



**August 31, 2025**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**10:00 am**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude:** *A Sweet, Sweet Spirit*- Akers

**Processional Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**H-376**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**  
**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord  
**People** **Amen.**

**Song of Praise:** *O Worship the King* **H-388, vs 1 and 5**

*O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**The First Lesson:****Sirach 10:12-18**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

**Reader**        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 112** (*Spoken responsively*).**BCP, p. 755**

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**The Second Reading:****Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*(During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle.  
Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.  
Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)*

**Gospel Hymn: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service** **H-610, vs 1 and 4**

*Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

**The Holy Gospel** **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People, Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** **The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP, p. 358**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People – Form VI** **BCP, p. 392**

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God

**People:** **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

**Leader:** For all bishops and other ministers.

**People:** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

**Leader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

**People:** **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People: And praise your name forever and ever.**  
 Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**People: Who put their trust in you.**

### Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
 All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Cuando el Pobre Nada Tiene (When the Poor One Who Has Nothing)-*  
 Olivar and Manzano

### Presentation Hymn: *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* H-379, vs 1 and 2

*God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice.  
 Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.  
 God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,  
 God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.*

*God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:  
 With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.  
 And when human hearts are breaking under sorrows iron rod,  
 Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

by Rick Jackson

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 364**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

### **Fraction Anthem**

**by Rick Jackson**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

### **Music During Communion**

1. *The Servant Song*- Gillard
2. *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*- Miller and Webbe
3. *Let Us Break Bread Together*- Spiritual

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.*

*If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

**BCP, p. 366**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

### **Recessional Hymn: Tell Out My Soul**

**H-438**

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;*

*Tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;*

*His mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name- the Lord, the Mighty One.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.*

*Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

*Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forever more!*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** *St. Patrick's Breastplate*- Irish Melody

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Maggie Gilchrist, *Nursery Coordinator*

### BIRTHDAYS:

**Sunday:** Susan Trailov, Mollie Sessions **Monday:** Jeff Phillips, San Juanita Hernandez-Bosel **Tuesday:** Julie O'Donnell, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathan Webster **Thursday:** Martha Holland, Grady Neely **Friday:** Carly Williams, Rita Warner, Weezie Green, Devon Anderson **Saturday:** Becky Gengler, Peggy Macpherson, Sarah Paris

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Monday:** Tim and Kristen Chew **Saturday:** Robert and Sharon Collins

### PARTICIPANTS:

#### 10:00 am

Usher:	Sam Barcus
Usher:	Judy Stockton
Chalice Bearer:	Lucinda Dyer
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner
Crucifer:	Gerald Hancock
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	Jim Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Susan Miller
Prayers:	Jay Fahey
Torch Bearer:	
Torch Bearer:	
Altar Guild:	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	Laura McCown
Vestry Person of the Day:	Ann Denson
Musicians:	John Pell, guitar & Derek Pell, violin

### St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Chris King, Jennifer Beck, Darrell Harris, Debbie Sharp, Elmer White, Sue Worrell, Inez Rice, Tav Cooke, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Richard, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Sara, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Jack, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garrett, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, Brittany, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Jessica, Paul, Tim, Floyd, Kathy and Bouwkamp family

### Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, and Jacob

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Roy, Amanda, Gray, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



**TODAY – August 31, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm**

11:00

**Lemonade in the Shade** in Main St. Courtyard

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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**“News From the Pews”**



**Including: Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!**

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## **Churchwide Events**

### **Rally Day • Sun, Sept 7 • 10:00 • Rectory Backyard**

It's almost time for Rally Day! Join us on Sunday, September 7th at 10 am in the backyard of the Rectory for Rally Day! There will be food, a bounce house, and opportunities to learn more about ways to be involved. Rusty and Monna will hold a meeting at 10:20 in Barnabas for those interested in a 2026 Pilgrimage to Greece. We hope to see you there!

### **Regular Schedule Starts**

On Rally Day, **September 7th**, we will return to four services on Sunday:

- 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, & 6:00 pm

### **September Gathering for Good • Thurs, Sept 18 • 5:30 • Barnabas**

Join us for a Spaghetti Supper on September 18th at 5:30 pm. The cost for supper is \$5 per person, or \$20 family maximum. If you'd like to hang around for some tie-dye fun, we will have St. Paul's t-shirts available for \$7. Please sign up to reserve your size on Rally Day, or by emailing [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com). You may also bring an item from home, like a scarf, pillowcase, or whatever you like! RSVP and order shirts here: <https://bit.ly/SpaghettiSupper2025>

## **Parish Life**

### **Grief Support Group • Wed, Sept 3 & 17 • 9-10 am • Barnabas**

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 morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

### **Coffee Club • Resumes Wed, September 3**

### **Episco-Pals Trivia • Thurs, Sept 4 • 7:30 PM • M.L. Rose Franklin**

Do you love trivia? Join our young adults team, the Episco-Pals! \*If you're a college student or in your 20s or 30s, email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more information about the young adults group or to be added to our GroupMe.

### **Episcopal Youth Group • Sun, Sept 7, 14, & 28 • 4:30 – 6:00 PM • Barnabas**

EYG will be in full swing in September! All 6th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for games, small groups, and Compline! Bring a friend! A 2025 permission form at the QR below must be completed for each student. Parents may fill out the pdf digitally and email it to [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) by September 7.



### **Young Adults Dinner Group • Tues, Sept 9 • 6 PM • 301 Megan Court**

Join us for dinner and discussion! We will use a Bible Study from the September 7 lectionary passages, which will be shared via our GroupMe.

### Women In Theological Studies • Sept 11, 25 • 9:30-11:00 AM • Barnabas

For September and part of October, WITS will be embarking on a new study series, based on the book “Holy Companions: Spiritual Practices from the Celtic Saints” by Mary C. Earle and Sylvia Maddox. Centuries old, the Celtic tradition seems to speak to the modern world with a fresh voice. In Holy Companions, we are invited to get to know and journey with different Celtic saints. We will learn about them and reflect on what their life and words may mean for us today, and we will explore some spiritual exercises and practices that grow out of their life and work. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry • Thurs, Sept 11 • 1:00 • Barnabas

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, so beautifully led by our dear Jane Muir, is coming back in a bit different form. This will be a group of knitters, crocheters, and stitchers who come together to create comfort for others and enjoy the comfort of being together. This is open to knitters, crocheters, any kind of stitcher. At the first meeting, we'll set up a regular time to meet. Questions? contact Sarah Webster [webstersje@gmail.com](mailto:webstersje@gmail.com)

### Holy Hikes • Sat, Sept 13 • 9:00 AM • Nashville Zoo (3777 Nolensville Pike, meet in front of “ticketing building”)

Since this is our first time “hiking” in the zoo, it will be an adventure for sure. Please RSVP by Mon Sept 8th if you would like to get in on discounted ticket prices. St. Paul's will take care of getting the group discounted tickets, and you will reimburse the church.

**Adults:** \$22      **Youth:** (2-12 years) \$18      **(under 2 years is free)**

Otherwise, you can buy your own tickets at regular prices. If you have questions about Holy Hikes, please email Monna at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com).

### Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ • Sat, September 27, 2025 • 2:00 PM

The 65th Annual BBQ, sponsored by the Men of St. Paul's, will be held on **Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 2:00 until we sell-out.** All of our traditional offerings will be available: Award-Winning Pulled Pork BBQ, Smoked Chicken, Whole Pork Butt, Chicken Quarters, Family Pack Meals. Cash, checks, credit cards, or tickets will be accepted as payment. For more information or to pre-order, click here: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/bbq>. Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/MOSP-Volunteers-2025>.

### WSP Annual Bake Sale • Sat, September 27, 2025

Women of St. Paul, start your ovens! We will be having our annual Bake Sale during the Men of St Paul's BBQ. All are welcome! We need: Whole Cakes, Whole Pies, Cookies by the dozen, Brownies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, Jams and Jellies. Please package cakes, pies, cookies, brownies in cake and pie boxes with windows. These boxes can be purchased at GFS, Jane's Baking Supplies, and Hobby Lobby. Ideally bake your goodies Friday, allow to thoroughly cool and package. Sign-up to bake and/or volunteer: <https://bit.ly/WSPBakeSale2025>

### Mountain T.O.P. Adults in Ministry • Every weekend in October

Are you 18 or over? Do you enjoy home repair projects? Mountain TOP is looking for adults to serve on home repair teams or at the Fall Festival for a long weekend in October! Visit this website for more information! <https://www.mountain-top.org/adultsinministry>

## Outreach

### Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month • Sept 10

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12:40 pm -1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! Interested? Contact Monna at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

### Spring Street • Volunteer Opportunities!

Monthly gatherings with our Spring Street neighbors will resume on September 18 with lunch and Bingo! We need bingo prizes! Practical care items such as body wash, laundry detergent, dish towels, treats, and small gift cards etc. are very appreciated. Please drop off items at the office by September 14. Contact Jackie King 914-329-3017 or [momking2nd@yahoo.com](mailto:momking2nd@yahoo.com) with any questions. Volunteers needed, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/Sept2025SpringSt>

## Announcements

### 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. Sales will run through Sept 5th, with pickup Sep 20th, 11:00-12:30. Each mum is \$25. Order forms can be found in the Narthex, Founders Hall, Barnabas, or downloaded from the church website.

### Senior Adult Ministry News • Eldercare Coach

Are you a caregiver of an older adult? A caregiver may give of themselves physically, emotionally, or financially. Caregivers need support! St. Paul's is now partnering with Eldercare Coach, powered by AgeWell Middle Tennessee, a local nonprofit. Eldercare



Coach offers church members individual coaching sessions with a social worker to discuss their concerns and connect with resources, support, and education. Please feel free to call AgeWell at 615-353-4235 to book your coaching session or visit [eldercarecoach.org](http://eldercarecoach.org). Please use the booking id: SPEECC. If you have any questions, contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790-0527 or [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

### Room in the Inn Opportunity • Training on Wed, Sept 3 • 6:15

St. Paul's has been invited to participate with Franklin First United Methodist Church (FFUMC) in hosting homeless guests as part of their Room In The Inn (RITI) program this winter. Volunteers will be required to complete Training on September 3. Anyone (or any St. Paul organization) interested in participating, please contact Paul Hannah at [paulrhannah1@gmail.com](mailto:paulrhannah1@gmail.com) or 615-512-5673.

### Online Directory Photos and Record Updates • Sun, Sept 7 • 10:00

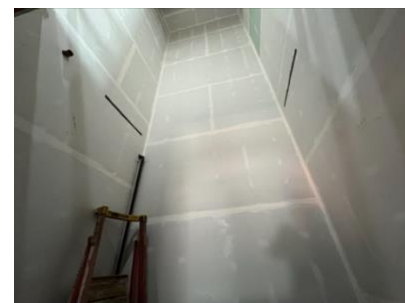
Rally Day Photo Opportunity! Stop by the Directory Table to have a new photo taken & to add/update your contact information to add to our online Directory. See you then! You can also email information to [shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com).

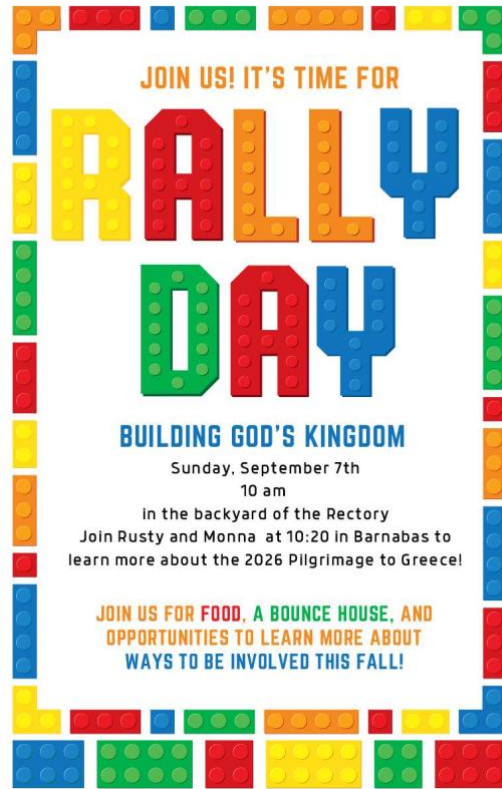
### Pilgrimage to Greece • September 2026 • Informative Meeting Sept 7 @ 10:20

Parishioners have an opportunity to go on a Pilgrimage to Greece in Sept 2026, Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul. Dates have been set – September 15-24, 2026. The Itinerary has been planned that includes many sites of historical meaning and interest. There will be an informative meeting on Sunday September 7 at 10:20 am in Barnabas, giving people a chance to find out more. Registration opens September 7 and space is limited

### Building Update

Our building project is coming along very well! The brick facade on 6th Ave. is complete, and a new metal roof will be installed next week on the exterior ramp hallway. The scale of the new addition and the new brick will make for a beautiful courtyard. This week, the new sprinkler system is being installed in Founders Hall, and the ceiling will be patched up after the city inspection is complete. Ceiling inspections for the 1st and 2nd floor have passed, and framing for the 2nd floor ceilings is being completed and will receive new drywall this week as well. The air conditioning is set to start operating on September 4, then finish materials will start being installed. Much of the interior finish materials like wood, millwork, vinyl flooring, and such need to be acclimated to interior a/c conditions before installing. The new library will have the double doors with stained glass that once was in the reception room leading into Kristy's old office. These existing doors will be built up so as to meet current door codes. Our contractors will have a skilled woodworker scribe wood slats to the top, sides, and bottom to meet codes. The wood will be painted a sage green to match the rest of the new millwork. This is a good example of our architects and contractors willing to salvage old, meaningful pieces of our past and thoughtfully incorporate them into our new, fresh space. It will be a delightful opening into our new library. Another example is the existing brick flooring in the reception area will remain, and new vinyl plank wood floor will about with the brick. Originally, we were intending to install porcelain tile here, but later decided to keep the brick floor as an homage to our past. This quirky floor design will be an amusing detail, and be a less expensive option! Next week we'll be ordering new furniture for all the offices, chairs for meeting rooms and chairs and tables for Otey Hall. We are still on target to finish our project November 26 and I'm sure a great celebration will be had by all of us. Thank you for all your support and encouragement.





### A Note from the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is meeting again for the upcoming campaign (and we welcome anyone in the younger and/or female demographic, as I am a lone woman, and none of us are in the Young Families group...) We want to inspire our parish members to help grow St. Paul's community, to continue and expand outreach, and of course, be good stewards of our infrastructure. If you haven't read our Vision statement, go to the website and look at the drop down: "About Us". In fact, take a minute to explore the entire website. It's impressive. This line in our Prayer after Communion is fitting:

*And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do.*

We welcome your input and suggestions. Email or text me, or reach out to any of our members. -Julie Reinhardt ([jhreinhardt65@gmail.com](mailto:jhreinhart65@gmail.com)/615-336-8723) and the rest of the committee (Paul Hannah, Bob Larsen, Rick Leet, Nick Montero, Jonathan Webster, Fr. Rusty McCown)