

The Epistle



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November 2025

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Office Closed

November 27-28

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Rosie is very happy to be at
Blessing of the Animals

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 December newsletter is Thursday, November 27, 2025](#)



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Lessons and Carols

December 9

Building Blessing (Tentative)

December 14

Caroling Down Main

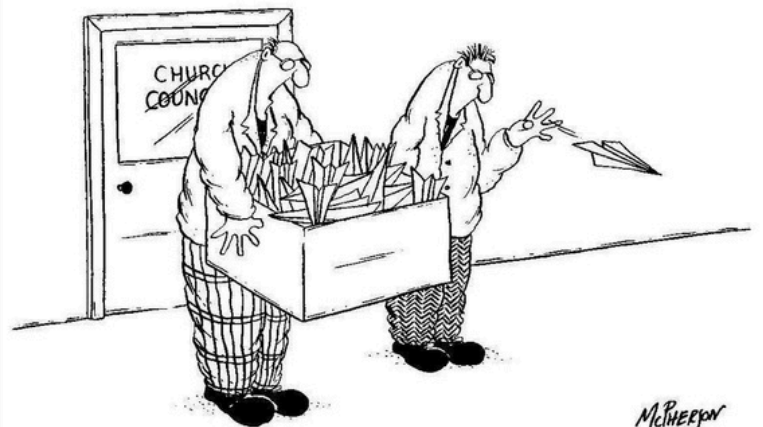
Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar, under the "About Us" tab on the church website:

<https://74053364.view-events.com/calendar/74053364/>



Donna's been working too much!

Comics Corner



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

Bishop Search

Bishop Bauerschmidt recently announced his retirement. As we begin the search for our next bishop it is vital that we hear from you. The Search Committee has begun this process in two ways. The first is a series of "Listening Sessions" throughout the diocese. The second is a detailed survey.

- Listening Sessions - <https://bit.ly/bishop-listening-session-1>
Please click on the link above, look over the dates and times, and pick a session that will meet your schedule. It is important that you attend one of these. Your input and opinions will be part of our diocesan profile. There are eight different sessions to choose from.

- Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIOCESEOFTN>
The survey is for all canonically resident clergy and active members in a congregation of the Diocese of Tennessee. The survey will be open until Monday, December 1, and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

You can learn about the Bishop Search here:
<https://edtn.org/bishop-search/>

Thank you for attention to this matter. This is an important time in the life of our diocese. Please keep everyone associated with this process in your prayers.



Stewardship



Jon Roebuck's spoke to St. Paul's on Stewardship Sunday. The sound wasn't working at the beginning of his talk, so the video jumps in a few minutes later. Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/3ILUH8-0Fys>

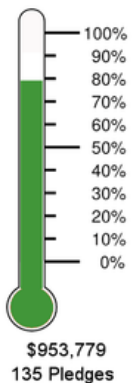
Alison Burcham, from Kindred Spirit Farms, spoke to St. Paul's on November 2nd. You can learn more about Kindred Spirit Farms here: <https://kindredspiritsfarm.org/>

Watch Alison's presentation here: <https://youtu.be/17WSueVr7Mk?si=yzCiWDgWLG9wAIII>



Graham Honeycutt from Tucker House spoke to St. Paul's last Sunday about their organization and St. Paul's contribution. Tucker House provides home modifications for families with children or young adults with disabilities. You can learn more about Tucker House here: <https://tuckershous.org/>

Watch Graham's presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmmzReUu8wA>



We have received 135 pledges for a total of \$953,779 towards our goal. Our goal this year is 235 pledges and \$1,200,000.



Pledge on-line:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/stewardship/>

Building Update

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A Prayer for Pets Who are Ill or Suffering

Loving God, you brought these beloved animals into our lives, to share kindness, joy, and faithful companionship: Receive our thanks and praise for the community between your animals and your people, and all the ways in which we bless each other's lives. Relieve these sick animals of their pain; may they return to good health. Comfort these aging animals; may their last years be full of love and happiness. We entrust them to your care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taco, beloved dog of Tim Buckley
Barqs, beloved cat of Jackson Turner
Jude and Twin 2, beloved cats of Laura Turner
Eli, beloved cat of Katie Elkins
Purgatory, beloved dog of Elizabeth Queener

A Prayer for Pets Who Have Died

Almighty God, your Son taught us that though five sparrows could be bought for two pennies, they are not forgotten before you. We ask your prayers for these animals we have loved and lost. We are grateful to have shared our homes and our lives with them, and they with us. Bless all those who mourn; may memories of their loving companion comfort them. In your name we pray. Amen

Pixie Jane, beloved dog of Jo Ann Scalf
Birdie, beloved cat of Cindy Thomsen
Bailey, beloved dog of the Lassiter Family
Angel, beloved dog of Nancy Kuttesch
Bentley, beloved dog of the Lampertz Family
George, beloved dog of the Reinhardt Family
Oxford, beloved cat of the Smith Family
Admiral, beloved dog of the Clausi Family
Tesla, beloved cat of David Turner
Palisades, beloved cat of Bill and Tracy Frist
Keeper, beloved cow of Bill and Tracy Frist
Lola, beloved goat of Bill and Tracy Frist
Poppy, beloved cat of Laura Turner
Brezhnev, beloved cat of James Scholz

Blessing of the Animals

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Halloween Festival

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Halloween Festival

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Costume Contest & Chili Cook-Off

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Karen Garfield - Spookiest



Martin Family - Best Group



Colbi & Blake Hogan - Funniest



Anderson Family - Most Creative

Costume Contest & Chili Cook-Off

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Elizabeth Smith - Best Overall



Chili Cook-Off

1st Place - Mike Garfield
3rd Place - Jackie King



2nd Place - Susan Miller



People's Choice Award - Loren Robicheaux

Pie the Priest ... and some staff

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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.



Floral Notecards Available

The flower guild will be moving into its beautiful new space when construction is completed. Please help us stock the drawers and shelves by purchasing notecards showcasing some of our favorite arrangements. Packs of 15—featuring 3 different flower creations—will be available before Christmas. Cost is \$30.

To preorder, please contact Cindy Thomsen at a1139a@comcast.net or (615) 202-0644.

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.



Thank You!

The Historic Committee would like to extend our special thanks to Sarah Webster and Mary Plummer for their great work in refreshing the historic Kneelers at the altar. Sarah and Mary cleaned and repaired the Kneelers, which are 55 years old and were stitched by Betty Ann Baugh (mother of Joe and Frank Baugh) for use at the altar. These are historic treasures of St. Paul's and we are grateful for the hard work that Sarah and Mary put in for their restoration.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, November 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, so beautifully led by our dear Jane Muir, is coming back in a different form, starting with pocket-size Prayer Squares. This will meet once a month, and is open to knitters, crocheters, and any kind of stitcher, coming together to create comfort for others and enjoy the comfort of stitching together.

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



Newcomers Dinner

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 pm at The Rectory

If you are new to St. Paul's, we would love to get to know you a little better. The staff of St. Paul's is hosting a Newcomers' Dinner at the home of The Rev. Rusty and Laura McCown. This will be a time to get to know each other a little better and answer any questions you might have about St. Paul's.

RSVP to the office at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527, ext 103. We look forward to seeing you on the 11th!



Vestry Meeting Minutes

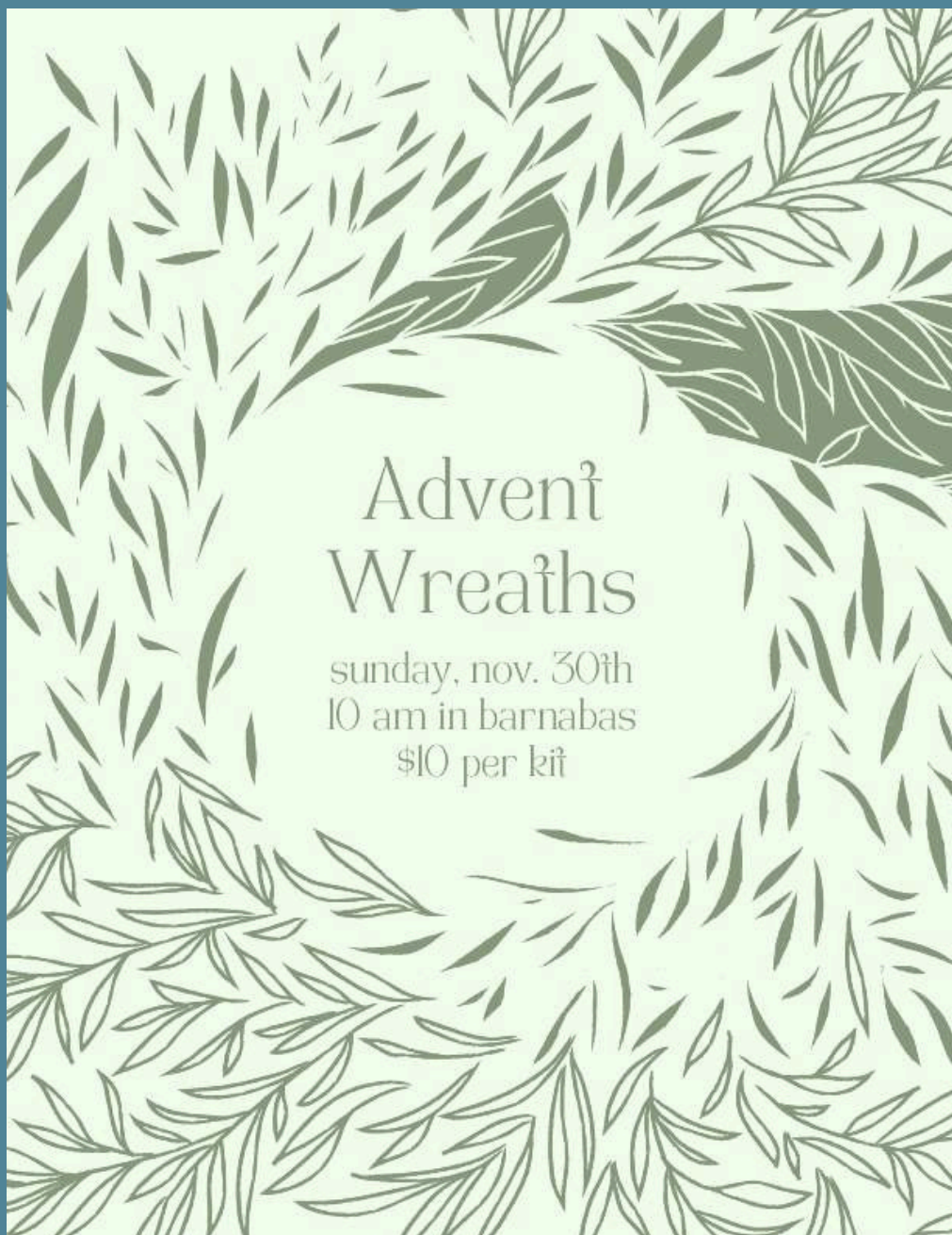
The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes can now be found on the website. The link is at the bottom of the vestry page (<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry/>), or [click here](#).

Advent Wreaths

Join us on Sunday, November 30th to make an Advent Wreath in Barnabas at 10 am. We will have all you need to create a lovely Advent addition to your home! Kits are \$10 each, and you can create your wreath on-site while enjoying Biscuit Minute refreshments, or you can take your kit to go.

Travelling for Thanksgiving? You can pick your kit up on Monday, December 1st or Tuesday, December 2nd.

Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com if you need to reserve a kit for later pick up.





Join us for our next Holy Hike
WHEN: Saturday, November 22 at 9:00 am
WHERE: Harpeth River Trail
Meet at Intersection of 3rd Ave N. and 5th Ave. N.
(Bicentennial Park behind Tiny Donuts
in Franklin)



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.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 7

6:00 pm



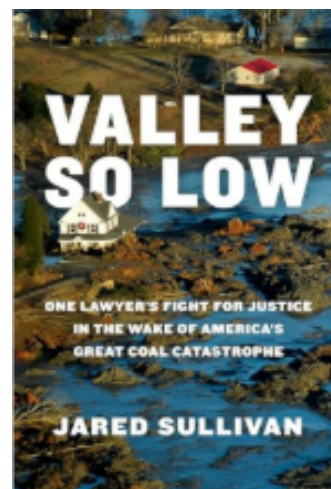
Join us as we prepare
for the birth of Jesus
with readings from holy
scripture, hymns, and
seasonal choral music
proclaiming the coming
of the Promised One.

An Evening With Jared Sullivan

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*, was 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!

THE BAD GIRLS BOOK CLUB PRESENTS

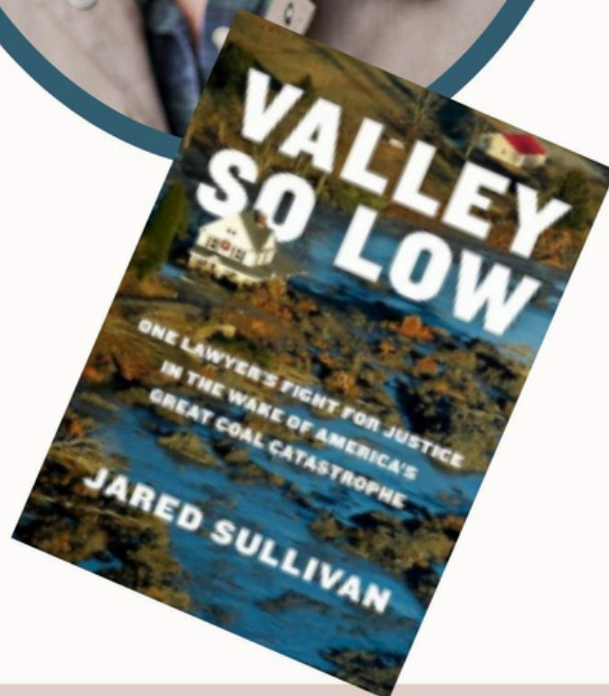
JARED SULLIVAN

Tuesday
November 18
St. Paul's

- 5:45 - Reception in Founders Hall
- 6:30 - One-on-One with Jared Sullivan and Joel Tomlinson of Landmark Booksellers in the Sanctuary
- 7:45 - Book Signing in Founders Hall

Author of
VALLEY SO LOW: One Lawyer's Fight for Justice in the Wake of America's Great Coal Catastrophe

- 2025 Winner Tennessee Book Award in nonfiction by Humanities Tennessee
- Named One of the Best Books of the Year by *Garden & Gun* and *The New Yorker*



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 510 West Main Street, Franklin, TN

Child care available - Contact Libby Sullivan libby@stpaulsfranklin.com

Youth Pilgrimage - Registration Open!

All Juniors and Seniors in high school are invited on a Pilgrimage to Quebec June 8 – 14, 2026! If you missed the October registration deadline, it's not too late! Register at bit.ly/Montreal2026.

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 in October

St. Paul's youth have been up to a lot in October! From serving with CITY to walks to T-OP for boba tea, and attempting to make caramel apples, we have shared some great moments!



EYG October 12



October CITY



Diocesan Youth Leader's Day at Sewanee

Youth leaders from across the diocese joined for a eucharist service and hike at Sewanee this month! Plans are in the works for a 2026 diocesan youth Easter event and fall retreat!



EYG - Episcopal Youth Group

EYG • Sundays, November 2 & 9 • 4:30 – 6:00 PM • Barnabas

On the 2nd, join us for games and dinner at 4:30 PM before the All Saints' Evensong service! We will then attend the service together.

On the 9th, we will have our normal EYG at Barnabas!

EYG with CITY

Sunday, November 16 • 12:00 - 3:30 PM • Meet at Barnabas

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, and serve lunch. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your student plans to attend this Sunday so that we can account for transportation. Youth who also plan to attend the diocesan youth event will have transportation from CITY. Otherwise, they will join the team who returns to Franklin.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 4-6 PM
DIOCESAN HOUSE, 3700 WOODMONT BLVD, 37215
6TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE

YOUTH

 **ST. LUKE'S**
COMMUNITY HOUSE

EVENT



HYGIENE KIT SERVICE PROJECT FOR ST. LUKE'S, DINNER, WORSHIP
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 PER PERSON FOR KIT SUPPLIES
SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION & DETAILS.

Diocesan Youth Event

Sunday, November 16, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Diocesan House

Students who wish to attend the diocesan youth event must register by November 11! If you are also attending CITY, you will have transportation to the Diocesan House and back to Franklin. Otherwise, please plan to meet at the EDTN Diocesan House at 4 pm. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if you register!

Youth Christian Formation

Sundays, 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!

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MOUNTAIN TOP

July 12 - 18, 2026



MTOP registration is open
until January 11. Secure your
spot on the mountain!

bit.ly/MTOP

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP NOVEMBER EVENTS

TUES
**NOV.
11**

FRIENDSGIVING

6 PM | 1227 COOKS ST. FRANKLIN



FRI
**NOV.
21**

GAME NIGHT

7 PM | 1227 COOKS ST. FRANKLIN



SUN
**NOV.
30**

PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

HELP US STOCK THE CHURCH PANTRY
FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS



For more information or to be added to the GroupMe,
email Brett Smith at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.

History of a Sacred Space

Presentation Given by Mike Wesson

Wherever God's people congregate, there is a sacred space. But, some spaces are more sacred than others. And so it is with our sacred space at St. Paul's.

In January 1831, while St. Paul's was in its original home at the Masonic Hall, the Vestry (like all Vestries) named a "Building Committee" to "select a site...whereon to erect a church Edifice." That June, the Right Reverend William Meade, who was the assistant Bishop of Virginia at the time and was known to make many parish visits west of Virginia, laid the cornerstone on the Church's lot in Hincheyville, Franklin's first subdivision.

St. Paul's was built in the tradition of English Gothic churches: simple and pointedly not Anglo-Catholic (think Grantchester, Downtown Abbey, and Midsomer Murders). Back then, folks were focused on Heaven and building churches tall with high towers and arches presumably would draw eyes to Heaven. Bishop Otey likely demanded that to his taste the building be simple.



Print at Williamson County Archives showing St. Paul's as central to Franklin's historic buildings.

By 1833, the church was still in progress. The undercroft – originally supposed to be the resting place for Rev. Otey and his wife – was dug out and the high clay content dirt was used to make hand-made wood-mold bricks on the property. The walls were designed as layers 18" to 24" thick, supported by three buttresses on each side.

Parishes in New York and Philadelphia made gifts totaling \$550 (\$21,000 in today's dollars); that money, plus local funds, plus a final \$500 authorized by the Vestry completed St. Paul's building in November 1834. The building measured 40' by 80' with a 50' bell tower on the south, had the first pipe organ west of the Appalachians, and was consecrated on November 21, 1835.

St. Paul's was what was known as a "three-decker" or "three-tier" church: undercroft, nave, and galleries (which were likely for people enslaved by parishioners). There was probably a "three-tier" pulpit as well – one that elevated the preacher so that he could be heard in the galleries as well as the floor.



Many, if not most, Episcopal churches of the time were oriented west to east, with the Altar (and celebrant) facing east – toward Jerusalem. Because of the direction of the street in front, St. Paul's is oriented slightly NW to SE, so the original altar faced to the southeast. No drawings of St. Paul's at the time of consecration can be found. A 1960 *Nashville Banner* article about St. Paul's mentions that the building had a flat roof, but it is probably more likely that the roof was sloped – much like St. John's Ashwood. Flat or low-pitched roofs were not fashionable in that part of the 19th century.

Artist's conception of flat-roofed St. Paul's

Because of the impending war, St. Paul's essentially ceased to be a house of worship in 1859 – few congregants, no vestry, and no rector. On February 23, 1863 the Federal army came. Nashville was evacuated and Franklin was occupied. The Union force wasted no time occupying St. Paul's. They chopped up the pews, the altar, and that \$800 pipe organ for firewood. Fires were built in what is now the Narthex with the bell tower as the chimney.

The Battle of Franklin was fought on November 30, 1864 and St. Paul's – literally within sight of the line of the battle - was used as a hospital. A story goes that soldiers hacked notches in the pillars to make room for more beds. The poplar floors ran red with blood.

When the War ended, what remained was a decimated parish with a desecrated building. For a while the building was used as a stable and a carpenter's shop. There is another story that the notches in the columns were where feeding troughs were nailed up. You decide.

Eventually, the seventeen women and four men who made up the congregation called Rev. Edward Bradley of Memphis as Rector. A vestry was elected and Rev. Bradley solicited funds nationwide to begin the reconstruction of St. Paul's. And this reconstruction is, as a practical matter, what we see today. The roof was removed and the high brick walls were lowered 20 feet. Those bricks were used to build a parish hall and rectory on the north end of the Church - today's Founders Hall. The altar was moved to the north end of the nave and surrounded by a wood-paneled "apozoidal" chancel. A new organ was installed, and the galleries were removed. Since the galleries were gone, there was no need for the three-tier pulpit, so it was removed as well. St. Paul's was reconsecrated as a house of worship in 1871. At that time, additional lots were purchased on the north side to Fair Street.



The "apozoidal" altar enclosure on the northwest end of the sanctuary

In 1887, the Presbyterians tore down their church building to build a new one; St. Paul's purchased the iron fence from them that still runs in front of the church.

The next major addition to St. Paul's came in 1970, when a frame building at the side was torn down and the education wing was built (at a cost of \$60,000). A concurrent renovation found the door on the right side of the altar that matches the one on the left. Poplar flooring with handmade, square nails was found in the narthex. That renovation also saw the nave carpeted in red, Belgian wool carpeting.

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As a side note, if you've ever walked west on Main Street toward St. Paul's and thought, "that tower is leaning," it's not just you. The engineering firm of Marr and Holman in Nashville was engaged in the 1970s to study the tower and concluded that it is actually 11 inches out of plumb. Just to be reassuring, though, the tower was reinforced about 10 years ago.

So, St. Paul's grows and prospers, growing both old and new, and a new addition built like the original church – toward Heaven - is close to completion. But the historic, sacred heart of our church goes back to James Otey and those vestry members who, in 1831, had the vision and the wisdom and the courage to build our sacred space.



Photo of interior from a Nashville *Tennessean* article about St. Paul's Centennial



Photo of an undercroft room from the same article



Aerial view of current building. Differences in brick on the sides of the tower illustrate where the original roof was and the sides show where the roof was lowered.



Circa 1913, this may be the earliest existing photograph of St. Paul's

Sunday Christian Formation

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

Adult Christian Education Series

The Nature Of Jesus, lead by Jon Roebuck - October 26, November 1, November 8

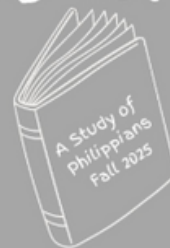
Miracle and Message: What miracles of the New Testament have to say to us today. We will take a look at three different miracles from the Gospels in the Book of Acts and draw meaning for every day application.

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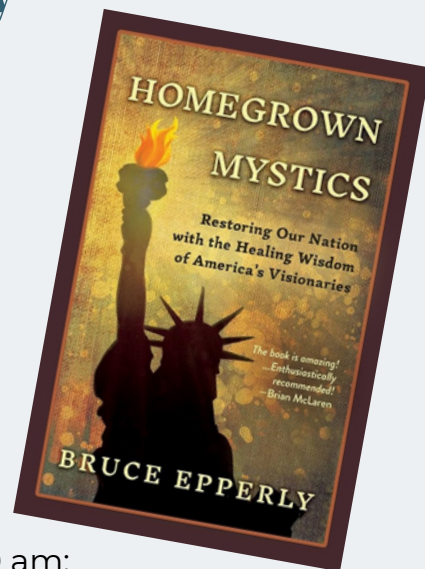
Godly Play

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

WITS - Women in Theological Study

For November and December, WITS (Women in Theological Study), is offering a new study series based on the book, *Homegrown Mystics: Restoring Our Nation with the Healing Wisdom of America's Visionaries* by Bruce Epperly.

From Ralph Waldo Emerson to Maya Angelou and Emily Dickinson to Howard Thurman, America's large-spirited mystics can lead us through the challenges of pluralism and polarization.

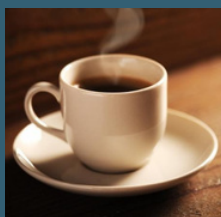


The dates for this series are these Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am:

November 6 and 13 in Barnabas

December 4 and 11 in our New Building!

If you have any questions about WITS or if you want to be added to a weekly reminder email list, please contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.



Coffee Club

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





heArt & Soul Retreat

Growing with Grace
February 6-8, 2026
The Lodge Montgomery Bell

We invite ALL WOMEN of St. Paul's to come enjoy this sacred time to nourish and love your creative spirit, your soul, and your body as a child of God.

Registration is now open. To hold a room your registration has to be in by December 20, 2025. Click on the QR code below to register online or you may fill out a registration form. The registration form can be found in Barnabas along with the flyer containing the link (<https://bit.ly/heArtandSoul2026>) and QR code.



We do not want to leave anyone out from a weekend of fun, friendship, fellowship and Grace.

Confidential Scholarships are available, Contact [Monna Mayhall](#) for information.

Questions? Contact Cassy Gilchrist at 615-957-7020 or cassygilchrist@gmail.com.

Cookbook Project

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee met in November to test Seafood recipes that were submitted. Our next meeting is January 14, at 1:00PM. We hope to be meeting in the newly renovated hall and kitchen!

Since we are trying every recipe, we need help with testing. Please reach out to any of us if you can make a recipe to bring to our meeting or try at a convenient time.

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee:
Heather Creel, Gwen McKee, Jackie King, Cindy Thomsen, Mindy Boggs, Becky Grimes, Kathy Ulezelski, Catherine Mayhew, Susan Miller

Social

Our next Social will be at the home of Cindy Tumblin, on Friday, November 21.

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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.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Spring Street

We had a fun Spring Street gathering where we learned about Dia de los Muertos and had a delicious taco bar lunch. Some very mysterious characters showed up! With pretty flowers and monarch butterflies we remembered special people who have passed. Many thanks to everyone who helped!



Spring Street Volunteer Opportunities

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

Next Spring Street

Spring Street will meet November 20. We will have a festive Thanksgiving meal and play games. If you can sign up to help, please click on the link: <https://bit.ly/spring-street-11-2025>



Kindred Spirits Event

Alison Burcham from Kindred Spirits delivered the stewardship minute on November 2nd. Kindred Spirits offers equestrian therapy for critically ill children. Here is information about their December 7th fundraiser.



Kindred Spirits
Presents
WINTER WONDERLAND

Bring the whole family for Charitable Christmas fun at the farm!

Ticket price includes: Professional photo with Mr & Mrs Claus, ingredients to make S'mores, winter game/activities, carrots to feed the reindeer (horses), and live music!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 1:00-4:00PM

ALL PURCHASES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

QUESTIONS, TEXT: 615-403-2858 www.kindredspiritsfarm.org Tickets: Eventbrite.com Search Words: Kindred Spi

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Dear Mr. Stockton and Members of St. Paul's Outreach Committee, Sept 14, 2025

On behalf of the students and staff of Henry's Educational Foundation, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation through Laps of Hope. Your commitment to education and to our vision is truly inspiring and will make a tangible difference in the lives of our students. Thank you again for your belief in our mission. We are



Honored to have your support.
With sincere appreciation,
The Henry Foundation

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, November 19th and Friday, November 21st. 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 November, they will meet on the 5th and 19th, from 9-10 am in Barnabas.

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

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 September 2025

September Summary: Three-fourths through the year and the parish is performing better than expected

Revenues: Pledges and cash-in-plate were much higher than expected - by over 30%. The return of regular services and the program year bolstered collections. For the year, we have collected nearly 87% of expected total cash-in-plate - with 3 months to go.

Expenses: Expenses were over budget in Personnel and under in Operations. Personnel costs were higher in Salaries, Health Insurance and Social Security Allowance - the later two being an issue of timing. In operations, expenses were higher in Music and Utilities and lower in numerous areas.

Overall: The parish budgeted for \$32,436 loss but operationally ran a deficit of only \$10,243. For the year, the parish remains \$78,000 to the good.



Monthly Summary								
Item	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	September 2025				Year to Date to September 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$90,388	\$69,110	\$21,278	30.8%	\$994,191	\$923,031	\$71,160	7.7%
Other Income	(\$1,579)	\$42	(\$1,621)	-3889.5%	\$5,332	\$3,375	\$1,957	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$88,809	\$69,152	\$19,657	28.4%	\$999,523	\$926,406	\$73,117	7.9%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$65,368	\$58,523	\$6,845	11.7%	\$540,208	\$526,907	\$13,301	2.5%
Operating Expenses	\$38,081	\$43,066	(\$4,984)	-11.6%	\$356,119	\$381,539	(\$25,420)	-6.7%
Total Expenses	\$103,449	\$101,587	\$1,861	1.8%	\$896,327	\$908,445	(\$12,118)	-1.3%
Net Operating Income	(\$14,640)	(\$32,435)	\$17,794		\$103,196	\$17,961	\$85,234	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	\$4,357				(\$25,307)			
Total Parish Performance	(\$10,283)				\$77,890			

November Birthdays

- 2 Frank Baugh
- 3 Jim Poole
- 4 Tod Hull, Shawn Gregory
- 5 Jason Riddle, George Gibson, Annette Phillips, Cindy Tumblin
- 6 Bo Sheller, Sara Richter, Lori Jones
- 7 Marty Ligon
- 8 Ward Stein, Lynn Burton
- 9 Carol Huber
- 10 Nicholson Dunavan, Cindy Painter, Mary Grace Gardner
- 11 Kate Pitsenberger
- 12 Christine Parnell, Meagan Benson
- 13 Laine Walters Young, Patty Norem
- 14 Vicki Stein
- 15 Dick Bobo
- 16 Susan Miller, Garner Spain
- 17 Tracy Waggoner, Susan Myers
- 19 Charlie Grimes, Laura McCown
- 20 Meghan Sutherland, Liz Lilly, Kathy Germain
- 21 Fred Newell, Hugh Hart
- 22 Mishelle Phillips, Rudy Gilchrist, Dan Tyler
- 23 Andy Peterson
- 24 Sheila Morreale, Henry Robinson, Francesca Lamb
- 25 Eric Johnson, Susan Hughes, Jerry Rasnic
- 26 Samantha Saalwaechter, Susan Black
- 27 Rex Anderson
- 28 Myla Johnson
- 29 Renee Reinhardt

November Anniversaries

2 Terry & Julie O'Donnell

6 Sean & Melissa Impeartrice

6 Woody & Beth Woodruff

13 Bob & Jan Abstein

18 Dick & Artie Bobo

18 Walter & Melanie Lampertz

20 Judy Oxford & Grant Benedict

21 Jim & Kathy Suttle

26 Jack & Donna Honeycutt

28 Mickey & Susan Trailov

29 Andy Peterson & Bob Barrett

Baptism

Halston Grace Glazier

Condolences to

- Family and Friends of Alex Wilkerson
- Mickey Trailov in the death of his brother Peter Trailov
- Gail Griffin in the death of her son and Kathy Bailey in the death of her brother Richard Lynam

