



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOUNDED IN 1827
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March 30, 2025 - 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: 8:45 am: *Abide with Me*- Monk, arr. Bay
11:00 am: *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*- JS Bach

Processional Hymn: *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* **H-149**

*Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.*

*So daily dying to the way of self,
So daily living to your way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.*

*If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as the stony ground the green shoots break,
Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
So in the Father's glory shall we make.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **BCP, p. 351**

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue: (Kneel if you are able) **BCP, p. 350**

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Sung.)

S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson:

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 (*Spoken responsively at 8:45 and sung by Adult Choir at 11:00.*)

BCP, p. 624

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

The Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*(During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle.
Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.
Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)*

Gospel Hymn: When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

H-603

*When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above
Through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.*

*Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far,
He calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.*

*Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame,
He sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.*

*Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free
To welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.*

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given

me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form I)

BCP, p. 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

8:45 am: *Amazing Grace*- Traditional, arr. Duncan (Rebecca Percy and Kent Burnside)

11:00 am: *Amazing Grace*- Traditional, arr. Don Michael Dicie (Adult Choir)

Presentation Hymn: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* H-380, vs 1 and 2

*From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Sung.*) S-124

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

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

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

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God (*Sung.*) S-161

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.*

Music During Communion:

8:45 am: *Softly and Tenderly*- Thompson, arr. Duncan
My God Thy Table Now is Spread- tune: *Rockingham*
11:00 am: *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*- Thompson

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.
If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.
To receive a gluten-free host, extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

The Prayer after Communion BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

H-686

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good measure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

8:45 am: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks-* American Folk Melody, arr. Duncan

11:00 am: *Chaconne in G Minor-* Louis Couperin

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

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

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Rachel Shoaf, *Nursery Coordinator*

BIRTHDAYS: **Sunday:** Melissa Crain, David Dees **Monday:** Monna Mayhall, Ellen Clark, Maury Sumja **Tuesday:** Jim Miller, A.J. Morreale, Josh Bailey, Connie Dickerson **Wednesday:** Alexander Angola, Stephanie Hastings **Thursday:** Heather Angola, Sam Liang **Friday:** Ed McCullough, Nicholas Paris, Emily Love **Saturday:** Jo Ann Scalf, Jon Roebuck

ANNIVERSARIES: **Tuesday:** Doug and Joyce Little **Wednesday:** Wallace and Louise Beauchamp

PARTICIPANTS:

8:45 am

11:00 am

Ushers:	Bill Brandon	Pam Leet
Usher:	Mary Kate Brandon	Rick Leet
Chalice Bearer:	Daniel Alvarado	Chris Oberholtzer
Chalice Bearer:	Chris Oberholtzer	Ann Denson
1 st Reader:	Ron Howes	Steve Thompson
2 nd Reader:	Mary Kate Brandon	Judi Culver
Prayers:	Cyndy Howes	Mary Hill
Crucifer:	Garner Spain	Susan Miller
Torch Bearer:	Sophie Spain	Margot Blackwelder
Torch Bearer:	Whitfield Spain	Juliette Blackwelder
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Phyllis Thompson
Altar Guild:	*	Steve Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Melissa Montero	
Musicians:	Kent Burnside, guitar	Elizabeth Smith, organ
	Rebecca Percy, flute	
	Elizabeth Smith, organ	

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Iain Macpherson, April Wellikoff, John Waters, Debbie Mouka, George Gibson, Will Boggs, Cassy, Sam, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Mackenzie, Sara, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Candace, Kortnie, Jack, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Jim, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Ella, Griffin, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garrett, Ron, and Tevis

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, and Jacob

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Roy, Amanda, Zach, and Jake



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TODAY – March 30, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 8:45, 11:00, & 6:00

9:45 -10:00	Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall and Barnabas
10:00	Christian Formation All ages (locations below)
10:00	Seekers' Class in Barnabas
10:00	Youth Confirmation Class in Rectory
12:00-12:15	Coffee Minute in Founders Hall
5:00-7:00	Episcopal Youth Group

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



Including: Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!

Capital Campaign 2025 Update

We have been so blessed with your response to our call to finish the necessary funding for our building campaign. Since beginning this final endeavor just last week we have raised over \$535,000! This leaves us only \$361,000 short of our goal to finish the work on the main building, with an additional \$300,000 needed to fully renovate Barnabas. By your generous giving we will be able to support our many ministries for decades to come. If you would like to be a part of this mission, please go to the front page of our website to pledge. Thank you so much for your Spirit-led giving. ---Bob Larson, Campaign Chair

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00

Adult Formation • Founders Hall

Mar 30 & Apr 6: We shall explore the early chapters of Genesis looking at Creation and other stories. What do these ancient stories have to tell us today? It would be helpful to read through the first four chapters of Genesis. What catches your attention? What questions do these raise for you? Facilitator: Rev'd Bob Abstein

Youth Formation • Donna Stokes-Rogers' Office in Barnabas

March 30 & April 6: Got Questions? Let's explore them together! This month we'll ask questions about Prayer & Jesus.

Children Formation • Godly Play • Barnabas

Youth Confirmation Classes • Sunday • Rectory

Youth Confirmation Classes are continuing at 10 AM in the Rectory.

Seekers Class 2025 • Sundays • Barnabas Conference Room

Our annual Seekers' Class began on Sunday, March 2. This is the class traditionally offered for those adults who wish to join the church through Confirmation or Reception. However, please know that all are welcome, especially current congregants of St. Paul's who would like a refresher course. We will look at church subjects such as worship, church history, and Episcopal theology. The course will last for eight sessions, with a couple Sundays off for various reasons. Our last class will be on May 4. The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St. Paul's for Confirmation on May 25. We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in our

Barnabas annex conference room which is the building located behind the church on Fair St. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty via email: rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com or by phone at 615-790-0527.

Churchwide Events

Parish Picnic and Holy Eucharist • Sun, April 27 • 4:30 • Berry Farms Pavilion • 332 Hughes Lane, Franklin

Come join us for a short Eucharist followed by dinner and fellowship at Berry Farms. Families with last names beginning with A-R: Bring a side dish to share, and S-Z: bring a dessert. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a chair! **(April 27th Service Schedule: 10:00 am in Sanctuary, 4:30 pm at Berry Farms)**

Gathering for Good • Nashville Sounds Game • Evening of Wed, May 7

How good does an evening outside sound right now? Bring the whole family and join us at First Horizon Park on Wednesday, May 7th to see the Nashville Sounds take on the Norfolk Tides! Tickets are \$20 per person, and you can reserve your seats by emailing libby@stpaulsfranklin.com. We hope to see you there! Deadline to buy tickets is Wed, April 30th.

Easter Egg Hunt and Donations Needed

St. Paul's annual Egg Hunt will happen again this year at 10 am on Easter morning. All children will meet at the Rectory. Our fabulous Youth Group will help us out by hiding the eggs during the 8:45 service. We would love to have donations of wrapped peanut-free candy and plastic eggs. We will gladly accept new or used plastic eggs. Please bring your donations to the church by Palm Sunday, April 10th. Thank you!

Parish Life

Newcomers' Dinner • Thursday, April 3rd • 6:00 • The Rectory

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. This will be a time to answer any questions you might have about St. Paul's. RSVP to the office at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527, ext 103. We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd!

Upcoming Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) Events

We still have hashbrown casseroles (\$15) and beignet mix (\$10) for sale in Founders! Casseroles are in the deep freezer in the Barnabas kitchen.

March 30, April 6 & 13: EYG meets in Barnabas from 5-7! If you would like to bring dinner, please sign up at bit.ly/EYGVolunteer

Women In Theological Studies • Thursdays • Barnabas • 9:30-11:00

WITS continues a book study on "Freeing Jesus," by Diana Butler Bass. Freeing Jesus is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most. We will finish this book study on the first 2 Thursdays of April. On May 1 we will meet at Bicentennial Park in Franklin. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • Barnabas • 6:45 am

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas "board room" to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Grief Support Group • Wed, April 2 & 16 • 9-10 am • Barnabas

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 morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Young Adults

All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join us for any of our events!

Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com to be added to our GroupMe and visit www.stpaulsfranklin.com/young-adults/ for our full calendar!

April 8 at 7PM: Trivia at Neighbors Franklin

April 12, time TBD: Arbor Day event at Pinkerton Park

Bad Girls Book Club • Tues, Apr 22 • 6:30-8:00 • Barnabas

The Bad Girls Book Club next meeting is in April. We will discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

Social Graces • Save the Date • Tues, May 13 • 11:30 • Barnabas

Join us for our next Social Graces event: Lunch and Program

(11:30 am – Catered Lunch & 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Program on Brain Health and Dementia): 10 Ways to Love your Brain & 10 Warning Signs of Dementia Program is offered by Tiffany Cloud-Mann with AgeWell Middle Tn. Tiffany will also answer questions on these topics, as well as share the resources at AgeWell Middle Tn for older adults and caregivers. \$10 for lunch --- RSVP by Thursday May 8 (Note any dietary restrictions - Pay for lunch at the event. RSVP to Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527)

Vacation Bible School • Save the Date • June 9-12 • 9:00-12:00

Save the Date for St. Paul's Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park! We will gather to play, sing, and share stories in God's Creation at the covered pavilion. The whole church is invited to a potluck dinner and celebration on Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7. We hope to see you there!

Outreach

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • April 8

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 12:40 pm -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.

General Announcements

Easter Choral and Floral Offerings • Deadline April 11th

If you would like to offer a thanksgiving or memorial for a loved one on Easter, please sign up below for the Easter Floral and/or Choral offerings. After you have signed up below, you can send your donations online or mail a check noting the flowers or music ministry. Contact Shannon with any questions at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com. <https://bit.ly/floral-choral-offerings>

Blind-Date-With-Book • Sold in Corner Gift Store • WSP Fundraiser

Wrapped books (No titles!) with little treats will guarantee a cozy evening at home with a delightful story! Adult and children's books are available.