

The Epistle



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[Deadline for the May newsletter is April 26, 2026](#)



Upcoming Events

April 1

Royal Table

April 2

Maundy Thursday

April 3

Good Friday

April 4

Great Easter Vigil & Holy Eucharist

April 5

Easter

April 12

Annual Picnic

April 14

Newcomers Dinner

April 19

Pathfinders

April 22

Talent Show

April 25

WSP Flower Pick-Up

May 10

Youth Sunday

May 13

Gathering for Good
Meet & Eat

May 17

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation



Lenten Series Supper

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/>

A New St. Paul's Addition!



St. Paul's Family—

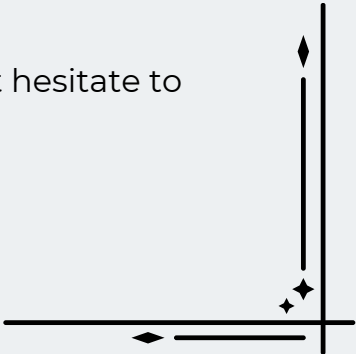
I have some very exciting news to share. If you haven't heard, the church has been able to obtain a new piece of property. Recently we closed on the apartments at the corner of 6th Ave. and Fair St. By the grace of God this small but valuable tract is now part of our expanding ministries.

Please know that, currently, we don't have any immediate plans concerning the apartments. The apartment tenants will stay where they are (which makes them very happy). However, the plot may be used for some very needed areas of ministry for the church. But that time is in the future.

For now, we can give thanks that we now own this property. This is such a wonderful gift that will be used for the glory of God for generations to come.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to call on me. Easter blessings to you all!

Peace-Rusty+



Scam Alert

St. Paul's Family---

It has come to my attention that there are people who still prey on our parishioners and attempt to steal money via emails. Recently I learned of a scam where many were asked to give me gift cards for our staff.



This is simply fraud.

Another common scam is asking for gift cards to give to a person in need through me.

Please know that neither Monna nor I will ever ask for money in that context. While we sometimes promote the giving of gift cards, it is never done through direct email.

I always suggest to look at the email that is sent to you.

My email address is: rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Monna's is: monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Any other email is from the bad guys.

These people will never stop. Please be aware of these scams and help others, especially the elderly, who may fall to this sophisticated scheme. Also if you ever have a question about an "ask" and it seems fishy please just pick up the phone and call me or Monna. And, of course, pray for these people that God will turn their hearts and minds on a better path.

Thanks so much and many Lenten and Easter blessings to you all.

Peace,
Rusty+

Memorial Garden

As most of you know, St. Paul's has history of committing the final burial remains of loved ones on the grounds of the church. The cremated remains have been placed in one of two columbariums, located inside the church or outside in the front garden. Using these have become more and more popular over the years. However, due to that popularity the church has run out of space for this ministry.

Over the past year, the vestry has pondered this issue and tried to find the proper solution. There were a number of options: 1) stop committing remains at the church, 2) build another columbarium similar to the current ones, 3) build a "wall" columbarium in the courtyard, and 4) start a "memorial garden."

Option one was quickly discarded as the vestry felt it is important to continue this in some manner. The second option was also not feasible due to the fact that the church doesn't have the space for another viable outdoor columbarium. We looked at some possibilities but it would detract from the overall look of the church, especially in the front greenspace. Plus, it would probably be bought out quickly as well and then we would be right back to the same problem. The same was felt for the third option. The space is not really usable for a wall columbarium and the places would be very finite.

So, we landed on the fourth option—an outdoor memorial garden. Using examples from other churches the vestry felt this was the best solution. The way a memorial garden works is this: ashes would be put in a biodegradable urn and then placed in the ground. Family will decide where the urn is placed. Since it is biodegradable, there wouldn't be a need to a dedicated space, only to be used once. Then, the loved one's name would be put on a dedicated plaque that will hang on the wall outside the church, in the courtyard.

The garden will be located on the east side of the front greenspace. We are working with a local landscaper to meet our needs. A memorial garden will allow us to continue the sacred ministry of having remains placed near the church. Also, having a garden will more ecologically sound, as well as economically. And there would never be a need to "reserve" a place.

We are excited that the church will be able to maintain this burial rite and provide for families in a time of great need. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Monna. Thank you and may God continue to bless our church home of St. Paul's.

Palm Sunday



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The Women of St. Paul's hosted a shower last month to stock our new kitchen! Monna offered this special blessing for the occasion.

Otay Kitchen Blessing

Holy God: Sacred source of this good earth and all that comes from it, we gather in gratitude for the blessings you have poured out upon this community and stirred into our spirits with this new kitchen space.

As we use it to cook and serve, may your grace be the secret ingredient in every pot, and may our patience never reach its boiling point. Help us to fold in kindness, sprinkle in joy, and avoid any half-baked attitudes.

May this space be a place where fellowship is simmered to perfection and no one leaves feeling fried. Keep our hearts seasoned with love and our gracious hospitality overflowing like a good gravy.

Bless this sacred space as a hearth of love for all, so that in serving the joyful or the sorrowful; young or old; rich or poor, we may satisfy hungry bodies and souls who feast here.

We ask all this in the name of the one who is the Bread of Life and true nourishment for our souls – your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen

March 20, 2026

Maker's Table Outing



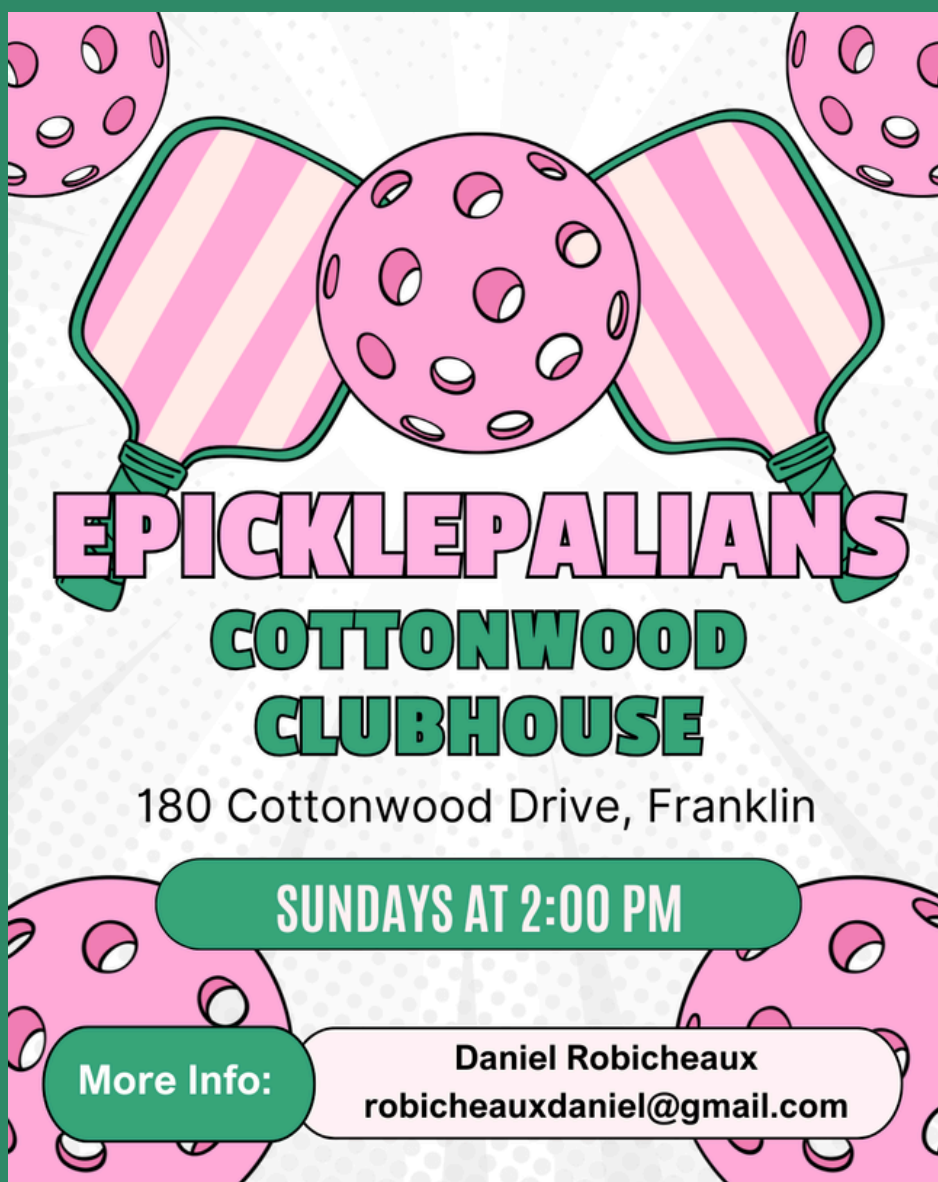
The Epicklepalians

Great news...St. Paul's has recently organized a Pickle Ball Group, EpicklePalians, and ready or not, we are getting out on the court!

Sundays 2:00 PM
Cottonwood Clubhouse
180 Cottonwood Drive, Franklin

If you are interested in learning to play Pickle Ball or are wanting to find people who like to play Pickle Ball, come out and join us for fun and fellowship. All levels of play (or no level of play) are welcome.

If you are interested in or have any questions about St. Paul's EpicklePalians, please contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com.



The Epicklepalians



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL

TALENT

Show!

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 22, 2026

OTEY HALL

DINNER AT 5:30 PM SHOW AT 6 PM

DINNER: \$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN, \$30 MAX PER FAMILY

WE NEED PERFORMERS AND VISUAL ART TOO!

**WE WANT TO CELEBRATE
ALL THE TALENT AT ST. PAUL'S!**

**CALL DONNA STOKES-ROGERS
TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS!
(615) 481-5144**

Meet and Eat: A Progressive Dinner



**Are You Looking for a
small group to socialize,
eat, or study with?**

**Then join us for our May
Gathering for Good event!**

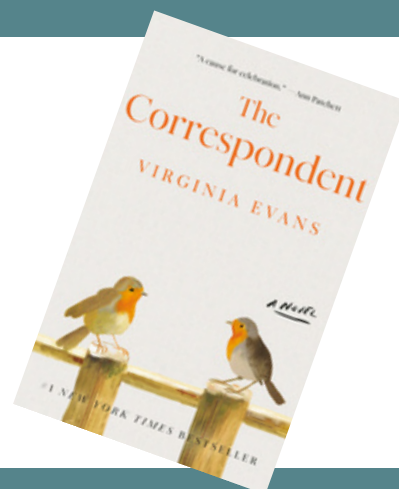
**Wednesday,
May 13 , 5:30 pm**

*Appetizers in Founders
-
Dinner in Otey Hall
-
Dessert in 6th Ave Courtyard*

Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet in Founders Hall, Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 to 8:00 PM to discuss of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Please join us! Bring a sip or a nibble to share, We look forward to seeing you then.



Newcomer's Dinner

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 on April 14th. 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.

Bishop Retirement

Bishop Bauerschmidt recently announced his retirement. Learn more about the Bishop Search here: <https://edtn.org/bishop-search/>



Biscuit Minute & Coffee Hour

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

Coffee Hour is after the 11:00 AM Service in Founders



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](#).

Flower Basket Pick Up

Spring Flower Basket Pick Up is Saturday, April 25, 8:15am-9:45am, in the Barnabas Parking Lot



Mahjong Mondays

New to the game or playing for years, we'd love to have you join us. We are about laughter and spirit-filled fellowship and a few rounds of Mahjong along the way.

Starting Monday, April 6th, Barnabas will be open at 1:00 pm for set up (front double doors to the big room and back kitchen door). We open with a prayer, and play begins at 1:15 pm and runs until 4:00 pm. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. We'll sign-up for snacks/hostesses monthly.

Please let us know if you are interested so that we have enough tables set-up for play. Contact Judy Larson (818-723-9395) or Jan Abstein (615) 347-8060 for more information.



Week of Wonder - Save the Date

We are excited to have the Week of Wonder back on St. Paul's campus this summer! Make plans to join us June 15-18th. Children ages 3 years old through rising 4th graders are invited to participate in our version of VBS. Rising 5th graders through adults are encouraged to participate as volunteers and leaders, and the whole parish is invited to a cookout celebration on Thursday, June 18th. Look for registration near the end of April.

Questions? Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.



EYG - Episcopal Youth Group

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Sundays, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group!

2026 St. Paul's Youth

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● 12th, Parish Picnic, 4:30 PM
25th, Car Park, 10 AM

● 10th, Youth Sunday
17th, Confirmation
17th, End of year Party

● Christian Formation, 10 AM

● Episcopal Youth Group (EYG), 4:30 PM

Youth Sunday

May 10 at 9:45 and 11:00 AM

As always, Mother's Day is also Youth Sunday! Both morning services will be led by our youth, from readers and ushers to the sermon! Join us in between services for a Reception and Group Photo from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in Founders. Sign up to be a part of the services here: <https://bit.ly/EYGYouthSunday>.



Are you or a loved one graduating? We want to celebrate with you! Fill out the form below by May 3 to be recognized in the Youth Sunday bulletin!



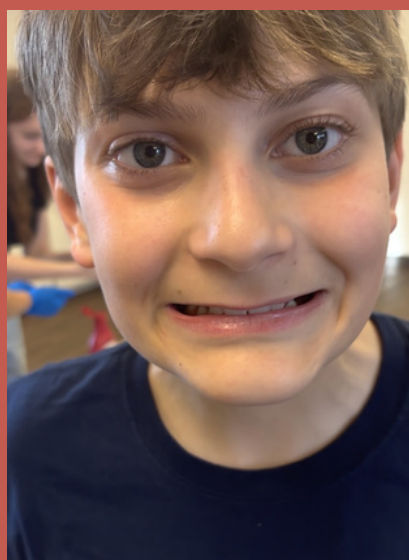
bit.ly/SPEGrads

Youth Christian Formation

Sundays, 10:00 AM in Barnabas

EYG - Episcopal Youth Group

Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Prep



Young Adults & College Students

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP APRIL EVENTS

SOULFUL

JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION,
SUNDAYS AT 10AM



SOCIAL

DINNER AND DISCUSSION AT KATHERINE'S
THURS. APRIL 23 [AT] 6:30 PM
1227 COOKS CT. BRENTWOOD



SERVICE

BRIDGES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER DRIVE
(MORE DETAILS TO COME)



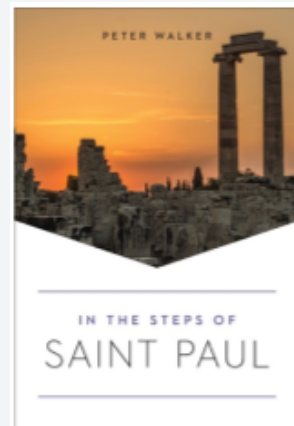
Sunday Christian Formation

Sundays Christian Formation Classes are at 10 AM.

Adult Christian Formation

In the Steps of St. Paul, 10 AM, Otey Hall

The Apostle Paul is often considered the greatest influencer, after Jesus, in the history of Christianity. Using Peter Walker's book, *In the Steps of Saint Paul*, along with other resources, we will explore and discuss St. Paul's wide-ranging travels. We will not only dig deeper into the places and the people, but also look at what motivated Paul to continue his missions.



Grab a cup of coffee, a biscuit, and a friend, and come join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am in Otey for the Adult Christian Formation class to learn more about our parish namesake – St. Paul.

Adult Book Study

What's So Amazing About Grace? 10 AM, Conference Room - 2nd Floor

Join us at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for a Christian formation book study of *What's So Amazing About Grace?* Together we'll explore how grace challenges, comforts, and transforms our lives and faith. We'll meet during the Formation Hour at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference on the 2nd floor—all are welcome.

Youth Formation

Sundays, 10:00 AM, Barnabas



Godly Play

Sundays, 10 AM, Godly Play Room, 1st Floor
3rd-5th Grade

WITS - Women in Theological Study

WITS (Women in Theological Study), will meet a couple more times in April. On April 9, we will meet at Bicentennial Park in Franklin (at 5th Ave. S.). Bring a lawn chair. If it is raining, we will meet at the church instead. On April 16, we will meet at the church. On April 16, we will meet at the church to listen to a Barbara Brown Taylor Sermon, followed by discussion. Come join us whenever you can.

Below is the calendar for WITS through the end of April.

April 9 – Bicentennial Park in Franklin – bring a lawn chair (weather permitting)

April 16 - Listen to Barbara Brown Taylor Sermon/Discussion

April 23 - No WITS: Spring Street

April 30 – No WITS – Ask a friend to meet you for coffee/lunch

WITS meets on Thursdays from 9:30 -11:00 am - in Meeting Room #205 on the 2nd floor, except for March 19 when we meet in Founders. If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.



EfM - Education for Ministry

Open Meeting April 14, 2026

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group invites you to an open meeting Tuesday April 14, 6:00 pm. You're invited! We will gather upstairs in the new building.

EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South. It examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology.

As the EfM website states, "the EfM program is designed to help (lay) Christians prepare for their ministry. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the communion service: 'And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.'"

The St. Paul's group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm, September through May. For more information about the open meeting or the EfM program contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949 or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net. Please let us know if you'd like to attend. We hope you can join us.



Coffee Club

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

DOK - Daughters of the King

St. Paul's has an active Chapter of Daughters of the King and would love to welcome new members. We plan to start a 12 week discernment program in January. We already have several women who are planning to discern.

Women interested in information are invited to contact Karen Austin KSAustin@bellsouth.net or Beth Woodruff woodruffbeth96@gmail.com.

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.



Women of St. Paul's





A Delicious Update from the St. Paul's Cookbook Committee!



The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee had a flavorful April, successfully testing 16 new recipes for our upcoming collection. A huge thank you to all the extra testers and tasters who lent their palates to the process!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, at 1:00 PM in Otey Hall.

We would love for you to get involved. If you're interested in preparing a recipe to bring to the meeting or testing one at home on your own, please reach out to any committee member. Of course, you are also more than welcome to stop by and help us taste!

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

Outreach - Love Thy Neighbor

Thank you to our many St. Paul's volunteers that "Loved Thy Neighbors" during the month of March. We provided nourishment and fellowship to homeless men staying overnight at Franklin First United Methodist Church through the Room In the Inn (RITI) program.

- Katie Faulkner and Kathy Ulezelski – designed beautiful lunch bags for the men.
- Daughters of the King – wrote cards of encouragement that went into the lunch bags.
- Kathy Berry – provided tea, lemonade and cookies.
- Susie Trabue, Inez Rice, Paul Hannah, Stader Richardson, Mishelle Phillips, Pat McCracken and Laura McCown – cooked the meal and prepared & packed lunch bags in Otey Kitchen.
- Paul, Mishelle, Pat and Laura - set up, served the meal and cleaned up.



Outreach - Love Thy Neighbor

Cookie Ministry

A NEW ministry, coordinated by Love Thy Neighbor, offers the chance for volunteers to provide kindness, encouragement, thanks and some yummy treats to our hard-working neighbors. St. Paul's Cookie Ministry 's mission is to deliver homemade cookies to non-profits, emergency and first responders in our community as a thank you for the vital, compassionate work they perform.



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On Sunday April 19th, we welcome volunteers to bake and bring homemade cookies bagged with name on attached and leave them in Otey Kitchen.

On Monday April 20th, beginning at 10:00 in Otey Hall, we are looking for volunteers to repackage cookies into cute boxes with labels and a thank you note, and then deliver cookies to a provided list of recipients. Contact: Laura McCown 205-601-6959. Sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/CookieMinistry>

Field Day Help Needed

Spring is here and Franklin Elementary School (FES) needs help with their end-of-school Field Day! This initiative stems from a partnership between St. Paul's Love Thy Neighbor ministry and United4Hope, an organization dedicated to connecting churches and public schools to help teachers, students and communities thrive. We need volunteers on Friday, May 8th, from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. and/or 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. The morning session is for kindergarten and 1st graders; afternoon session is for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. Rain date is Monday, May 11th.

Volunteers need to watch one hour of online training and complete a background check. Contact Pat McCracken at 615-351-1113.

Outreach - Spring Street

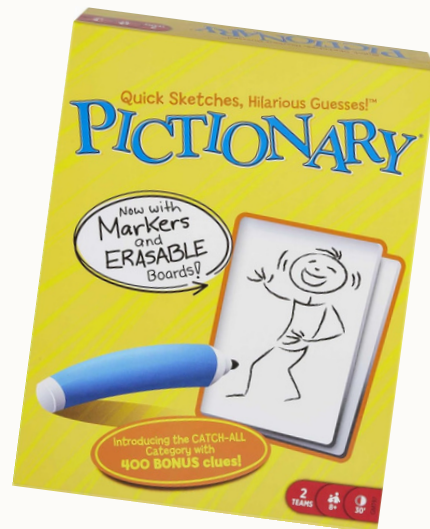
Our March Spring Street great! We had an Easter/spring theme and a brunch menu which was a nice change. We enjoyed creating floral votive candle holders. Many thanks to everyone who helped!

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking forward to a sandwich lunch and playing Pictionary this month!

We still need Volunteers!

Sign up to volunteer here:
<https://bit.ly/SpringStreet-0426>



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 January delivery dates are Wednesday, March 18 and Friday, March 20. 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 March, they will meet on the 4th and 18th, from 10-11 am in Founders.

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

CITY (Church in the Yard)

On the third Sunday of each month, a group from St. Paul's travels to the Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville to participate in Church in the Yard (a.k.a. "CITY"). We serve hot meals to 125-150 of our homeless brothers and sisters and provide them with a small ToGo bag of food that they can take with them to eat later. Throughout the year we also provide coats, scarves, gloves, socks and other essential clothing when we can.

If you feel called to support our outreach efforts through this ministry, there are many ways you can help: grocery shopping, food preparation, assembling ToGo bags, serving food at Holy Trinity, and providing clothing as needed. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ellen Kirk 615-545-8820/ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635/gwhancock44@gmail.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

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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

The Corner Shop

The Corner Shop is open again and is now located behind the reception desk. We have a few new items such as the Limited Edition St. Paul's sweatshirt for \$30. Remember all of the proceeds from the gift shop support various ministries and outreach at St. Paul's.



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.

April Birthdays

- 1 Jim Miller, A. J. Morreale, Phil Pace, Josh Bailey, Connie Dickerson
- 2 Alexander Angola, Stephanie Hastings
- 3 Heather Angola, Sam Liang
- 4 Ed McCullough, Nicholas Paris, Emily Love
- 5 Reina Ramirez, Jo Ann Scalf, Jon Roebuck
- 6 Katy Porter
- 7 Reagan Zegley
- 8 Joe Agnetta
- 9 Gwen McKee
- 10 John Seibert
- 11 Carl Campbell, Justin Jones, Patti Rodocker
- 12 Hannah Lassiter, Sue Sieveking, Kristy Moore
- 14 Caroline Butler, Tim Sumja
- 15 Olivia Miniati, Sam Yeager
- 16 Lea Larsen
- 18 Sarah Karpie, Kathleen Webster, Cindy Shapiro
- 19 Sean Impeartrice, Margaret D. Brown, Francee Preston,
Sally Johnson, Elizabeth Grant, Tate Roh
- 20 Georgie Blackhurst
- 21 Ken Stansberry, Spencer Dibble
- 23 Laurel Aiello, Mary Emilie Acklen
- 24 Kay Heller
- 25 Fred Warner, Olivia Montero, Jared Sullivan
- 26 Melissa Impeartrice, Brooke Newell, Justin Bushnell, Bill Phelps
- 27 Jeff Calvert
- 28 Catherine Mayhew, Laura Kinnard, Louise Thurman, William Hopper
- 29 Mary Kate Brandon, Hattie Lambert
- 30 Ruth Travis, Will Miniati, Jake Martini

April Anniversaries

- 1 Doug & Joyce Little
- 7 Ken & Karen Young
- 7 Justin & Amanda Bushnell
- 9 Doug & Monna Mayhall
- 9 Mike & Linda Wesson
- 10 William & Lauren Branson
- 14 Mark & Catherine Mayhew
- 17 Lynn & Creighton Cook
- 19 Charles & Elizabeth Marshall
- 20 John & Shannon Seibert
- 21 Ed & Lucy McCullough
- 22 Ben & Susan Nance
- 23 Mark & Andrea Hyssong
- 26 Frank & Trish Baugh
- 30 Tony & Sheila Morreale

Births

Caleb Paul Saalwaechter, son of John Paul and Samantha Saalwaechter

Condolences to

- Angie Yeager in the death of her sister, Cass Meeks
- Wallace Beachamp in the death of his wife, Louise Jordan Beachamp
- Mandy Nickerson and family in the death of John Nickerson

