

The Epistle



JULY 2026

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**July 2026
 Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Friday
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Office Closed July 3, 2026

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY:
 A member of the clergy is always on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call is 615-790-0527. You will then be directed to a member of the clergy.

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Art Day Out in Leiper's Fork

The Epistle is published each month. Please 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 August newsletter is July 26, 2026](#)



Supplies collected for Gentry's Educational Foundation by our VBS kids.

Upcoming Events

July 12

Food Pantry Sunday

July 12

Bluegrass & Stained Glass

July 12 - 18

Mountain TOP

August 9

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 9

Bluegrass & Stained Glass

August 23

St. Paul's Birthday

September 4 -5

WSP Annual Bazaar

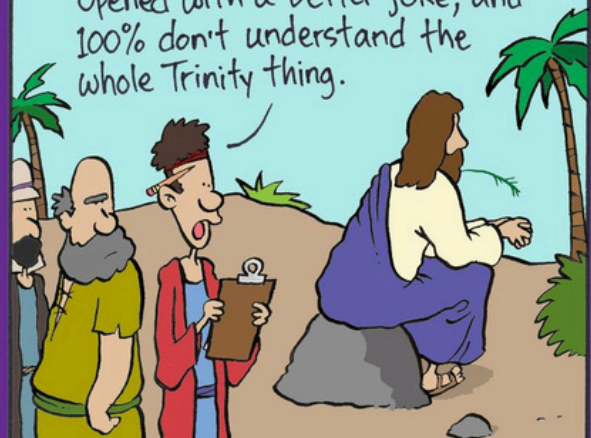
Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar, under the "About Us" tab on the church website: <https://bit.ly/Calendar-SP>



Comics Corner

THE 13th DISCIPLE, REUBEN THE POLLSTER, TURNED OUT TO BE AN IRRITANT AND WAS SOON DISMISSED.

91% of people want to see more miracles, 58% believe your Sermon on the Mount could have opened with a better joke, and 100% don't understand the whole Trinity thing.



Week of Wonder



Week of Wonder





FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 12

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY

Individual:

- Mac n' cheese
- Soup cups
- Applesauce & fruit cups
- Dried fruits
- Cereal cups
- Jello/pudding cups

- Protein, Granola & Cereal bars
- Cheese & peanut butter crackers
- Trail Mix
- Jerky, pepperoni & summer sausage

- Pop top items:
- Vienna sausage
- Chicken & tuna
- Canned Dinners
- Tuna salad snack packs



FOOD PANTRY

- Dried Milk/3-10 individual pkgs in box
- Pasta Sauce 16-20 oz
- Canned Dinners
- Canned Chicken
- Cereal 12-16 oz boxes
- Spaghetti 1lb long boxes
- Peanut Butter 16-28 oz
- Jelly
- Saltines
- Canned fruit
- Rice a Roni/Rice 1lb bag
- Canned Vegetables
- Mac n' Cheese boxes
- Canned Beans/Dried 1lb
- Diced Tomatoes 16oz
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Soups
- Snacks: Breakfast Bars
- Individual wrapped fruit & other snacks
- Cake/Brownie Mix
- Oatmeal packets
- Stuffing in boxes
- Water bottles 8-16oz
- Individual juice boxes/pouches



ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

LEARN MORE:



stpaulsfranklin.com/food-pantry/

These items are packed in recyclable bag each week.

The guide for sizes listed will fit in one bag. Least expensive bags are Aldi's & Walmart. Item's listed in order of need.



Our next Holy Hike ...

WHEN: Saturday, July 18 at 9:00 am

**WHERE: Peacock Hill Nature Park
6990 Giles Hills Road; College Grove, TN**

**(Check our social media night before
in case we cancel due to weather)**



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 at Pride Festival and Juneteenth





ST. PAUL'S PRESENTS

BLUEGRASS & STAINED GLASS

SUNDAYS 10 AM:

JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUGUST 9

510 WEST MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, TN 37064



JOIN US AT OUR EXCITING ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR



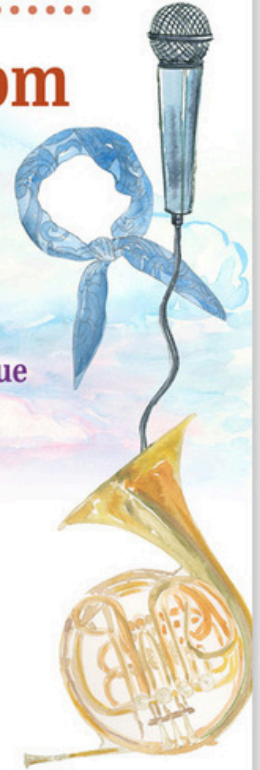
September 4th & 5th 9am-3pm

510 West Main Street



*I see treasures
in your future!*

Contact: Susi Trabue
@ 615.423.0750



DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS AT OTEY HALL

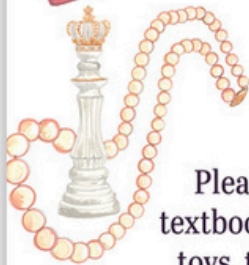
Sun., Aug. 30th 9am-noon

Mon., Aug. 31st through Wed., Sept. 2nd 10am-3pm

VOLUNTEER AT THE BAZAAR

Organizing & pricing - Thurs., Sept. 3rd 10am-3pm

Clean up - Sun., Sept. 6th 9am-noon



ITEM DETAILS

Please bring your clean treasures. No heavy furniture, clothes, shoes, or textbooks. Yes to handbags, shopping bags, newspapers for wrapping, games, toys, tools, linens, household items, sporting goods, and jewelry and more.



This bazaar is to raise money for The Women of St. Paul's, so we can have big fun together!

Here are some things The Women of St. Paul's (WSP) spend money on:

WSP's retreat (down deposit on hotel) • Mountain Top (donated money for the young councilor's salary requirements & Sonic Gift Cards) • WSP helped to restore stained glass window in the hall & new louvers in the bell tower • WSP sends flowers to lift people who are grieving • the youth group • Music ministry • The Men of St. Paul's & more. Join us, won't you?



Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On June 24, two strong earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela in rapid succession. Your gift to our International Disaster Fund supports work with local partners to provide critical relief today and long-term recovery support to those impacted by disasters like the earthquakes in Venezuela. Please make your urgent tax-deductible donation now. Donate through Episcopal Relief & Development: <https://bit.ly/ERD-Venezuela>

Mountain TOP Notes of Encouragement

Turn in by July 10

We are headed to MTOP July 12 - 18. If you would like to send notes of encouragement or goodies to our MTOP team, please turn into the front desk by July 10. Our team has 12 members, and 3 St. Paul's college students are on full-time staff.



If you prefer to mail your gift to camp (non-perishable recommended if you mail), you may send it here:

For Packages:

Mountain T.O.P.
ATTN: St. Paul's Episcopal Church Campers
480 Old Hwy 56
Coalmont, TN 37313

For Mail:

Mountain T.O.P.
ATTN: St. Paul's Episcopal Church Campers
PO Box 128
Altamont, TN 37301

Thank you all for your support of our team during this wonderful week of service!

Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet in Founders Hall, Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 to 8:00 PM to discuss *The Academy* by Elin Hildebrand and Shelby Cunningham.

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



Downtown Franklin Parking Survey

The City of Franklin is currently conducting the Park Franklin Parking Study to get ideas and perspectives about how parking currently works with church members in downtown Franklin.

Our congregation is asked to complete the Park Franklin Online Survey by July 10. Your input, will help guide future parking strategies and ensure a broad range of voices are represented. The survey can be translated and taken in English and in Spanish.

The City of Franklin asks you to please:

- Help us spread the word
- Encourage your church members to participate
- The survey only takes a few minutes to complete
- Every response makes a meaningful difference

Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/Franklin-Parking-Survey>

Park Franklin
the Central Franklin Parking Study

Scan for Franklin Parking Survey

How to Get Involved

- Take online surveys
- Share feedback on the project website
- Follow project updates on City of Franklin channels

What Happens Next
Community feedback will help shape recommendations to be reviewed by City leadership and shared publicly

What We're Studying

- Daily parking availability and use
- Impacts of paid and free parking
- Parking during festivals and large events
- Parking needs along Columbia Avenue and West Main Street

Coffee Club - Summer Edition

The Mens Coffee Club will meet 6:45 - 7:45 am during the month of July in the Conference Room.



Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

We looking for volunteers to help with the Food Pantry. Please contact Debbie Whitlock at dcwhitlock@gmail.com.



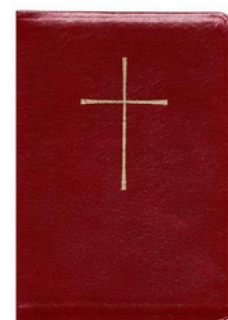
Lemonade in the Shade

Sundays after the 10 AM service in the Main Street courtyard.



Compline

Compline will be offered the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 8:15 PM in Founders Hall, unless otherwise noted. All are welcome. No RSVP needed, just bring your BCP and Bible, if you wish. We'll read this peaceful, short service together, and be finished by 9:00. Contact Ann Denson if questions at densonannm@gmail.com.



Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays, Mondays 1:15 - 4:00 PM, Barnabas

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.



The EpicklePalians

St. Paul's Pickle Ball Group, The EpicklePalians, play every week:

Sundays 2:00 PM

Cottonwood Clubhouse

180 Cottonwood Drive, Franklin, TN

Questions? Contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com.



Bishop Retirement

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

Youth Pilgrimage





SUMMER

EYG Events



**MAY 31ST, JUNE 28TH, JULY 26TH FROM 4:30-6PM
MEET AT BARNABAS**



Young Adults & College Students



Young Adults

POOL PARTY

11

JULY

3:30 PM

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Bring a snack and the family!

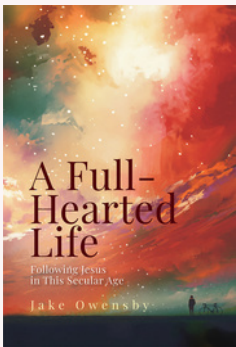
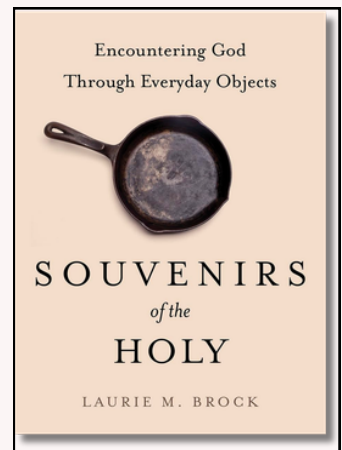
rsvp to brett@stpaulsfranklin.com



WITS - Women in Theological Study

WITS continues a study series based on the book *Souvenirs of the Holy: Encountering God Through Everyday Objects* by Laurie M. Brock. We are using this book to connect with God, memories, and our deepest self through the simple stuff of life, discovering God's love and grace in the ordinary objects of our lives. No purchase of the book is necessary.

In mid-July, we will spend a session delving into some DreamWork, just an overview. We will discuss dreams in the Bible, and also explore dream imagery and symbolism.



To wrap up July, Jean Larson will offer a 2-week study series based on *A Full-Hearted Life: Following Jesus in a Secular World* by Rev. Jake Owensby (Bishop of Western Louisiana and Chancellor of Sewanee University of the South). This book looks at how believing in Jesus gives us a sense of who we are, why we are here, what the good life is, and how to move toward that good life.

Upcoming Dates:

July 2 - Souvenirs of the Holy - Part 3 (Discussion on Chapters 9-12)

July 9 - Souvenirs of the Holy - Part 4 (Discussion on Chapters 13-15)

July 16 – Dog Days of Summer DreamWork

July 23 – Wellness and Well-being (A Full-Hearted Life)

July 30 – Living a Full-Hearted Life (A Full-Hearted Life)

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.

Education for Ministry (EfM) — Registration 2026

St. Paul's EfM (Education for Ministry) seminar group will resume in September but now is the time to register for the upcoming year. Our group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm.

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

Here is a link to EfM's website:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program/>

As the EfM website states, the program is built around five core practices: Living in Community, Prayer and Worship, Theological Reflection (TR), Study, and Lay Vocational Discernment. In other words, the program focuses on theological reflection, small-group engagement, and transformation.

For more information, contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net.



DOK - Daughters of the King

St. Paul's has an active Chapter of Daughters of the King and would love to welcome new members.

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.



Men's Annual BBQ

The Men's Annual BBQ is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd! This event funds all our outreach activities. So far this year, we have cooked for Church in the Yard, Freedom Reigns, Davis House, Boys and Girls Clubs, Two Hands and other local organizations.

Our kick-off meeting for this year's BBQ is Wednesday August 5th at 6pm in Barnabas. Please join us if you are planning to help this year or want to learn about the event! Contact Marty Karpie martykarpie@gmail.com or Jim Miller james.e.miller63@gmail.com for more information!

If you would like to take part in our regular outreach cooks, please contact Marty or Fred Warner fredhwarner@gmail.com.



July Events

July 1, 2026 — Boys and Girls Club of Franklin dinner.

July 11, 2026 — Mountain TOP Merryville, Michigan youth and leaders.

July 12, 2026 — Mountain TOP St. Paul's and Merryville, Michigan youth and leaders breakfast and lunch.

July 14, 2026 — A MOSP Evening. Details below!



A Men of St. Paul's Evening

Please join us Tuesday, July 14 in Otey Hall, at 6 PM for some conversation and fellowship.

This is not a BBQ planning session (those are coming), but rather what the MoSP did in previous years - a light dinner, some minor business, and a guest speaker.

Our guest speaker will be Gerry Helper. Gerry recently retired from the Nashville Predators where he was a day 1 employee. He held a variety of roles with the team and worked A LOT on the Predator Foundation which helped to fund many of the same non-profits that we cook for including Saddle Up and Freedom Reigns. In 2022, the Preds Foundation renamed their grants program to Helper Grants in honor of his long work with the Foundation. Prior to coming to Nashville and Franklin, Gerry worked for the Tampa Bay Lightning, the NHL League Office, and the Buffalo Sabres.

Gerry's late wife Kim was an active member of St. Paul's serving as a Sunday School teacher and on the Vestry.

We will have some food and beverages beginning at 6 PM with Gerry speaking after a few MoSP business topics to discuss.

Please let Jim Miller know if you will be attending so we will have enough food. Jim's e-mail is james.e.miller63@gmail.com or text or call (615) 566-9473.



The Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee
80th Annual Conference

"Faith in Action"

St. Mary's Conference Center - Sewanee

August 7-9, 2026

More Information and Registration: <http://tnchurchmen.org>



Save the date for the 80th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Laymen of Tennessee at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, August 7-9, 2026. The beautiful mountaintop setting is the perfect location to host the next generation of Laymen's conferences. This year's conference theme is "Faith in Action: Building Resilient Men, Restoring Communities, Renewing the Earth."

Speakers:

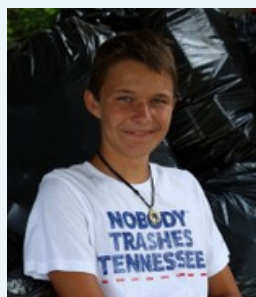


Dr. John Posey

Dr. John Posey is a certified trainer, coach, speaker, and DISC consultant, and a founding member of The John Maxwell Team. With nearly five decades of experience developing leaders across diverse social, technical, and educational settings, John brings a practical blend of ministry, business, and leadership.

Dr. Nathan Napier

Dr. Nathan Napier is a specialist in faith and culture. His teaching and research focus on the rise of non-religious sentiment and on expanding the Church's theology of mission and evangelism, inviting communities to reimagine the Great Commission in the rapidly changing 21st century.



Cash Daniels

Cash Daniels is a youth conservationist focused on protecting waterways and inspiring others—especially young people—to take practical action for nature.

Socials

July 17 - Becky Gengler's, 924 Carnation Drive, Spring Hill

September 17 - Pam Leet's, 529 Ardmore Place, Franklin

Upcoming Events

- Labor Day Bazaar - September 4 and September 5. Donations Accepted - August 30 - September 2
- Fall Mum Sale - Dates to follow
- 2026 Christmas Tea - December 12

If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with anyone on the WSP Board.

Christmas Tea

After a two-year hiatus, we are returning with an improved kitchen, beautiful appointments in Otey, and some fresh ideas alongside many beloved traditions for the annual English Tea on Saturday, December 12.

Tickets will go on sale to parish members on Monday, October 5 and to the community at large on Monday, October 12.

Would you like to be a part of the Tea in December this year? We are looking for bakers, decorators, servers, dish washers, and all types of help. If you would like to get involved in this wonderful event, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or (615)481-5144.

We would love your help and enthusiasm. Mark your calendars!





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

We had a wonderful and bountiful meeting in July testing more of your delicious submissions for our upcoming church cookbook!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at 1:00 PM in Otey Hall. We are still very much in need of both recipe testers (to whip them up at home) and tasters (to enjoy them with us).

If you would like to help bring this cookbook to life, please contact us at stpaulscook@gmail.com to get a recipe to try. We hope to see you there!

Last Call for Recipes!

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee has been hard at work testing delicious entries for our upcoming church cookbook. Since our original request was shared a while ago, we want to ensure everyone has a chance to be included—especially those who have joined our congregation recently or anyone who has discovered a new favorite dish in the meantime!



How to Submit:

- In Person: Drop your handwritten recipes in the collection box located at the back of the sanctuary
- By Email: Send to stpaulscooks@gmail.com

Please ensure your submission includes: a clear recipe title, an optional short story or description, ingredients and measurements listed in the order they are used, step-by-step instructions, and your name and email address.

Thank you for helping us make this collection a success!

Women of St. Paul's - June Social



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

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

The BIG Backpack Giveaway

This month we once again supported the Big Backpack Giveaway which is a community event on July 25 from 9:00 to 12:00 at 1030 Excellence Way. At this event, any child can receive a brand new backpack loaded with all new school supplies for the new school year! The Outreach Committee was delighted to give \$3,000 for this wonderful event. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time to "stuff the backpacks" or pass them out to our families, please go to thebigbackpackgiveaway.com.

We also received wonderful letters of thanks from our friends at Oak Cottage and High Hopes.



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June 25, 2026

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Rev. Monna Mayhall
510 West Main
Franklin, TN 37064

Dear Monna,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$7,500.00 on 5/28/2026 in support of High Hopes. Your gift strengthens our ability to serve more than 1,000 children and families across Middle Tennessee each year through high-quality education, therapies, and family support.

"High Hopes has become a central and beloved part of our family life. Our son's therapists have diligently earned his trust. Watching his friendships with each of his therapists bloom gives us such peace and confidence as parents. High Hopes' play-based, child-led approach is the way of the future. All are welcome at High Hopes. The diversity of the population is a microcosm of what we hope the future of early childhood education can look like everywhere." - current High Hopes parent

Your commitment uplifts the children and families who seek our services each day and lightens the load for those navigating challenges they never expected to face. You are part of their story - giving hope, creating possibilities, and building a foundation for brighter futures.

Thank you for being a vital part of the High Hopes community. Your generosity truly makes a lasting impact on the lives of the children and families we serve.

With gratitude,

Nan Zierden, Director of Development

Thank you so much!

Please consider this letter an official receipt of your contribution referenced above. No goods and services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. This organization is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, IRS section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 509(a)(1) for both federal and state tax purposes. Tax ID 62-121072.



Oak Cottage
for women

2020 Fieldstone Parkway, Suite 900-259, Franklin, TN 37069

June 8, 2026

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

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your May 28, 2026 donation in the amount of \$8,000.00. Because of generous donors like you, Oak Cottage for Women can continue to grow in our mission of providing Christ-centered, compassionate care to formerly incarcerated women as they re-enter society. We are delighted that you are sponsoring one month of care from Franklin Recovery Center as well as trolley tickets for the women.

Oak Cottage for Women is a 501(c)(3) organization, and our Federal EIN is 83-3341102. Therefore, your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent of the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

We appreciate your trust in us and pray that your contribution may bear eternal rewards.

Warmly,

Michelle Ferguson
Oak Cottage for Women

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

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

Juneteenth Thank You



Date 6-24-26
St. Paul's Episcopal Ch.
516 West Main
Shardles, TN 37064

Dear Pastors, Ministers & Participating Congregations, *Pastor Mona*

On behalf of the African American Heritage Society of Williamson County, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in our 22nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th. It was a very successful event and your participation made that possible!

We sincerely appreciate your presence. When the faith community shows up, it sends a powerful message, that the history we celebrate and the future we are building together are worth honoring. We are so grateful that you stood with us on this important day. Juneteenth is more than a date on the calendar. It is a testament to resilience, faith, and community, values that our churches embody every day.

We look forward to continuing with this partnership and hope to see you again at future AAHS events. Together, we are preserving a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

Respectfully & In Christian Love,

Alma McLemore

Alma McLemore, President
African American Heritage Society of Williamson County

*Pastor Mona,
Thank you + St. Paul's
for your support to this
year's event! It meant a
lot. God bless!
Sis. Alma*

*We appreciate the
Church for the vendor
area + also the Men of St Paul
for those delicious hot dogs
for the kids!*

Summer Food Bags

During the summer St. Paul's is providing food bags for children, to help fill the nutritional gap that school meal programs fill - Our last Sunday will be August 2nd. Come join us every Sunday from 8:50 - 9:20 am in Otey Hall to help pack food bags. The 120 bags will be delivered to the Community Center either that day or on the following Monday.

Here are ways you can help:

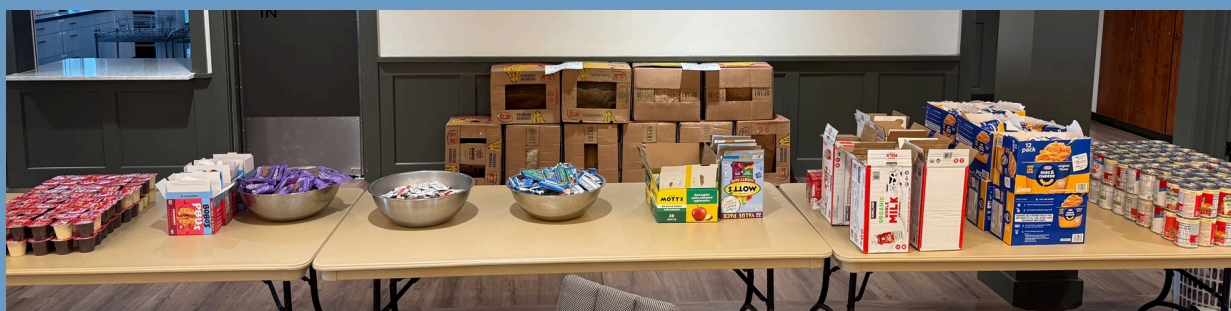
- Count items and set up "assembly line" on Thursdays (anytime)
- Buy items we lack - we need 120 of each item (you'll be reimbursed), and set those out before Sunday morning
- Pack bags on Sunday morning
- Deliver to Community Center on Natchez Street (either Sunday or Monday morning)

If you want to help donate items, we need:

- Cans of Ravioli/Spaghetti-Os
- Mac and Cheese (microwavable bowls)
- Granola Bars
- That's It Fruit Snacks
- Small Milk Boxes (non-refrigerated)
- Small Apple Sauces Cups or Pouch Fruit
- Pudding Cups
- Bobo's PB & J Oat Snacks
- Plastic Grocery Bags

When you drop these items off, label "kids food bags"

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



Outreach - Love Thy Neighbor

Cookie Ministry



The NEW Cookie Ministry, coordinated by Love Thy Neighbor, had another successful outing this month spreading joy and encouragement to our hardworking neighbors.

Thank you to the following parishioners that baked yummy cookies: Mark Tumblin, Pam Leet, Renee Locklar, Becky Gengler, Andrea Hysong, Louise and George Renaudin, Cathy Stratton, Laine Walters-Young, Susie Trabue, and Susan Miller.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers; Donna Thomas, Lynn Cook, Susie Trabue, Becky Gengler, Jim Miller, and Pat McCracken, who packaged and delivered our treat boxes of cookies to 10 different non-profits and 6 Fire and Rescue/ Fire Stations.

Our next cookie delivery will be on Aug 3 so look for more info in the takeout and sign up to help at Sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/LTN-Cookies-June>





Hello!

My name is Lindsey Wommer. I am the Vocational Coordinator for our PATH program at BrightStone. I wanted to thank you for the cookies and the kind note you gave us. They were delicious and the note was really touching!

Sincerely,
Lindsey Wommer
Vocational Coordinator
P.A.T.H. (Preparation and Training for HireABILITY)
BrightStone, Inc.



Hello, friends!

Thank you so very much for hand-delivering that lovely box of cookies yesterday! We had a meeting scheduled for the afternoon and I'd considered purchasing cookies, but decided it was not worth the expense. Lo and behold, in you walked with an abundance of homemade cookies! What a beautiful reminder that the Lord is in the details. (And apparently He is particularly fond of your cookie ministry).

Again, we sincerely appreciate your thoughtful, generous gesture. They are all delicious!

Blessings,

Liz

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Liz Mitchell

Finance & Operations Manager

Outreach - Love Thy Neighbor

Soup Ministry

The next occurrence of our NEW Soup Ministry, organized by Love Thy Neighbor, will be on Wednesday July 22nd from 1-4 in Otey Kitchen. Heartwarming soups will be prepared, packaged and stored in Otey freezer. All ingredients and recipes will be provided.

Now we are looking for 'Soup Responders', volunteers that are flexible and open to delivering a soup package as the need arises. How this will work:



1. Volunteers put their name on a list of responders.
2. All responders will receive a group text when a need arises.
3. First to respond gets to deliver soup and support to fellow parishioners.

If interested in being a 'Soup Responder' please sign up here: bit.ly/LTN-soup
 Questions? Contact Laura McCown at irmccown17@gmail.com or (205) 601-6959.

Alive Hospice's Camp Forget-Me-Not

The weekend of August 14th and 15th, Love Thy Neighbor will be helping with Alive Hospice's Camp Forget-Me-Not. This annual overnight grief camp is for any child, ages 8-17, who has experienced the death of someone significant. The Camp combines traditional outdoor fun such as ziplining, swimming and water slides with therapeutic activities from Alive's licensed grief counselors to help attendees remember loved ones and make connections with peers who are also grieving. Teens have their own separate groups and activities.

Camp Forget-Me-Not takes place at Camp Widjiwagan, which is located on 320 beautiful acres next to Percy Priest Lake just outside Nashville and is owned and operated by the YMCA of Middle Tennessee. LTN will need help preparing and transporting meals for the youth, so please hold the date if you are able and willing to help.

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

Franklin Community Meals on Wheels

Monthly Newsletter
MEALS ON WHEELS MESSAGE LINE (931) 922-2807 CALL OR TEXT

Community Updates

Thank you for your Service

◆ **Becky Waldrop** ◆
Gayle Brinkley ◆

This month, we're celebrating two of our long-time volunteers. Becky Waldrop and Gayle Brinkley have delivered Route 1 for the past 40 years. We are so thankful for their dedication to serving our Franklin community and wish them the best as they "retire" from MOW.

Our story

Franklin Community MOW has been serving the Franklin area for over 50 years. Supported by local churches, our organization has continued to grow, and we now serve about 23,000 meals each year. We deliver meals to our neighbors via nine routes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday all year long. Each of those days, volunteers cook, clean, drive, and deliver meals with a warm heart and smile.

Looking towards the future, this past year our organizer, Nancy Armfield, reached out to our churches and asked volunteers to step up and serve on our oversight committee. We now have the Franklin Community MOW Leadership Team comprised of members from various church partners. We are excited to work together to plan and continue serving Franklin for the next 50 years and beyond.

Clata Miller - FPC

Thank you to Clata for 25 years of serving MOW. She delivered meals and served as an early organizer for First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. Enjoy your second retirement Clata!



FRANKLIN COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Nancy Armfield - MOW Coordinator
- Carl Baughman - 4th Avenue Church of Christ
- Tiffany Bechtel - First Presbyterian
- Janet Cothron - Christ UMC
- Jim & Debbie Miller - Franklin First UMC
- Kirk Rutter - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
- Cindy Thomsen - St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Upcoming Events & Programs Calendar

**JUNE
5** **Community
Resource Fair**

The Downtown Community Faith-Based Organization is hosting it's Second Annual Community Resource Fair during the Downtown Art Crawl on June 5, 2026, Main Street in Franklin. Booths will be set up on the lawn at St. Phillip Catholic Church at the corner of 2nd and Main from 6-8pm for people to stop by and learn about our local faith-based organizations.

We are looking for help from our member churches to set up (5:30) and man the Meals on Wheels table (6-8). If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to MOW Coordinator Nancy Armfield at nanmail2003@gmail.com.

DCFBO is also looking for set up help to bring tables and chairs outside for the event beginning at 5:30. Please contact Carl Baughman at carlbb@hotmail.com.

Watch for our monthly newsletter to arrive in your inbox around the 10th of each month, and please forward to your volunteers.

Volunteer for Meals

Do you know someone who is interested in giving back but not sure where to start? Franklin Community Meals on Wheels is a great way to serve our community. Church members and others are encouraged to join us. We have volunteers who work in the kitchen as well as those who drive and deliver.

If you know someone looking for a great service opportunity, have them contact you, as your church representative, or suggest they email our newsletter contact at the following email.

franklincommunitymow@gmail.com

Donate to Meals on Wheels

Another way to support MOW is with donations. Donations can be made through your church, by check to FUMC labeled for Meals on Wheels, or by scanning this QR code.

Scan to Donate to
Meals on Wheels



Our Church Partners

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Christ United Methodist Church

Church of the City

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Avenue Church of Christ

Franklin First United Methodist Church

Historic Presbyterian Church

Islamic Center of Williamson County

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

St. Ignatius Orthodox Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Phillip Catholic Church

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 St. Paul's upcoming 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

Have you visited our beautifully remodeled Corner Gift Shop, located just inside the new main Entrance? Treat yourself, (and those for whom you may want to buy), to a host of beautifully spiritual gifts, many of which are hand-crafted.

Featured items include beaded, natural stone crosses and Anglican Rosaries, (for both adults and children).

We have books, *I Tried, and Other Poems, Too* by our resident poet Steven Kent (Burnside), and *Feasting on Crumbs* by our resident, (most-of-the-time retired), Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, to go along with a host of children's books.

We have beautiful greeting cards sets whose covers depict our flowered altar, offered by and supporting St. Paul's Flower Guild, as well as a set of deeply poignant Grief Cards."

Talented parishioners have also donated incredibly high quality handmade items, including everything from shawls and scarfs to keychains, coasters and coiled bowls.

We have a stock of St. Paul's tee shirts, sweatshirts and hats, as well as a collection of Episcopal and St. Paul's stickers for your automobile, ("And also with y'all...").

And of course, what would our gift shop be without the myriad product line by our friends at Thistle Farms, including lovely candles, fragrant room mists, soaps, lotions, butters and balms; even essential oil bug spray!!

Self Check-Out

Self check-out is now available in the Corner Shop. The instructions on a post-it below the check-out screen. Just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Select your item(s) from the list
2. Press "charge" in the lower right corner
3. Tap your credit card.

That's it!



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 May 2026

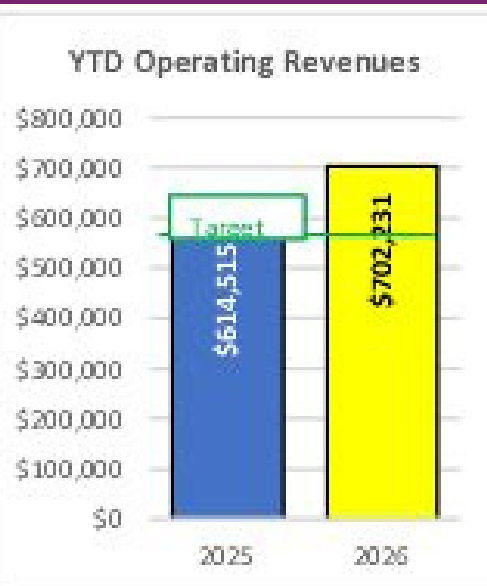
May Summary: Five months into the fiscal year and the parish is performing better than expected, though May was a negative month financially.

Revenues: Cash-in-plate remains strong - reaching 50% annual collection in only five months. Pledging was less than monthly expectations, but still strong. Like cash-in-plate, over 50% of regular pledges have been received in just the first five months.

Expenses: Expenses were significantly higher in May. The largest increase over expectations was over \$36,000 dispensed in Outreach. Property costs were higher due to locks on the sanctuary door and additional outfitting costs of the new building, as well as Hospitality and Office Equipment.

Overall: For the year the parish is still operating with a significant surplus.

Item	April 2026				Year to Date to April 2026			
	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$282,315	\$114,990	\$167,326	145.5%	\$689,653	\$547,447	\$142,206	26.0%
Other Income	\$2,198	\$542	\$1,656	305.7%	\$12,579	\$1,167	\$11,412	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$284,513	\$115,531	\$168,982	146.3%	\$702,231	\$548,614	\$153,618	28.0%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$62,722	\$59,285	\$3,437	5.8%	\$256,116	\$236,739	\$19,376	8.2%
Operating Expenses	\$49,659	\$55,993	(\$6,334)	-11.3%	\$197,438	\$210,823	(\$13,384)	-6.3%
Total Expenses	\$112,381	\$115,277	(\$2,897)	-2.5%	\$453,554	\$447,561	\$5,992	1.3%
Net Operating Income	\$172,132	\$254	\$171,877		\$248,677	\$101,053	\$147,624	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	\$6,403				\$108,260			
Total Parish Performance	\$178,535				\$356,938			



Vestry Meeting Minutes

[Click here](#) for the latest Vestry Minutes.

July Birthdays

- 1 Nicholas Chew, Leanna Thompson
- 2 Andrew Nickerson, Maria Williams
- 3 Annette Scharre
- 4 Colbi Layne Hogan
- 5 Sean Foote
- 7 Ann Genoble
- 8 Margot Blackwelder, Felix Laratta, Elizabeth Humphreys
- 9 Christopher Lassiter
- 10 Judy Oxford, Mimi Bushnell, Billy Anderson
- 11 Pam Horne, Rocky Myers, Maggie Gilchrist, Ben Shapiro
- 12 Donna Honeycutt
- 13 Ty Martin
- 14 Katie Coleman, Dylan Lookingbill
- 15 Terry O'Donnell, Payne Buse, Sue Worrell
- 16 Sadie Cost, Emma Angola
- 17 Lucinda Harshey, Alexa Hyssong
- 18 Margaret Ann Horn, Mark Hyssong, Will Jordan,
Katie Faulkner, Rusty McCown
- 19 Brett Smith
- 20 Mitzi Garner, Patrick McCullough, John Griffey, Lisa Robbins,
David Odgers, Maggie McBayer, Liz Callicott
- 21 Gerald Butters, Jamie Dibble
- 22 Josh Smith
- 23 Eleanor Coleman, Blaine Bushnell
- 24 Sam Barcus, Elizabeth Sessions, Lisa Springman, Clara Martini
- 25 Chris King, Sam Burton
- 27 Alexander Armstrong, Charles Carlisle, Judy Stockton
- 28 Karen Montefiori, Lucetta Mannion, Lucy Curwen,
Jamie Cochrane, Jason Werner
- 29 Debbie Sharpe, Mason Hart
- 30 Larry Whitlock
- 31 Cindy Lewis, Laura Saylor, Shay Jacobs



July Anniversaries

- 5 Sarah & Marty Karpie
- 9 Courtney & Abe Lamb
- 10 Holly & Jackson Spain
- 10 Annette & Jeff Phillips
- 11 Heather & Art Creel
- 13 Penny & Tom Sebrell
- 15 Francee & Brad Preston
- 18 Patty & Dan Norem
- 19 Janet & Darrell Harris
- 21 Carol & Murray Huber
- 24 Sharon & Charlie Crumpton
- 28 Cindy & Greg Lewis
- 29 Lyn & Chris Knopf
- 30 Libby & Brandon Sullivan
- 31 Elizabeth & Hunter Humphreys



- Kelly Pitsenberg, in the death of her mother, Candy Hilmoe
- Rusty Culp, in the death of his brother, Al Selby
- The family and friends of Abu-Ali-Abdur 'Rahman

