



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

July 19, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *O Praise Ye the Lord-* Parry, arr. Bay

Processional Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

H-423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*Unresting, unbasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *All Creatures of our God and King*

H-400, vs 1

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:**Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

BCP, p. 794

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading:**Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was

subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *For the Fruit of All Creation, Thanks be to God*

H-424

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

For the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

For the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

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 VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God
People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.
People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**
Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;
People: **For your mercy is great.**
Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: **And praise your name forever and ever.**
Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Offertory Anthem: *How Can I Keep From Singing?* - Lowry, arr. Bullard
(Iain Macpherson, soloist)

Presentation Hymn: *O Worship the King*

H-388, vs 1 and 5

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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

Rick Jackson

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

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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*

Rick Jackson

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Music During Communion

How Can I Keep from Singing- Lowry
Bind Us Together- Gillman
How Great Thou Art- Swedish melody, arr. Duncan

*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.*

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!*

H-390

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration
Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth.
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *I Have Found the Way*-Pace, arr. Duncan

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

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: Brett Smith **Monday:** Mitzi Garner, Patrick McCullough, John Griffey, Lisa Robbins, David Odgers, Maggie McBrayer, Liz Callicott **Tuesday:** Gerald Butters, Jamie Dibble **Wednesday:** Josh Smith **Thursday:** Eleanor Coleman **Friday:** Sam Barcus, Elizabeth Sessions, Lisa Springman, Clara Martini **Saturday:** Chris King, Sam Burton

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Darrell and Janet Harris **Tuesday:** Murray and Carol Huber

Friday: Charlie and Sharon Crumpton

PARTICIPANTS:

Ushers:	Chris Oberholtzer & Ed Miller
1 st Reading:	Heather Bottoms
2 nd Reading:	Jay Fahey
Prayers:	Iain Macpherson
Chalice Bearer:	Daniel Alvarado
Chalice Bearer:	Andy Peterson
Crucifer:	Andy Peterson
Torch Bearers:	Kathleen Webster
Altar Guild:	Laura McCown & Karen Montefiori
Vestry Person of the Day:	Marty Karpie
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin, John Pell, guitar, and Calvin Bottoms, piano

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Robyn Painter, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Phyllis Gray, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Cheryl Russell, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Darrell Harris, Mary Hill, Connie Trahan, Dee Rainey, Doug Little, Jamie Coleman, Ellen Kirk, Jess and Dorothy Fitzpatrick, Will Boggs, Cindy Painter, George Gibson, George Bishop, Charlie Crumpton, Sue Richardson, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Susan, Katie, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Bill, Lance, Scott and Donna, Jenn, Madelinn, Mike, Cheryl, Theresa, Tim, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, Sue, Oliver, Emron, Wells and the Warren family, Mimi, Steve, Felicia, Brittany, Kim, Paul, John, Marianne, Sheryl, Shannon, Chris

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 – July 19, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

10:00-11:00

Lemonade in the Shade in the Front Courtyard

11:00

DOK Chapter Meeting in Conference Room

2:00

EpicklePalians Pickleball at Cottonwood

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



Including: Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and more!

Churchwide Events

Bluegrass and Stained Glass and Lemonade in the Shade

Save the date for **Bluegrass and Stained Glass** at the 10:00 a.m. service: August 9. Also, join us this summer for **Lemonade in the Shade** after the 10:00 am service in the Main St. Courtyard. **Rite I Eucharist** at 8:00 am: August 2.

Parish Life

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

EpicklePalians • Pickleball • Sundays • 2:00 • Cottonwood Clubhouse

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

Mahjong Mondays • 1:15-4:00 • Barnabas

New to the game or playing for years, we'd love to have you join us. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. 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.

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

For the last two weeks of July, WITS Jean Larson will offer a 2-week study series based on “The Full-Hearted Life” by Rev. Jake Owensby (former Bishop of Western Louisiana/current 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. WITS will not meet for the month of August. Upcoming Dates:

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

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

August – WITS will not meet this month

Compline • 4th Tues of the Month • July 28 • 8:15 PM • Founders Hall

Compline will be offered monthly. All are welcome - No RSVP needed. Simply bring your Book of Common Prayer (+ your Bible, if you wish) & enjoy sharing this peaceful service at the close of the evening with fellow participants. Contact Ann Denson if questions: denonannm@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Aug 5 & 19 • 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

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • Aug 11

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.

Cookbook Meeting – Recipe Testers Needed • Wed, Aug 19 • 1:00

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!

Women of St. Paul's • Dates to Remember

Don't forget the **Labor Day Bazaar, September 4 and September 5** - Save your items. We will begin collecting items Sunday morning, August 30, and will collect donated items August 31 - September 2.

2026 Christmas Tea - December 12! We will have two seatings as has been done in previous years. We will announce ticket sales a little closer to the event. If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with anyone on the WSP Board.

Youth

Summer Youth Events • July 26 • 4:30-6:00 • Barnabas

Between Pilgrimage, MTOP, camps, and vacations, let's get together for movie nights, walks for ice cream, and more! All rising 6th - 12th grade students and 2026 grads are invited to join us for our summer EYG events!

Outreach

Soup Ministry • Wed, July 22 • 1:00-4:00 • Otey Kitchen

Love Thy Neighbor is coordinating another Soup Ministry cook. Ingredients and recipes will be provided. Volunteers will gather in Otey Kitchen and prep and assemble two types of soup. No experience required; just come ready to help and enjoy the fellowship. If interested, please sign-up using <https://bit.ly/LTN-soup> If you would prefer to deliver soup to parishioners, please contact Mishelle Phillips (615) 403-0703 to become a Soup Responder. Soup Responders receive emails when a need arises, and available volunteers deliver soup to parishioners as a comforting gesture of care.

Outreach Opportunity • 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 have any questions, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. 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."

Announcements

Women of St. Paul's Annual Mum Sale

The Women of St. Paul's Fall Mum Sale will begin on Sunday, August 2nd through Wednesday, August 26th. The cost is \$25 per basket. Look for order forms soon. Order forms will also be available online. Pick up will be September 12th. Proceeds from this sale will help offset the cost of the annual women's retreat.

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. 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. For more information contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949, or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net.

Hospitality Committee • Volunteers Needed

Do you like to cook? Do you know your way around a kitchen? Or, do you want to learn? Contact Melissa Montero (4melissamontero@gmail.com) if you'd like to consider joining our Hospitality Committee. More to come!

Lemonade in the Shade • Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to help with Lemonade in the Shade! We need help setting up, putting food out, and cleaning up. Contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com if interested.

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.