

The Epistle



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[Deadline for the March newsletter is Thursday, March 27, 2025](#)

Upcoming Events

February 28 - March 1

Vestry Retreat

March 4

Gathering for Good - Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 9

Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 5

Ash Wednesday

7 AM | 12 PM | 6 PM

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

Stations of the Cross
Lenten Series

April 13

Palm Sunday

April 17

Maundy Thursday

April 18

Good Friday

April 19

Great Easter Vigil

April 20

Easter

April 27

Church Picnic



The Women of St. Paul's delivered a Moses Basket to Philippa "Pippa" Mary Thurman, daughter of Josh and Sarah, and little sister to Winnie, Harry, Beatrice and Louise. Pippa was born January 27, 2025.

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/>

Capital Campaign Informational Meeting

On Thursday, March 20, we will hold a discussion concerning our updated construction project. The meeting will begin at 5:30 in Barnabas. The crux of the meeting is to answer any questions about the project, especially for those who are new to the church and may want to know more about it. However, the meeting is open to everyone who might have a question or two and also would like to be involved in its completion. Hope to see you then.



Building Project Update

Our Building Project was somewhat slowed over the last two weeks due to weather, however our contractors were there every day doing what was possible through the rain, snow, and freezing temperatures. This week and the coming weeks ahead we will begin to see substantial progress as the concrete floors will be poured and vertical steel beam structures installed. The new concrete block wall is now higher than our neighbors building and will continue to be completed after the horizontal beams are installed. Progress will begin happening faster then.

The underground plumbing is complete and has been inspected by the city. A heavy duty plastic water barrier is being installed on top of the gravel bed and will be ready for the concrete floor to be poured. The elevator shaft subfloor and walls have been completed and the walls will start going up after the floor is poured. A brick and mortar mock up sample has been approved by our design team and it will blend beautifully with the existing brick.

The elevation view from West Main Street will remain the same with new doors and windows. The upper story will be visual but be recessed from the double door entrance. The Reception Room inside will be where Shannon's old office and the vestibule were.

There will be another door leading into Kristy's old office area that will have a cloak room for acolytes, then will lead into the little hallway to go into church. This is where an ADA lift will be installed to help folks manage the stairs leading into the Sanctuary.

The flooring in this entire area will be gray and cream, harlequin set, porcelain tiles that simulate stone. The walls in the Reception will be wall to wall green painted shelving and drawer storage. The shelving will allow for things like St. Paul's merchandise and crafts to be sold. We may also have room for things like Prayer Books, Hymnals, icons, art etc.



Building Project Update



Also, we may have bags of food ready to go. We will have the opportunity to serve the hungry, the needy, tourists, newcomers, and parishioners alike. A receptionist or volunteer will be able to sit at a custom built in desk and greet folks as they enter our new office / classroom hall.

Our contractors are still on schedule and our finish date is set for October-November 2025. We are currently 97.5% finished with demolition (we still have an existing functioning restroom) and 13.95% over all complete in construction.

In the following two weeks, we will have a beam signing event. We believe we will do this on a Sunday after church, and if you are so inclined you can come into the site and sign your name on a steel beam before it is installed. More details will be coming soon.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and patience as we walk through this exciting journey together.



2025 Vestry Positions

Paul Hannah

Senior Warden (Finance, Stewardship, LRP)

Jim Miller

Junior Warden (Building and Grounds)

Mindy Boggs

Clerk and Parish Life

Angela Lassiter

Outreach

Jonathan Webster

Stewardship

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Fantasy Football Results

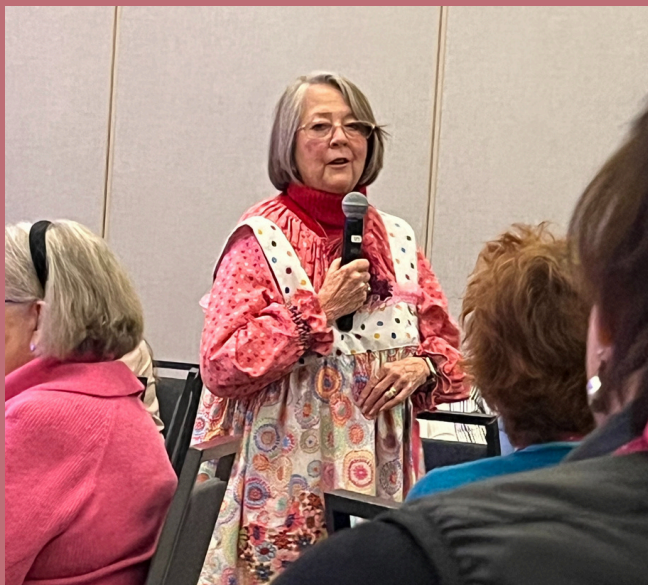
After much anticipation, we can now announce that this year's winner of the staff's Mostly Saint Paul's Fantasy Football League is Libby Sullivan's Barnabas Bruisers. Libby was able to finally reclaim the coveted trophy from last year's winner, Nic Parmer.

Rusty's Dove Shovers was the runner-up team; Paula's Deacon Blues placed third; and Nic's The Ghost of NickyP came in fourth.

The staff will spend the off-season carefully studying players' stats from the 2024-25 season, taking notes from the draft, and preparing a list of their top picks for their 2025-2026 Dream Team.



WSP HeArt and Soul Retreat



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Blind Date With A Book

Check out the new Blind-Date-With-Book selection in the Corner Gift Shop. Wrapped books (No titles!) with little treats will guarantee a cozy evening at home with a delightful story, a cup of tea, and a variety of book accessories. Best blind date ever! Consider giving one as a gift to another book lover. We offer a variety of fiction and non-fiction, children's books, and coming soon - cookbooks!

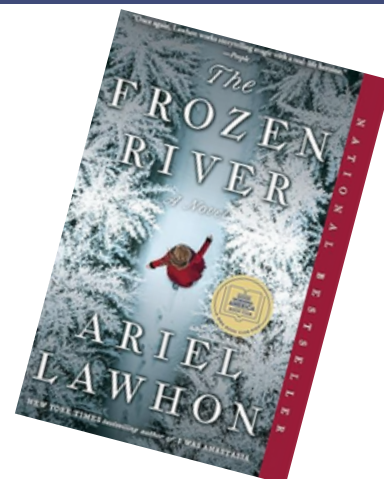


Bad Girls Book Club

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet on March 25th from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM. This month we will meet at Melissa Monterro's home due to the Tuesday Night Lenten Series in Barnabas. We will be back in Barnabas in April.

We will discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

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



Newcomers' Dinner

Thursday, April 3rd, 6:00pm, at 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 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, ext 103.

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd!



St. Paul's Night at the Ballpark

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!





HOLY HIKES
MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Join us for our next Holy Hike

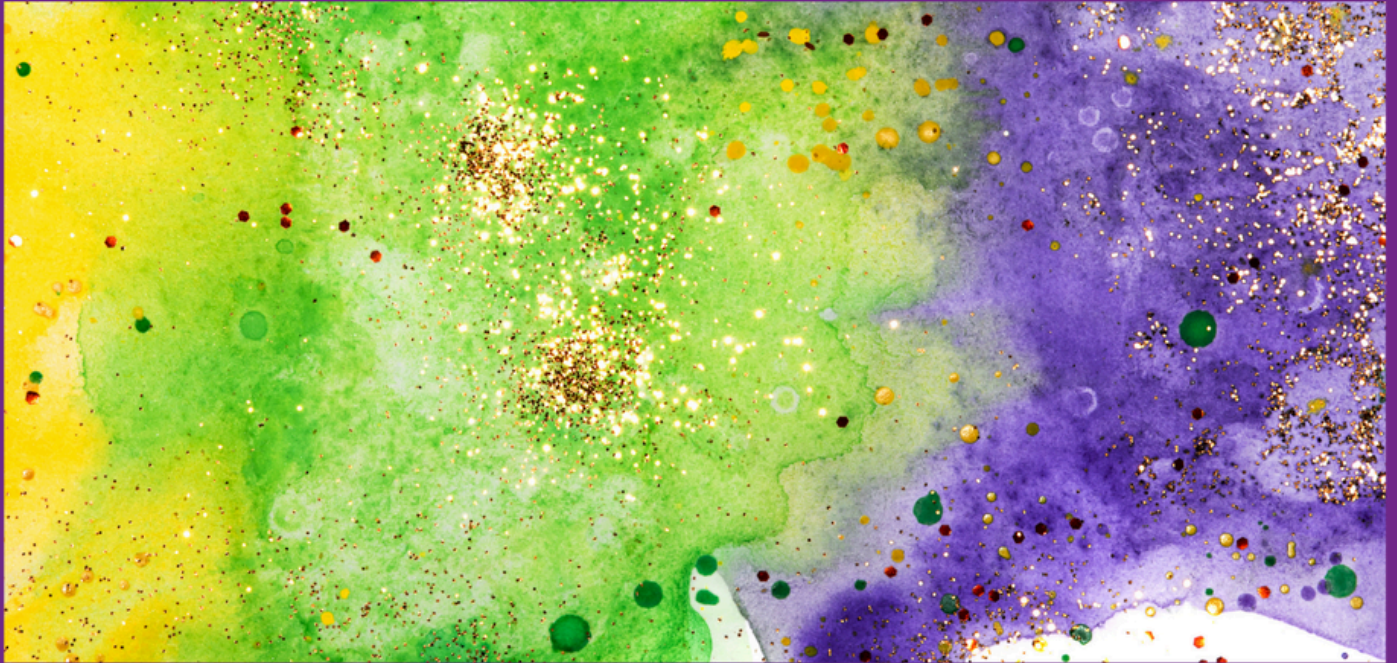
WHEN: Saturday, March 22 at 9:00 am

**WHERE: Preservation Park
1513 Thompson's Station Rd. West
Thompson's Station, TN 37179**



Holy Hikes...

- are like a progressive Liturgy
- are once a month.
- are open to anyone, any age - please share information.
- are accessible, being mostly flat, and 1-2 miles in length.
- are at various location each month - park, trail, zoo, etc.
- are free unless place of the hike charges admission/fee.



The Youth of St. Paul's Presents:

Annual Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5:30 and 6:30 PM

Pre-Order Take Home Menu

King Cake	\$30
Take & Bake Hashbrown Casserole	\$15
St. Paul's Drop Beignet Mix	\$10

Take Mardi Gras home! Pre-order until **March 3!** Pick up at the Barnabas rear entrance on March 4 between 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

Join us for our Annual Pancake Supper! Seatings are available at 5:30 or 6:30 PM in Barnabas. Space is limited so RSVP today!

Sign-up here to RSVP, Pre-Order from the Take Home Menu, or donate food to the sale!

<https://bit.ly/EYGPancakeSupper>



*Thank you for your support of the
St. Paul's Youth Group!*

Upcoming EYG Dates

EYG March 2 from 4 -7 PM in Barnabas: Pancake Supper Prep Night

CITY March 16 from 12 – 4 PM: We are going to join the Men of St. Paul's in serving lunch for the homeless ministry, Church in the Yard (CITY)! Meet at 12 PM in the Barnabas parking lot. We will drive to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Nashville, participate in a Eucharist service, serve lunch, and return to Franklin between by 4 PM. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your student plans to attend so that we can account for transportation.

Spring Retreat April 4 -6 in Olmstead, KY: We are going to have a great weekend filled with games, floating down the Red River, Bible study and prayer sessions for only \$25! Register today at bit.ly/EYGspringretreat

All 6th – 12th graders are invited to join us Sunday evenings in Barnabas for Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)! We will have dinner together, play games, have small group discussions, and pray compline. Email Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com with any questions!

Youth Formation

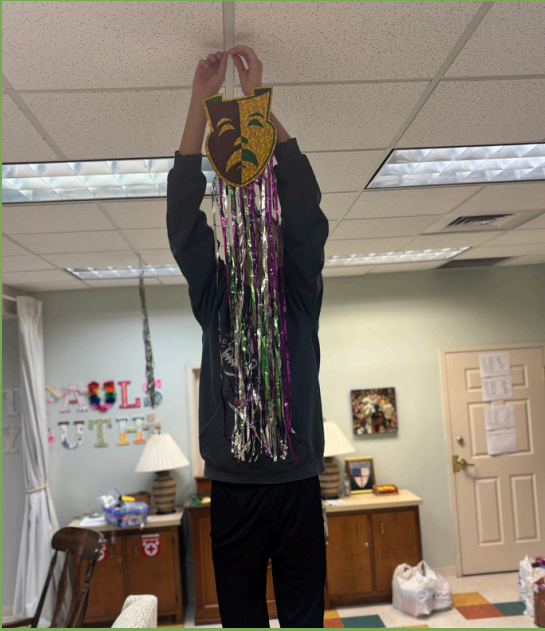
Sundays 10 AM
Barnabas - Donna Stokes-Rogers'
Office

March 2, 23, & 30: Got Questions? Let's explore them together! This month we'll ask questions about Prayer.

Please RSVP to
brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.



EJG Pancake Prep



Young Adults & College Students

Click on the calendar for more information about February's events. All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome!

Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information!

March							2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13 • Trivia at ML Rose at 7:30pm	14	15	
16 • EYG and CITY collab from 12-4	17	18 • Trivia at Neighbors at 7:00pm	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 • Extreme Escape Games in Cool Springs* (~7pm)	
30	31						

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/March-YA-Calendar.pdf>

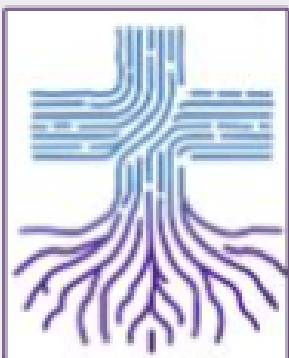


Young Adult Dinner Party at Brett and Josh Smith's home.

The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, Lent was “a season of penitence and fasting,” the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Today, during the season of Lent all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.”

In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling.



The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple. This is the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection of Christ as the King of Kings, celebrated on Easter Sunday. There are no beautiful flowers on the altar during Lent, but only greenery or nothing at all. There are no Alleluias said within the liturgies, and there is no celebratory sounding music, but rather music that tends to be more somber.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday March 5 is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the penitential Season of Lent, in the church. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent (the forty days before Easter) by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Jesus's resurrection on Easter Day.



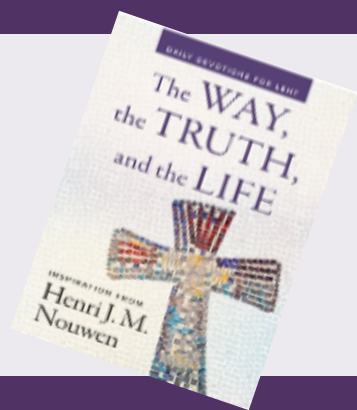
On Ash Wednesday, consider coming to one of these services to join with the community of faith to begin the Holy Season of Lent:

- 7:00 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 Noon Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist (Childcare is available)

“You are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Lenten Devotions

Make sure to pick up a copy of The Way, the Truth, and the Life –Lenten Daily Devotional booklet based on inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen. Available in the Narthex and Founders Hall beginning Sunday March 2nd.



Lenten Meditations

Sign up to receive for daily emails

According to The Book of Common Prayer, Lent provides us with the opportunity for self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial; and to read and meditate on God's holy word (BCP, p 265). This Lenten Season, discover new ways your faith is guiding you through, as you journey through Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten Meditations, reflecting on "A Commonplace Lent."

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Sign up to receive a meditation in your inbox each day. May God richly bless you this Lenten season. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>



Tuesday Evening Lenten Programs

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

5:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

Sign up here to lead Stations one Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/LentenSeries2025>

5:30 PM - Supper in Barnabas

Sign-up here to to bring food one Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/LentenSeries2025>

6:00 -7:00 PM Lenten Program in Barnabas – Sensing the Gospel

“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... ” (1 John 1:1)

In Jesus Christ, the salvation God provides cannot be reduced to an idea or abstraction. Salvation happens, instead, in human flesh. Indeed, God arrives as human flesh. Moreover, people encountered Jesus in their own bodies. These were real people in real contact with a real man from Galilee. Join us on Tuesday Evenings during Lent to explore Biblical passages that discover Christ through our bodies, making God known in tangible, sensory ways.



Easter Choral and Floral Offerings

If you would like to offer a thanksgiving or memorial for a loved one on Easter, please sign up for the Easter Floral and/or Choral offerings here: <https://bit.ly/floral-choral-offerings>. The deadline is April 11, 2025.

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.



Holy Week through Easter Sunday

Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Palm Procession
11:00 am Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday April 15

5:30 – 7:00 pm The Royal Table

Dinner followed by Communion Class for Children and their Families
(for children who have never received Communion and would like to, as well as those who already receive communion)

Thursday April 17

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist)

Friday April 18

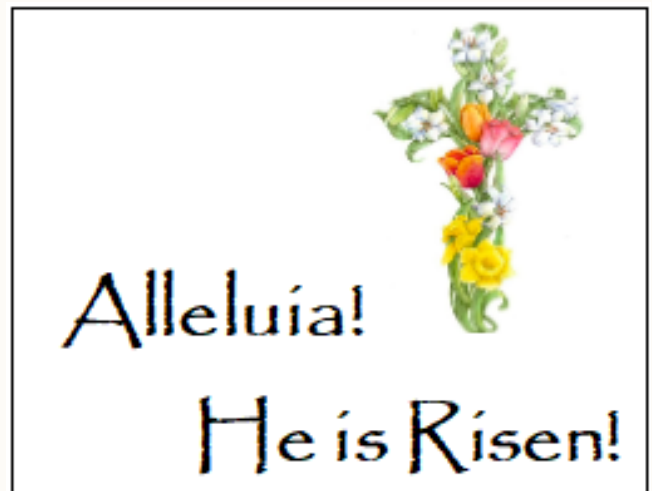
12:00 Noon Good Friday (Holy Eucharist)
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday Apr 19

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday Apr 20 - Easter Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Holy Eucharist



WITS - Women in Theological Study

WITS will begin 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.

If you want a book, let Monna know and she'll order one for you.

These are the dates for this study:

March 6 – Chapter 2 – Jesus as Teacher

March 13 – Chapter 3 – Jesus as Savior

March 20 – Chapter 4 – Jesus as Lord

April 3 – Chapter 5 – Jesus as The Way

April 10 – Chapter 6 – Jesus as The Presence

(No WITS: February 27, March 27, April 17)

WITS meets on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.



Adult Formation

Striving for Accuracy – Guidelines for Interpreting Scripture

March 2, 9 16

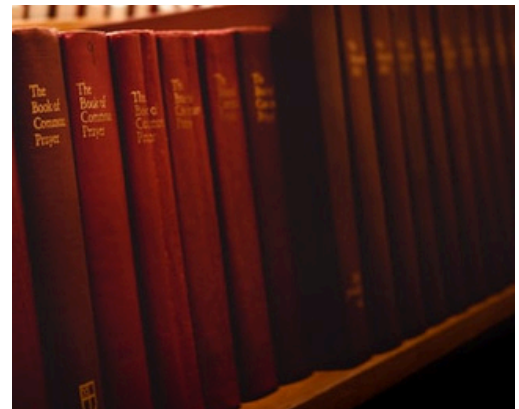
Whenever we read a Biblical text, our interpretation gets filtered through our experience, knowledge, understanding, and education.

- As we read, how can we know that our viewpoint is at least generally focused in a proper way?
- How can we ensure that we don't allow ourselves to move too far off the mark of God's intended message from His Word?
- Are there ways to read with fresh eyes and open minds while staying true to historical and wise teachings from the Bible?

Our three-week study will examine some principles of interpretation that we can apply whenever we choose to study the Bible. Join us!

Seekers Class

Beginning Sunday, March 2 our annual "Seekers" Class will begin. 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 615-790-0527.

Flower & Fern Sale

The Annual WSP Flower & Fern Sale is underway! Order with payment through March 1, 2025. Pick up is Saturday, April 12th in Barnabas parking lot.

Mixed Flower Basket \$20

Fern Basket \$22

Coordination and General questions, contact Cassy Gilchrist 615-957-7020, cassygilchrist@gmail.com

Mail or drop off orders and checks:
WSP Flower Saless C/O Cindy Tumblin,
425 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin, TN
37069

Order form: <https://bit.ly/wsp-2025-flowers>



WSP Social

The next WSP Social is on Friday, March 28th, 6 PM at the home of Cyndy Howes. More details to come.

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee is in the process of testing recipes. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 12, at 10am in the Barnabus Middle Room. Feel free to stop by and taste a recipe! We are also still looking for testers, so contact any of us if you would like to prepare a dish to bring to the meeting.

Committee Members: Heather Creel, Gwen McKee, Catherine Mayhew, Becky Grimes, Jackie King, Cindy Thompson, Mindy Boggs, Kathy Ulezelski, and Susan Miller.



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 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: Will Boggs, Jim Miller, Judy Stockton, Fred Warner, Sheila Morreale, Spencer Dibble and Angela Lassiter.

Spring Street

We had a great time celebrating Black History with our Spring Street friends. The Men of St. Paul's provided their fantastic BBQ and our volunteers brought delicious sides. Table decorations and traditional clothes made everything festive. Thank you to all!



Birthday Outreach Ministry

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



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

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels February delivery dates are Wednesday, March 19 and Friday, March 21 . Contact Kathy Berry for more information.

Grief Support Group at St. Paul's

Loss comes in all shapes and sizes. Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself.

St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group, as well as an evening one on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. On March 5th and 19th, the Grief Support Group meets from 9-10 am or 6-7 pm in Barnabas.

Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Needs for Care That Stephen Ministers Can Meet

- Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are hospitalized
- People being treated for cancer -- and members of their families
- Individuals who are terminally ill -- and members of their families
- People who are experiencing divorce (before, during, and after)
- Parents who have children leaving home for the military, college, marriage, or work in another geographical area
- New congregation or community members who are experiencing transition difficulties
- Parents and families with children who have disabilities
- People recovering at home or in a rehabilitation facility after an illness or injury
- Those who are homebound or reside in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- Family members of someone (nearby or far away) who is homebound or resides in an assisted living facility or a nursing care center
- People with a chronic illness or a long-term disability-and their primary caregivers
- People facing birth-related issues such as infertility, adoption, an unplanned pregnancy, or the birth of a child
- People who have lost their jobs or had some other significant financial setback
- People experiencing significant job-related stress
- Family members of deployed military personnel
- People in the process of downsizing to a smaller home, moving into an assisted living situation, or changing their living arrangements in some other way
- People who are preparing to retire, who have recently retired, or who have been forced to retire early
- People affected by disasters or violence
- People experiencing spiritual crisis
- People with other critical needs or major life transitions that you know about

Bicentennial Society

Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary

Our St. Paul's Episcopal Church was founded on August 25th, 1827, in a room of the Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 in Franklin when those persons "friendly to the formation of an Episcopal church in the area" met under the leadership of Reverend James Hervey Otey. Honored as the "Mother Church of the Diocese of Tennessee," St. Paul's led the way for Episcopal congregations to bloom throughout our state.

Today, there are three organizations committed to preserving the legacy of St. Paul's.

- **The Historic Committee** focuses on preserving our past and securing our future by supporting various projects and events that are not provided for in St. Paul's annual budget.
- **The Bicentennial Committee**, which is overseen by The Historic Committee, is responsible for planning and executing activities connected with the Bicentennial in 2027.
- **The Bicentennial Society** is a fundraising entity dedicated to providing financial support for the work of both the Historic and Bicentennial Committees.

Examples of projects that have been funded by the Bicentennial Society include:

Education: We are hosting several historic symposiums on Franklin's early churches and their role in sowing the seeds that helped make Franklin a vibrant, growing community. These events are open to the public and focused on both educating and uniting our local faith communities. We were also instrumental in creating the beautiful history panels on display in Otey Hall and the self-guided tour brochures for our historic Church.

Bicentennial Society

Honoring St. Paul's 200th Anniversary

Preservation: The Bicentennial Society has supported cataloguing of our historic documents and photographs and restored the broken tombstone of Bishop Otey's son just outside the front entrance of the Church. We also contributed to the repair of the historic wooden louvers above the front doors of St. Paul's, improving both form and function.

Celebration: Each year we host a festive birthday party for the parish, counting down the years to our Bicentennial in 2027.

One of the primary goals of the Bicentennial Society is to raise funds to support related church-wide and community events without straining our annual operating budget. If you'd like to take part in this unique historic undertaking, please consider joining the Bicentennial Society and play an important role in the education, preservation, and celebration of St. Paul's. Your \$1,000 pledge—due in 2027—can be paid over time by visiting stpaulsfranklin.com/give.

To learn more, please contact any member of the Historic and Bicentennial Committees:

Greer Carlisle, Virginia Callicott, Jay Fahey, Gale Haddock, Colbi Layne Hogan, Pam Horne, Melanie Lampertz, Rev. Rusty McCown, Pat McCracken, Libby Sullivan, Cindy Thomsen, Cindy Tumblin, Kathy Ulezelski, and Mike Wesson.



Join St. Paul's Bicentennial Society

With 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,

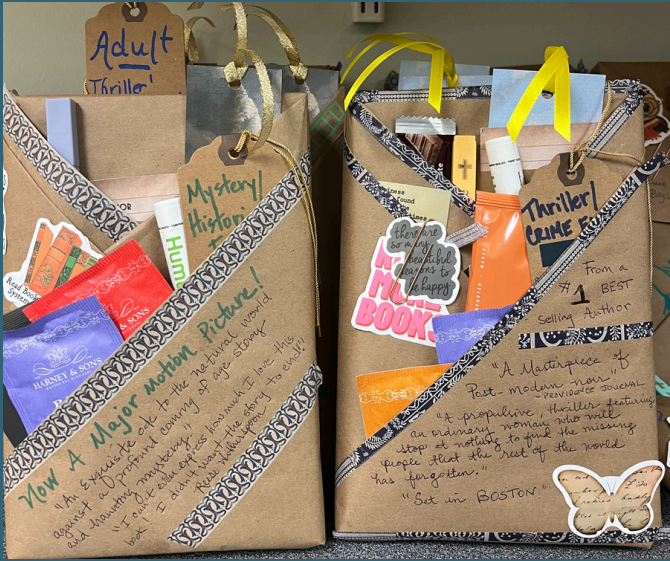
Jay Fahey and Libby Sullivan, Bicentennial Co-chairs

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.

March Birthdays

- 1 Renee Helper, Sarah Robinson, Mary Virginia Robinson, Jordan Brown, Vivian Page
- 2 Randy Cox, Joyce Little, Bryn Shoureshi
- 3 Suzy Johnson, Tina Morgan, Brandon Sullivan, Natalie Pratt, Kim Poole, Jamie Taylor
- 4 Steven Vance, Marion Price
- 5 Charlie Crumpton, Ella Elkins, Susan Looney
- 6 Ashley De Peri, Andrea Hyssong
- 7 Jim Gray, Elizabeth Marshall, Tom Love, Katherine Harris
- 8 Jeff Cost, Sandy Gibson
- 9 Joy Craig, Debra Cannon Taylor
- 10 Reed Loeffel, Ben Nance, Burns Rogers, Kathryn Johnson
- 11 Tom Boylan, Alexis Miniati, Steve Thompson, Tim Chew
- 13 Vanessa Bryan, Sharon Crumpton, Mark Paris, Julia Foote
- 14 Lori Bradley, Joseph Hallett, Kristin Chew
- 15 John Philip Cost, Judy Alexander, Ginny Brewer, Sam McBrayer, Andy Larsen, Madeline Britton
- 16 Kristin Schmitter-Webster
- 17 Pat McCracken, Will Loeffel, Jeff Williams
- 18 Cooper Morreale
- 19 Ruth Campbell, Justin Pitt
- 20 Darrell Harris
- 21 Bill Heard
- 22 Bob Van Dervoort, Chris Paris, Ben Butler, Holly Spain, Dee Rainey, Johnny Dibble, Isla Werner
- 23 Janet Carroll, Peyton Brandon, Nora Myers, Dash Anderson
- 24 Charlie Curtiss, Knightly Max, Linda Roebuck
- 25 Cam Kinnard, Janet Keith, Loren Robicheaux
- 26 Sophie Spain, Adele Revere
- 27 Ellen More, Karen Martin, Katy Johnson
- 28 Scott Gain, Doug Little, Barb Green, Parks Jones, Shelby Medlin, Sarah Aldrich
- 30 Melissa Crain, David Dees
- 31 Monna Mayhall, Ellen Clark, Maury Sumja

March Anniversaries

- 8 Bob & Jean Larson
- 10 Rick & Fran Osteen
- 19 Justin & Lori Jones
- 20 Wallace & Liz Lilly
- 21 Iain & Peggy Macpherson
- 27 Bob & Ann Van Dervoort
- 27 Granville & Mimi Grant

Births

Philippa Mary Thurman, daughter of Josh and Sarah, and little sister to Winnie, Harry, Beatrice and Louise.

Henry Thomas Hyssong, son of Trevor and Alexa Hyssong, little brother to Beckett and Eleanor. Grandparents are Mark and Andrea Hyssong.

Condolences to

- Julie O'Donnell, in the death of her brother, Loyd Estes Tarver, Jr.
- Nancy Boring, in the death of her father, George Charles Newcomer
- Ann Van Dervoort, in the death of her cousin, Jane Converse
- Andrea Hyssong, in the death of her sister, Suzanne Rosenwald
- Donna Stokes-Rogers, in the death of her aunt, Elese Stokes
- Kelly Pitsenberger, in the death of her grandmother, Harriet Shea Keyes
- Lois Henderson, in the death of her son, Alan Graham Henderson

