

# The Epistle



SEPTEMBER 2024

*Our mission is to proclaim the news of Jesus Christ and care for all*

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

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 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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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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[Deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 27, 2024](#)

# Upcoming Events

## September 7

Bishop Curry - Middle Tennessee Diocese Visit at St. George's Nashville

## September 8

Rally Day - Return to four services on Sunday

## September 15

Christian Formation starts

## September 25

Gathering for Good

## September 28

Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ



## **Sunday Services Time Change**

On September 8th, we will return to four services on Sunday:

7:30 am

8:45 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm



Many more meetings and gatherings can be found on the Church Calendar, under the "About Us" tab on the church website: <https://74053364.view-events.com/calendar/74053364/>

# Bishop Curry Visit

All are invited to

## **Holy Eucharist**

with

## **The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry**

*Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church*

Saturday, September 7, 2024

9:00 am

St. George's Church

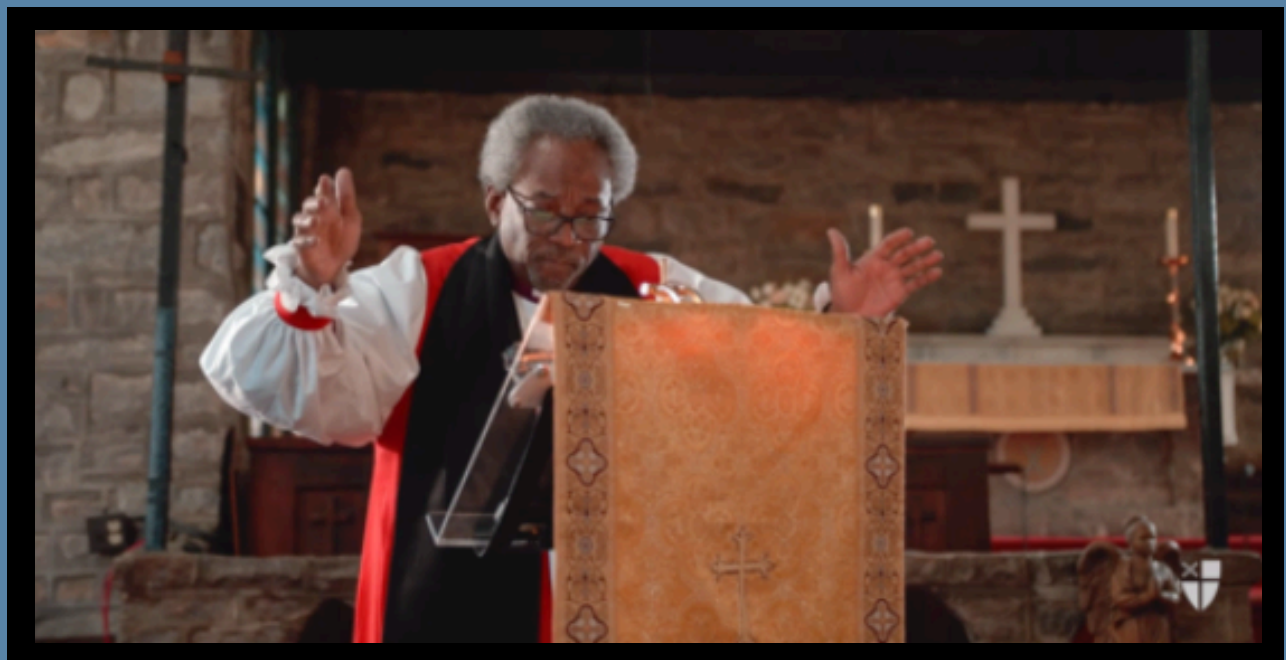
4715 Harding Road

Nashville, TN 37205

Doors open at 8:15 am. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

Parking is limited so please carpool if at all possible.

Clergy are invited to vest. The color is green.



# Rally Day



find your perfect fit

# St. Paul's Rally Day Pop Up Party

Sunday, September 8th

10 am: Biscuit Minute in the Fair Street Lot of Barnabas  
Children and Youth Parent Meeting in Barnabas  
until 10:20

10-10:45: Parish Backyard Party at the Rectory  
@ 608 Fair Street

For just as the body is one and has many  
members, and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12



# Rally Day

## Sunday, September 8 will be a HUGE day at St. Paul's!

1. We go back to our regular schedule of four services (7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm.)
2. Biscuit Minute returns! At 10:00 am, breakfast will be offered in the parking lot in front of Barnabas.



3. We are also rolling out name tags for all our parishioners! They will be available at the Main Street doors at all four services. If there is not one printed for you that day, you can get a temporary name tag, and we will print you one for the following week. We are asking parishioners to keep up with their tags. Take yours home, leave it in your car, tuck it in your purse- but bring it back every week.

4. From 10:00-10:20 am, all children, youth, and their parents are asked to come to Barnabas to learn about the joys and challenges of having Christian Formation amidst our changing facility. Come meet your Godly Play teachers, Nursery caregivers, and your Youth mentors.

5. We are also having a **POP UP PARTY** at 10:00 am in Barnabas and on the Rectory lawn. All ages are invited to wander the lawn at the rectory (house next door to Barnabas). There will be contact leaders representing all the varied ministries at our church available to answer your questions and help you find your place in the life of St. Paul's. There will be a bounce house and lawn games in the backyard of the rectory. Fun for everyone!



## Usher Training - Date Change

All ushers, please join Ann Denson on Sunday, September 8th. The times are:

- 8:15 am - for the 7:30 Ushers
- 12:30 pm - for the 8:45 & 11:00 Ushers
- 5:45 pm - for the 6:00 Ushers

We will meet in the back pews of the Sanctuary

Anyone can attend any meeting. The 12:30 pm meeting will be more detailed due to the needs of those services. Attendance at either meeting is strongly encouraged. Each meeting will cover the same topics and last approximately 30 minutes. If you have a specific idea regarding tweaking our Usher duties, please bring it. Also, we do need Usher Ministry Co-leaders. If you are so inclined, please let Ann know on the 25th or before.

Your ongoing voluntarism for this very important ministry is deeply appreciated - thank you!

## St. Paul's Nursery Is Hiring

We are in search of a nurturing, enthusiastic adult (21 years or older) to take charge of our Sunday morning nursery care in Barnabas beginning September 8th. Responsibilities include arriving at 8:30 to set up the nursery in our temporary location, caring for children from the 8:45 service through the end of the 11 am service, and putting all of the nursery equipment and supplies away before leaving at roughly 12:30. Compensation is \$80 per week, and the person would be required to complete a background check and Safe Church training. If you have questions, would like to apply, or know of someone who would be a great fit, please contact [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com).

## Bad Girls Book Club

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, September 24th in Barnabas from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. We will discuss *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry.

Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.





64TH ANNUAL

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

 **BBQ** 

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**2 pm - Until it's all gone**



**AWARD-WINNING PULLED PORK  
SMOKED CHICKEN  
WHOLE PORK BUTT  
CHICKEN QUARTER  
FAMILY PACK MEALS**

*For More Information or Order Online:*

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**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
510 W. MAIN STREET  
FRANKLIN, TN**



**SUPPORTS LOCAL OUTREACH**

## Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ

It is time, once again, for a Franklin tradition! The 64th Annual BBQ, sponsored by the Men of St. Paul's, will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2024, from 2:00 until we sell-out.

All of our traditional offerings will be available:

Award-Winning Pulled Pork BBQ  
Smoked Chicken  
Whole Pork Butt  
Chicken Quarters  
Family Pack Meals

Cash, checks, credit cards, or tickets will be accepted as payment.

## Pre-Order Online

Pre-ordering is available for the items listed below. You may order via the St. Paul's website until Thursday, September 28th at noon.

- Whole Boston Butts (\$72 or 4 tickets)
- Whole Smoked Chicken (\$18 or 1 ticket)
- Chicken Leg Quarters (\$18 or 1 ticket)
- Pork by the Pound (\$18 per pound or 1 ticket)
- Family Pack Meals – enough to feed 5-6 (\$72 or 4 tickets)

We will accept pre-orders through the website until 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 28th.

You may pick up your order between at 2:00 and 4:00 pm on Saturday. Please note, because of demand, after 3:30 pm unpaid orders may not be held and could be sold, so please come early to get your order.

Also, we cannot hold orders to be picked up at a later date because we do not have access to any refrigerators or freezers in Otey.

For more information or to pre-order, click here:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/bbq>

GATHERING FOR GOOD PRESENTS



# CHICK'N AND PICK'N AT THE PARK



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**

**5:30-7 PM**

**JIM WARREN PARK ENCLOSED PAVILION  
BEHIND THE TENNIS COURTS**

LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH  
A-R: BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE  
S-Z: BRING A DESSERT  
THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE CHICK'N!  
DRINKS ARE PROVIDED

## Youth Christian Formation (6th – 12th grade)

Youth Christian Formation meets on Sunday mornings at 10 beginning September 15! Do you have questions about faith and the Bible? We all do! Formation this year will use videos and activities to explore common questions that most of us ask along our faith journey. This will be a safe and fun space for all of us to learn from each other and grow together as we discuss the amazing mysteries of God!

## EYG Pool Party



We had a blast this summer at EYG: Summer Edition events! From Karaoke and Movie nights to Game night to a pool party, we got to relax and have fun with friends! The fun and fellowship will continue this fall as EYG kicks off with a glamorous Premiere. All students in 6th – 12th grades are invited to walk down the red carpet in Barnabas on September 8 from 5-7!

## Youth Participation Permission Form

A completed Universal Permission Form is required for any youth in 6th-12th grades to participate in a St. Paul's sponsored youth ministry event. Once submitted, this form is kept on file until the expiration date above. Please provide the youth minister updated information as changes occur. Download the permission form here: <https://bit.ly/youth-permission-form-24-25>

## Need for St. Paul's Youth Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer with the youth, especially for Christian Formation on Sunday mornings, please fill out this Google form (<https://bit.ly/3Yi9N9o>) or email Brett at [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com).

## EYG Premiere

We're going to walk the red carpet for the first EYG of the 2024-2025 year on September 8 from 5-7! We will have a photo backdrop with props, dinner, games, and worship. Any student in grades 6 -12 is welcome!



## Pilgrimage Presentation

The youth that participated in the Pilgrimage earlier this summer gave a presentation about their adventures.

If you were unable to attend, you can watch it here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yDAwkHemkw>



# Young Adults

The St. Paul's young adults group meets frequently in the Nashville metro area for social gatherings, volunteer opportunities, and events at St. Paul's. College students and young professionals in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Click the calendar below to learn about upcoming events! Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more information or to be added to our email list.



# September

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 • <a href="#">Holy Eucharist</a> • <b>RALLY DAY</b>	9	10	11	12 • <a href="#">Trivia Night at Mt. Rose</a> at 7:30p (arrive at 6:30)	13	14 • <b>Afternoon walk at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park at 5:00</b>
15 • <a href="#">Holy Eucharist</a> • <b>Church in the Yard (CITY)</b>	16	17 • <a href="#">Trivia Night at Neighbors at 7p</a> (arrive at 6:00)	18	19	20	21 • <a href="#">Grace Works Mobile Food Pantry 7-11</a>
22 • <a href="#">Holy Eucharist</a> • <b>Board Games &amp; Healing Housing Love Notes</b>	23	24 • <a href="#">Bad Girls Book Club at 6:30</a>	25	26	27	28 • <b>Men of St. Paul's BBQ</b> • <a href="#">Pear Jam Volunteering</a>
29 • <a href="#">Holy Eucharist</a> • <b>Golden Pheasant Triathlon Volunteering</b>	30					

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Young-Adults-9-24.pdf>

## Volunteers Needed for Mum Sale Pick-Up

We need volunteers to help with the Mum Sale pick on Saturday, Sept 14. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3XIZEHX>



## Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! The Women of St. Paul's will once again have a pie and baked goods sale during the men's BBQ. Bring whole pies, cakes, breads or packages of a dozen cookies. Jams, jellies and pickles are also welcomed.

Please bring items to Barnabas between 10:00 and 2:00 on Saturday, September 28.

Some boxes will be available in Barnabas or they may be purchased at Gordon Food Supply.

## WSP Social

Mark your calendars! On Friday September 13 our next social will be held at the home of Pat McCracken at 6 pm (board meeting at 5:00) Hopefully it will still be warm enough to swim in the pool! Please bring your favorite dish to share and the recipe card!

## heART & Soul Retreat

Circle of Love

February 7-9

Montgomery Bell State Park

Information and registration will be available October 1



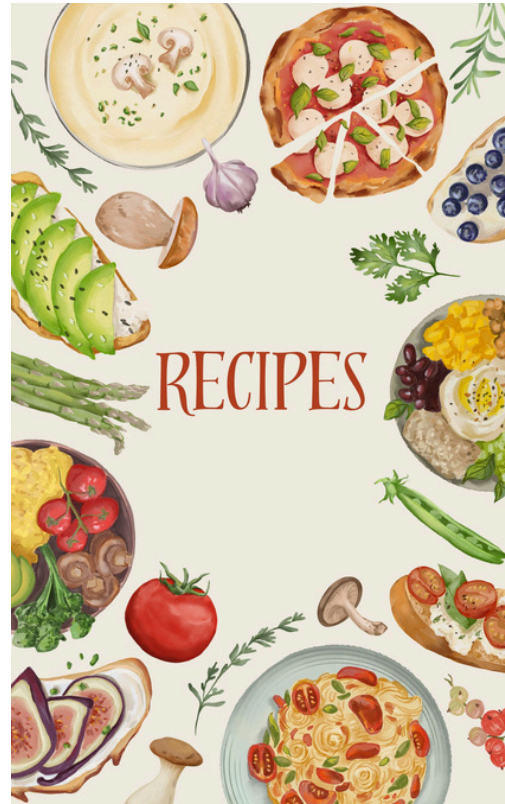


## Cookbook Deadline Extended

WSP Cookbook needs your great recipes still!!!! We are extending our search for great recipes until October 31! Please send us your recipes to [stpaulscooks@gmail.net](mailto:stpaulscooks@gmail.net).

We need:

- Chili Cook Off Recipes
- Men's BBQ Recipes
- Appetizers
- Cocktails
- Breads
- Breakfast
- Soups and Stews
- Salads (Fruit and Veggie)
- Side Dishes
- Casseroles
- Poultry
- Seafood
- Meats
- Cakes
- Cookies and Candies
- Pies and Other Desserts
- Canned Pickles
- Jams and Jellies



Testing recipes!

## WITS in September

WITS - Women in Theological Study will meet on September 5, 12, and 19 in The Lounge in Barnabas from 9:30-11:00 am.

For these three Thursdays, we are going to explore and celebrate the lives of some women in the Bible who helped shape Christianity.

We will not meet September 26 due to Spring Street Ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

## Coffee Club

During the month of September, the men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45am in the Barnabas "board room" to discuss the upcoming Sunday's epistle. The scripture for each week will be

- September 4 - James 2:1-10, 14-17
- September 11 - James 3:1-12
- September 19 - James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- September 26 - James 5: 13-20



All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

## Adults

### Praying with Passion, Precision, and Promise

3-Week Study on Effective and Meaningful Prayer led by Dr. Jon Roebuck

Over the course of three weeks, our class will examine several passages that offer insight and encouragement in our discipline of prayer. It is interesting to discover, that of all the things the disciples witnessed during their time with Christ – miraculous healings, feeding the multitudes, walking on water, raising the dead to life – that their number one request of Jesus was this, “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1) They understood that His power to heal, change lives, and proclaim grace all came from His prayerful connection with The Father. What can we learn from His example? What insights can Scripture provide? Can we become more intentional and purposeful in our discipline of prayer? Join us as we explore this exciting topic together.

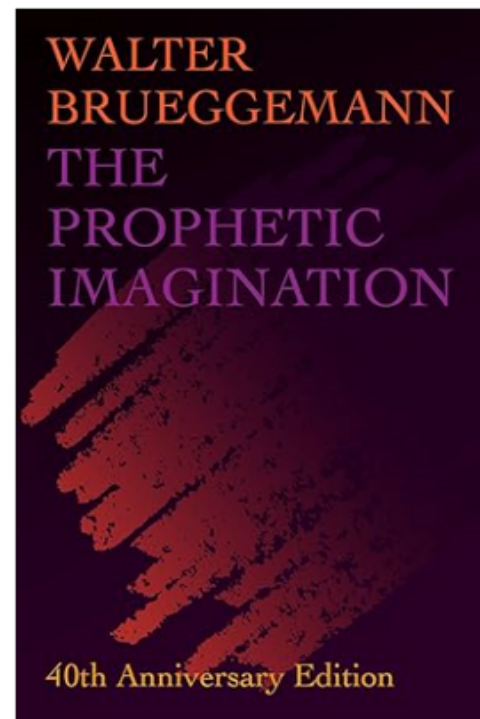
Sundays at 10:00 am – Sept 15, 22, and 29

## The Prophetic Imagination

3-Week Study based on “The Prophetic Imagination” by Walter Brueggemann, led by Jean Larson

The prophets of old called to speak on God’s behalf were varied in many ways, including backgrounds, prophecies, style, and popularity. However, what is it we can learn from them that applies to our lives today? Come learn about a different prophet each week.

Sundays at 10:00 am – Oct 6, 13, and 20

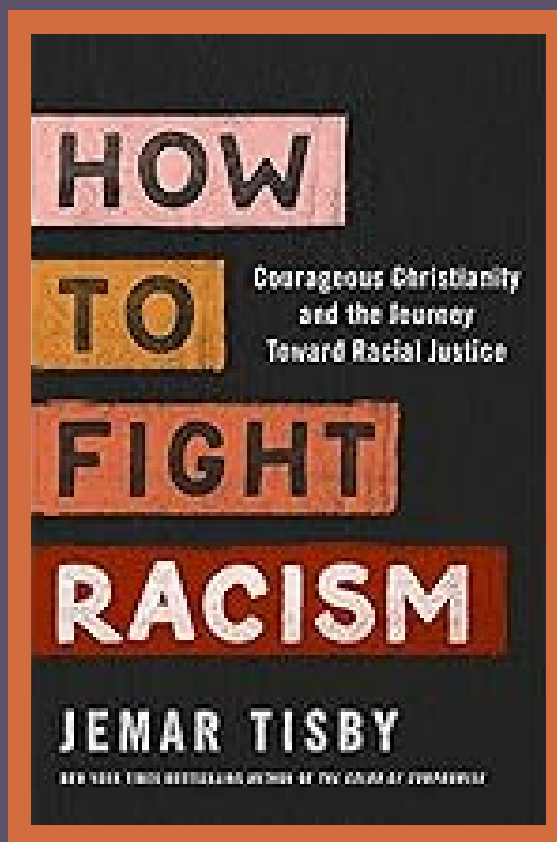


## “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice”

4-Week Book Study via Zoom led by Rev. Rick Britton

Join this study on “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice” by Dr. Jemar Tisby. This book addresses the sin of racism and racial injustice, and it includes practical approaches to address racism, biblical passages regarding race, ways the church can incorporate anti-racism efforts as part of its life and mission, insights for individual members and offers theological perspectives that are helpful for a faith-based view of race and racial justice. Participants are to register in advance to get the Zoom link. The church has a limited number of hardback books available for \$7.00 each.

Thursdays in September from 7:00-8:30 pm - Sept 5, 12, 19, and 26



The Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Church functions to serve nonprofit 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 in 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 within our 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 only the reason we can do this, thank you! And, to that effect, we would like to make all aware of exactly who you are helping in our community. So, each month, we would like to share a few of them so you might be able to see and support these organizations.

St. Paul's is making a difference in our community and it shows! This month, we have received several letters of thanks from some of the nonprofits we have supported this year. Please enjoy reading the following words of gratitude from The Well, The Boys and Girls Club and Doorstep.



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 and the "Community Partners" on our Outreach page. There are many opportunities to volunteer or donate to help our friends 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](mailto:monna@stpauls.com) or any other members on the committee: Will Boggs, Jim Miller, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Spencer Dibble and Angela Lassiter.

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July 16, 2024

St. Paul Episcopal Church  
Attn: Judy Stockton  
510 West Main Street  
Franklin, TN 37064

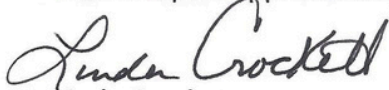
Dear Ms. Stockton and Mission Committee,

*“Broken, scared, lonely. These words describe me when I left my abusive marriage. I had no idea how I would afford to stay in Williamson County. It was important to keep my children in their schools. I couldn’t take the abuse anymore. Bridges Domestic Violence Center referred me to the Door Step Program. They provided me with a year of rental assistance and one on one support. Upon graduating from the program, I am hopeful, confident and happy about my future.” Brenda*

Thank you for your generous donation of \$3000.00. Your gift makes it possible for Door Step to help victims of physical, mental and sexual abuse. For individuals who have experienced domestic violence or the children who have witnessed domestic violence, the decisions faced are difficult ones. Door Step provides transition housing upon leaving shelter for up to one year. This gives clients the opportunity to get back on their feet and stay in their community.

We realize that there are many worthy nonprofit organizations in our community, so on behalf of the clients, staff and board of directors at Door Step thank you for believing in our mission to ensure a safe transition to successful independent living. We could not do it without your support!

With deepest appreciation,

  
Linda Crockett  
Board Member

\* Door Step Project is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3). Your donation may be tax deductible. For your benefit and as required by law, we state that Door Step Project Center did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this consideration.

Rev. Mayhall,

Thank you so much  
for your continued  
support of the Clubs  
and our Steak & Burger  
Dinner. We greatly  
appreciate our partnership.  
Denise  
Carothers



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

To Friends of The Well at St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church,

We continue to be so grateful for your generous  
partnership in walking with us to help feed  
our hungry neighbors in Williamson and Maury  
Counties. We appreciate your abundant and faithful  
giving. Please let me know if there is any way  
I can serve you.

Stan



**Our Mission:** The Well Outreach exists to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving those in need through supporting spiritual, emotional and physical growth.



The Well Outreach, Inc.  
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July 12, 2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
ATTN: Monna Mayhall  
510 W Main St  
Franklin, TN 37064  
\* *Franklin Classic Sponsorship*

Dear Monna and Friends of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

We are grateful in so many ways for dear friends like you. Thank you for your recent contribution of **\$2,500** and for supporting Mercy Community Healthcare with your time, talent, and treasure – volunteer service hours, shared skills, donations, and prayer, support Mercy's mission to *reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by providing excellent healthcare for ALL and support to their families*. Each day is a new opportunity to give life-changing care to people in need, and your support helps to make this possible.

**More about Mercy**

- ✓ **Mercy's Mental Health Services** (including counseling and psychiatry) are here to support you, your family, and our community with resources that are an integral part of support and self-care, now more than ever. Please call us at 615.790.0567 in Franklin and 615.814.3400 in Lewisburg to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ **The 2024 Mercy Franklin Classic**, Monday, September 2—Williamson County's favorite Labor Day tradition. The race will include a 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk, and a 1K Kids Run. This community-supported race begins in historic Franklin Square and culminates with a finish to remember as participants race down Main Street to cheers from their friends, family, and neighbors. Visit our webpage and participate in the fun: <https://mercytn.org/mercy-franklin-classic/>
- ✓ **Mercy Community Healthcare 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Gala**, Friday, November 15 — Join us at Liberty Hall in The Factory at Franklin for Mercy's first-ever formal event with drinks, dinner, a silent auction, live music, and dancing! We can't wait to celebrate God's blessings over the past 25 years and dream of Mercy's bright future. The Silver Gala funds will support Mercy's Centers Of Excellence for All: Primary Care, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Patient & Family Support, allowing us to serve thousands of uninsured and underinsured people in our community. For sponsorship opportunities and ticket information: <https://mercytn.org/-silver-gala/>

Grateful daily,  
*Cindy Siler*  
Cindy Siler, Chief Executive Officer  
Mercy Community Healthcare

cc: llf

*You are a blessing  
to Mercy!*

**Prayer Makes a Difference!** The leadership and staff of Mercy believe in the power of prayer. How can we pray for you? Please email us at [Friends@MercyTN.org](mailto:Friends@MercyTN.org) – we want to join you in prayer.





## September Gathering

Our September 26 gathering will be in the middle room of Barnabas. We are planning a simple lunch and a fall craft activity.

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/SeptSpringSt>

If you would like more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please text or email Jackie King 914-329-3017  
[momking2nd@yahoo.com](mailto:momking2nd@yahoo.com)



## Spring Street Fall Dates

September 26

October 24

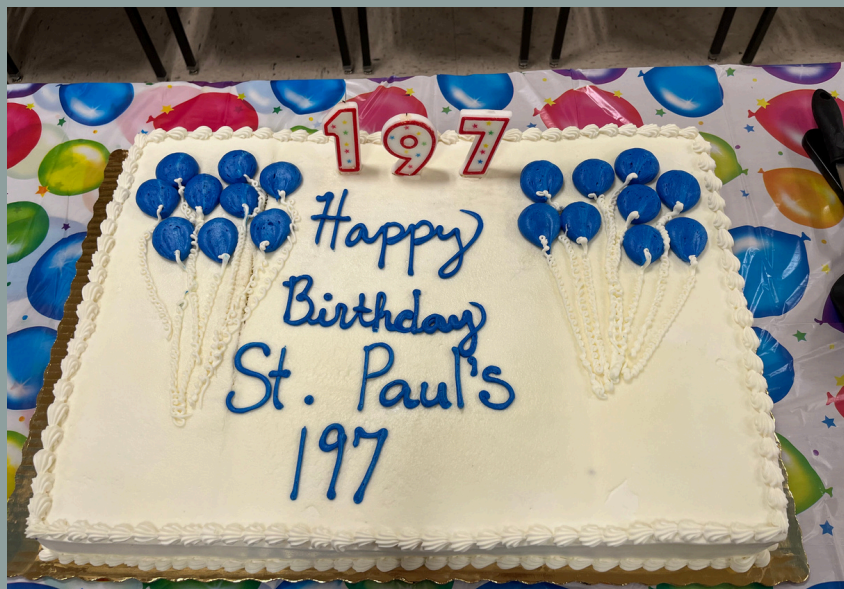
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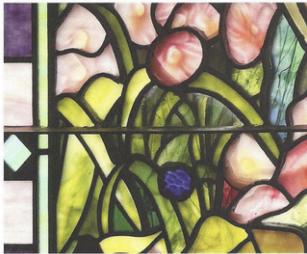
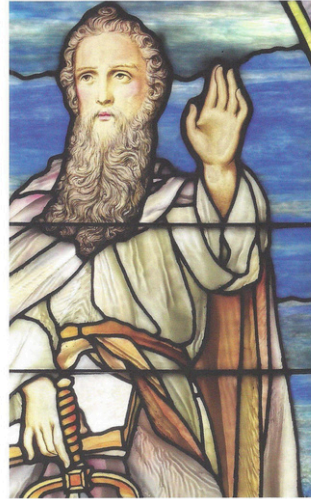
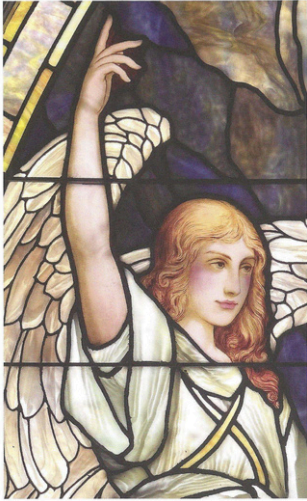
December 19

## **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

# St. Paul's 197th Birthday





## THE WINDOWS of St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## New Stained Glass Brochure

The Historical Committee presented a new stained glass brochure at St. Paul's birthday celebration. This beautiful representation of one of St. Paul's most acclaimed treasures was created by Cindy Thomsen and Currier Stevens.

### The Windows of St. Paul's

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was founded August 25, 1827, at the Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 in Franklin, Tennessee. The young congregation moved into its present site in 1834.

From 1902 to 1915, several windows were donated by prominent parishioners whose families had worshiped at St. Paul's from its earliest days. Many of the windows name those being memorialized. These gifts included five stained glass windows created by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Tiffany was the son of the famous retailer Charles Tiffany who founded Tiffany & Co. jewelry store. Born in New York City in 1860, Tiffany was raised among great artists of the age. Tiffany was inspired by the master glass craftsmen of Murano, Italy, and he developed new techniques that forever changed stained glass. His art is prized by collectors around the world, but none is as beloved as the windows at St. Paul's.



### + St. Paul

This window depicts our patron saint as he addresses the men of Damascus (note the Temple in the background). This window has been attributed to Tiffany.



### + Angel at the Empty Tomb of Jesus on Resurrection Morn

Probably the most favored of all the windows of St. Paul's, the Angel at the Empty Tomb of Jesus on Resurrection Morn is Tiffany at his finest. The folds in the angel's robes attest to Tiffany's superior craftsmanship.



### Saint Luke

The Patron of Physicians, St. Luke was given in memory of Claiborne Holmes Kinnard IV in 1967. His late wife, Ruth, is commemorated on the other front-facing window.



### + Christ Knocking on the Door

This magnificent creation of stained glass is authentic Tiffany. The church also owns the original cartoon cell used to advertise the piece. Note that there is no knob on the door—one must open the door for Christ to come in.



### Saint Stephen

The Patron of Deacons, St. Stephen is shown in a field of Tennessee irises, giving the creator an artistic license indeed. Crafted in 1984, it is the perfect contemporary fit in the antebellum nave.



### + Saint John the Divine

This window depicts St. John as he is inspired from above to write the Book of Revelation. This window, crafted in 1915, was the last installment of the Tiffany windows at St. Paul's.



### Celebrating our Bicentennial

On August 25, 2027, St. Paul's will celebrate its bicentennial. St. Paul's is the oldest Episcopal congregation west of the Appalachian Mountains and is the Mother Church of the Diocese. Naturally, the preservation of our historic church is an ongoing and important process. If you'd like to help, please visit [stpaulsfranklin.com/give](http://stpaulsfranklin.com/give).



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### + Christ in a Field of Lilies

This window was given in the early 1900s as a gift of thanks for the very first wedding recorded in the register of St. Paul's. This tranquil work attests to Tiffany's genius.



## Join St. Paul's Bicentennial Society

With only four years left until St. Paul's 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

## Historic Committee Products

Stop by the Corner Gift Shop to pick up some items from the historic committee.



# Corner Gift 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.



# September Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Phillips
- 2 Julie O'Donnell, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathan Webster
- 4 Martha Holland, Grady Neely
- 5 Carly Williams, Rita Warner, Weezie Green, Devon Anderson
- 6 Becky Gengler, Peggy Macpherson, Sarah Paris, Bev James
- 7 Phyllis Gray, April Ashburn, Jenna Garner, Susan Brand, Wynn Smythe
- 8 Jerry Larson
- 9 Woody Woodruff, Keith Jacobs, Walker Dees
- 10 D'Anna Agnetta, Lucy McCullough, Nic Sieveking
- 12 Rob Miller, Rachel Robinson, Max Jordan, Karen Austin
- 13 Amanda Walker
- 14 Weslea Miniati, Audrey Hall, Daniel Alvarado
- 15 Mandy Nickerson
- 16 Nicole De Peri, Susan Vick, Vicki Carlisle, Sarah Foote, Judy Phelps
- 18 Piper Medlin, Cyndy Howes
- 19 Grant Benedict, Phyllis Thompson, Chloe Hannah, Elaine Williams, Jessica Liang
- 20 Claire Sheller, Cindy Thomsen, Chandler Miniati
- 21 Becky Facer, Tom Sebrell
- 22 Hannah Miniati, Wallace Lilly
- 23 Will Paris, Brad Williams, Beckett Hyssong, Emily DeRosia
- 24 Chris Knopf, Emily Trahan, Andrew Johnson, Richard Pullen
- 25 Ansley Addison, Sally Gray Branson
- 26 Gerald Hancock, Laurie Parker, Will Boggs
- 27 Bo Butler
- 28 Henry Ingram, Elizabeth Power, Charlie Palmgren, Genevieve Phillips
- 29 Carson Beck, Wallace Beauchamp
- 30 Rick Jackson

## September Anniversaries

1 Tim & Kristin Chew

6 Robert & Sharon Collins

9 David & Sarah Ingram

10 Wynn Smythe & Lisette Benefield-Smythe

11 Calen Cussimanio & Lauren Michael-Cussimanio

18 Brent & Michelle Blackwelder

18 Tim & Maury Sumja

19 Spencer & Suzanne Dibble

22 Tom & Marida Stearns

23 Pam & Rick Leet

24 Walt & Peggy Goss

24 Carl & Ginna Campbell

25 Rusty & Laura McCown

26 Liz Callicott & Dean Bose

## Births

Thomas Henry Martin, son of Ty and Jenna Martin, brother to Aida

## Baptism

John "Johnny" Patrick Dibble, son of Spencer and Suzanne, brother to Jamie

# Condolences to

- Rita Sue Warner in the death of her brother, Rodger Minner
- Bob Van Dervoort in the death of his cousin's daughter-in-law Jamie Van Dervoort
- Doug Mayhall in the death of his uncle, Earl Phillips
- Melanie Adams in the death of her mother, Gladys Marie Adams
- Suzanne Robertson in the death of her father, Floyd Craig

