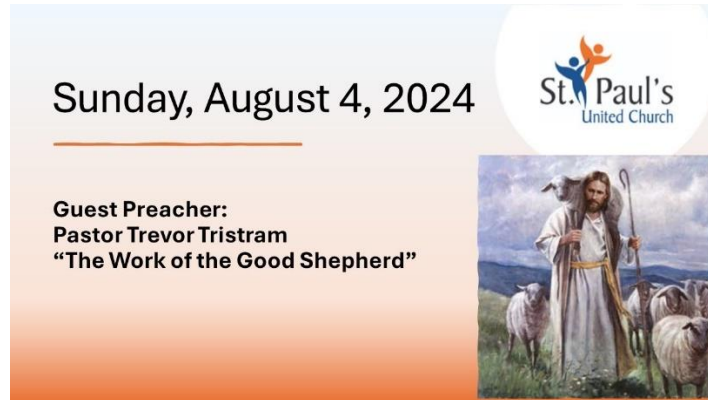


Worship – Sunday, August 4, 2024


Welcome to Rev. Trevor Tristram, 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.



Sunday, August 4, 2024

St. Paul's
United Church

Guest Preacher:
Pastor Trevor Tristram
“The Work of the Good Shepherd”



<https://youtube.com/live/t839RqX8z0E?feature=share>

Summer Office Hours

Due to vacation, the office will be closed on Tuesday, August 6th. Otherwise, the office remains open Tuesday, 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

The Connections group meets every Thursday 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.

Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, August 4th**, following worship and will be hosted by Sheila Thompson and her team.



Joan Lavin is Captain of the Greeters for the month of August. We are always looking for more folks to help with greeting and social hour. Please speak to Sheila Thompson if you're interested.

Camp Awesome registration is now open!

Kids and youth (Ages 5 - 12) are welcome for our St. Paul's Summer Camp from **August 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** This year's theme is "All God's Creation". Join in for a week of creativity, silliness and play as we deepen our understanding that we are related to all of creation. All friends and family are welcome, even if they don't attend St. Paul's. Please email Rebecca at dkspumidland@gmail.com for more information and for the registration link

New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras, which is currently being installed. A generous donor has agreed to pay one third of the cost one third will come our Trust Funds and the remaining third (\$5,000) will need to be raised by the congregation. **So far, we have raised \$1,350 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".

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.

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.



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



The Tomken Grove Afterschool Program aims to encourage community among local children.

"I'm going to sleep here!" Amarah, age 6, threatens from under the table. Along with her sisters, she hides from her family at the Tomken Grove Afterschool Program's pickup time. This is a common occurrence because every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., the children feel that two hours together is not enough.

Through the passion of Westminster United Church in Mississauga, ON, the Tomken Grove Afterschool Program aims to encourage community among local children. The program creates a recreational space outside of school where neighbourhood kids can spend time together in an electronics-free environment.

Some form of physical activity is always scheduled: dance battles, obstacle courses, hula-hooping, spending time outdoors and more. Snacks such as fresh fruits and yogurt keep the kids healthy and energized, and everyone is involved in cleanup responsibilities for snack and outdoor time, which encourages independence and innovation.

Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) help programs like this as they encourage community and connection. Thank you.

Blessings everyone

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