The Epistle



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Office Closed
November 26-27

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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 December newsletter is November 26, 2026



BBQ Time!



St. Paul's members visit The Factory to admire the paintings of Laurel Aielo and Jenny Kovac!

Upcoming Events

November 1
All Saints Concert

November 10
Newcomer Dinner

November 17
Pathfinders Matinee

December 2
Gathering for Good - Make Advent Wreaths

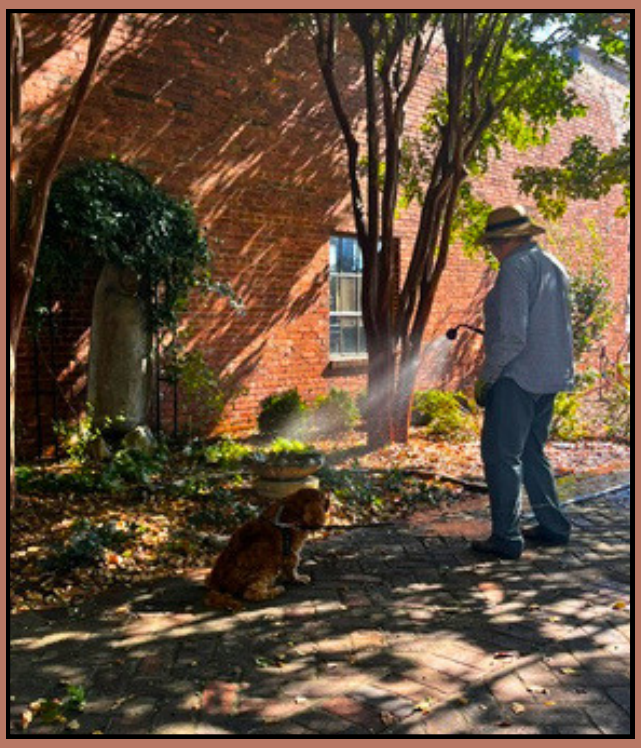
December 6
Charitable Gift Fair

December 6
Lessons and Carols

December 12
Christmas Tea

December 13
Caroling

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



Judy Oxford and Remy taking care of St. Paul's gardens.

Comics Corner



Working 9 to 5

Bishop Election

Dear Parish Family,



I am thrilled to report that the diocese has elected a new bishop. On the third ballot The Rev. Colin Ambrose was selected to be the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. Please join me in prayer for Colin and his family as he prepares to lead the diocese.

I want to thank our selection delegates: Monna Mayhall, Jonathan Webster, Michael Walters-Young, Ann Denson, and Paul Hannah for their good and spirit-led work. And I want to thank you for your thoughts, opinions, and prayers during these past few weeks.

Let us all give thanks for this great day in the life of our diocese. There will be much more to come, I'm sure. Until then, may God continue to bless our diocese and our church home of St. Paul's.

Peace,

Rusty+

Halloween Carnival















Chili Cook-Off

Chili Cook-Off Winners

1st Place
Cindy Tumblin

2nd Place
Gavin Noffsinger

3rd Place
Jenny Kovac

People's Choice
Loren Robicheaux











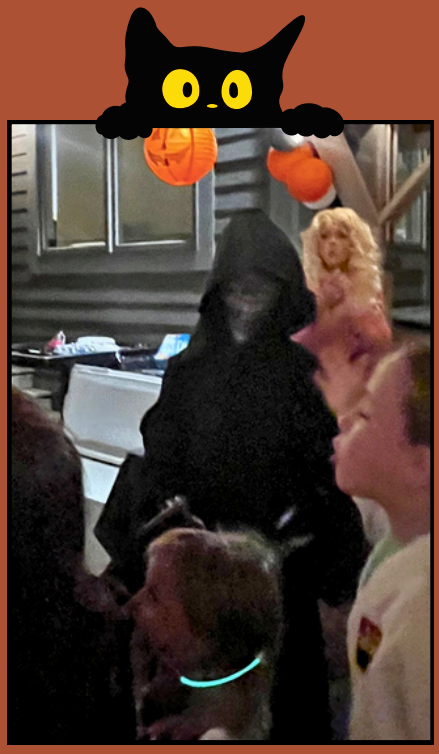


Costume Contest Winners



Group
101 Dalmations
The Martins

Spookiest
Grim Reaper
Oliver Werner





Creative
Cars and Traffic Cones
The Dibbles





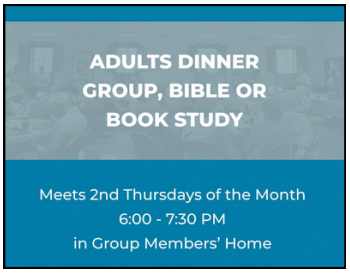
Sparkliest
Unicorn
Avery Hilley

Best Costume
Tetris
The Andersons



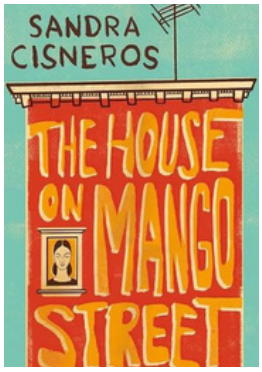
Small Groups

St. Paul's launched Small Groups this fall! Small Groups are a wonderful way for parishioners to connect and support each other, whether over dinner at a restaurant, while discussing a lectionary passage in someone's living room, or through times of prayer!



Find a group that fits your schedule and preferences on our website. Register online at https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/small-groups/ and the group leader will be in touch!

Interested in hosting a Bible study small group? Please contact rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com. Interested in hosting a social small group? Please contact monna@stpaulsfranklin.com."



Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet in Founders Hall, Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 to 8:00 PM to discuss *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

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

The Epicklepalians

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

New Time!

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

Questions? Contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@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.

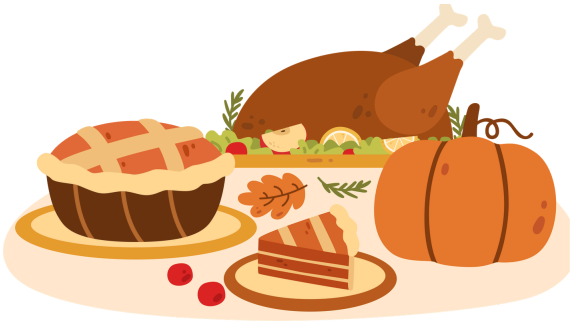
Turkeys Needed

It is turkey cooking time once again! This year, we will be cooking turkey dinners for 325 folks and we will need 37 12-16 pound turkeys. The weight is important because we cannot fit any turkeys over 16 pounds on the cookers. We will be cooking turkeys on Monday November 23rd, beginning at 9:00 AM.

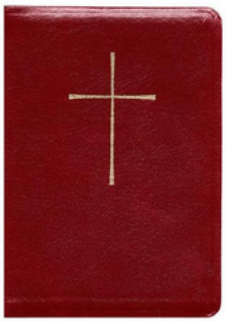
Unfortunately, we do not have freezer space for 37 turkeys, but we do have refrigerator and cooler space to store the turkeys overnight. Please bring your **thawed** turkeys to church on Sunday November 22nd. There will be coolers in founders hall and to receive turkeys before or after the services all day on Sunday November 22nd. PLEASE bring only **thawed** turkeys. Frozen turkeys are very difficult to cook on the cookers.

Thank You! Our Friends on Natchez Street greatly appreciate your generosity.

If you have any questions please call Mike Gengler at 615-545-8344



Compline



There will not be Compline on the fourth Tuesday of the month in November or December. We will resume on January 26, 2027.

Contact Ann Denson if questions at densonannm@gmail.com.

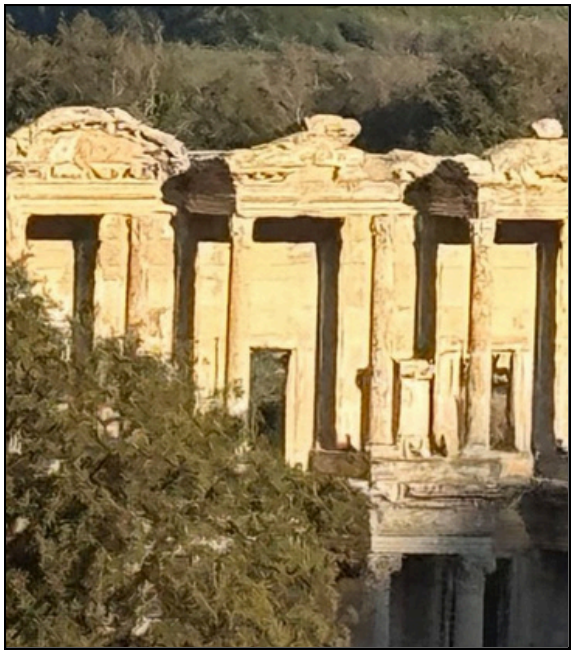
Newcomers' Dinner



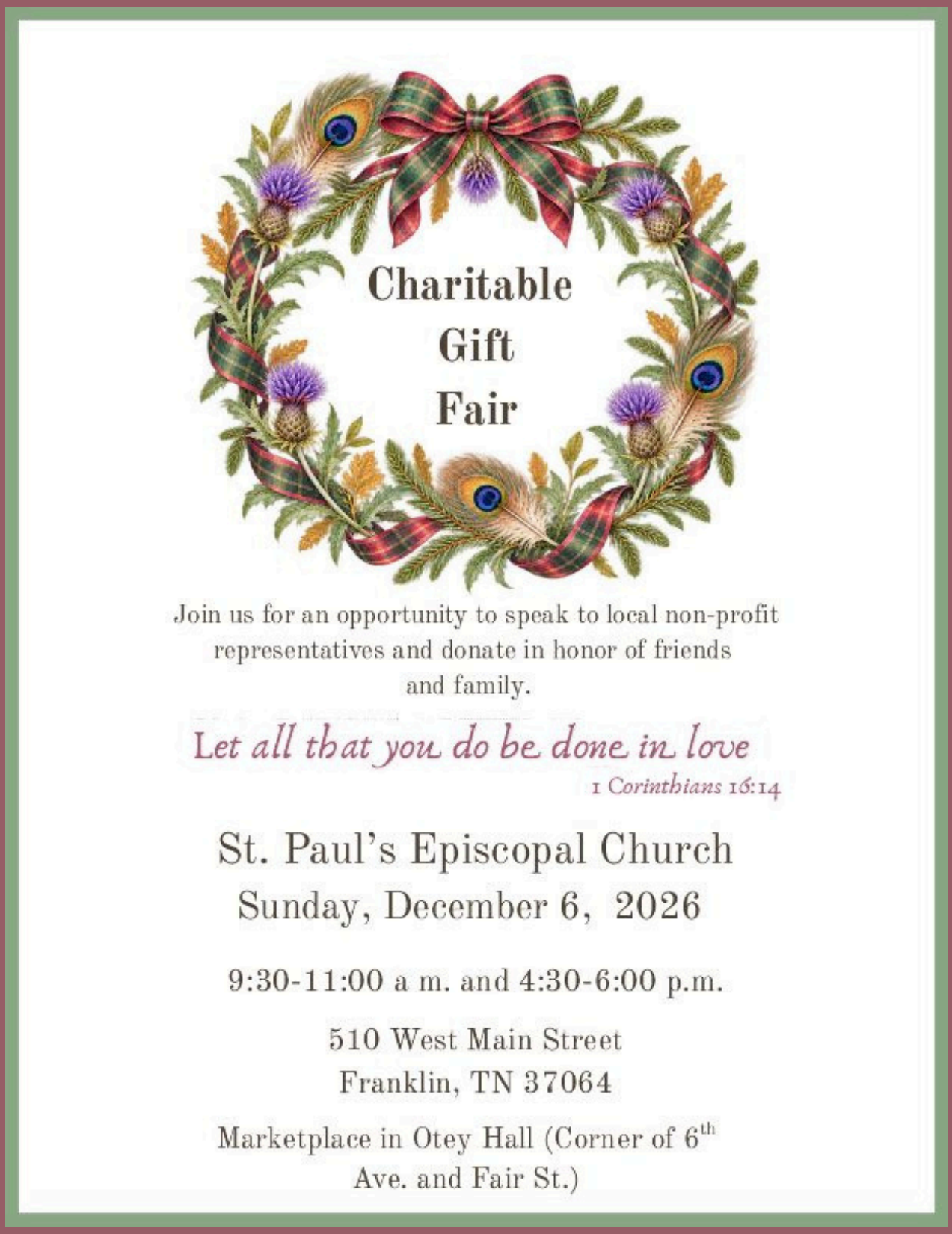
If you are new to St. Paul's, we would love to get to know you a little better. The staff of St. Paul's is hosting a Newcomers' Dinner at the home of The Rev. Rusty and Laura McCown on November 10th. This will be a time to get to know each other a little better and answer any questions you might have about St. Paul's.

RSVP to the office at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Pilgrimage Presentation



If you missed the presentation of the Greek Pilgrimage, here is the link to a slide show by Mindy Boggs: https://canva.link/st-pauls-does-greece-2026 and here is a link to additional photos from Mindy: https://bit.ly/4spnd0o. You can also scan the QR code:



The Daughters of the King are sponsoring a Charitable Gift Fair December 6th, at 9:30-11:00 am between the two morning services and 4:30-6:00 pm before Lessons and Carols. Join us for an opportunity to speak to local non-profit representatives and donate in honor of friends and family. You will receive a lovely donation card suitable for gift giving that can be personalized by our calligraphers.

Godly Play

Want to know the secret to having the most fun possible on a Sunday morning at St. Paul's? Volunteer to help with Godly Play! Godly Play is the curriculum we use for Children's Christian Formation and is offered most Sundays at 10 am September through May.

Godly Play IS:

- centered on sharing sacred stories from the Bible and liturgical action stories to help our children understand the seasons of the church year
- a place where children (and adults!) are invited into wonder and encouraged to ask important questions
- hands on and engaging
- flexible for a volunteer to choose the best times for them to participate

Goldy Play IS NOT:

- a rigid curriculum that teaches children to regurgitate lessons from the Bible
- a traditional curriculum that involves a lot of time spent lesson planning

If you are interested, please reach out to Libby: libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

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) if you would like to help.

Contact Donna Stokes-Rogers is you have questions (615) 481-5144.



"The Sheep Detectives" starring Hugh Jackman and Emma Thompson, is a story about a flock of sheep attempting to solve the mystery surrounding the murder of their beloved shepherd.
Contact Monna Mayhall with any questions
monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Save the Date for Tuesday Dec 15 - 11:30 – 1:00 pm
Holiday Lunch and Musical Program in Otey Hall

Blessing of the Animals

















Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals was Sunday, October 4th. We gathered in front of Barnabas to pray for pets that are ill, remember those who have passed, and bless those at the service.

A Prayer for Pets Who are Ill or Suffering

Loving God, you brought these beloved animals into our lives, to share kindness, joy, and faithful companionship: Receive our thanks and praise for the community between your animals and your people, and all the ways in which we bless each other's lives. Relieve these sick animals of their pain; may they return to good health. Comfort these aging animals; may their last years be full of love and happiness. We entrust them to your care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charlie, beloved dog of Connie Dickerson
Finn, beloved dog of the Gioia Family
Culver, beloved dog of the Mullins Family
Max, beloved cat of the Christensen Family
Frankie, beloved dog, and Eli, beloved cat of the Katie Elkins Family
Jude, beloved cat of Laura Turner
Rudy and Fox2, beloved foxes, and Harper, beloved cat of the Turner Family
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Pets Who Have Died

Annie, beloved dog of the Alley Family
Robert Earl, beloved dog of Karen Austin and Key Young
Emmie, beloved dog of Jennifer Reeves
Sophie, beloved dog of Rick and Pam Leet
Aida and Georgie, beloved chickens of Donna Stokes-Rogers and Burns Rogers
Ella, beloved dog of the Forehand Family
Nola and Saint, beloved dogs of Allison Brown
Lee, beloved dog of the Gioia Family
Rusty, beloved dog of the Poole Family
Zack, beloved dog of Lisa East
Tesla, beloved cat of David Turner
Olaf, beloved dog of Susannah Lyle
Cow 57, beloved cow of Tracy and Bill Frist
Pibbs, beloved cat of Jackson Turner and Dom Hunter
Ziggy, beloved dog of Steve Turner
Nova, beloved cat of the Evan Jensen Family
Beautiful 2, beloved turkey of the Turner Family
Daisy Peach, beloved cat of the Katie Elkins Family
Freddy, beloved cat, Josie, beloved guinea pig, and Indi,
beloved dog of Bella Garner
Georgia, beloved dog of Luke Watson
Cup and Cake, miniature ponies of Bella Garner





Blessing of the Animals

















ALL SAINTS REQUIEM

Requiem, written by British composer Bob Chilcott, is a masterful modern elegy with texts from Missa pro defunctis and Book of Common Prayer.

The Choir of St. Paul's will be joined by soloists Angela Fagella and John Post and a chamber ensemble of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, timpani, and organ for a powerful performance on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 PM.

Advent Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:00 PM



Join our Adult Choir, Children, and Handbells for a meaningful service to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

You can also shop the Charitable Gifts Fair before the service in Otey Hall and purchase a lovely gift for a local non-profit to help those in our community.

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GATHERING FOR GOOD

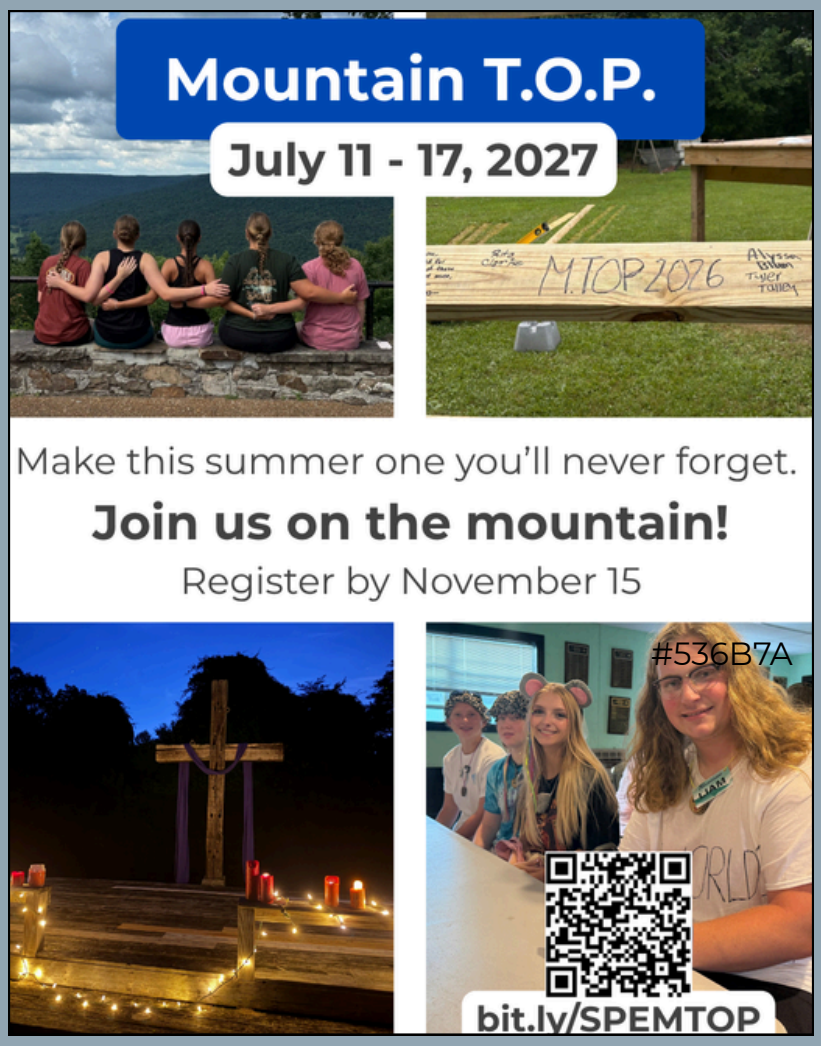
'Tis the season for making

Advent Wreaths

Wednesday, December 2nd
5:30-7 PM Otey Hall
Dinner $10, Children $5
$30 maximum per family
$20 suggested donation for Advent wreath kit



EYG - Episcopal Youth Group



Register for Mountain TOP 2027

Mountain TOP is July 11 - 17, 2027.
Register by November 15th.

Visit
bit.ly/SPEMTOP
to register!

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! Take a look at our EYG dates for November!

1 - All Saints Day Concert at 4 PM in the Nave, dinner at Barnabas at 5 PM
8 - EYG in Barnabas
15 - Diocesan Youth Retreat, sign up by Nov 1
22 - No EYG, Thanksgiving Break
29 - EYG in Barnabas

Diocese Fall Youth Retreat

St. Paul's youth who register will carpool together from Barnabas at 9:15 AM on November 15th!
We will return by 5:45 PM.



EYG - Episcopal Youth Group













Adult Formation Bible Study

The Path – A Journey Through the Bible
Sunday Morning 10 AM, Room 205

Walk in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have done their best to follow God's call. *The Path* is the story of the Bible, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation. With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, *The Path* is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people. Join us on this epic adventure, a journey through the Bible to grow closer to God.

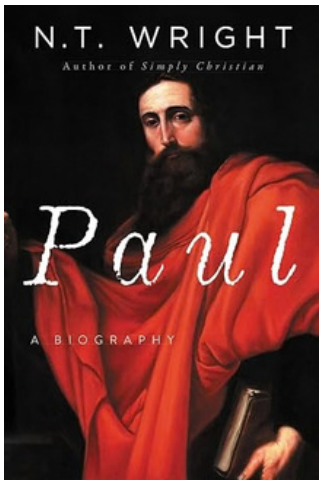


Biscuit Minute

Sunday Mornings
9:45 - 10 AM
Founders Hall

Grab a biscuit and coffee on your way to Formation

The Path is a 26-week study, finishing in mid-May. Each week will bring new stories so missing a class won't be a problem. Class will be facilitated equally by both clergy and lay members.



The Open Book

Sunday Morning 10 AM, Conference Room

The Open Book is a Christian formation class at St. Paul's, exploring thoughtful works on Christian life. Our first selection is N. T. Wright's *Paul: A Biography*. Sponsored by Adults with Families, the group is open to all adults, and no prior background is needed. Join us for lively, welcoming conversation as we consider Paul's life, faith, and enduring significance.

Youth Formation



Sunday Morning 10 AM, Room Barnabas

Our curriculum this year, *The Path*, will parallel the adult class and provide a great opportunity for discussion at home for families! It will take us through the Bible, using story telling and discussion prompts to engage with the wonders of Biblical stories.

Godly Play

Sunday Morning 10 AM, Godly Play Room

Godly Play Godly Play is the Sunday Formation program for children. The children are divided into two groups: preschoolers though first grade, and second through fifth grade. Children learn about Parables, Sacred Stories, and Liturgical Action to discover the depths of God, ourselves, one another, and the world around them. The Godly Play rooms are located on the first floor near Otey Hall.

WITS - Women In Theological Study

For the month of November, we will be reflecting on the Heart of God and Gratitude. As always, we will have some insightful and lively discussion.

Come join us when you can. We gather on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room #205. The dates we meet in November are:

November 5th
November 12th
(November 19th is Spring Street Outreach and November 26th is Thanksgiving)

Please contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com if you have any questions.

In all things, give thanks



Upcoming Events

- THURSDAY November 19 - WSP Social at the home of Pam Leet, 6 PM. Please note we are meeting on a Thursday instead of Friday.
- Monday, November 16 Cookbook Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM in Otey Hall
- December 12 - Christmas Tea

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

November Social

This month's social will be held on Thursday evening, November 19 at 6pm. Our hostess will be Pam Leet. This will be our final social for the 2026 year.

We will be electing officers for the 2027-2028 biennium. The slate nominated by the previous board is:

President - Cindy Tumblin
Vice President - Pam Leet
Secretary - Mindy Boggs
Treasurer - Pat McCracken

Please bring a friend, a beverage to share, and a "goodie" to share.

Cookbook Update

Here we are in our favorite place, the kitchen! We're officially testing the final batch of delicious recipes for inclusion in the upcoming church cookbook. In October, our team worked hard reviewing artwork, scripture passages, photography, and copy for the book's special sections. We also tasted eight delicious new recipes

Our final meeting of the year is on Monday, November 16 at 11:00 AM in Otey Hall. Stoop by for a bite!

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



Bake Sale during the annual BBQ

Tea Volunteers Needed

It is almost Tea Time! We need your help to make this beautiful event happen. Follow the QR code or click the link https://bit.ly/2026-tea-volunteers to the sign-up genius for decorators, servers, and kitchen help!

If you have questions, call Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 481-5144.



Tea Volunteers Needed

We need your help!

Click the QR code above to go to Sign-Up Genius and volunteer to help with one of our biggest events of the year: The Christmas Tea.

We need helpers the two weeks before to decorate and help the day of the tea in the form of serving, plating, and cleaning. We appreciate your help so much!

You can also copy this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADAF22A3F49-66572336-teavolunteers

Upcoming Events

November 15, 2026 - CITY (Rescheduled from October)
Meet behind Barnabas about 11:00 or at Holy Trinity at 12:00. The address is 615 6th Avenue South, Nashville.

November 17, 2026 - Habitat for Humanity
Lunch at new construction site. We will need to be there by 10:00 AM to have a meal ready by noon, so we will be leaving Barnabas about 9:00. For those who want to meet us at the site, ask Fred for the address, which is currently not available by GPS.

November 18, 2026 - MOSP Gathering (details below).

November 19, 2026 - FFUMC/RITI (Franklin First United Methodist Church / Room in the INN

MOSP will be helping with the cooking, serving and clean-up several evenings this winter (November - April). FFUMC address is 120 Aldergate Way, Franklin (across the street from BGA). Paul Hannah is St. Paul's coordinator and if you wish to volunteer to spend the night with the men, contact Paul at paulhannah@gmail.com.

BBQ Follow-Up Meeting and Guest Speaker

The MOSP are meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 PM in Otey Hall to review the annual BBQ. Please bring any suggestions you have for improvements.

Additionally, internationally recognized veterinary ophthalmologist, Lou Larrata, will be our guest speaker. He has studied and worked at Michigan State, Cornell University and UT Knoxville. This past year, he spent 6 months on a working sabbatical in Australia treating out of the ordinary patients and traveling the country. He will share some of his adventures with us.

Please join us!

Marty

MOSP BBQ




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Habitat for Humanity

St. Paul's is helping to sponsor a family for Habitat for Humanity

Meet the Dumov Family

Ivan and Neila and their four children, ages ranging from 9-20 years old, were born and raised in Ukraine where they built their lives surrounded by family, friends, and a strong sense of community. In Fall of 2021, they made the courageous decision to move their family to Tennessee in search of new opportunities. Currently they are building a new chapter of life in the U.S, and Habitat for Humanity, brings them a step closer to having a stable home for their family.



There are two ways you can help with this Habitat project:

1

Donate Online:
https://onrealm.org/StPaulsfranklin/-/form/give/now

Fill in $$ amount / Select "Outreach" / type "Habitat" in Memo. Continue to fill in the remaining information.

2

Purchase Items through Amazon:

https://amzn.to/4fchzsY

The Deadline is November 30

Habitat for Humanity®

If you have questions, contact:
Lori Rohde at 770-354-4661 or Carol Waters at 615-364-3405



Room in the Inn

St. Paul's will again support Room in the Inn during the upcoming 2026-2027 season. As with last year, we will help Franklin First United Methodist Church (FFUMC) by serving RITI guests during the winter season (November - March). The program provides safe shelter, warm meals, and fellowship for our neighbors struggling with homelessness during the coldest months of the year.

You have two options for participating in this important ministry:

1) You can assist St. Paul's Men's and Women's groups in preparing lunches and dinners and/or serving meals to our guests for 2-3 nights this season, and/or

2) Sign up as a volunteer at FFUMC to help with transportation, set-up, innkeeping and numerous other activities to help our RITI guests.

Both roles are critical to the success of this ministry and FFUMC has gladly welcomed St. Paul's participation in helping our guests.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Hannah (paulrhannah1@gmail.com or 615-512-5673). Further details on how to sign-up with FFUMC directly to help this ministry will be available soon. This includes background checks and safe sanctuary training for all FFUMC volunteers - this requirement does NOT apply to those preparing/serving meals as part of St. Paul's Men's and Women's groups.



Outreach Committee

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!

We were able to help several non profits that we have supported in the past...

21ST DISTRICT RECOVERY COURT

We were delighted this month to help our friends at the 21st Recovery Court by sponsoring a table at their annual fundraiser. We gave them $3,500 to assist in their important mission in helping people within the court system work on their recovery and develop sure footing in our community.

ROOM IN THE INN

We also granted $1,500 to support the Room at the Inn. This is a collaborative effort with Franklin First Methodist Church. We will be supplying dinners and lunches for those in need. We will hopefully be able to continue this endeavor in 2027 as well!

We also received wonderful letters of thanks from the Special Olympics of Tennessee and There's Harmony In Housing.

Outreach Committee

Dr. Chris Frost, MD, SFHM
Board Chair

Jenny Smith
Past Chair

Manisha Shah
Treasurer

Dr. Cathy Beck

Hunter Brush

Melanie Bull

Jerry Butler

Lynda M. Christel

Josh Corey, *ex-officio*

Kris Douglas

Pete Dusche´

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Special Olympics Tennessee

August 10, 2026

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Attn: Reverend Monna Mayhall and the Outreach Committee
510 West Main
Franklin, TN 37064

Dear Reverend Monna Mayhall and the Outreach Committee,

On behalf of our athletes, families, and volunteers, thank you for your generous gift of $5,000.00 on July 23, 2026, supporting Special Olympics Tennessee's Williamson County Athletes. Because of you, more than 22,000 athletic opportunities are provided across Tennessee. These athletes find joy, confidence, and fulfillment while inspiring people in our communities to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential.

Our mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968: **Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering acceptance and inclusion of all people.**

- Special Olympics Tennessee hosts **more than 275 events** each year in **17 sports.**
- Special Olympics Tennessee **provides health screenings** in nine different disciplines.
- Special Olympics Tennessee's *Unified Champion Schools* program is aimed at equipping young people with tools and training to **create sports, classroom, and school climates of acceptance.**
- Participants **never age out** of the program.
- Special Olympics Tennessee competitions, health screenings, and fitness programming are **100% free** for all athletes.

Through the power of sport, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. Together, we are helping to make the world a better, healthier, and more joyful place - one athlete, one volunteer, one family at a time.

Thank you again for your investment in unity, inspiration, and greatness.

Kind regards,

Joanne Drumright
Chief Operating Officer

Charles Stewart
Chief External Affairs Officer

Committee, Thank you so much for your support. Thank you!!

This letter serves as your tax receipt. Special Olympics Tennessee affirms that no tangible goods or services were received in relation to this philanthropic gift. For more information, please contact Charles Stewart, Chief External Affairs Officer, at 615-329-1375 or cstewart@specialolympicstn.org.

Outreach Committee

There's Harmony in Housing

8/31/2026

Europe Dooley
There's Harmony in Housing
117 Tulip St.
Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474

Monna Mayhall
St. Paul Episcopal Church
510 W. Main St.
Franklin, TN 37064

Dear Monna Mayhall,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of $5,000 to There's Harmony in Housing (THH).

THH is growing every day, and I am working hard to assist individuals and families as they identify and overcome the barriers they are experiencing in their lives. My goal is to help people regain stability, build a stronger foundation, and better understand the resources and support available to them.

Your generous donation will be used to provide wraparound services to individuals and families in the Williamson County area. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many families in our community.

We are truly grateful for your generosity and for your belief in the mission of There's Harmony in Housing. Thank you for helping us make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Europe Dooley

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Executive Director
There's Harmony in Housing
931-286-8570

I greatly appreciate this opportunity more than you all know! Thank you so much for your time and trust! Thank you so much! I pray you have a beautiful day! :)

Outreach Committee

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
Cindy Tumblin

Love Thy Neighbor

Throughout the year, the Cookie Ministry, coordinated by Love Thy Neighbor, has shared love, gratitude, and hope throughout our community by delivering 62 boxes of homemade cookies to non-profits, schools, police stations, fire stations, fire and rescue stations, emergency rooms, downtown churches, and nursing homes. We are deeply grateful to all our bakers and delivery volunteers. This month, we thank bakers Mike Locklar, Susan Miller, Laura McCown, Susie Trabue, Suzanne Dibble, Judy Phelps, and Jayne Wille. Special thanks to Susie Trabue and Jayne Wille for helping with this month's deliveries.





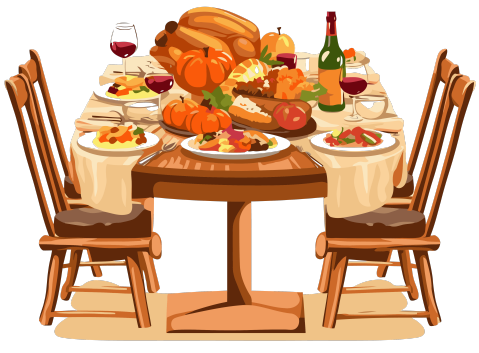


Spring Street

Thank you to everyone who cooked, served and donated bingo prizes for our October Spring Street. The ladies were very appreciative and had a lot of fun! Our dear Raquel brought a flan dessert for all the volunteers and Kathy Berry's chili was delicious! Thank you also to all who donated toothpaste for the Anette Lane memorial event. We have a real partnership with this community.

Here is the sign up for our November 19 Spring Street gathering. We will have a Thanksgiving meal and play silly games. We are very thankful for all our volunteers!

https://bit.ly/spring-st-nov-2026



Thank you!
Jackie King

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

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY meals on wheels (931) 922-2807 DELIVERING MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Meals on Wheels September delivery dates are Wednesday, November 18 and Friday, November 20. Contact Kathy Berry for more information.

Grief Support Group at St. Paul's

Loss comes in all shapes and sizes. Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In September, they will meet on the 2nd and 16th, 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.

DOK - Daughters of the King

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

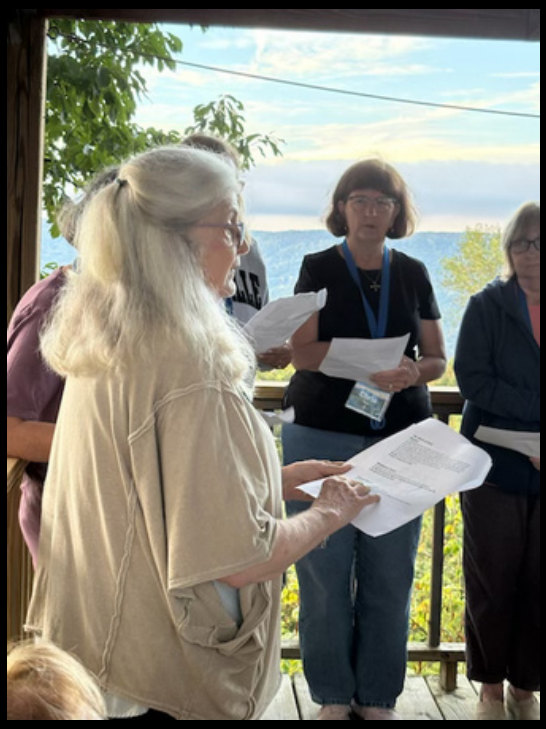
Women interested in information are invited to contact Karen Austin KSAustin@bellsouth.net or Beth Woodruff woodruffbeth96@gmail.com.

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.



DOK Retreat











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

Between now and the Bicentennial, the Historic Committee will be writing a series of articles about the people and the history of St. Paul's. An important part of that series will be about our history with the African-American community. This article was written in 2024 and is reprinted this month as a beginning of that conversation.

St. Paul's in Hard Bargain: St. John's Colored Episcopal Church

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At the time of its founding, St. Paul's had several owners of enslaved people in its congregation and on its Vestry. Slave galleries existed in the sanctuary; these were torn out when the roof was lowered during the Church's restoration in 1871.

Whether it was Jim Crow laws or simply the prevailing racial attitudes of the times, Blacks no longer attended St. Paul's after the Civil War. Many of the former slaves began converting to the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

A parishioner, Miss Maude Reid, a descendant of the prominent - and slaveholding - Perkins and Cochrane families, felt, as historian Scott Smith tells us, it was a "terrible loss to both the Church and its estranged communicants."

In 1916, "Miss Maude" took it upon herself to found St. John's Colored Episcopal Church in the Hard Bargain neighborhood. This neighborhood, developed by former slave Harvey McLemore, was and is a two-block area that housed many Black laborers for area industries and was a stable African-American community.

In 1916, Dr. H.P. Cochrane, a relative of Miss Maude, and his wife sold for five dollars a plot of land to the "Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee" for the "use of a negro mission."

In 1922, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Tulloss sold a plot of land to the diocese; it is a canon of the national Church that the diocese own all the real estate and property in its diocese. This plot is on Mt. Hope Street across from the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The diocese, and by extension St. Paul's, agreed to build a "substantial fence" on the east, south, and west sides of the lot for as long as they owned it. A church building was erected here in 1922.

According to a 1938 letter sent by Miss Maude to her cousin, long-time parishioner and Vestry member John Henderson, Sr., St. Paul's had a history of outreach, being "regular visitors at the country and 'Poor Farm.'" She recollected that when Rev. Edward Bradley (who was largely responsible for St. Paul's rebuilding after the Civil War) was rector, he would "ride Papa's pony to Triune...to conduct services."

Because so many African-Americans had established themselves in other churches, St. John's never thrived. However, according to Miss Maude, "nearly 100 persons had been baptized at St. John's by 1928." The church in 1939 had a vicar, Rev. S.A. Walcott (about whom we can find no information).

Our parish archive has a notebook from 1939 that lists four families totaling eight communicants of St. John's. Two children were baptized and another confirmed by Rev. Walcott in July of 1939. According to historian Rick Warwick, "The mission realized only a couple families as members although it was widely attended during Summer Bible Schools and church socials." The attendance at the Bible camps could explain why so many were baptized through 1928.

Miss Maude was widely scoffed at for her efforts. The church building itself began falling into disrepair and was in a frequently flooded area. An article from the February 20, 1949, Nashville Tennessean Magazine said "flash floods of early spring sometimes brought alarmed messages from Hard Bargain: 'St. Maude's done floating away again'.... (the members of the tiny church always named it gratefully for the little lady of St. Paul's whose untiring devotion never failed them.)"

Scant attendance and no more than widow's mite funding finally caused St. John's struggle to end in 1939. At the January 1945 meeting of the Vestry, a letter was approved to send to Bishop James Maxon asking the diocese to sell the church. According to Vestryman Robert H. Polk, who authored the letter:

"No services have been held in this church for many years, the front porch is falling away, no lights of any kind are available and the whole building is in poor repair. By diligent inquiry, we are unable to find more than two parishioners of this church, and those two have slid to the rear considerably. Negroes here are not interested in our faith, since it is not demonstrative enough to suit their taste....

There are two glass candle stands on the altar of the type available in any ten-cent store as vases. An organ, foot pump style, is in the building, but in a very bad state of repair.... The altar covers, such as they are, were property of St. Paul's parish...and ought to be returned.

This building stands as a monument to our failure to establish a negro church here...."

At the March 1945 Vestry meeting, it was reported that the Diocese had indeed sold the property to G. Pillow Williams for $900 cash. A tobacco warehouse later stood on the property behind the abandoned church and when the warehouse burned in the 1980's, so did old St. John's.

And so came to an end the noble effort of "the little lady of St. Paul's whose untiring devotion never failed them." St. John's was a victim of being too little too late, of economic hardship and of a segregated society. It's important that we understand the relationship of St. Paul's and the African-American community and, although we still have a long way to go nationally binding our racial wounds, we can rejoice that St. Paul's doors are open to all.

We hope you have enjoyed this article about the journey of St. Paul's. If you have questions, further information on the topic, and especially ideas for future articles, please let us know.

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** preserves our past and secures our future through projects and events beyond St. Paul's annual operating budget.
- **The Bicentennial Committee**, overseen by The Historic Committee, plans and carries out activities for our 2027 anniversary.
- **The Bicentennial Society** raises funds to support the work of both committees.

Education, Preservation & Celebration

Support from the Bicentennial Society helps bring our history to life, care for our historic church, and gather our parish and community in celebration.

Education: The Society supports public history symposiums exploring Franklin's early churches and their role in shaping our community. These gatherings educate and unite our local faith communities. The Society also helped create the history panels in Otey Hall and self-guided tour brochures for our historic church.

Bicentennial Society

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Preservation: The Society has supported cataloguing historic documents and photographs, now maintained at the Williamson County Archives; restoring the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son near the church's front entrance; and repairing the historic wooden louvers above the front doors.

Celebration: Annual parish birthday celebrations mark our countdown to 2027. Society funding will also support the church-wide and community events being planned for our Bicentennial.

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
Pam Horne
Melanie Lampertz
Rev. Rusty McCown
Pat McCracken
Libby Sullivan
Cindy Thomsen
Cindy Tumblin
Kathy Ulezelski
Mike Wesson

St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOUNDED IN 1827
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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

The Corner Shop







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 September 2026

September Summary: Three-fourths into the fiscal year and the parish is still performing better than expected overall, but the trend of spending more than collecting continues.

Revenues: Revenues were lower than expected in July due to lower than anticipated pledging and cash-in-plate. For the year, revenues are still 4.8% above expectations.

Expenses: Expenses were higher than anticipated in September. This overage of $10,000 includes a large payment for Property for painting services authorized by the Vestry ($17,250).

Overall: For the year the parish is still operating with a surplus, but the margins are narrowing.

Monthly Summary

	A	B	C (A-B)	D (A/B-1)	E	F	G (E-F)	H (E/F-1)
	September 2026				Year to Date to September 2026			
Item	Actual	Budget	Monthly Variance - Positive / (Negative)		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance - Positive / (Negative)	
Revenues								
Pledges & Cash in Plate	$68,697	$103,622	($34,925)	-33.7%	$1,066,436	$1,031,264	$35,171	3.4%
Other Income	$1,010	$42	$968	2324.0%	$18,196	$3,375	$14,821	100.0%
Total Revenues	**$69,707**	**$103,664**	**($33,956)**	**-32.8%**	**$1,084,631**	**$1,034,639**	**$49,992**	**4.8%**
Expenses								
Personnel	$69,935	$59,618	$10,316	17.3%	$549,353	$536,770	$12,583	2.3%
Operating Expenses	$54,710	$54,991	($282)	-0.5%	$522,491	$498,045	$24,446	4.9%
Total Expenses	**$124,644**	**$114,609**	**$10,035**	**8.8%**	**$1,071,844**	**$1,034,814**	**$37,029**	**3.6%**
Net Operating Income	**($54,937)**	**($10,945)**	**($43,993)**		**$12,787**	**($174)**	**$12,961**	
Non-Budgeted Rev. & Exp.(Net)	**$16,573**				**$142,742**			
Total Parish Performance	**($38,364)**				**$155,530**			

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Click here for the latest Vestry Minutes.

Transfers

Dan Tyler - Transfer Out





October Birthdays

2 Frank Baugh
3 Jim Poole
4 Tod Hull, Shawn Gregory, Daphne Egan
5 George Gibson, Annette Phillips, Cindy Tumblin
6 Bo Sheller, Sara Richter, Lori Jones
7 Marty Ligon
8 Ward Stein, Lynn Burton
9 Carol Huber
10 Nicholson Dunavan, Cindy Painter, Mary Grace Gardner
11 Kate Pitsenberger
12 Rob Ramirez, Christine Parnell, Meagan Benson
13 Laine Walters Young, Patty Norem
14 Vicki Stein
15 Dick Bobo
16 Susan Miller, Garner Spain
17 Susan Myers
19 Charlie Grimes, Mike Garfield, Laura McCown
20 Meghan Sutherland, Liz Lilly, Kathy Germain
21 Fred Newell, Hugh Hart
22 Mishelle Phillips, Rudy Gilchrist
23 Andy Peterson
24 Sheila Morreale, Henry Robinson, Francesca Lamb
25 Eric Johnson, Susan Hughes, Jerry Rasnic
26 Samantha Saalwaechter, Susan Black
27 Rex Anderson
28 Myla Johnson
29 Renee Reinhardt



October Anniversaries

2 Terry & Julie O'Donnell
6 Sean & Melissa Impeartrice
6 Woody & Beth Woodruff
13 Bob & Jan Abstein
18 Dick & Artie Bobo
18 Walter & Melanie Lampertz
20 Grant & Judy Benedict
21 Jim & Kathy Suttle
26 Jack & Donna Honeycutt
29 Andy Peterson & Bob Barrett



Baptisms

Evelyn (Eve) Jake Taylor daughter of Beverly Taylor

Daniel (Dan) Michael Konopka