
Revenues			4077				717		
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$56,879	\$66,110	(\$9,231)	-14.0%	\$752,807	\$728,574	\$24,233	3.3%	
Other Income	\$1,927	\$542	\$1,385	255,8%	\$5,895	\$2,250	\$3,645	100.0%	
Total Revenues	\$58,806	\$66,652	(\$7,846)	-11.8%	\$758,702	\$730,824	\$27,878	3.8%	
Expenses									
Personnel	\$69,488	\$58,723	\$10,766	18.3%	\$363,499	\$351,135	\$12,364	3.5%	
Operating Expenses	\$44,212	\$43,841	\$372	0.8%	\$239,517	\$262,171	(\$22,655)	-8.6%	
Total Expenses	\$113,700	\$102,562	\$11,137	10.9%	\$603,016	\$613,306	(\$10,291)	-1.7%	
Net Operating Income	(\$54,895)	(\$35,910)	(\$18,985)	- 1	\$155,686	\$117,518	\$38,167	1	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net) (\$10,075)					(\$47,919)				
etal Parish Performance (\$64,969)					\$107,767				

## August Birthdays

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

## August Anniversaries

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

Birth



- Family and friends of Lois Nagy
- Patti Rodocker, in the death of his brother, Bruce Feinstine
- Family and friends of Gloria Kinnard

