

The Epistle



AUGUST 2026

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August 2026

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

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9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Office Closed September 7, 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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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 September newsletter is August 26, 2026](#)



Love Thy Neighbor Cookie Ministry



Robin, Desi (and Happy!) at a convention for the blind in St. Louis.

Upcoming Events

August 2 - 26

WSP Fall Mum Sale

August 9

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 9

Bluegrass & Stained Glass

August 23

St. Paul's Birthday

September 4 -5

WSP Annual Bazaar

September 9

Gathering for Good — Bluegrass & Burgers

September 13

Rally Day

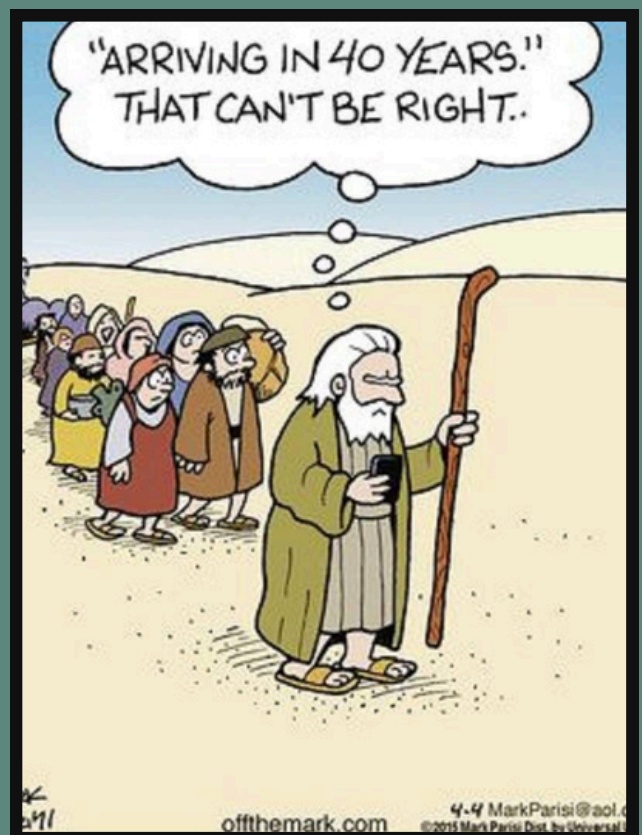
Return to 4 services on Sunday

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>



The Food Pantry is restocked!
Thanks to all who donated.

Comics Corner



Beloved volunteer Annette Brown (center) is moving to Washington to be near her family and grand dog! Thank you Annette for your many years of service to St. Paul's. Good luck in your new adventures.

The long-awaited RenewalWorks Spiritual Life Inventory data and resulting long-range plan is ready for action! Based on our results, we believe it is crucial that St. Paul's makes it our priority to create and communicate ways to help stressed, busy people continue growing in faith and discipleship. We want to focus on what helps people grow in love of God and Neighbor - "Keeping the main thing the main thing," *which is getting people moving spiritually.*

Survey Results

- 193 parishioners responded to the survey. Our typical Sunday attendance is 300. We have faith in our 64% response rate, believing the large sample size produced reliable data.
- 90% of the survey respondents were age 50 or older and had at least 10 years of attendance at St. Paul's. Only 9% of our age 30-49 age group responded. This is a concern for our future as over half of our parishioners are over age 60.



112

Parishioners are totally happy with their faith journey at St. Paul's.

98

Parishioners feel we are called to move deeper in our faith.

131

Parishioners self-identified as having questions about and needing a lot of help with their faith journeys... despite their long tenure at St. Paul's.

We learned the most important catalyst for spiritual growth is time spent reflecting on scripture and that busy lives keep us stalled in our faith journey.

Next Steps

Look

for an exciting way to explore your Episcopal Beliefs and Practices during Rally Day – a fun way for everyone *in every age group* in our parish to identify what's meaningful to them and to discover where learning more can help individuals grow deeper in faith.

Watch

for an opportunity to participate in a “narrative style” Bible study for *all age groups* starting in October 2026. Another family friendly adventure!

Encounter

the Book of Common Prayer in a new and meaningful way ... studies begin during Lent 2027.

Reexamine

how the ministries in the life of our parish live into our St. Paul's Mission Statement: To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and care for all!



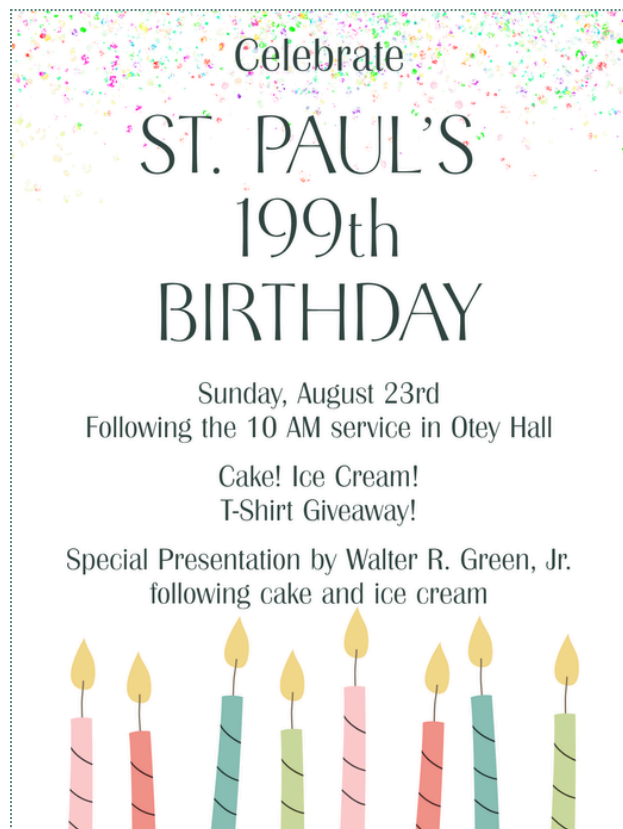


St. Paul's Birthday Celebration

What happens when you're counting and get to one hundred and ninety-nine? In St. Paul's case, next stop is our Bicentennial!

But that historic celebration will have to wait one more year as we get together to commemorate our 199th birthday this month.

Festivities will begin on Sunday, August 23rd, in Otey Hall right after the 10:00 a.m. service.



Franklin resident Walter R. Green, Jr. will share a presentation from his book: *In the Shadow of My Enemy: Civil War Life in Occupied Franklin, Tennessee*, which illuminates the true stories of people who lived during and through the aftermath of the American Civil War here in Franklin. His extensively researched book highlights the lives of those who suffered under Federal control for three and a half years with Fort Granger casting its shadow and enabling strategic military control over the town. The maps, photographs and detailed descriptions bring that period to life in a way that feels both passionate and real. His book will be available for purchase at our event.

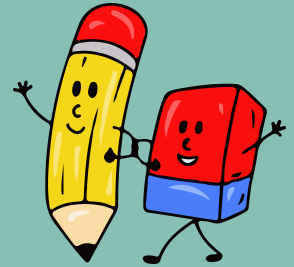
Please save the date and plan to join us in Otey Hall on Sunday, August 23rd, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We'll have birthday cake and ice cream for all and a drawing for a beautiful St. Paul's T-shirt (must be present to win!).

Blessing of the Backpacks

Let's send our students and teachers off to a brand-new school year with a blessing next Sunday, August 9th at the 10 am service.

All students, regardless of age, are invited to bring their backpack up to the altar at the beginning of the service.

We will celebrate with sno cones for the whole Parish in the Main Street courtyard following the service!



BURGERS AND BLUEGRASS



Wednesday, September 9

5:30 pm Burger Dinner

6:00 pm Bluegrass Begins

**Bring a lawn chair or blanket
for a Courtyard Concert!**

**Suggested: \$10 Per person
\$30 Max per Family**



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HOW TO ORDER:

Download an order form from the website:

<https://bit.ly/mum-sale-2026>

Scan the QR Code or

Pick up an order form in the Narthex



Forms and checks can be mailed to:

Cindy Tumblin, 425 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin, TN 37069

HOW TO PAY:

Payments: Cash or Check

For Checks: Please write "Mum Sale" in memo box.

WHEN CAN I BUY?

Orders accepted August 2 - 26

WHEN / WHERE DO I PICK UP MY FLOWERS?

Pickup is Saturday, September 12th

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in Barnabas parking lot

Share the beauty of fall with family friends, co-workers, and neighbors!

ST. PAUL'S PRESENTS

BLUEGRASS & STAINED GLASS

SUNDAYS 10 AM:

JUNE 14

JULY 12

AUGUST 9

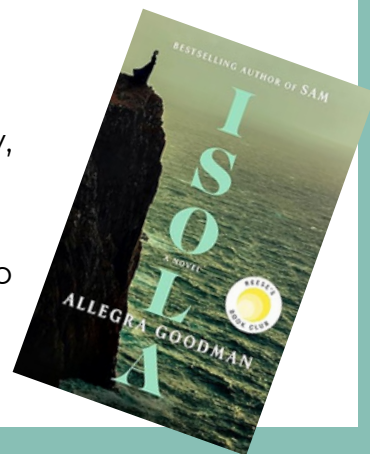
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Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet in Founders Hall, Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 to 8:00 PM to discuss *Iso/a* by Allegra Goodman.

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



Sunday Morning Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Our amazing Sunday morning crew needs your help. If you, your friends, or your family would like to help with Biscuit Minute on Sundays this fall, we would appreciate your assistance. All food is provided (but if you like whipping up family favorites like muffins or cookies, it would be welcomed!) Arrival time is 9:00 am and we need help putting out food and making coffee, as well as tidying up after our 9:45 Biscuit Meeting Moments. There will be someone to guide you, so you won't have to do it on your own. Sundays are listed [here](https://bit.ly/SP-biscuit-minute) (<https://bit.ly/SP-biscuit-minute>) if you would like to help. Contact Donna Stokes-Rogers if you have questions (615) 481-5144.



Rally Day is Sunday,
September, 13th.

We will return to our
winter schedule of Sunday
services: 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM,
11:00 AM, and 6:00 PM.

More Details Soon!



Mahjong Monday

Mercy Franklin Classic — Labor Day

Mercy Franklin Classic road race is held every Labor Day and supports the mission of Mercy Community Healthcare. It begins and ends in downtown Franklin, TN. As one of the most popular races in Middle Tennessee, the Mercy Franklin Classic is a community-wide event that supports the mission of Mercy Community Healthcare while promoting wellness and fitness for children, families, and the community. Each year, more than 2,000 participants gather at the square in Historic Downtown Franklin to participate in the day's festivities.

This year, St. Paul's Outreach Committee has made a commitment to be a Silver Sponsor for this year's Franklin Classic on Monday September 7, 2026. This not only provides support for this annual race, it also has benefits, which we are passing along to parishioners. How does FREE sound? The first 10 people who email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com can get a code to register for FREE!

Here is general information about the Franklin Classic:

Register before August 21 at these rates:

10K \$66.18 6:30 am

5K \$55.49 8:00 am

Combo 5K & 10K \$76.88 (must be able to complete the 10K course prior to 8:00 am when the 5K begins)

Kids 1K \$18.04 9:00 am

Spirit Runner \$34.09 (shirt only – not participating in the event)



You can find all the race information at this website:

<https://mercyfranklinclassic.raceroster.com>



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?



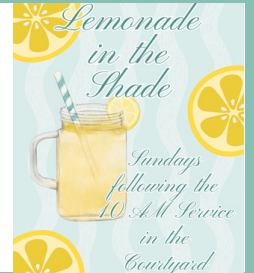
Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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



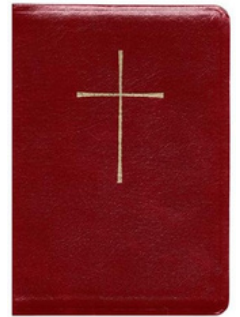
Lemonade in the Shade

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 denonannm@gmail.com.



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/>



Please consider Music Memorials and Thanksgivings to support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's.

In addition to purchasing new Christmas Anthologies for our library, we are looking to present an All Saints Concert in November.

Requiem, written by British composer Bob Chilcott, is a masterful modern elegy with texts from the *Missa pro defunctis* and Book of Common Prayer. The Choir of St. Paul's will be joined by soloists and a chamber ensemble of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, timpani, and organ for a powerful performance on Sunday, Nov. 1st at 4:00 pm. We need your help to make it happen.

And as always, we appreciate your support!

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH
RIVER FLOAT

AUGUST 30, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

BRING A FRIEND AND A BROWN BAG
LUNCH AND JOIN US ON THE RIVER!
\$20 PER PERSON



**SIGN UP BY
AUGUST 23!**

Eldercare Coach Services Available

Are you a caregiver of an older adult? A caregiver may give of themselves physically, emotionally, or financially. Caregivers need support! St. Paul's is now partnering with Eldercare Coach, powered by AgeWell Middle Tennessee, a local nonprofit. Eldercare Coach offers church members individual coaching sessions with a social worker to discuss their concerns and connect with resources, support, and education. Eldercare Coach also offers onsite education on caregiving (coming soon) and a great website with resources, eldercarecoach.org.



Please feel free to call AgeWell at 615-353-4235 to book your coaching session or visit eldercarecoach.org. Please use the booking id: SPEECC.

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



Also, to learn more, watch this very brief Youtube video: <https://bit.ly/eldercare-coach> or click on the image below:



Accolyte Training

Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 am



Calling on all our young people, your church needs you! If you are a fourth grader or up, we would love for you to become an acolyte at St. Paul's. Being an acolyte is a lot of fun and a big help during worship. If you are interested in learning more, please come to the Acolyte Training session in the church on Sun, Aug 16, after the 10:00 am service. This training for ALL acolytes, both new and seasoned. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty (rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com).

Other Ways to Serve in Worship

Ushers

Ushers at St. Paul's greet parishioners and visitors at services, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, assist at the offertory and at communion, and present gives of bread and wine at the 8:45am and 11:00am services (10:00 am service during the summer schedule). They can also assist with special services such as weddings and funerals. Contact Shannon Buttrey at 615-790-0527.

Chalice Bearers

Chalice Bearers assist the priest at the altar with serving communion. There is opportunity for Chalice Bearers to serve at any of the services. They also can assist with special services such as weddings and funerals. Contact Shannon Buttrey at 615-790-0527.

Readers/Intercessors

Readers and Intercessors have the opportunity to read the lessons and/or the Prayers of the People at the services. Contact Shannon Buttrey at 615-790-0527.

Altar Guild

This vital ministry gives people the opportunity to prepare the Altar for regular services, and maintain the linens, vestments, silver, and brass. The Altar Guild can also takes part in the set up for weddings, funerals, and other services. Contact Phyllis Thompson at 615-599-6884.

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.



August Events

Thursday, August 06, 2026 — Saddle Up

We have been working with Saddle Up for over 30 years! Their mission is to impact the lives of children and young adults with disabilities by providing opportunities to grow and develop through therapeutic, educational and recreational experiences with horses. Please join us for their Family Night at the Ranch, 1549 Old Hillsboro Road, Franklin, TN 37069-9136, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We will start setting up and cooking at about 2:00 pm. Reach out to Jim Miller, james.e.miller63@gmail.com, 615-566-9473.

Friday & Saturday, August 9 - 10 — Alive Hospice

We 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. Camp Forget-Me-Not takes place at YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan, 3088 Smith Springs Road, Antioch, TN 37013. MOSP will need help preparing and transporting meals for the youth and leaders, so please hold the date if you are able and willing to help. On Friday we will be cooking dinner and will be leaving Barnabas about 1:30. Saturday's lunch group will be leaving Barnabas about 9:00. Jim Miller, james.e.miller63@gmail.com, 615-566-9473 will be the contact.

Please plan to participating when you can. Help is always appreciated by the MOSP and the non-profit. The MOSP have a good time and all the non-profit participants are grateful for the good meal. Thank you for your help.

Upcoming Events

- Labor Day Bazaar - September 4 and September 5. Donations Accepted - August 30 - September 2
- Fall Mum Sale - August 2 - 26
- 2026 Christmas Tea - December 12

Volunteers Needed for the Bazaar

Sign up here:
<https://bit.ly/sp-bazaar2026-volunteers>

Mum Sale

The Women of St. Paul's Fall Mum Sale is August 2nd - 26th. Pick up is September 12th in Barnabas parking lot.

1 Gallon Mums are \$25 each. To order:

- Download an order form from the website: <https://bit.ly/mum-sale-2026>
- Scan the QR Code on the poster or
- Pick up an order form in the Narthex

Forms and checks can be mailed to:
Cindy Tumblin, 425 Crofton Park Lane,
Franklin, TN 37069

Payment is Cash or Check. If paying by check, please write "Mum Sale" in the memo box.

Christmas Tea

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!



Outreach Committee – Thank You

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Hello!

Rusty and Monna, thank you so much for your contribution to the Back-to-School shopping day! What a blessing! We did not have enough funds to take our kids shopping this year, but we were committed to addressing this need, so proceeded on anyway...like George Mueller, we thanked God in advance for His blessings and trusted the funds would come. Sure enough, in God's fashion, they did come...AFTER we trusted Him, stepped out on faith, and did the event. Your kind gift almost wiped out the debt, and we trust that enough will come in this week to cover the entire cost. Your church is such a blessing to the community, and to faith-based nonprofits like ours - please pass along our sincere gratitude to the committee, and all those that played a part in this financial blessing.

Chris Barnhill
Executive Director
FrankTown Open Hearts



Good morning, Reverend Mayhall.

Thank you for your kind and generous donation to the Back to School Bash at FrankTown. The kids are set with clothing, shoes, backpacks, and supplies because of open hearts in Williamson County, just like St. Paul's. Please extend our gratitude to the Outreach Committee. If you all have anyone wishing to volunteer, we have many needs and avenues for helping over the 2026 - 2027 school year. Just let us know and we'll take the next step forward.

Again, we appreciate the generosity and support of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. May the Lord we serve multiply the blessings you receive for all you pour out.

Thank you,
Liz
Liz Mitchell
Finance & Operations Manager
FrankTown Open Hearts

Outreach Committee - Thank You's

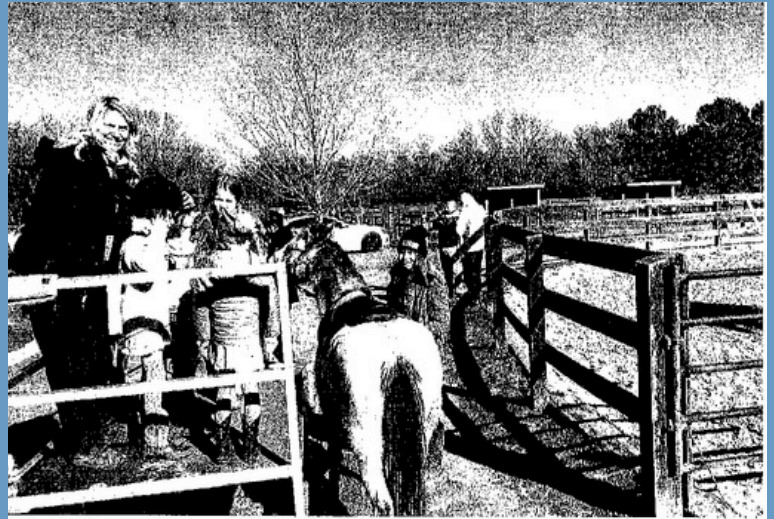
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To all the kind
members of St. Paul's Episcopal

Your GENEROSITY means more
than it's possible to say
and is truly APPRECIATED.

Thank you for your
wonderful donation to
our sweet farm. Not only
did you send us a
donation but we also
received some gummy
cookies! Thank you

Alicia Burcham
Hundred Spirits Farm



Soup Ministry

The Soup Ministry, coordinated by Love Thy Neighbor (LTN), had another fun day of preparing delicious, comfort soup. Thank you to our volunteers; Susan Miller, Jane Wille, Inez Rice, Jamie Cochrane, Patti Rodicker, Laura McCown, and Pat McCracken for picking chicken and preparing chicken noodle and vegetable soups. These yummy, simple meals are now in the freezer awaiting delivery to parishioners as the need arises.



If you are interested in delivering soup, please contact Mishelle Phillips at 615-403-0703 to become a Soup Responder.

How it works:

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.

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 in his or her life. 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 attending will 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. It is owned and operated by the YMCA of Middle Tennessee. LTN needs help preparing, transporting and serving meals for the young people in attendance, so please hold the dates and let us know if you are able and willing to help.

Contact: Pat McCracken, 615-351-1113

Birthday Outreach Ministry

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, join with parishioners to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We will plan to meet there from 12:30-1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too!



If you are interested, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels August delivery dates are Wednesday, August 19 and Friday, August 21. 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.

Outreach Community Partners

We have added several new organizations to our list of [Outreach Community Partners page](#) on St. Paul's website. Here is some information about each of them:

African American Heritage Society of Williamson

Mission: The African-American Heritage Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret artifacts pertaining to Williamson County's African American culture and increase understanding and appreciation of our heritage for future generations.



Angel Heart Farms

Mission: Angel Heart Farm serves children and their families facing chronic and life threatening illnesses using Equine Assisted Therapy in conjunction with their medical treatment - at no cost.



Oak Cottage

Mission: The Oak Cottage for Women exists to provide a safe residential home to formerly incarcerated women to re-enter society as a productive citizen. We seek to create a balanced spiritual, physical, vocational and emotional foundation for daily living through Christ centered, compassionate care.



Kindred Spirits

Mission: Kindred Spirits Farm is a therapeutic riding facility that works alongside of special needs, terminally ill and battered children/adults.



Franklin Special School District Food and Culinary Services

Mission: Our vision is to serve every student a fresh, colorful, well-balanced quality meal every day in a safe, positive and welcoming environment. Through promoting good nutritional habits for a lifetime and being inclusive of all cultures, we will ensure all students a chance to excel in their education and well-being.

Alive Hospice

Mission: We provide compassionate care to individuals and families navigating the complexities of serious illness, end-of-life, or grief—enriching our communities through guidance, education, and service.



Friends of Williamson County Animal Shelter

Mission: Our mission is to promote quality of life for all animals and the humans who care about them by supporting a compassionate environment and humane treatment for the animals of Williamson County and to advocate for animals throughout our region. We are committed to maintaining a best-in-class Animal Center and a community where animals are valued and live in harmony with an enlightened and responsive government and citizenry.

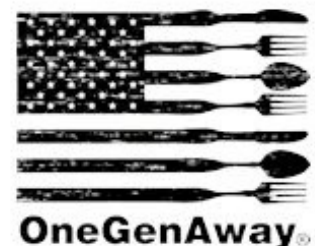


Sanctuary International

Mission: Sanctuary International is a Christian ministry that uses heavy metal culture and music as a platform to reach people who may not feel at home in traditional churches. They reach the metal community with the message of Christ, build community and discipleship, care for vulnerable people and provide resources and connections.

One Gen Away

Mission: Everyone in America should have access to healthy food. OneGenAway rescues high-quality food from grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, and farms. Then we give that food to our neighbors in times of need — no questions asked.



Special Olympics Williamson County

Mission: The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



The Well Outreach

Mission: The Well provides food for the hungry in our community. We do this in a manner that fully recognizes the dignity of each person who comes to us with this need. We welcome them, listen to them, pray with them and provide personal accompaniment and client choice as they shop for food.



Door Step Project

Mission: Door Step Project provides affordable housing and support so survivors can rebuild independent lives after leaving shelter.



The BIG Backpack Giveaway

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Mission: Our mission is to empower Williamson County students by ensuring they have the essential tools and resources they need to thrive academically and personally. Through our annual giveaway event, we strive to alleviate the financial burden on families and promote educational equity, fostering a community where every student has the opportunity to succeed. We are committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of students and building a brighter future for our community.

Franklin Community Meals on Wheels

Monthly Newsletter

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

Community Updates

Our new logo



Meals on Wheels At a Glance

- Our faith-based organization prepares and delivers meals to over 130 Franklin neighbors every Mon-Wed-Fri
- Delivery teams cover 9 routes in the greater Franklin community.
- Each meals costs about \$2.50. Food donations from Publix, Merridee's Breadbasket, the Giving Garden at FFUMC, and the Franklin Farmers Market help keep our costs low,
- Total monthly expenditures are around \$4000.
- Franklin MoW receives no government funding. We are 100% funded by church partners, small groups and individual donation.

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

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to love and feed our neighbors who are in need of a warm meal and a friendly smile. Feeding these individuals nourishing, fresh food and giving them a joyful social connection is part of serving one another and working together to further the Kingdom of God.

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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

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, Kay Heller, Colbi Layne Hogan, Gale Haddock, 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 re-modeled 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!!



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 June 2026

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

Revenues: Cash-in-plate was lower than previous months due to the discovery of monthly direct deposits misallocated to the incorrect fund made by the parishioners. Reallocated \$7,820 from the Cash-in-plate fund to the Pledge fund.

Expenses: Expenses were significantly lower than anticipated in June. Of note: Life, Health & Pension: Apparent variances are due to timing issues only. All premiums for the first six months are fully paid. Children's Education: Current expenses reflect costs incurred for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Atmos Energy: A voided check temporarily created a negative balance in this account.

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

Monthly Summary

	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	June 2026				Year to Date to June 2026			
Item	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	\$72,664	\$93,331	(\$20,667)	-22.1%	\$855,240	\$736,859	\$118,381	16.1%
Other Income	\$1,496	\$542	\$955	176.3%	\$14,831	\$2,250	\$12,581	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$74,160	\$93,873	(\$19,713)	-21.0%	\$870,071	\$739,109	\$130,962	17.7%
Expenses								
Personnel	\$51,925	\$59,485	(\$7,560)	-12.7%	\$363,397	\$355,709	\$7,688	2.2%
Operating Expenses	\$40,845	\$54,693	(\$13,848)	-25.3%	\$322,270	\$317,409	\$4,861	1.5%
Total Expenses	\$92,770	\$114,177	(\$21,408)	-18.7%	\$685,668	\$673,117	\$12,550	1.9%
Net Operating Income	(\$18,610)	(\$20,304)	\$1,693		\$184,403	\$65,992	\$118,410	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp. (Net)	(\$1,201)				\$137,422			
Total Parish Performance	(\$19,811)				\$321,825			

YTD Operating Revenues



YTD Operating Expenses



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

August Birthdays

- 2 Emily Nance, Robert Hennes
- 3 Mary Elizabeth Morreale, Marcia Wilkinson
- 4 Fred Ladebauche, Fran Osteen, Eduard Robinson, Connie Senseney
- 6 Griffin Horne
- 7 Kathy Ulezelski, Gail Griffin, Fiona Wieman, Michael Aldrich
- 8 Lisa Whitten, Pam Leet
- 9 Emily Williams
- 10 Katelyn Waggoner, Bruce Theobald
- 11 Nancy Boring, Nan Jorgensen, Amanda Bushnell
- 12 Mike Wesson, Charles Marshall, Samantha Caroline Hennes,
Calen Cussimano
- 13 James Sheller, Jim Suttle, David Sessions
- 14 Walt Goss, Leah Sutherland, Rod Heller
- 15 Graham Benson
- 16 Allison Pullen, Henry Martin, Ellie Campbell-Hooker
- 17 John Paul Saalwaechter, Lianette Sander
- 18 Jane Davis, Hunter Humphreys, Lauren Michael-Cussimano
- 19 William Preston, Jennifer Alvey
- 20 Syd Rodocker, Henry Branson V, Kayla Sheridan, Jeff Haynie
- 21 Bob Abstein
- 22 Tom Sharpe, Dean Bose, Iona Fleming
- 23 Tina Carpenter, Rudy Jordan, Kathryn Moran
- 24 Donna Thomas, Margaret Bearden Brown
- 25 Michelle Blackwelder, Darlene Odgers, Judy Larson
- 26 Laura Medlin, Heather Bottoms, Melanie Adams, Elijah Farmer
- 27 Jennifer Beck, Oliver Werner
- 28 Lorinda Hancock, Rick Osteen, Mark Robbins, Angie Saylor,
Donna Stokes-Rogers
- 29 Barbara Rogers, Louise Renaudin
- 30 Joey Bryan
- 31 Susan Trailov, Mollie Sessions

August Anniversaries

- 1 Charlie & Angela Curtiss
- 2 Phil & Annette Scharre
- 2 Cindy & Mark Tumblin
- 3 Len & Julie Reinhardt
- 4 Richard & Nancy Boring
- 4 Jay & Pam Fahey
- 5 Rick & Chandler Miniatt
- 5 Devon & Billy Anderson
- 7 Christopher & Angela Lassiter
- 8 David & Darlene Odgers
- 9 Bill & Judy Phelps
- 11 Joe & Pam Horne
- 12 Jim & Kim Poole
- 12 Jane & Bob Davis
- 14 Mike & Karen Garfield
- 17 Charlie & Marian Palmgren
- 18 Sam & Angie Yeager
- 19 Jim & Phyllis Gray
- 23 Kent & Jeni Burnside
- 30 Gerald & Lorinda Hancock