



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

February 2012

FROM THE RECTOR:

Your new Vestry met on January 28th to get organized and begin planning for the year ahead. There was a lot of enthusiasm and I think this is a group with good ideas and enthusiasm. Kirby Horton is the Senior Warden, Jason Riddle is Junior Warden, Katie Faulkner is Clerk and Mark Hyssong is Treasurer. There are ten committees, with one vestry member as a "convener" of each committee. The committees work best when people from the congregation who have interest and/or skills offer to serve as members of the committees. The list below shows the committees and the conveners. Please look over the list, and contact the convener if you are interested in serving on one (or more) of the committees.

Peace,

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Bad Girls Book Club—Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm



Our next book is *The Sisters: a Novel*, by Nancy Jensen. Anyone who purchases or orders the book through Landmark Booksellers in Franklin will receive a 20% discount by mentioning it is a book club read (call them at 615-791-6400). All are welcome to attend.

*“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”
(Hebrews 13: 5).”*

Please return your pledge card at your earliest convenience.

Souper Bowl" Sunday returns, February 5!

Three fabulous choices again this year:

- 1. Red Hot Alto-Mama Roasted Tomato Basil**
- 2. Soprano-Chicks and Wild Rice**
- 3. Tenor-Tested and Baritone's Best Chili**

Don't cook! Just order, pick-up, and reheat while you enjoy the commercials (or the game.) There will be a sign-up in the narthex and one in Founder's hall to pre-order your soups. There will be extra soup for purchase *in limited quantities* on February 5th, but go ahead and order yours to ensure your "Souper Bowl" meal. There will also be breads, desserts, and other luscious accompaniments available to round out your feast. Come check out our table in Founder's Hall and leave with a bag of yummys and smile on your face. Soup will be available after all three morning services that day. You can email Donna at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or call her cell (481-5144) to place an order through Saturday morning, February 4th

ICON WORKSHOP

The last Icon Workshop was so well received that we are offering one this Spring. You don't want to pass up this opportunity! Mark your calendars for April 20-25 for the Icon Workshop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin, Tennessee. It will be led by (The Rev'd Canon) David W. Holland, a retired Episcopal Priest living in Texas in the Dallas - Fort Worth metroplex. Fr. David has been writing icons for 17 years and has written over 100 icons of a variety of subjects and he is a student of Master Iconographer, Philip Zimmerman.

Participants will spend Friday through Wednesday writing (painting) an icon. This 6 - day class is open to all Christians and no artistic experience is required; you have to draw within the lines. The medium is acrylics paints applied to a gessoed board. Each participant will complete a 10" x 12" icon. (Note: The Weekend hours are necessary for getting started and for the more time-consuming steps; the weekday hours are a little more flexible and will vary with individuals.)

Friday 20th 7:00-8:45pm; Saturday 21st 9:00am-5:00pm;
Sunday 22nd 1:00-5:00pm; Monday-Wednesday 23rd-25th
3:00-8:30pm (daily with flexibility)

Look for Registrations mid-February. For more information or if you are interested please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 790-0527.

St. Paul's Library

St. Paul's Library is being taken over by angels this month! They will turn it into a place where you can actually know what is in there and can find it!! The angels ask that if you have a book out--please return it as soon as possible, so they can catalogue it. This will be a wonderful event for St. Paul's when the work is done!

PFLAG Meeting

PFLAG (parents family and friends of lesbians and gays) will hold their monthly meeting Monday February 6th at 7PM in Founder's Hall.

Our speaker this month will share he and his partner's joy of adopting a child, their commitment ceremony many years ago, and their recent legal marriage in Boston. Please join us. If you have any questions contact Sharon Collins at 615- 591- 5324 or sscollins1@aol.com. All are welcome.

St. Paul's The Dream Group Summer Dream Conference

This summer is the tenth year of the Summer Dream Conference at Kanuga. The dates this year are May 27-June 1, 2012. Detailed information is at the Haden Institute website. Flyers are also posted at St. Pauls. This is a power packed week in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina at very affordable prices. Kanuga is family friendly and this conference never disappoints.

The Dream Group normally meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm in the Library. If you have questions, contact Gayle Prillaman at 790-0596.



ARE YOU A SAINT OR A SINNER???? ARE YOU 40, PLUS, PLUS????

Saints and Sinners is a growing group of spirited single adults who enjoy a variety of activities including theatre, music, dining out, road trips and most importantly fellowship. Please contact Gale Haddock at 931-364-2046 or ghaddock@united.net for information or questions.

Please contact Gale for a list of upcoming events and activities.

Just WITS

Just WITS (Women In Thursday Study) is beginning a new study using Mending the Heart by John Claypool. We will be meeting in Barnabas February 2, 9, and 16 from 9:30 -11:00am. Books are available in the office workroom. If you have any questions or if you need childcare, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 790-0527.

From a Dancing Monkey

I was sent this photo several weeks ago and passed it along to several in the church who might know something about the 4 guys, the priest and if this is the fore runner of the original "Fish Fry". Remember we just celebrated our 50th "Fish Fry"/"Cookout" 2 years ago (2010) so that started around 1960. Well, no response yet so all you "octogenarians", turn up the oxygen flow on your breathing systems, get that brain working and help me figure out an approximate date and maybe who these happy folks are in the picture. Let's start with the background. That is the current rescue squad building in the background cause the windows and top of the wall match the window and wall in the front courtyard. That would put it before the late 70's. We came here in '79 and Otey Hall was not very old then and I would suspect the "Classroom" section between Otey Hall and Founders Hall was built many years before that, say mid to late 50s. The priest in the picture should give us a good clue. I have a copy of a 3 page article written about St. Paul's dated 1949. In the article is a picture of a priest who looks hardy and stout like this one but older than the one in this picture. His name is the Rev. Roger H. Sherman. With a last name like Sherman, a great deal of reconciliation must have taken place. Rev. Sherman was from the North which might explain his interest in 4 grown men cooking on a converted double sink, but I digress. If this is the same priest then this photo is mid to late 40's. So other than the lack of the classrooms and the priest, I have no other clues. Let me know if anyone has any clues.

One confused tree monkey. *Gerald W. Hancock*



**Save these dates for Vacation Bible School
June 18-22, 2012**





SOCIAL GRACES

What: *Social Graces* is a program at St. Paul's offered once a quarter, and if you are 55 years and older, you might be interested. In March, come join us to hear Jimmy Gentry as he shares his amazing story from his life growing up in Franklin, to his military service in WWII, to his life-altering experience as one of the first liberating soldiers through the gates at the infamous Dachau concentration camp, to his over 50 years as a renowned football coach.

When: Thursday, March 8th - 11:30am-1:00pm (lunch is at 11:30am and program begins at 12:00 noon as lunch continues)

Where: Otey Hall

How much: \$10 for lunch (if you are not eating lunch, there's no charge)

Feel free to invite your friends. RSVP for lunch by Monday March 5th (please note any dietary restrictions). If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at 790-0527 or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Church in the Yard (CitY)

The pantry for CitY is in need of replenishment. Please consider picking up a few extra items on your next trip to the grocery. There is a constant need for 1) packs of snack crackers and 2) CHEWY granola bars (no whole nuts). Donations can be left in the box outside Donna's office across from the Coke machine. If you have any questions or want to learn more about this ministry, please contact Burns Rogers at burnsrogers@gmail.com or 424-1453.

CALING ALL SEEKERS...

For those of you who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church in general and St. Paul's in particular, or those who would like to be received from the Lutheran or Roman Catholic Church, or those who would like to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, this is the class for you!!!!

The class will begin on Wednesday night, April 11th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. It will end 12 weeks later on June 27th. Bishop Bauerschmidt will be here on May 20th, and those who want to be confirmed will be confirmed on that Sunday—then you will continue with the classes. This way, those who want to be confirmed do not have to wait almost a year until the Bishop visits again.

Call or email Ann for questions and/or to sign up for the class—790-0527, ext 12 or Ann@stpaulsfranklin.com

Calendar of Events (Regularly occurring)

- **Sunday**
Services: 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
***Christian Education for all ages:** 10:00 am
Coffee Hour: 12:00 pm
Se*lah: 5:00 pm
- **Weekday Holy Eucharist:** Tuesday, 7:00 am, Wednesday, 12: 05 pm (Healing Service, 1st Wednesday)
- ***Adult Choir Practice: (School Year Only)**
 Adult Choir—Wednesday, 6:45 pm
 Consort—Every other Thursday at 6:30 pm
 Handbells—Sunday 12:30 pm
- **Vestry Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm
- **AA:** Monday, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm; Wednesday, 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm; Friday, 7:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am (Men only)
- **Alanon:** Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 pm
- **The K-Group:** Monday, 6:30 pm
- **Dream Group:** 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12:30 pm
- **Lectionary Bible Study:** Tuesday, 10:15 am
- **Theology on Thursday:** Thursday, 6:30 pm
- (except during Lent)
- ***Spring Street Outreach:** 4th Thursday, 9:30 am
- ***Women's Bible Study:** Wednesday, 9:30 am
- **Faith Leaders:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm (through March 29th)
- **Suicide Support Group:** Monday, 7:00 pm
- **PFLAG—1st Monday—7:00 pm**

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 10th—12th—Women's Retreat—Monteagle**
- **February 16th—PCCT Chili Cook-off**
- **February 20th—Men of St. Paul**
- **February 21st—Mardi Gras Pancake Supper**
- **February 22nd—Ash Wednesday**
- **February 23rd—Spring Street Outreach**
- **February 28th Bad Girls Book Club**
- **February 29th—Lenten Supper/Programs**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in Barnabas Center (large room at the end of the hallway—closest to the Rectory) If you are interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King, please contact Kathy Ulezelski at 791-6380.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in Otey Hall

February 5th and 12th

Maria Mayo presents *Forgiveness in the Gospels and Beyond*

These two presentations will examine four biblical texts about forgiveness: the Lord's Prayer (Mt. 6:9-13 and Lk. 11:2-4), the instruction to forgive "seventy times seven" times (Mt. 18:21-22 and Lk. 17:3-4), the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18:23-35), and Jesus' cry from the cross, "Father forgive them" (Lk. 23:34).

We will look at each of these texts in their historical and literary contexts and how Jesus' followers might have understood them. Next we consider how the texts have been interpreted and applied in the Church and in contemporary culture. What exactly does it mean to forgive? What is the relationship between forgiveness and reconciliation? Between human forgiveness and divine forgiveness? Finally, what does it mean to follow Jesus' teachings on forgiveness in our contemporary culture?

February 19th

Susan Nance will do a second video presentation on "The Seasons of the Church."

Beginning February 26th through March 25th

Addicted to Credibility in search of an Incredible God: Using prayer and meditation to connect to the divine within.

Most of us are spiritually asleep. A few of us are trying to wake up. Fewer still are fully awake. Why should we wake up? How do we wake up? Join Charlie Palmgren and Paul Deepan in a five-week Lenten series (Sunday Adult Forum, Feb 26-March 25 at 10 am) that will address these questions, as well as provide techniques, from breathing to prayer, that may help you on your spiritual journey, while offering ideas that you can use in your Lenten devotions.

Lenten Evening Series—Wednesday nights after Soup Suppers

Shannon Bullion-Medlin

Shannon Bullion Medlin will be leading from Henri Nouwen's book, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*. The book came out of a seminar led by Nouwen at Yale Divinity School. As stories and experiences were exchanged in response to desert narratives, the ecumenical group began to see the "way of the heart" as a way of religious unification that serves to bring together persons despite their historical, theological, and psychological differences. In this group, we will explore Nouwen's "way of the heart" as a religious ideal of uniting persons unto God, and each other, while looking to desert fathers and mothers as models. We will discuss Nouwen's "way of the heart" in the categories of solitude, silence, and prayer.

Charlie Grimes

Charlie Grimes will be facilitating a reflection on the Beatitudes as taught by Jesus when preaching the Sermon on the Mount. He will be using the British Theologian, John Stott's book; "The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character". This will be a discussion group, eliciting your input and responses in order to build a fuller understanding of the teachings of Christ.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus was addressing his disciples and followers; those who we today refer to as Christians. The challenges of the Beatitudes are neither readily attainable by everyone nor totally unattainable by anyone. They are attainable, but only by those who have experienced the new birth that is the indispensable condition of seeing and entering God's kingdom. It is an inner righteousness that manifests itself outwardly and visibly in words, deeds and relationships. These high standards are most appropriate for the citizens of God's kingdom.

The first who heard the challenge of the Beatitudes were astonished. Charlie prays that you will also be astonished and challenged by these lessons from the greatest sermon ever preached.

Burns Rogers

Burns Rogers will lead a class during Lent based on the writing of Parker Palmer, a great contemporary spiritual writer and Christian leader. He writes from the context of being Quaker, and his work has clear relevance for all interested in the care of the soul. This series will offer a time for reflection on some of Palmer's writings along with accompanying passages from various Psalms and other selected scripture using the book "40-Day Journey with Parker Palmer." As we journal, pray, and center ourselves, we learn that "the heart that rests in God is one that lives with deeper awareness, deeper creativity, deeper energy, and deeper passion and commitment to things that matter to God." (taken from the Palmer study guide) No purchase of the book is required. Just come with a pen, paper, and an open heart.

A NOTE FROM ANN

By popular demand, during the Lenten season, we will have 4 offerings to choose from. (See notes on Lenten series in this newsletter). There will be one offering on Sunday morning but three to choose from or take turns attending them all on Wednesday evenings. All offerings are different.

Our current “students”, Shannon Bullion-Medlin (Vanderbilt Divinity) and Charlie Grimes and Burns Rogers (diaconate students) will be our evening presenters. Please support and encourage all of them!

Welcome to our New Vestry Members

Please welcome our four (4) new Vestry members who were elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 15th. They are Dannie Latture, Randy Miller, Susan Miller and Terry O’Donnell. They join existing Vestry members—Katie Faulkner, Kirby Horton, Jason Riddle, Tom Stearns (Class of 2012) and Margaret Brown, Mike Gengler, Doug Little and Elizabeth Morrow (Class of 2013).

Miles for Magdalene 2012

Did you make a resolution in 2012 to improve your health? Your spirit? To get to know other members of St. Paul's in a way like no other? Well, have we got the event for you! Please consider joining our St. Paul's team as we walk or run 13.1 miles for Magdalene in the Country Music Marathon on April 28, 2012. We will be beginning training soon and would love to have you become a part of our team. If you have questions or flattering comments please email Sheila Morreale at celiemax@bellsouth.net.

Theology on Thursday:

(6:30-8 in the EFM room unless otherwise indicated.)
Theology on Thursday runs through February 16th and then picks up again after Lent on April 12th. All are welcome.



Lenten Meditations – In addition to the meditation booklet prepared by St. Paul’s parishioners there is another resource for our Lenten practices. There are Episcopal Relief & Development booklets available in Founders Hall for your use.

Episcopal Relief & Development 2012 Lenten Meditations

This year’s Lenten devotional provides a particular focus on promoting health and fighting disease while preparing our souls for healing. It was written by a group of leaders from across The Episcopal Church from a variety of backgrounds and theological perspectives. (Becca Stevens, St. Augustine’s Chapel, Vanderbilt University is one of the writers) Episcopal Relief & Development is very grateful to these friends for generously sharing their time and thoughts. Reflecting a range of diverse voices, these meditations provide insights on how we might live our lives as we face a world in need.

As we consider Jesus’ life of healing and sacrifice during this Lenten season, Episcopal Relief & Development asks you to reflect on your faith and how you might take action in responding to a hurting world. The traditional Lenten practice of almsgiving provides an opportunity to renew your commitment to people in need by supporting Episcopal Relief & Development’s work.

ALTAR FLOWERS —SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Providing the flowers which adorn the Altar on Sunday is a wonderful way to memorialize loved ones who have died or to give thanks for birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events in our lives. If you would like to make a contribution for the altar flowers, please sign up for a specific date on the sheets in the center hallway.

Lenten Meditations

During Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday February 22nd, there will be daily reflections posted on the church website, and we are hoping that you will take this opportunity to share your Lenten reflections and thoughts with others.

Here’s how:

Seek out the sign-up board in the narthex.

Sign-up for a day or even two or three.

Select the envelope corresponding with your day.

Spend time reflecting and recording your thoughts (preferably in a word document).

Send your reflection to Claire in an email by February 10th.

Search the web each day in Lent to read the daily reflections posted there.

Still have questions? Contact Kathy Ulezelski at 791-6380.

Wednesday Night in Lent – Feb 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
Stations of the Cross – 5:30pm in the Church
Soup Supper - 6:00pm in Otey Hall
Lenten Programs – 6:45pm

On Wednesday Nights in Lent, there is something for everyone.

ADULT LENTEN EVENING PROGRAM

You will have your choice of three different forums following the Lenten Supper – The presenters will be Shannon Bullion-Medlin, Charlie Grimes and Burns Rogers.

Be sure to read the description of their programs elsewhere in the newsletter.

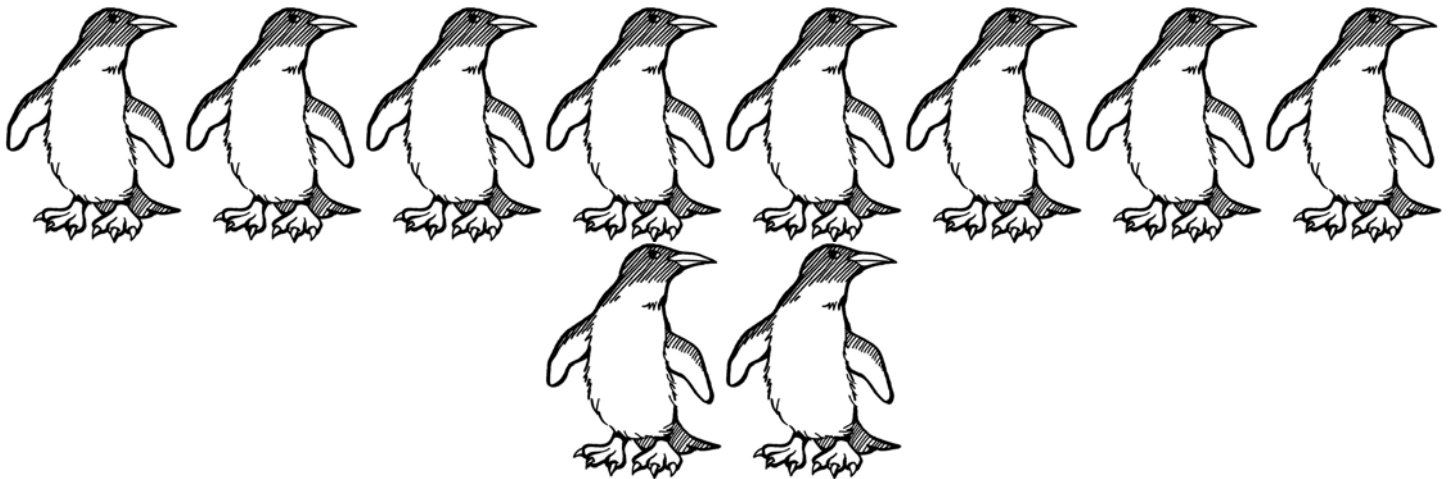
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Family and Childrens Lenten Series

“Mr. Popper’s Penguins”

It’s a Black Tie Event for Lent!

What if Penguins could teach us everything we need to know?
In Barnabas - Lessons for children and families (ending at 7:45pm)



All dressed up and no place to go?

Come join us for this “Black Tie Event” during Lent. We’ll watch Mr. Popper’s Penguins in segments as we explore the world of people and penguins playing together and discover that compassion is always in fashion.



**\$10 per person
OR
\$75 per table
of 8!**

(Vote for your favorite chili~ \$1 per vote)

For reservations:
615-383-2115
or E-Mail:
corear@pcctinc.org

Join Us!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012
7th Annual Chili Tasting and Cook-off!**

You will sample Chili like:

RECTOR'S REVENGE,
TURKEY TACO TWISTER,
VEGETARIAN VICE,
And More

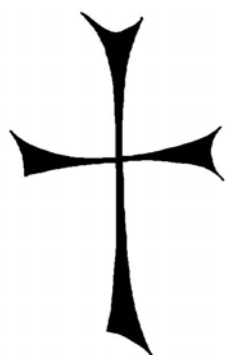
As we raise awareness of a wonderful community resource:

The Pastoral Counseling Center of Franklin!
www.pcctinc.org/franklin



- **Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Otey Hall**
- **Address: 510 West Main Street in Franklin**
- **Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **Fabulous assorted chili, desserts and beverages!**
- **Bring your friends and family members!**
- **Call 383-2115 if you would like to bring chili for the contest or to make a reservation.**





So what is lent?

Lent was originally a period of preparation for baptism. Catechumens fasted and prayed during their instructional period just as Christ did in the wilderness prior to the beginnings of his ministry.

Eventually everyone participated in lent. The early church saw Lent as the season where we, as Christians and as people of God “return to normal human life.” The word lent comes from an old English word meaning “spring.” Lent was seen as a season of light, joy, and renewal because it was the season of returning to God as the source and center of people’s lives.

Lent began and still is a season that calls us back to our senses, back to God and back to life. We invite you to participate in a holy lent. It may be a season to give some things up and do some needed spring cleaning, but we hope it’s a season where we turn our attention to the things that ultimately matter, foremost, God the giver and redeemer of life.

Ash Wednesday: the beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

For many Christians around the world, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of personal repentance and spiritual renewal which ends with Easter Joy. On Ash Wednesday all of us are invited to receive the imposition of ashes – the sign of the cross in ashes on our forehead – the same place where we were marked as “Christ’s own forever” in baptism. As we receive the ashes, we hear “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It may sound harsh, but it is a powerful outward sign of our humble beginnings and common end. Ash Wednesday helps us remember “who” we are and “whose” we are.

Ash Wednesday Services – Feb 22nd

7:00 AM

12:05 PM

7:00 PM*

** including a special liturgy for children. Children will gather in Founders Hall at the beginning of the service and will join their families for communion.*

What’s Different during Lent?

- Greens instead of flowers on the altar
- No alleluias
- A silent procession in lieu of a hymn
- Confession at the beginning of the service
- Eucharistic Prayer C
- A new order for *the Prayers of the People*

Holy Week (the last week of Lent)

The ancient liturgies during holy week lead us on a journey with Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem all the way through to the empty tomb.

Palm Sunday, April 1st: 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 6:00pm, *Palm Procession -10am.*

Maundy Thursday, April 5th, 6pm

The Prayer Vigil, April 5th-6th: 7:30pm—Noon

Good Friday, April 6th: Noon

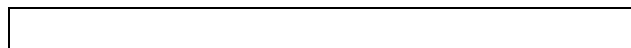
Stations of the Cross, April 6th: 6pm

Easter Vigil, April 7th: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 8th: 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 6:00pm *Easter Egg Hunt - 10am.*

40 days of Lent: Following the Cross of Christ

Color one section of this cross everyday in Lent, except for Sundays. When Easter Sunday comes – the day Jesus Christ is risen and full of life, you will have a cross full of color to share with others. Bring your cross to church on Easter Day and we'll hang it in the hallway.





It's been a great month for us here at St. Paul's, and this coming month has a ton of things going on! From celebrations of football to pancake eating, the youth will be very active in the month of February. Check out the things we have on the calendar so far!



The youth are continuing to "gather at the well" twice a week this month. Sunday morning at 10:00am, right between the 8:45am and 11:00am services, Sunday School meets across the street in Barnabas. We get together to hang out and talk about scripture, life challenges, and God. It's open to anyone from 7th grade to high school, so come join us!

We also meet every Sunday night at 5:00pm! This two hour meeting starts with games and fellowship, moves into a great dinner, and then we sit and chat about Jesus. Currently we're taking on the challenges of Jesus' teachings and going through the beatitudes! We'd love to have you!

Enjoy music? Join the youth music group. Every Sunday at 4:00pm (right before our evening meeting), the music group gets together to learn and play some songs. Bring your instrument (or even just your voice) and join. It's open to everyone!



February 5th Emma Williams invited the group out to her house for a Super Bowl party at 6:00pm. Get with her or Derek for directions and more information. Bring some snacks and your game face.

Every 4th Sunday of the month the youth go to the Church of the Holy Trinity in Nashville to help out with their homeless ministry. It's called Church in the Yard (CITY). We pack some lunch sacks, drive over around noon, and help serve delicious food to some grateful people. This month we'll be going on February 26th, and we could always use more help!



Lent is coming up fast, but before it comes we can't forget to get together for some good carnival fun and pancake eating. The Annual Mardi Gras Feast is Tuesday, February 21st, and it's more than just a pancake dinner. It's a time to get together with friends and family and feast! There will be music, crafts, a silent

St. Paul's Annual Mardi Gras Feast



auction, and maybe even a pancake eating contest. The fun begins at 5:30pm and goes on until 7:00pm. We'll be asking for a donation of \$5 for kids under 12, \$10 for adults, or \$30 for the whole family. All funds go to help the youth ministry, and to help raise funds for this year's pilgrimages.

We're still in need of volunteers for this event. If you would like to donate items for the auction, help out in the kitchen, or help set up/tear down, email Derek at Derek@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Mountain T.O.P. is coming up this summer, and we need to start getting together some applications and deposits. The summer pilgrimage takes place July 1st-7th in the Cumberland Mountains and is an opportunity for youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus in an area of Tennessee that is especially in need. We'll be spending our days fixing up houses and loving kids and spending our evenings building community and gathering for worship. The total cost is \$375 a person, but there will be fundraising opportunities to participate in (including our Mardi Gras Feast) that will help offset some of that cost. The event is open to youth going into 8th grade or above or at least age 13 by July. We also still have slots available for adult helpers to participate. Let Derek know ASAP if you would like to attend this year or if you have any questions. We'll be setting up a payment schedule soon.

-Derek Larson, YM

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PARISH NOTES:

SYMPATHY TO June Ritzen and family on the death of her brother, Henry Adkins; to Deborah Prince and family on the death of her mothers, Frances Barkley; to the family of Mary Lynch upon her death; to Marian and Neal Hawn on the death of their grandson's wife, April McCumber; to Mitzi Garner and family on the death of her brother, Dayton Roberts; to Jim Ulezelski and family on the death of his sister; Judy Krotts; to Don Dicie and family on the death of his cousin, Ray Adkisson; to the family of Jessie Turner, son of Addie Turner—long time sexton at St. Paul's; to Lucy McCullough on the death of her mother, Adele Edgeworth; and to Dave Wheeler and family on the death of this mother, Doris Wheeler.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jen and Patrick McCullough on the birth of their son, William Patrick McCullough, grandson of Lucy and Ed McCullough.

WELCOME TO our newest members who were baptized on January 9th—Emmaline Carson Humphrey, Wilson Engel Myers, Henry William Robinson and Hayes Walker Vinson.

THANKS TO Julie Fisher for the altar flowers at Christmas as well as the wreaths on the church doors and to Gloria Cox for the crèche decorations and to all who helped their efforts.

WELCOME TO OUR RECENT VISITOR:

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