The Epistle



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<u>Deadline for the October</u> <u>newsletter is Friday, September</u> <u>26, 2025</u>



Acolytes Training



Upcoming Events

<u>September 1</u> Labor Day

September 7
Rally Day

<u>September 7</u> Mum Sale Ends

September 7 Regular Sunday Schedule Begins 730 AM 8:45 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM

<u>September 14</u> Christian Ed Starts

<u>September 18</u> Gathering for Good - Spaghetti Supper

<u>September 20</u> Mum Pick-Up

<u>September 21</u> Children's Sunday

<u>September 27</u> Annual Barbeque & Bake Sale

October 5
Blessing of the Animals



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/

Building Apotate

Our building project is coming along very well! The brick facade on 6th Avenue 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 are being completed and will receive new drywall this week as well.

The air conditioning is set to start operating on September 4th, 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 incorporating 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 abut 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.

Susan Miller Design on Purpose

Building Update







Building Update









Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is meeting again for the upcoming campaign (BTW, 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're developing a theme and preparing a timeline, and as always, I find inspiration during worship:

On Sunday, the line in the Prayer after Communion struck home:



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

The Stewardship Committee wants 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 lately, here is a link: https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vision-and-mission/. Or look under the "About Us" tab on the website. In fact, take a minute to explore the entire website. I happen to think it is pretty impressive.

Lastly, even if you can't participate in the committee's function, we welcome your input and suggestions. Email or text me or reach out to any of our members.

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Paul Hannah, Bob Larsen, Rick Leet, Nick Montero, Jonathan Webster, Fr. Rusty McCown

St. Pauls On The Water Pay











Maker's Table











Cones "Blessing of the Enckpacks & Snow Cones

DEAR GOD, YOU ARE OUR TEACHER, CREATOR. AND GUIDE THROUGH LIFE'S CLASSROOM.

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, WE ASK YOUR BLESSINGS ON OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS.

WE THANK YOU FOR OUR TEACHERS, WHO FILL OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS WITH KNOWLEDGE, WHO NURTURE THEIR SPIRITS, AND WHO PROTECT THEM WHILE IN THEIR CARE. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR PRINCIPALS, COUNSELORS, CUSTODIANS, NURSES, CLASSROOM AIDES, CAFETERIA WORKERS AND BUS DRIVERS - AND ALL WHO TAKE CARE OF OUR STUDENTS. MAY THEY RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AND THE HONOR THEY DESERVE AS THEY LIVE INTO THEIR CALLING TO EDUCATE THIS GENERATION. BLESS OUR TEACHERS IN THEIR SACRED WORK.

WE THANK YOU FOR OUR STUDENTS. FOR THE GIFT/ BLESSING THAT THEY ARE TO US. MAY THEIR BACKPACKS BE FILLED WITH PRAYERS REMINDING THEM OF THIS CONGREGATION'S LOVE AND SUPPORT. STRENGTHEN THE BODIES, MINDS AND SPIRITS OF THESE STUDENTS, THROUGHOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR, THAT THEIR KNOWLEDGE MIGHT GROW AND THEIR IMAGINATIONS SOAR WITH NEW THOUGHTS, NEW ACHIEVEMENTS, AND NEW DREAMS. BLESS OUR STUDENTS IN ALL THAT THEY DO, WORK AND PLAY, FOR IT IS ALL SACRED WORK.

> IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE GREAT TEACHER, WE PRAY. AND ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SAID, AMEN.











Happy 198th Girthday St. Paul's











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!

JOIN US! IT'S TIME FOR

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

Sunday, September 7th 10 am

in the backyard of the Rectory

Join Rusty and Monna at 10:20 in Barnabas to
learn more about the 2026 Pilgrimage to Greece!

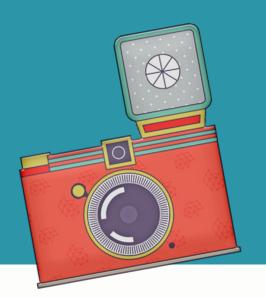
JOIN US FOR FOOD, A BOUNCE HOUSE, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WAYS TO BE INVOLVED THIS FALL!



Rally Day

Greece Pilgrimage

Join Rusty and Monna in Greece in September 2026 on the "Journey of Hope: Walking in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul" pilgrimage. Learn more about it and how you can register on Rally Day, Sunday September 7th, 10:20 am in Barnabas.





Directory Updates

"Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 am is your chance to smile for our camera as we update our online Directory!

Stop by our table on Rally Day, look for Mindy Boggs and Ann Denson - we'll snap your photo and record your contact information to add to our online directory.



If you want to add a photo, see them. If you want a newer photo, see them. If your contact info has changed, see us. Regardless, stop by our table, we'll be ready for you!

You can also email any updates/photos to shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Regular Sunday Schedule

On September 7th, Rally Day, we return to our regular schedule of four Sunday services: 7:30 am 8:45 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, September 11, 1:00 PM, 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.

From Rachel Shoaf

To the St. Paul's family, my sincere gratitude for the honor of sharing time together with your little ones and with you. It has been an absolute gift to get to know y'all a bit, and I hope all of you are proud of the St. Paul's children and youth (and adults!). I know I am! Their joyful spirits, lovingkindness, humor, and wit have made my Sunday mornings something to treasure each week. To see the grace of St. Paul's community shine through in this way is a blessing in my life. Thank you for you.







Coffee Club

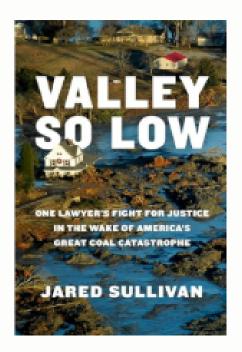
Men's Coffee Club resumes, Wednesday, September 3, 6:45 - 7:45 AM, Barnabas

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 <u>click here</u>.

Parish Wide Author Event

Join Us on November 18 for a very special evening with local author - and St. Paul's parishioner - Jared Sullivan. His non-fiction title *Valley So Low: One Lawyer's Fight for Justice in the Wake of America's Great Coal Catastrophe*, published last Fall, is the compelling recounting of the 2008 Kingston, TN, coal-ash spill. This catastrophe was one of the largest environmental disasters in U. S. history. It follows the legal battle that unfolded as one local lawyer took on TVA as he sought defend the clean-up workers, many of whom died or became significantly ill as a result of coal-ash exposure. Five years in the writing, Sullivan's book unfolds like a mystery. It is a fast-paced and compelling and important read.

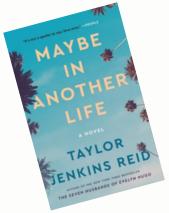


The "Bad Girls Book Club" are sponsoring this event, inviting you to join us and to please bring a friend. Joel Tomlin of Landmark Booksellers will interview Jared in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm following a reception in Founders Hall at 5:45 pm. We will provide childcare in Barnabas that evening.

While one does not need to read the book in advance, I encourage you to add it to your reading list. Books are available for purchase at Landmark.

More details to follow. Please make a note on your calendar: Tuesday evening, November 18 - Hope to see you then!

Bad Girls Book Club September Meeting



The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is September 23rd from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas.

We will discuss Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

Gathering for Good

Join us for a Spaghetti Supper in Barnabas 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 are available for \$7. Please sign up to reserve your size on Rally Day, or by emailing libby@stpaulsfranklin.com. You may also bring an item from home like a scarf, pillowcase, or whatever you like! Look for sign-ups soon!

https://bit.ly/SpaghettiSupper2025



Parish life

Holy Hikes

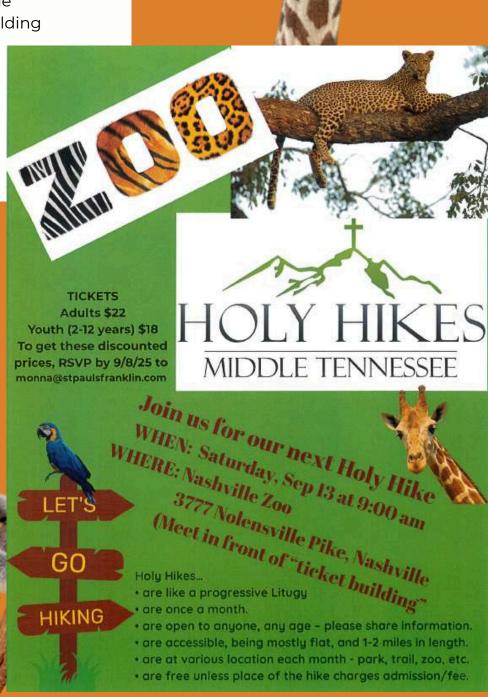
Join us for our next Holy Hike

WHEN: Saturday, September 13th, 9:00 am

WHERE: Nashville Zoo

3777 Nolensville Pike, Nashville Meet in front of the ticket building

Youth (2-12 years) \$18
To get these discounted prices, RSVP by September 8th to monna@stpaulsfranklin.com





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



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ORDER ONLINE:

WWW.STPAULSFRANKLIN.COM/BBQ



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 510 W. MAIN STREET FRANKLIN, TN

SUPPORTS LOCAL OUTREACH



St. Paul's Annual BBQ

It is time, once again, for a Franklin tradition! The 65th Annual BBQ, sponsored by the Men of St. Paul's, will be held in the Barnabas parking lot on Saturday, September 27, 2024, 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

A Family pack consists of 2 pounds of pork, 4 chicken leg quarters, a quart each of the vegetable hot mix and baked beans, a pint of slaw and six hoe cakes (corn meal pancakes). The Family Pack feeds 5-6 people. Individual meals will be available for walk-up only.

An order of chicken quarters contains 4 chicken quarters.

Pre-Order Online

Order online here: https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/bbg-order/

Pre-ordering is available for the items listed below. You may order via the St. Paul's website until Thursday, September 25th at noon.

- Whole Boston Butts (\$72 or 4 tickets)
- Whole Smoked Chicken (\$18 or 1 ticket)
- Chicken Leg Quarters a single order contains 4 quarters (\$18 or 1 ticket)
- Pork by the Pound (\$18 per pound or 1 ticket)
- Family Pack Meals enough to feed 5-6 (\$72 or 4 tickets)

You may pick up your order between at 2:00 and 4:00 pm on Saturday. Please note, because of demand, after 3:30 pm unpaid orders may not be held and could be sold, so please come early to get your order.

Also, we cannot hold orders to be picked up at a later date because we do not have access to any refrigerators or freezers in Otey.

Cash, checks, credit cards, or tickets will be accepted as payment.

Elf - Episcopal Youth Group

EYG - Episcopal Youth Group

EYG • Sundays, September 7, 14, and 28 • 4:30 – 6:00 PM • Barnabas

All 6th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for games, small groups, and Compline! Bring a friend!

A 2025 permission form must be completed for each Scan the QR or download (https://bit.ly/eyg-permission-form-25-26). Parents may fill digitally out the pdf and email to brett@stpaulsfranklin.com by September 7.

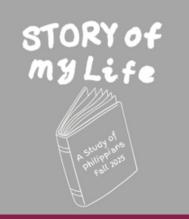


Youth Pilgrimage

St. Paul's Youth Pilgrimage 2026 Canada June 9 - 14, 2026

Current high school Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us as we take a Pilgrimage to Canada! An interest meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28, 6 PM in Barnabas. St. Paul's Youth Pilgrimage 2026 Canada June 9 - 14, 2026

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Youth Christian Formation

Sundays, September 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM in Barnabas

6th – 12th grade students are invited to learn about the book of Philippians over breakfast at the youth Christian Formation class! This semester we will be talking about how to study the Bible and ways to pray using scripture!

EYG with CITY

Sunday, September 21 • 12 - 4 PM • Meet at Barnabas

This semester, the youth will be serving with Church in the Yard (CITY) every month! Meet at 12 PM in the Barnabas parking lot. We will drive to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Nashville, participate in a Eucharist service, serve lunch, and return to Franklin between by 4 PM. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your student plans to attend in September so that we can account for transportation.

EVIG - Episcopal Youth Group

Middle School
Bowling &
High School
Downtown Dining













ElfG - Episcopal Youth Group









EYG Fall Kick-Off



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

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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

Young Adults & College Students

Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday Sunday **Episcopals Trivia** 7:30 PM ML Rose Franklin Group Study & Dinner 6 PM **Rally Day** Baby Goat Cuddling 10AM - 1PM Noble Springs Dairy (\$12) 301 Megan Court, Franklin 17 Franklin Farmers Market 8AM - 12PM Sunday Afternoon Walk **Gathering for Good** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Pinkerton Park, Franklin The Factory @ Franklin 21 23 24 Men of St. Paul's BBQ Volunteering **YAG Official Event**

Episco-Pals Trivia

Thursday, September 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 for more information about the young adults group or to be added to our GroupMe.

Young Adults Dinner Group

Tuesday, September 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.



Church Wide Event Community Event

Young Adults & College Students

B R U N C H







For more information contact Brett Smith at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.



Sunday Christian Formation

Sundays Christian Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 14th at 10 AM.

Adult Christian Education Series

Sundays, 10 AM, Founders Hall

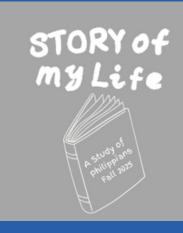
This fall we will, once again, have an adult forum series in Founders Hall. The class will be led by both clergy and lay members of the church. Typically, each facilitator will guide a two or three week course on a subject of their choosing. We should have a wide array of topics and issues to discuss.

Each class will take place during the 10:00 Christian Education hour. We look forward to seeing you then!

Youth Formation

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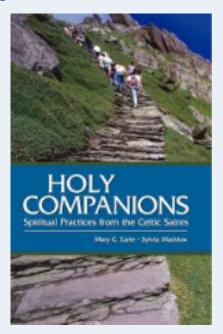
Godly Play

Sundays 10:00 AM Barnabas 3rd-5th Grade

WITS - Women in Theological Study

For September and part of October, WITS (Women in Theological Study) 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.

Come join us on these Thursdays: September 11, 25, October 2, 9 September 18 (No WITS due to Spring Street)



WITS meets on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

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 our sisters. Our Chapter participates in National Diocesan and DOK gatherings, sponsors the Christmas Charitable Giving Fair at St. Paul's, holds retreats and provides support for our clergy and parish where needed.



Formation - Daughters of the Ling





Destene Noller was admitted to the Order of the Daughters of the King on August 14, 2025. Desi received her cross and her service dog, Happy, received a special medallion as an honorary canine daughter.





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.

Eldercare Coach also offers onsite education on caregiving (coming soon) and a great website with resources, <u>eldercarecoach.org</u>.

Please feel free to call AgeWell at 615-353-4235 to book your coaching session or visit <u>eldercarecoach.org</u>. Please use the booking id: SPEECC.

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

Also, to learn more, watch this very brief YouTube video: https://youtu.be/FNBTFv4pXFo?si=rja2P40Yvn2H4LM5



Then of St. Paul's

Men of St. Paul's September Events

Saturday September 06, 2025

Freedom Reigns Ranch Hoedown - This annual event is a Freedom Reins Ranch thank you to staff, volunteers and committee members for all the work they have and are doing. We provide the food. FRR provides the entertainment. It is an evening of fun under their covered equestrian arena. Plan for the afternoon and part of the evening, or just participate when you can.



Monday September 8, 2025

Boys and Girls Club, Franklin - Perhaps one of the longest running (in years) events the MOSP has provided to the community. This is not just a kids evening but a staff and parent night too. We expect a large crowd. Additionally, we will provide meals for the boys and girls for the week. It is fun cooking and watching the meals being consumed by the kids (and can they eat) knowing that the meals we provide may be the only meal they get that day.

September 25,2025 through September 29, 2025

MOSP BBQ Fundraiser: You got it. It is that time of year when we need to raise some money so we can continue to support the community. This is also a super fun time for working on your cooking skills, enjoying good food and beverages, and socializing.

- Wednesday we start bringing in the smokers and other "heavy" equipment.
- Thursday is for organizing and set-up.
- Friday is seasoning the pork butts and chicken (new time), loading the butts into the smokers, and most importantly, having our own feast of good old home cooking.
- Saturday is all hands on deck with unloading the pork butts, loading and unloading the chicken into the smokers and preparing everything for the sale which starts at 2:00. This is a fun day to meet your church friends and community neighbors as well as make a lot of money.
- Sunday is clean-up day. Yes some of the clean-up is completed on Saturday, but there is always the last minute cleaning after all the equipment is cleaned and removed.
- Monday is for moving the smokers back to their original homes.

This is a long weekend and that is why our co-leaders, Jim Miller and Marty Karpie, have provided a schedule for volunteers. Let's spread the work out to many (youth and adults alike). Check out the Signup Genius: https://bit.ly/MOSP-Volunteers-2025

Women of St. Paul's

WSP Social

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

Cookbook Project

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee just finished testing recipes in the Sauces and Seasonings chapter and is now moving into Poultry.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 8 at 1PM. 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

WSP Annual Bake Sale

Women of St. Paul's, start your ovens! We will be having our annual Bake Sale during the Men of St Paul's BBQ. As always, we will enjoy each other's fellowship, get to know new people, as well as raise money for our goals of Inreach, Outreach, and Historic Preservation/Restoration. 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. We will be accepting products Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Barnabas. We will set up our goods outside alongside the BBQ line.

Please go to the Signup Genius and sign up to do pricing, packaging, sales, and cleanup:

https://bit.ly/WSPBakeSale2025



Women of St. Pauls

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!



Spring Street

Monthly gatherings with our Spring Street neighbors will resume on September 18 with lunch and Bingo! Please click on the sign up below if you would like to volunteer.

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. Thank you!

Contact Jackie King 914-329-3017 or <u>momking2nd@yahoo.com</u> with any questions.

https://bit.ly/Sept2025SpringSt

Spring Street Volunteer Opportunities

I will be traveling starting September 7 so I'm a little nervous about getting the slots filled. I'll send out a message to all the regular volunteers too. Fran Osteen will be running the show on the 18th.

Jackie

https://bit.ly/spring-street-volunteer

Fall 2025 Dates



September 18Bingo!
October 23
November 20
December 18



Room In The Inn

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.

RITI began in the winter of 1985, when the Founding Director, Father Charles Strobel, opened the doors of his parish to individuals seeking sanctuary in the church parking lot. This simple act of kindness marked the beginning of Room In The Inn. In December 1986, four congregations committed to sheltering people experiencing homeless through March 1987. By the end of that winter, 31 congregations had joined. Now, they have nearly 200 congregations from a wide variety of traditions and over 7,000 volunteers who shelter almost 1,500 men and women from November 1 through March 31 each season. (for more information see - www.roomintheinn.org).

FFUMC has been hosting RITI guests for many years now and members of St. Paul's have assisted FFUMC as Innkeepers for several years, as well. We now have an opportunity to increase our participation by "sponsoring" a St. Paul's RITI night by assisting set-up, providing meals and lunches, and innkeeping (stay overnight with guests) for 2-3 nights this winter.

The RITI season starts November 1 and runs through March 31. FFUMC takes guests every Thursday night during this period. We are looking for St. Paul's to support up to 2-3 nights this winter and then see where the Lord takes us in the future.

For each "St. Paul's" night, we will need 1-2 set-up volunteers, 2 male innkeepers and 8-10 volunteers to make dinner (and next day lunches) for our guests. Volunteers will be required to complete FFUMC background checks and safe sanctuary training. FFUMC has scheduled Safe Sanctuary training on September 14 at FFUMC at 11:15 am.

Anyone (or any St. Paul organization) interested in participating in this wonderful ministry or needing further information, please contact Paul Hannah at paulrhannahl@gmail.com or 615-512-5673.



Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Church functions to serve non profit organizations Its vision is to share God's Grace with those in need in Williamson County. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to embrace community services in Williamson County dedicated to encouraging and advancing development of all people towards their fullest potential, and it is the intent of the committee to assist our church community in sharing God's grace outward into our wider community, participating, donating and encouraging people and the organizations addressing their needs. We intend to promote existing initiatives in our church and continue the conversation with our own church community on what we can do for our neighbors in the fulfillment of our Christian duty.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St. Paul's for entrusting us with such a labor of love. Your financial support is making a difference in the lives of so many people. You are the only reason we can do this, thank you! 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!

This month we have donated to several organizations that we have helped in the past that are experiencing great deficits with many of the federal governments cuts to grants and aid to nonprofit agencies. We have donated to the following:



The Gentry Educational Foundation: 10,000 to assist with their tutoring program for economically challenged children.



2,500 for both their mental health and medical care to those in the community who are not insured.



7,000 to help a family make modifications to their home for their special needs child, Emma.

We have a wonderful letters of thanks to share with you:



Williamson County CASA, Inc. P.O. Box 680774 Franklin, TN 37068-0774 Office: (615) 591-2699 | Fax: (615) 591-2824 www.WilliamsonCountyCASA.org

July 07, 2025

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 510 W Main St Franklin, TN 37064

St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$3,000.00 on 06/23/2025. Your donation will have a significant impact on abused and neglected children in Williamson County.

No child should have to endure abuse or neglect. At Williamson County CASA, our vision is to see every child in a safe and permanent home.

By giving to Williamson County CASA, you are giving these children someone they can rely on, talk to, and trust while they navigate the complex, chaotic, and uncertain environment of the courtrooms and foster care.

Thank you again for your contribution to Williamson County CASA. You are giving these children a voice. We are so grateful.

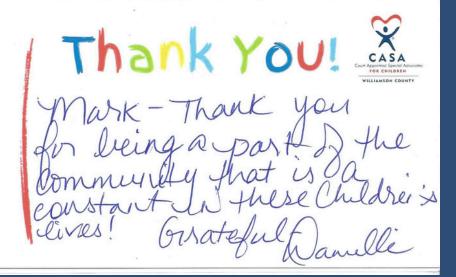
Sincerely,

Danielle McMorran
Director of Development



After three sisters entered into the juvenile court system, the oldest sister was asked, by her CASA volunteer, what her dream family would look like. So she drew this picture.

Today, her life looks a lot like the picture she drew.
All three little girls were adopted and found their
forever home... safe, happy, and together. Thanks
to supporters of CASA like you, this little girl's
"dream family" is now a reality.



Outreach

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Hunter West I'Ashea Myles Jensen Sessums Dear Friends,

John Gallagher Johnson Wallace Julie Sebree Katherie Payne Keith Brown There is no greater gift than one which can lift up a child. On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, thank you for your gift in the amount of \$2,500.00. Your support makes it possible for us to carry out our mission - to do whatever it takes to provide much needed care our youth, helping them to reach their full potential and creating opportunities for a brighter future, not only for them, but for our entire community.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Lani Williams
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Mark Traylor
Mary Avent
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Phillip Henry

Because of your support, our Clubs are having a proven impact on the lives of young people and their communities. As the community's largest youth development services organization, your gift will empower youth to learn, explore and find hope. Hope that they can build their own Great Future! 96% of Club members reported feeling that Club adults believe they will be successful.* Your gift will fuel hope and go straight to work reaching children in their traditional classrooms, our Clubs and beyond.

Phillip Henry Rebecca Goss RJ Stillwell Robert Meikle Scott Cloud Ward Wilson Whit McCrary

We are grateful for your generosity and thank you for believing in the mission of our work.

With sincere appreciation,

Executive Staff
Eric Higgs
President & CEO
Richard Neal

Denise Carothers

Interim Chief Development Officer

*2024 National Youth Outcomes Initiative Report

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This letter serves as acknowledgement of the donor's \$2,500.00 gift, made on 6/19/2025. An estimated \$150 of goods or services were exchanged for this gift; therefore, the tax-deductible amount of this donation is \$2,350.00. Our EIN number is 62-0540402. For any further questions regarding your gifts: please email our Donor Relations Manage

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Thank you so much for your and St. Paul's continued investment in or youth. We look forward to having you at Steak: Burgu You at Steak: Burgu

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 August delivery dates are Wednesday, September 17th and Friday, September 19th. 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 September, they will meet on the 3rd and 17th, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

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

Mountain T.O.P. Adults in Ministry Dates

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

- October 2 5 | Major Home Repair only
- October 9 12 | Major Home Repair only
- October 17 & 18 | Local Volunteer days
- October 23 26 | Major Home Repair & Fall Festival
- October 30 November 2 | Major Home Repair only



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 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.



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

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: 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 July 2025

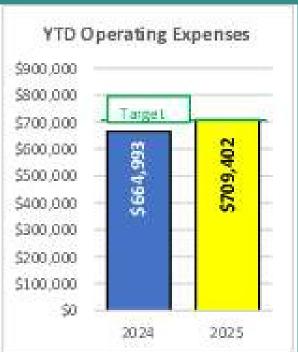
Summary: July was another summer month - more outflows than inflows. But the parish is performing as expected through the fiscal year.

Revenues: Pledges were higher than budgeted. Cash-In-Plate has a negative number as it accounts for the correction to move one payment to the project.

Expenses: Expenses were over the monthly budget by 7.8% In personnel, a large expense in medical premiums hit in July. In operations of note, Children's Education reflects costs of VBS and Blessing of the Backpacks expenses. Property Maintenance reflects repairs to the Rectory fence and carport. Sexton Services reflects two payments.

Overall: The parish budgeted for a \$32,060 deficit but operationally ran a deficit of \$42,782. For the year, the parish remains \$60,664 to the good.





Monthly Summary		201	241211222-122				AND THE PARTY.	
	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	E	G(E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	July 2025				Year to Date to July 2025			
Item	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance -		Actual YTD Budget YTD		YTD Variance -	
	Positive / (Negative)				22	Positive / (Negative)		
Revenues				1				
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$63,115	\$66,110	(\$2,995)	-4.5%	\$815,922	\$794,684	\$21,238	2.7%
Other Income	\$490	\$542	(\$52)	-9.5%	\$6,385	\$2,792	\$3,593	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$63,605	\$66,652	(\$3,047)	-4.6%	\$822,307	\$797,475	\$24,831	3.1%
Expenses				110-100	000000000000000000000000000000000000000			
Personnel	\$60,315	\$58,723	\$1,593	2.7%	\$423,815	\$409,858	\$13,957	3.4%
Operating Expenses	\$46,071	\$39,991	\$6,081	15.2%	\$285,588	\$300,729	(\$15,141)	-5.0%
Total Expenses	\$106,386	\$98,712	\$7,673	7.8%	\$709,402	\$710,585	(\$1,184)	-0.2%
Net Operating Income	(\$42,782)	(\$32,060)	(\$10,722)		\$112,904	\$86,890	\$26,013	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	(\$4,321)				(\$52,240)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$47,103)			70	\$60,664	Ŷ.		

September Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Phillips, San Juanita Hernandez-Bosel
- 2 Julie O'Donnell, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathan Webster
- 4 Martha Holland, Grady Neely
- 5 Carly Williams, Rita Warner, Weezie Green, Devon Anderson
- 6 Becky Gengler, Peggy Macpherson
- 7 Phyllis Gray, April Ashburn, Susan Brand, Wynn Smythe
- 9 Woody Woodruff, Keith Jacobs, Walker Dees
- 10 D'Anna Agnetta, Lucy McCullough, Nic Sieveking
- 12 Rob Miller, Rachel Robinson, Karen Austin
- 14 Weslea Miniat, Audrey Hall, Daniel Alvarado
- 15 Mandy Nickerson
- 16 Susan Vick, Vicki Carlisle, Sarah Foote, Judy Phelps
- 18 Piper Medlin, Cyndy Howes
- 19 Grant Benedict, Phyllis Thompson, Chloe Hannah, Elaine Williams, Jessica Liang
- 20 Claire Sheller, Cindy Thomsen, Chandler Miniat
- 21 Becky Facer, Tom Sebrell
- 22 Hannah Miniat, Wallace Lilly
- 23 Brad Williams, Beckett Hyssong, Eddie Bosel
- 24 Chris Knopf, Emily Trahan, Andrew Johnson
- 25 Sally Gray Branson
- 26 Gerald Hancock, Laurie Parker, Will Boggs
- 27 Bo Butler
- 28 Henry Ingram, Elizabeth Power, Becky King, Charlie Palmgren, Genevieve Phillips
- 29 Carson Beck, Wallace Beauchamp

September Anniversaries

- 1 Tim & Kristin Chew
- 6 Robert & Sharon Collins
- 9 David & Sarah Ingram
- 10 Wynn Smythe & Lisette Benefield-Smythe
- 11 Calen Cussimanio & Lauren Michael-Cussimanio
- 12 Graham & Meagan Benson
- 13 John & Cheryl Russell
- 18 Brent & Michelle Blackwelder
- 18 Tim & Maury Sumja
- 19 Spencer & Suzanne Dibble
- 22 Tom & Marida Stearns
- 22 Jeff & Kim Haynie
- 23 Pam & Rick Leet
- 24 Walt & Peggy Goss
- 24 Carl & Ginna Campbell
- 26 Liz Callicott & Dean Bose
- 30 Anthony & Susan Topper

Births

Daisy Ann Lewis, granddaughter of Barb and Dave Roth



- Paul Hannah, in the death of his mother, Barbara Hannah
- Desi Noller, in the death of her cousin, Tom Bouwkamp
- Judith Walters, in the death of her husband John Walters

