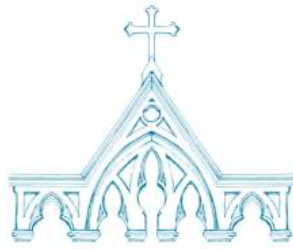


Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!



The Festal Eucharist of Easter Day
Sunday, April 5, 2026



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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FOUNDED IN 1827

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April 5, 2026, 8:45 and 11:00 am

Childcare is available.

Please ask ushers for directions to the nursery.

Organ Prelude: *Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)* -Benedetto Marcello

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn: *Welcome, Happy Morning*

H-179

*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!*

Refrain: *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.*

*Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
All fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
Speak his sorrows ended, hail his triumph now. Refrain*

*Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
Hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. Refrain*

*Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
Thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead, true and only Son,
Mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. Refrain*

*Thou of life the author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'Tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! Refrain*

*Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! Refrain*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord

People: **Amen.**

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 222

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 *(Sung by the Adult Choir)*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it

The Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

Gospel Hymn: He is Risen!

Hymnal-180, vs 1,2, and 4

*He is risen, he is risen! Tell it our with joyful voice;
He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice;
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.*

*Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that he bore- sin and pain can vex no more.*

*He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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

The Prayers of the People – Form III

BCP, p. 387

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: **That we all may be one.**
Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect by the Celebrant

The Peace

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory: *Lift Your Voice, Rejoicing*- Roland E. Martin (Adult Choir with Zachariah Govan, trumpet)

*Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary,
Christ has risen from the tomb;
on the cross a suffering victim,
now as victor he is come.
Whom your tears in death were mourning,
welcome with your smiles returning.
Let your alleluias rise!*

*Raise your weary eyelids, Mary,
see him living evermore;
see his countenance how gracious,
see the wounds for you he bore.
All the glory of the morning*

*pales before those wounds redeeming.
Let your alleluias rise!*

*Life is yours for ever, Mary,
for your light is come once more
and the strength of death is broken;
now your songs of joy outpour.
Ended now the night of sorrow,
love has brought the blessed morrow.
Let your alleluias rise*

Presentation Hymn: Love's Redeeming Work is Done

H-188, vs 1 and 3

*Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head;
Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-130

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

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.
If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.
If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

Music during communion:

Choral Anthem: *This Joyful Eastertide*- Woodward and Wood

Organ: *Easter Hymn Medley*- arr. by A. Clarke and H. Scholz

Choral Anthem: *Come Away to the Skies*- Barnum

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post-Communion Anthem (*Please stand if you are able*) *Hallelujah Chorus* from Messiah- George Frideric Handel

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Lord, bestow upon you the richest of all blessings. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin in to newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

H-207

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

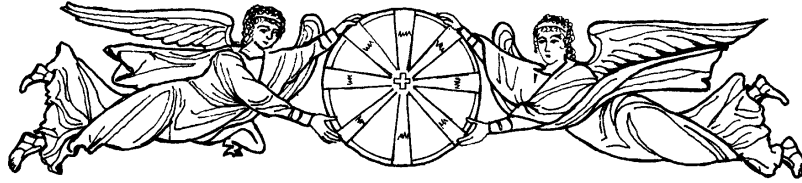
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Laudation*- G. Martin



The Easter Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:

In appreciation for the flower ministry for all they provide the St Paul's family
by Judy Larson

In joyful thanksgiving for our grandchildren, George, Henry, Charlie and Owen
by Richard and Nancy Boring

In honor of their children: Gina Getter, Dawn Weed, Nicole Agbunag, and Elizabeth Ramsey;
11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren
by Margaret Brown

In honor of their children, Kira and Kiley
by Karen Austin and Ken Young

In loving memory of Walter and Joyce Scholten and Cedric and Irma Woodruff
by Beth and Woody Woodruff

In loving memory of Jon Kinnard
by Laura Kinnard and Campbell Kinnard

In loving memory of John Nickerson
by Mandy Nickerson

In loving memory of Peggy and Tom Love, Jr., and Peggy Capadalis
by Tom and Emily Love

In loving memory of Patrick Rhea, Paul Douglas Trapeni, and Dr. John Hugh Mather
by Dylan and Karen Rhea

The Choral Offerings are given to the Glory of God and:

In appreciation of the St. Paul's Music Ministry
by Judy Larson

In honor of Cindy Painter
by Lauren, Andrew & Margaret

In thanksgiving for the life of John Nickerson
by Mandy Nickerson

In thanksgiving for and loving memory of David Medlin
by Laura, Piper, Deacon & Shelby

In loving memory of Gene Brown
by Margaret Brown

In loving memory of Richard and Nancy Boring Sr and Charlie Newcomer
by Nancy and Richard Boring

In loving memory of Rick Jackson
by Elizabeth Page, Alston, Avery, and Eliza Tyer

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

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

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

Maggie Gilchrist, *Nursery Coordinator* • Ashley Anderson, *Youth Intern*

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Reina Ramirez, Jo Ann Scalf, Jon Roebuck **Monday:** Katy Porter **Tuesday:** Reagan Zegley **Wednesday:** Joe Agnetta
Thursday: Gwen McKee **Friday:** Carl Campbell, Justin Jones, Patti Rodocker

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tuesday: Ken Young and Karen Austin **Thursday:** Doug and Monna Mayhall **Friday:** Mike and Linda Wesson, William and Lauren Branson

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Chris Oberholtzer	Judy Stockton
Usher:	Jim Lambert	Sam Yeager
Usher (Coffee Bar/Hallway):		
Usher (Otey Hall):	Ed Miller	Frank Baugh
1 st Reader:	Jim Lambert	Steve Thompson
2 nd Reader:	Jim Lambert	Elizabeth Page
Prayers:	Chris Oberholtzer	Iain Macpherson
Crucifer:	Gerald Hancock	Forrest Latta
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Phyllis Thompson
Altar Guild:	Laura McCown	Candace Daly
Chalice Bearer:	Gerald Hancock	Ann Denson
Chalice Bearer:	Daniel Alvarado	Chris Oberholtzer
Chalice Bearer (Otey):	Mike Gengler	Daniel Alvarado
Chalice Bearer (Otey):	Becky Gengler	John Bennet Waters
Torch Bearer:	Oliver Werner	Larson Rabinowitz
Torch Bearer:		
Vestry Person of the Day:	Ann Denson	
Vestry Person of the Day:	Mark Tumblin	
Musician:	Zachariah Govan, trumpet	

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Phyllis Gray, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Neil Atkinson, Abu-Ali Abdur 'Rahman, Tom Stearns, Catherine Mayhew, Margaret Brown, Mary Emilie Acklen, David Holt, Darrell Harris, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Tim, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, Wendi, Evelyn, Connie, Pam, Bob and Sue, Oliver, and Emron

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, Jacob, Roy, Nicholas, Daniel, and Chris

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



TODAY – April 5, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, & 11:00 am

10:00-11:00 **Easter Egg Hunt and Reception** meet in Sanctuary
12:00-12:30 **Coffee Time** in Founders Hall

Churchwide Events

Parish Picnic and Holy Eucharist • Sun, Apr 12 • 4:30 • Berry Farms Pavilion • 332 Hughes Lane, Franklin

Come join us for a short Eucharist followed by dinner and fellowship at Berry Farms. Families with last names beginning with A-R: Bring a side dish to share and S-Z: bring a dessert. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a chair!

Gathering for Good • Talent Show • Wed, Apr 22 • Otey Hall • 5:30

Do you sing? Dance? Write Poetry? Juggle? We need your acts! Please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at 615-481-5144 to share your talents. Plan to join us for dinner at 5:30 pm and a great show starting at 6:00 pm!

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Resumes April 19 • Room 205 – 2nd Floor

Adult Formation Book Study • Resumes April 19 • Conf Room - 2nd floor

Youth Formation • Resumes April 19 • Barnabas

All 6th – 12th grade students are welcome!

Children Formation • Resumes April 19 • Godly Play Rooms

All children from 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome!

Parish Life

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.

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • 6:45 AM • Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wed mornings to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • April • Thursdays • 9:30-11:00 am • 2nd Floor Meeting Space, Room 205 on Apr 16

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.

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

Upcoming Dates:

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

Apr 16 - Listen to Barbara Brown Taylor Sermon/Discussion

Apr 23 - No WITS: Spring Street

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

Understanding Art Made Fun • Fri, Apr 10 • 10:00-11:30 • Otey

The Maker's Table would like to invite everyone for a fun excursion. On Fri, Apr 10 (depart St. Paul's at 10:30), we will visit the Frist museum and have lunch downtown. Cost is \$16-\$20. Please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 481-5144 or donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.

Pickle Ball Anyone? • Sundays • See Time Below • Cottonwood Clubhouse

Great news...St. Paul's has recently organized a Pickle Ball Group, EpicklePalians, and we are getting out on the court the week after Easter

Sunday, April 12, at 1:00 pm (note time). All Following Sundays at 2:00 pm

(Cottonwood Clubhouse - 180 Cottonwood Dr., 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

Newcomers Dinner • Tues, Apr 14 • 6:00 pm • 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 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.

Education for Ministry (EfM) • Open Meeting • Apr 14 • 6:00 • Conf. Rm.

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group invites you to an open meeting You're invited! 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. 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.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Apr 15 • 10-11:00 am • Founders Hall

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 key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please note the new meeting space. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Pathfinders-Senior Adult Ministry • Sun, Apr 19 • 4:00-7:30 • Live Comedy Show at WCPAC followed by Social Hour in Otey Hall

Come for the nostalgia, stay for the laughs, and leave wondering if you need a new pacemaker. Host Paul Aldrich, a veteran comedian and guitarist with multiple Dry Bar specials to his credit, is joined by world-class ventriloquist David Pendleton and Nashville's own clean-comedy favorite Rik Roberts for a night of sharp wit and relatable humor that audiences everywhere love.

4:00-6:00 pm – Boomer Boys Comedy Show at Williamson County Performing Arts Center (112 Everbright Ave, Franklin)

6:00-7:30 pm – Social Hour in Otey Hall (heavy hor d'oeuvres) \$25 for show --- RSVP by April 12 to Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 790-0527. Please pay St. Paul's for your tickets, and note Pathfinders. Pathfinders is a ministry planned for people 55 years old and older – though we welcome all ages!

Young Adults Dinner Group • Thurs, Apr 23 • 6:30 • 1227 Cooks St., Brentwood

College students and young adults in your 20s or 30s are invited to join us for dinner! Bring a dish to share and an item to stock the Little Free Pantry. RSVP to the young adults GroupMe event. Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information or to be added to the GroupMe!

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • Sun, Apr 19 & 26 • 4:30-6:00 • Barnabas

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

Children

VBS • Save the date for Week of Wonder 2026! • June 15-18

We are excited to have the Week of Wonder back on St. Paul's campus this summer! 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 Thurs, June 18th. Look for registration near the end of April. Questions? Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Outreach

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • April 14

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. We plan to meet there from 12:40 pm -1:30 pm, giving us a chance to visit with residents and eat cake, too! Interested? Location: Charter Senior Living (105 Sunrise Circle, Franklin) Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

CITY – a Homeless Ministry • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • Apr 19

On the third Sunday of each month, a group from St. Paul's travels to downtown Nashville to participate in Church in the Yard ("CITY"). We serve hot meals to 125-150 of our homeless brothers and sisters. There are many ways to help – Questions? Contact Ellen 615-545-8820 / ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Gerald 615-604-9635 or gwhancock44@gmail.com

Announcements

Women of St. Paul's Flower Sale • Pickup on Apr 25

Pickup is Apr 25th in Barnabas parking lot.

Stephen Ministry

There are periods when one feels empty or broken-hearted, or times when there are too many questions and not enough answers. The help of a Stephen Minister may be part of the answer. We are not the solution, but we can be the sounding board for your inner thoughts and search for direction. We can walk with you in search for answers. If interested, please contact Monna Mayhall at 615-618-2276 or Carol Waters at 615-364-3405

Welcome to St. Paul's

Everyone — whoever you are and wherever you are on your spiritual journey —
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