



St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 11, 2024

Worship – Sunday, July 14, 2024

Welcome to Shaun McIntosh, our guest preacher this Sunday. If you are not able to join us in-person on Sunday morning at 10 a.m., please click on the link below and join us on-line any time.



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Guest Preacher:
SHAUN MCINTOSH



https://youtube.com/live/BI0jh4RQ_-o?feature=share

St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on at St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/>. There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

Summer Office Hours

The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with Judy in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Louise is working Wednesdays and Thursdays only until mid-September and is in the office on Wednesday mornings only. The balance of Wednesdays and Thursdays she works from home.

Connecting Together

Every Thursday from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. we gather in the Atrium at St. Paul's. All are welcome to join us for coffee/tea, good conversation and storytelling. We welcome new folks at any time throughout the year and will continue over the summer months.

Lifelong Learning Event

Plan to join us on Tuesday July 16th from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. for our Caregiving Session. Our guest speakers are Katie MacDonald from the Ontario Caregiver Organization and Sandy Dupuis from Couchiching Family Health Team. Please leave a message at the church at 705-526-6077 if you plan to attend.

The Lifelong Learning Committee is busy planning for the next year. We are looking for any ideas/ topics that might be of interest to you so please share your suggestions with Carol MacDonald, John McCullough or Kathy Stewart.

A message from your Stewardship Committee

At the end of the first half of 2024, our deficit is at a manageable level. We are grateful to all of you who have generously contributed to St. Paul's. With your continued help, we can turn this deficit into a surplus.

Below is a snapshot of our financial status as of the end of June 2024:

Total Income: \$139,085
Total Expenses: \$154,536
Deficit: **(\$15,451)**

Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, July 21st following worship and will be hosted by Marlis Dupuis and her team. Gerry Payne is Captain of the Greeters for the month of July.



New Security Cameras

The Official Board authorized the purchase of a new security camera system at its last meeting. The system replaces the existing system which is obsolete and has been nonfunctioning for the past two years. The new system will have 12 cameras, including 3 outside cameras located on the south side, the east (front) side and the north side of the building. The cameras will record 24/7 and will be monitored. The cost of this new system is not to exceed \$15,000. A generous donor has agreed to pay one third of the cost, one third will come our Trust Funds and the remaining third will need to be raised by the congregation.



So far, we have raised \$750 towards this purchase. If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".

Camp Awesome

Camp Awesome this year is from **August 12-16**. More details will follow but be sure to know it's always an AWESOME time.

UCW Garage Sale

St. Paul's UCW will be holding their **annual Garage Sale on September 28th**. Please set aside any items in your home you don't need/want any longer and we will pass them on for someone else to enjoy while we raise needed funds for our work.



Save the date

The Knitting Pilgrim is coming to St. Paul's – Friday November 1, 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come hear Kirk Dunn tell the story of his 15-year artistic and spiritual journey hand knitting this ambitious project while looking at the reasons why the faiths struggle to get along today, the meaning of art, the hell of grant writing and the power of love to overcome major obstacles (and minor mishaps).

Tickets (\$25) will be available for purchase in advance (starting Sept 2024) or by cash at the door. Watch St. Paul's website, Facebook page or the weekly update for further information.



This Week's Minute for Mission

Young leaders poised to advocate for climate justice and inspire their communities



Mission and Service partner the World Student Christian Federation Asia-Pacific collaborated with the Bangladesh Student Christian Movement on a workshop called "Youth Leading Change: Climate Justice through Cultural Movement." Through discussions and activities, it aimed to raise awareness among young people about climate challenges and empower them to take local actions.

Over four days, 50 passionate students from various regions of Bangladesh came together to address the critical issue of climate change. They explored the severe impacts on communities and livelihoods, particularly the displacement caused by floods. Floods force families to migrate to Dhaka, now one of the world's most densely populated cities.

The heart-wrenching stories of displaced families deeply resonated with the participants, igniting their determination to drive change. Equipped with knowledge and tools, these young leaders are now poised to advocate for climate justice and inspire their communities.

Your generous support of Mission and Service helps make workshops like this possible. Thank you.

Blessings everyone

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