

The Epistle



OCTOBER 2025

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WSP delivered a Moses basket to Jacob and Natalie Thompson to celebrate the birth of their daughter, Leanna Marie Thompson, born July 1, 2025.

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 November newsletter is Monday, October 27, 2025



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Jared Sullivan

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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 Updote



Rally Day



Rally Day

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Rally Day

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Spaghetti Supper & Tie Dye

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 5, 2025

2 - 3 PM

IN FRONT OF BARNABAS



Call For Vestry Nominations

As we move into the last months of the year, it is time to nominate individuals for membership on the Vestry.

This year we will be electing 4 new members to the Vestry. Four members of the current Vestry will be rotating off at the end of the year, and we will elect their replacements for three-year terms at the annual meeting.

If you would like to nominate a fellow parishioner or yourself for any of these positions on the Vestry, please reach out to: Rusty (rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com) or Paul Hannah (paulrhannah1@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 2nd.

Pathfinders - Senior Adult Ministry

A ministry for people fifty-five and more

It's official! St. Paul's Senior Adult ministry is growing in lots of ways, and if you are 55 years old or older, we want to be here for you, because...

The Mission of St. Paul's Pathfinders - Senior Adult Ministry is to provide fellowship through social events, community activities, educational presentations, and helpful tips on daily living.

But we need your help to design programming that you want and need. Please take a few moments to fill out a short survey to help us design programming with you in mind. Hard copies of the survey are located in the Narthex and in Barnabas, or [you can fill it out online](#). (Please note: This is not a Google Form.)

Vestry Meeting Minutes

The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes can now be found on the website. The link is at the bottom of the vestry page (<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/>), or [click here](#).

All Saints Evensong

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 6:00 pm

Join our Chamber Choir as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a Choral Evensong service on November 2nd. This service offers the opportunity for us to memorialize the names of friends and loved ones who have passed Since November 1, 2024.

If you would like to include a name to be read and remembered, please send the name(s) to Donna Stokes-Rogers by Wednesday, October 29 via email: donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, October 9, 1 PM Barnabas

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, so beautifully led by our dear Jane Muir, is coming back in a different form, starting with Prayer Squares.

This will be a group, open to knitters, crocheters, and any kind of stitcher who come together to create comfort for others and enjoy the comfort of being together.

At the first meeting, we'll set up a regular time to meet.

Questions? Contact Sarah Webster, webstersje@gmail.com.



Biscuit Minute

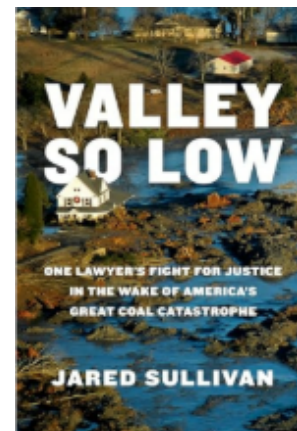
Biscuit Minute is back! Grab a quick snack on your way to Formation class. 9:45 - 10:00 AM in Founders and Barnabas.



Parish Wide Author Event

Please Join Us on November 18 for a very special evening with author (and member of St. Paul's) 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. It is the compelling recounting of the 2008 Kingston, TN, coal-ash spill, one of the largest environmental disasters in U. S. history.

His book was recently honored with the Tennessee Book Award from Humanities Tennessee and was also named one of the best books of the year by *Garden & Gun* magazine and *The New Yorker* magazine.



The Bad Girls Book Club invite you to join us and please bring a friend with you. Joel Tomlin of Landmark Booksellers will interview Jared in the Sanctuary.

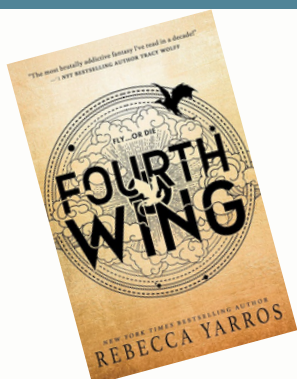
You don't need to read the book in advance, but it is encouraged to add it to your reading list. Books are available for purchase at Landmark Booksellers in downtown Franklin.

Here is a general idea of our event schedule:

- 5:45 to 6:25 - Reception in Founders Hall. Light appetizers and drinks provided by the Book Club.
- 6:30 to approximately 7:45 - Program in the Sanctuary. This will include thank you's, introductions, Joel and Jared in Conversation, Question & Answers, wrap up.
- 7:45 to approximately 8:15 - Book Signing in Founders

We hope to offer this event on-line as well in case you cannot join us that evening. Also, childcare will be available. We will issue a Sign-Up Genius if you need to reserve this for your child/children.

We hope to see you on Tuesday, November 18!



Bad Girls Book Club October Meeting

The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is October 28th from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas.

We will discuss *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros.

Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

Gathering for Good

One of our favorite annual events is happening Thursday, October 30 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the backyard of the Rectory. Games, music, a cake-walk, bounce house fun, and the CHILI COOK-OFF! Prizes for best chili and costumes will be awarded.

We would love to have you sign up to bring a chili entry or bake (or buy) a dessert for the Cake Walk.

Sign up to make chili
here:

<https://bit.ly/3W6GX9C>



Sign up to make or
buy a dessert here:

<http://bit.ly/3IA6fd6>



**ST. PAUL'S
GATHERING FOR GOOD**

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

AND CHILI COOK OFF



**Cake walk | Bounce House | Face painting
Costume Prizes | Games**

OCTOBER 30
5:30-7PM | RECTORY BACKYARD



Chili Cook off Sign up

←

Cake walk sign up

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Holy Hikes

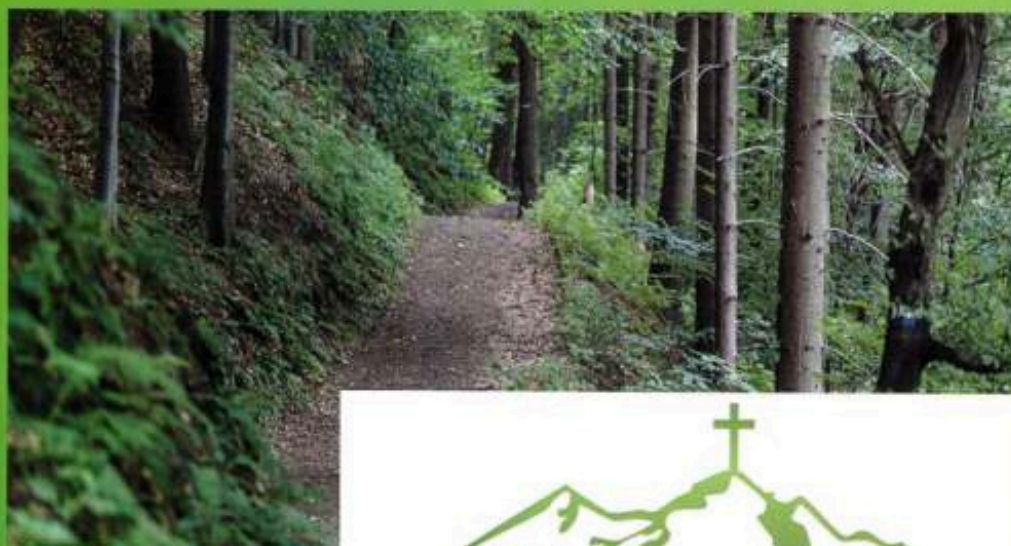
Join us for our next Holy Hike!

WHEN: Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 am

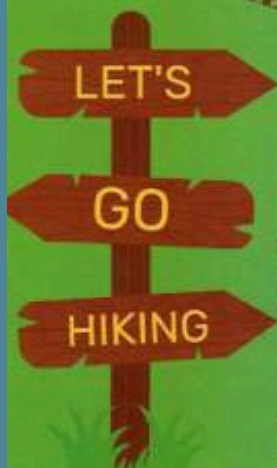
WHERE: Preservation Park

1600 Thompson Station Road, W.
Thompson Station, TN

Contact [Monna](#) for more information.



Join us for our next Holy Hike
WHEN: Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 am
WHERE: Preservation Park
1600 Thompson's Station Rd. W.
Thompson's Station, 37179



Holy Hikes...

- are like a progressive Liturgy
- are once a month.
- are open to anyone, any age - please share information.
- are accessible, being mostly flat, and 1-2 miles in length.
- are at various location each month - park, trail, zoo, etc.
- are free unless place of the hike charges admission/fee.

Columbia State Community College Recital

Enjoy performances by Holli Scholz's students at their music recital on Sunday, October 19th, 4 PM at St. Paul's

FALL INTO MUSIC A FALL RECITAL

Presented by Students from Columbia State Community College

Directed by Professor Holli Scholz



Sunday October 19th at 4:00 p.m.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church

501 W Main Franklin TN

Additional parking behind Barnabus.

The recital will include choir, jazz, piano and organ performances.

For more information email hscholz@columbiastate.edu.



Youth Pilgrimage - Registration Open!

All Juniors and Seniors in high school are invited on a Pilgrimage to Quebec June 8 – 14, 2026! If you are interested in journeying with us as a Pilgrim or adult chaperone, register at bit.ly/Montreal2026. The registration and deposit deadline is October 24, 2025. Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more details.



St. Pauls Youth
PILGRIMAGE
June 8 -14, 2026
High School
Juniors and Seniors

Montreal
7 Days - 6 Nights
Includes:

- Airfare
- Lodging (hostels, hotels)
- Meals
- Pilgrimage guide
- Train ticket to Quebec City
- Activities

\$2448
Per person

Registration and
Deposit due
October 24!

bit.ly/Montreal2026



EYG - Episcopal Youth Group

EYG • Sundays, October 12 & 26 • 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! Please note, we will not have EYG on October 5 due to fall break.

Permission forms are **now due**. Parents may fill out the pdf digitally and email it to brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.



STORY of
my Life



Youth Christian Formation

Sundays, Sundays, October 12, 19, 26
10:00 AM in Barnabas

6th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for breakfast and Bible study! This semester we'll be looking at the book of Philippians and how Jesus' story impacts our own! Please note, we will not have formation on October 5 due to fall break.

EYG with CITY

Sunday, October 19 • 12 - 3:30 PM • Meet at Barnabas

This semester, the youth will be serving with Church in the Yard (CITY) every month! Meet after the 11AM service (around 12) in Barnabas. We will drive to Church of the Holy Trinity in Nashville, participate in a Eucharist service, serve lunch, and return to Franklin around 3:30 PM. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your student plans to attend this Sunday so that we can account for transportation.



It's
SUS O'Clock
at EYG!

Welcome
Ashley

Welcome to St. Paul's Youth Intern!



Hi!
I'm Ashley!

I just moved to Franklin from Charleston, SC but I'm originally from Long Island, NY. I'm so happy to have joined St. Paul's and to be working with our youth. I love working with kids and I currently teach dance to ages 2-12, as well as perform part time. I am so excited for the upcoming events we have for our youth group and to be a part of your child's journey with us.



Spend Fall with ST. PAUL'S EYG

august	september	october
Sunday 10th 4 - 5:30 pm Franklin Family Entertainment Bowling 6 th - 8 th grade	Sundays 14, 21, 28 10 am Christian Formation	Sundays 12, 19, 26 10 am Christian Formation
Sunday 17th 7 - 9 pm Dine through Downtown: 9 th - 12 th grade	Sundays 7, 14, 28 4:30 - 6 pm EYG, Barnabas	Sundays 12, 26 4:30 - 6 pm EYG, Barnabas
Sunday 24th 4:30 - 6 pm EYG Kick-off, Barnabas	Sunday 21st 12 - 4 pm CITY	Sunday 19th 12 - 4 pm CITY
	Saturday 27th Time TBD Men's BBQ	Saturday 25th 10 am - 12 pm Pumpkinfest Car Park

november	december
Sundays 2, 9, 16, 30 10 am Christian Formation	Friday 5th 5 - 6 pm Tree Lighting Car Park
Sunday 2nd, 4 pm All Saints Concert	Saturday 13th 10 am - 12 pm Dickens Car Park
Sundays 9, 30 4:30 - 6 pm EYG, Barnabas	Sundays 7, 14 10 am Christian Formation
Sunday 16th 12 - 4 pm CITY	Sunday 14th Time TBD Caroling
	Sunday 7th 6 pm Lessons and Carols
	Saturday 20th 6 pm - 10 am Winter Lock-In

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

Young Adults & College Students

Young Adults Dinner Group

Tuesday, October 14, 6 PM, 301 Megan Court

College students and young adults in your 20s or 30s are invited to join us for dinner and discussion! We will use discussion questions from the October 12 lectionary passages. RSVP to the young adults GroupMe event.

Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information or to be added to the GroupMe!

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP OCTOBER EVENTS

TUES
OCT.
14

DINNER AND DISCUSSION

6 PM | 301 MEGAN COURT, FRANKLIN



SAT
OCT.
25

VOLUNTEER WITH ONE GEN AWAY

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM | 401 WALTON LANE, NASHVILLE



HALLOWEEN AT DYLAN'S

HANG OUT AND HAND OUT CANDY OR STOP BY BEFORE
TRICK OR TREATING IN DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN

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

Dewees Berry will lead the adult Christian formation class for three weeks beginning on October 5. Here's the schedule:

- October 5- "Bible Stories in Song and Verse" (works by Lord Byron, Ira Gershwin, and others)
- October 12- "Don't Pigeonhole Me!" (a whimsical look at stereotypes, including some about Episcopalians)
- October 19- "Selected Passages from The Gospel of Mark" (using vignettes from the hit Broadway play).

Youth Formation

Sundays, October 12, 19, 26, 10:00 AM, Barnabas

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STORY of
my Life



GODLY PLAY
CHRISTIAN FORMATION
FOR CHILDREN
SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

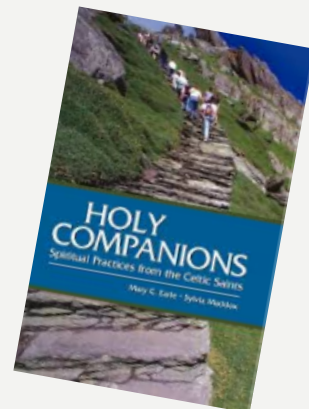
Godly Play

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

WITS - Women in Theological Study

For October, WITS (Women in Theological Study), is covering a variety of topics.

First, we will end our study series, based on the book *Holy Companions: Spiritual Practices from the Celtic Saints* by Mary C. Earle and Sylvia Maddox. It matters not if you have the book or not, or if you've read the book or not...just come join us.



Next, Desi Noller has graciously offered to present a session on blindness that you do not want to miss out on.

In the middle of the month, we will talk about "Living Room," and exploring what we can do to make space for who and what really matters in our lives.

We will skip the week of Spring Street Ministry, and then end the month by celebrating the lives of people we love and have lost.

Join us on these Thursdays in Barnabas * from 9:30-11:00 am:

- October 2 Holy Companions Study (last session on this book)
- October 9 "God Doesn't Make Mistakes" (Desi Noller will offer a lesson and lead discussion about blindness)
- October 16 "Living Room - Clearing Mind and Matter!"
- October 23 NO WITS - (Spring Street Outreach Ministry)
- October 30 Celebrating All Souls - Remembering and Honoring Our Loved Ones (*Weather permitting, we will meet at Bicentennial Park in Franklin behind the Tiny Donuts Trailer)

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.



Coffee Club

Men's Coffee Club is on Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:45 AM, Barnabas

DOK - Daughters of the King

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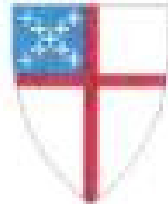
Members of St. Paul's Daughters of the King Mary Magdalene Chapter attended the Province IV Fall Assembly at Camp McDowell in Alabama the first week of October. Province IV includes most of the southeastern states.

Over 250 women enjoyed several days of prayer, workshops, worship services and speakers. Rita Sue Warner, Beth Woodruff, Sara Richter, Ginny Brewer and Karen Austin attended from St. Paul's. The Diocese of Tennessee was well represented.



This is the flowered cross honoring Daughters who passed away in 2024 and 2025- with DOK Province Chaplain Bishop Glenda Curry.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A DEACON
IN THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE?

WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF A DEACON?

"The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and His Church particularly as a servant to those in need, and to assist bishops in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administrations of the sacraments."

(Book of Common Prayer, 856)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. MARK & ST. PAUL

216 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

SEWANEE, TN 37375

Meet deacons who are
currently serving in
missions, parishes, and
the cathedral



Learn about the
necessary requirements
and steps toward
ordination

Men of St. Paul's BBQ



Men of St. Paul's BBQ

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Men of St. Paul's BBQ



WSP Social

The Women of Saint Paul's met at Kathy Berry's home for a delightful gathering this September.

Our next Social will be at the home of Cindy Tumblin, on Friday, November 21. We are encouraging everyone to bring a box or bag of baby diapers to stock the church pantry. Any size diaper would be helpful, and as we all know the cost for some families is very stressful on the limited funds they have to spend.

Mum Sale Pick-Up



Women of St. Paul's Bake Sale

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Spring Street

Dia De Los Muertos is the theme for the October 23rd gathering which will include fun decorations, Mexican flavors, and an activity to honor family and friends who have gone on before us.

Watch for the sign up genius in the News from the Pews or contact Jackie King at momking2nd@yahoo.com



Spring Street Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up to volunteer for Spring Street here: <https://bit.ly/spring-street-volunteer>

Fall 2025 Dates

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 October 22 at FFUMC at 6:15 pm.

Anyone (or any St. Paul organization) interested in participating in this wonderful ministry or needing further information, please contact Paul Hannah at paulrhannah1@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:



FRIENDS OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
ANIMAL CENTER

This month we met with Friends of WCAC which is a nonprofit created to assist and support the Williamson County Animal Center. This wonderful organization provides financial and volunteer support that helps ensure and enhance the lives of the 3,900 animals that come through their doors each year. They cover the cost of a veterinarian, an assistant, and a CPA while also providing free food and spay and neuter services for low income families. The Outreach Committee has decided to grant Friends of WCAC 3,000 dollars which will cover the cost of one month of their Paw Pantry food distribution program. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting Friends of WCAC please check out their website at www.friendsofwcac.org.

We have a wonderful letters of thanks to share with you below.

We would love to engage our St. Paul's family with the nonprofits we have helped along the way, so please check out the St Paul's website on the "Community Partners" on our Outreach page. There are many opportunities to volunteer or donate to help our friends and neighbors in Williamson county!

Our committee meets the third Tuesday of each month and is always eager to learn from church members about groups in Williamson County that can use our church's extra hand up. Our best nonprofits are found through our parish! If you have any thoughts or suggestions about organizations, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpauls.com or any other members of the committee: Will Boggs, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Spencer Dibble, Angela Lassiter and Mark Rohde.

Grateful for you.

Dear Monna,
Thank you so much for your \$2,500 donation. Even though you weren't able to join us on the square for this year's Franklin Classic, a motivational sign with your logo was on the route cheering runners on. We are so grateful for our partnership with St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We are thrilled to see what the future holds for both of us.
Many thanks,
Emily Hoch


mercy
COMMUNITY
HEALTHCARE



Date

9-11-25

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

Dear

Fellow Christians

On behalf of the African American Heritage Society, we would like to sincerely thank you for your support to this year's T. E. Murdic Educational Scholarship Fundraiser. The scholarship event has been a huge success, with over \$63,000 raised by sponsors, prom couples vying for the title of Mr. & Mrs. AAHS, prom guests and with individual prom donations. We sincerely appreciate your contribution, which enables continued success to this program. Since its inception, the African American Society has been able to award scholarships to 58 high school seniors in Williamson County. This is our 11th year for the scholarship program and is named in honor of beloved Franklin icon, community leader and past president of AAHS, Tom Murdic, who believed in education and created a lasting legacy in our community. AAHS is happy to report that past recipients are doing well.

With your help, you are playing a major role in support of a higher education for our youth, who are our future. We are a 501©3 organization and for IRS purposes, your check # 31122 in the amount of \$ 2,000 dated 5-22-25 is tax deductible and you received no goods or services with your gift.

Also, we thank you for your continued support to our organization. We sincerely appreciate your investment in the youth in our community. May God continue to bless you as you bless others.

Sincerely,

Alma McLemore
Alma McLemore, President, AAHS

Thank you once again
for your support to
AAHS. May God
continue to bless
you as you



Dear St. Paul Congregants,

Thank you so much for the scholarships that were so generously provided for my sons to attend Camp-Forget-Me-Not with Alive Hospice. They had a wonderful time there and got to meet some great people and meet others who were going through similar circumstances. We lost my dad, who they affectionately referred to as "Zachie" this March after a long battle with cancer. The boys were very close to him and made many wonderful memories with him. →

Although this year has been very difficult on us all my sons have persevered and lifted me up when I was feeling down. The camp gave them a special opportunity to process their own loss and I will be forever grateful for that and for your church's support, kindness, and love.

Sincerely,
Amie Marsala

Andrew
Marsala

George



marsala

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, October 15th and Friday, October 17th. 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 October, they will meet on the 1st and 15th, 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



Mountain T.O.P. Donations

Mountain T.O.P. is looking for donations for the annual fall festival!

In addition to winter clothing items such as coats, hats, and scarves, you may buy shoes from the MTOP Amazon wishlist at the following link: bit.ly/MTOPamazonlist.

Turn in any donations to the church office by October 19.

Needs for Care That Stephen Ministers Can Meet

- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are hospitalized
- People being treated for cancer -- and members of their families
- Individuals who are terminally ill -- and members of their families
- People who are experiencing divorce (before, during, and after)
- Parents who have children leaving home for the military, college, marriage, or work in another geographical area
- New congregation or community members who are experiencing transition difficulties
- Parents and families with children who have disabilities
- People recovering at home or in a rehabilitation facility after an illness or injury
- Those who are homebound or reside in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- Family members of someone (nearby or far away) who is homebound or resides in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- People with a chronic illness or a long-term disability-and their primary caregivers
- People facing birth-related issues such as infertility, adoption, an unplanned pregnancy, or the birth of a child
- People who have lost their jobs or had some other significant financial setback
- People experiencing significant job-related stress
- Family members of deployed military personnel
- People in the process of downsizing to a smaller home, moving into an assisted living situation, or changing their living arrangements in some other way
- People who are preparing to retire, who have recently retired, or who have been forced to retire early
- People affected by disasters or violence
- People experiencing spiritual crisis
- People with other critical needs or major life transitions that you know about

Bicentennial Society

Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary

Our St. Paul's Episcopal Church was founded on August 25th, 1827, in a room of the Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 in Franklin when those persons "friendly to the formation of an Episcopal church in the area" met under the leadership of Reverend James Hervey Otey. Honored as the "Mother Church of the Diocese of Tennessee," St. Paul's led the way for Episcopal congregations to bloom throughout our state.

Today, there are three organizations committed to preserving the legacy of St. Paul's.

- **The Historic Committee** focuses on preserving our past and securing our future by supporting various projects and events that are not provided for in St. Paul's annual budget.
- **The Bicentennial Committee**, which is overseen by The Historic Committee, is responsible for planning and executing activities connected with the Bicentennial in 2027.
- **The Bicentennial Society** is a fundraising entity dedicated to providing financial support for the work of both the Historic and Bicentennial Committees.

Examples of projects that have been funded by the Bicentennial Society include:

Education: We are hosting several historic symposiums on Franklin's early churches and their role in sowing the seeds that helped make Franklin a vibrant, growing community. These events are open to the public and focused on both educating and uniting our local faith communities. We were also instrumental in creating the beautiful history panels on display in Otey Hall and the self-guided tour brochures for our historic Church.

Bicentennial Society

Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary

Preservation: The Bicentennial Society has supported cataloguing of our historic documents and photographs and restored the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son just outside the front entrance of the Church. We also contributed to the repair of the historic wooden louvers above the front doors of St. Paul's, improving both form and function.

Celebration: Each year we host a festive birthday party for the parish, counting down the years to our Bicentennial in 2027.

One of the primary goals of the Bicentennial Society is to raise funds to support related church-wide and community events without straining our annual operating budget. If you'd like to take part in this unique historic undertaking, please consider joining the Bicentennial Society and play an important role in the education, preservation, and celebration of St. Paul's. Your \$1,000 pledge—due in 2027—can be paid over time by visiting stpaulsfranklin.com/give.

To learn more, please contact any member of the Historic and Bicentennial Committees:

Greer Carlisle, Virginia Callicott, Jay Fahey, Gale Haddock, Colbi Layne Hogan, Pam Horne, Melanie Lampertz, Rev. Rusty McCown, Pat McCracken, Libby Sullivan, Cindy Thomsen, Cindy Tumblin, Kathy Ulezelski, and Mike Wesson.



Join St. Paul's Bicentennial Society

With only four years left until St. Paul's 200th birthday, please consider joining the Bicentennial Society by making a donation of \$1,000, payable on a schedule of your choosing between now and 2027.

Funding from the Bicentennial Society supports our mission of preserving our past, and securing our future by supporting various projects and events that are not provided for in St. Paul's annual budget. As a member, you will play an important role in these endeavors.

Education: St. Paul's recently hosted a History Symposium on the establishment of the early churches in the city of Franklin. This symposium, open to the entire community, was the first of a series of events to both educate and unite our local faith communities. The Bicentennial Society has also helped create the history panels on display in Otey Hall and the self-guided tour brochures of our historic nave.

Preservation: The Bicentennial Society has helped catalogue our historic documents and photographs now maintained at the Williamson County Archives, and will soon undertake the restoration of the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son at the front entrance of the church.

Presently, the society is helping with the repair of the historic wooded louvers above the front doors of St. Paul's. Keeping the historic parts of our church in good repair is a key goal for the Bicentennial Society.

Celebration: Your membership will also support the many events currently in the planning stages for 2027. When the Bicentennial Society was established in 2017, one of the primary goals was to raise funds to support church-wide and community celebrations without straining the annual operating budget of the church.

Please consider joining the Bicentennial Society and play an important role in the Education, Preservation, and Celebration of St. Paul's.

Gratefully,

Jay Fahey and Libby Sullivan, Bicentennial Co-chairs

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.

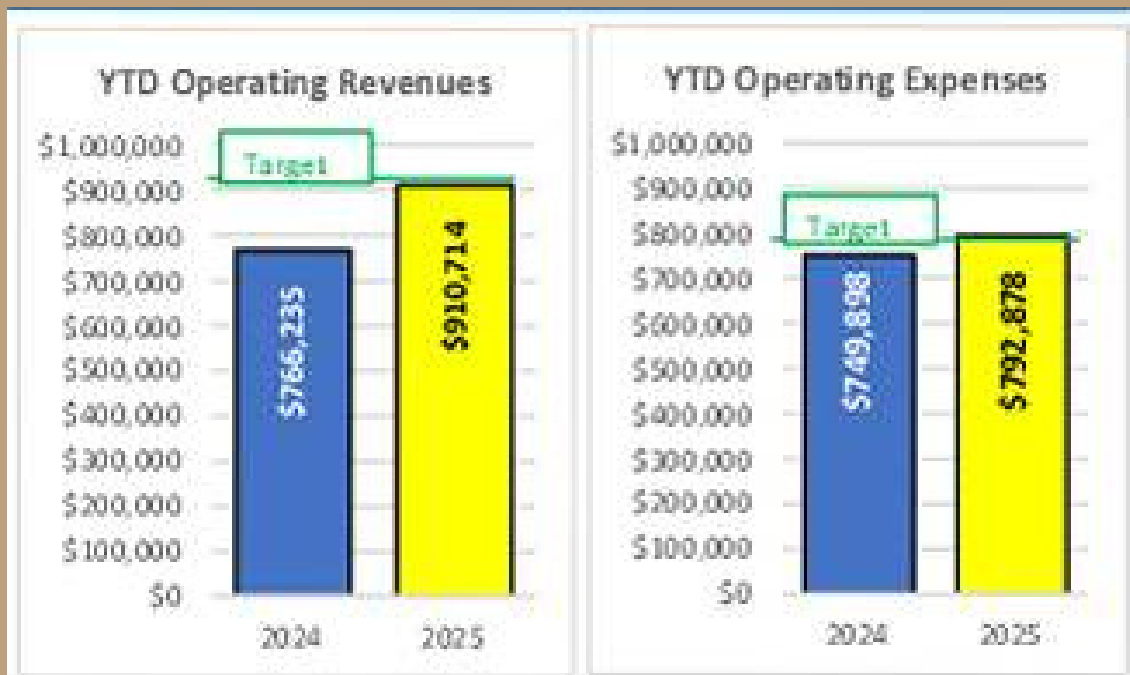
Financial Performance for the Month of August 2025

August Summary: August was supposed to be another summer month - more outflows than inflows. But whereas a large deficit was planned, strong pledging and lower expenses had the parish nearly breaking even for the month.

Revenues: Pledges were much higher than budgeted - by over \$28,000. Cash-In-Plate came in where expected. For the year-to-date, the parish is 6.2% over expectations in collections.

Expenses: Expenses were under the monthly budget by 10.9%. In personnel, lower than expected medical premiums result in the decrease. In operations, expenses were lower than expectations in two areas - utilities and outreach. The utility budget is nearly spent for water, electric and gas through the first 8 months of the year.

Overall: The parish budgeted for \$39,333 but operationally ran a surplus of \$103. For the year, the parish remains \$64,443 to the good.



Monthly Summary

Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	August 2025				Year to Date to August 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$87,881	\$59,237	\$28,644	48.4%	\$903,803	\$853,921	\$49,882	5.8%
Other Income	\$526	\$542	(\$15)	-2.8%	\$6,911	\$3,333	\$3,578	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$88,407	\$59,779	\$28,629	47.9%	\$910,714	\$857,254	\$53,460	6.2%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$51,405	\$58,523	(\$7,117)	-12.2%	\$474,840	\$468,380	\$6,459	1.4%
Operating Expenses	\$36,899	\$40,591	(\$3,691)	-9.1%	\$318,038	\$339,886	(\$21,847)	-6.4%
Total Expenses	\$88,304	\$99,112	(\$10,809)	-10.9%	\$792,878	\$808,265	(\$15,388)	-1.9%
Net Operating Income	\$103	(\$39,333)	\$39,435		\$117,836	\$48,989	\$68,846	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	(\$2,980)				(\$53,393)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$2,877)				\$64,443			

October Anniversaries

- 1 Dean & Robbi De Peri
- 1 Fred & Carolyn Loeffel
- 1 Jeff & Sadie Cost
- 7 Mark & Lisa Robbins
- 7 Jeff & Kathy Bailey
- 9 Syd & Patti Rodocker
- 9 Jamie & Chelsea Rock
- 13 Jamie & Blake Taylor
- 16 Scott & Catherine Gain
- 19 Richard & Tracy Waggoner
- 22 Ward & Vicki Stein
- 26 Laurie Parker & John Griffey
- 28 Randy & Gloria Cox
- 28 Josh & Marty Sutherland
- 28 Matthew & Tiffany Sugalski

October Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Cook, Ed Miller
- 2 Tav Cooke
- 3 Carolyn Savage, Marion Werner
- 4 Dean De Peri, John Looney
- 5 Beverly Headley, Emilie Armstrong, Lesley Foote, Sophia Nickerson,
Laura Forehand
- 6 Liam Brandon
- 7 Richard Boring, Karen Sullivan, Celeste Phillips, Tom Fitzpatrick
- 8 Emerson Myers, Hayes Myers, Richard Brand, Margaret Small
- 9 Evey Knopf, Connie Trahan, Kathy Suttle, Josh Thurman, Lois Henderson
- 10 John Nickerson, Jim Ramsey
- 11 Sarah Nance, Andrew Preston
- 12 Rebecca Attack, George Bishop, Bruce Burton
- 14 Arlene Berexa, Neil Atkinson
- 15 Bobby Pitts, David Shepherd, Melissa Montero
- 16 Trevor Hyssong
- 17 Cash Schmitt
- 18 Dave Berexa
- 19 Debbie Brake, Robin Hensley
- 20 Seth Cost, Isabella Montero
- 21 Bob Facer, Alan Robertson, Vivienne Bose
- 22 Will Wesson, Sarah Scott Cook
- 23 Mark Mayhew, Elizabeth Pace, Eliot Williams, Courtney Lamb
- 24 Penny Sebrell
- 25 Angie Yeager
- 27 Philip Pratt, Judith Atkinson
- 28 Susannah Pierce, Paula Sherman, Jess Fitzpatrick
- 29 Virginia Callicott
- 30 Gale Haddock, John Dyess, Jay Sheridan
- 31 Jean Larson, Bob Barrett

Condolences to

- Jamie Cochrane in the death of her husband and Mary Kate Brandon in the death of her father, Peyton Cochrane
- Annette Phillips in the death of her mother, Elaine Binder
- Sarah Karpie in the death of her sister, Mary Hendrix

