

### Worship – Sunday, July 28, 2024

The theme of the service this Sunday will centre around Hope and Peace in the world. These topics will be explored through scripture passages and appropriate music. We are excited to welcome Shayla Brown as guest vocalist and John McCullough as our reader. 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.



<https://youtube.com/live/fbmYm0rzung?feature=share>

### 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.

### Sad news

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Rev. Martin Giebel** on July 18<sup>th</sup>. He was an extremely compassionate person who worked closely with us on our last refugee sponsorship. It's a huge loss for the community and everyone working with refugees.

### Connecting Together

There will be **no Connections group next Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>**. The group will resume meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. 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.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is **this Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

## Message from the UCW

Thank you to all the ladies that volunteered to make sandwiches for the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen for the month of August. Please deliver your sandwiches to St. Paul's by 10 a.m. on your assigned Tuesdays in August.

## Lifelong Learning

**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.

## Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour will be on **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, following worship and will be hosted by Sheila Thompson and her team.



## Nametags

We have received a new supply of nametags. There is a new list beside the name tags and if you don't have one already, please add your name to the list and we will prepare one for you.

## New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras, which is being installed this week. 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 \$1,250 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 s-ure to know it's always an AWESome time.

## UCW Garage Sale

St. Paul's UCW will be holding their **annual Garage Sale on September 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



### **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>

### **This Week's Minute for Mission**



#### **Many children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education**

Hamdan wants to become a doctor someday. As the oldest son, this young teenager dreams big amidst the daily struggles that he and his family face.

Hamdan's family came to Lebanon several years ago to escape the war in Syria. They can barely afford their monthly rent, food, household expenses, clothing, and medical needs. While his father works in a produce shop, his mother stays at home to care for the family's four children and two other family members. This family of eight lives on the father's pay and a small income supplement they receive from the UN.

Like Hamdan, many children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education because an economic crisis—intensified by the COVID pandemic and the devastating 2020 explosion in Beirut—has plunged their families into poverty. When parents can't pay school tuition, children face an unstable future. The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) assists Lebanese students and Syrian refugees ages 8–13 with tuition and fees to secure their education and prevent them from becoming a lost generation.

One thing Hamdan's parents don't have to worry about anymore is his education. With tuition assistance provided by MECC to Hamdan and his siblings, they can continue to

study until graduation and gain entrance into a university—giving Hamdan a chance to achieve his dream.

Your support through [Mission and Service](#) helps remove barriers for teenagers like Hamdan so they can work toward their dreams. Thank you.

### **Blessings everyone**

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