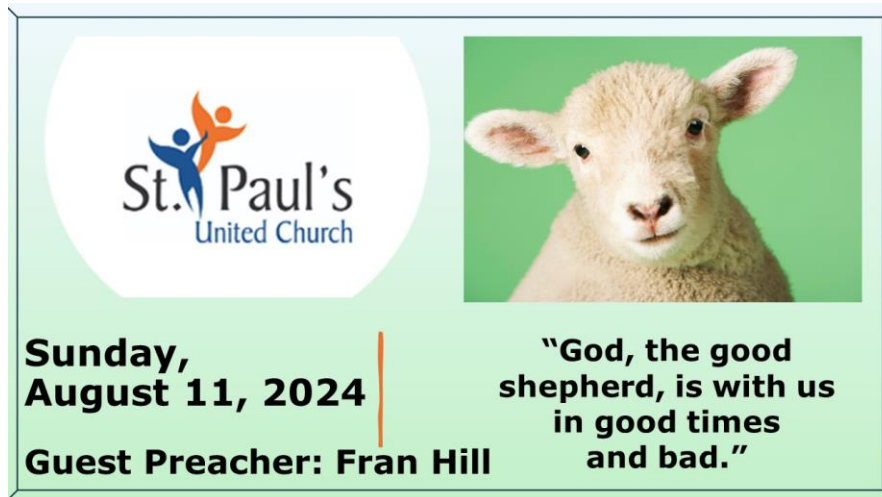


Worship – Sunday, August 11, 2024

Welcome to Fran Hill, 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.



The graphic features the St. Paul's United Church logo on the left and a close-up photo of a young lamb on the right. Below the photos, the date and guest preacher are listed on the left, and a quote is on the right.

**Sunday,
August 11, 2024**

Guest Preacher: Fran Hill

"God, the good shepherd, is with us in good times and bad."

<https://youtube.com/live/JrGM2jOvnpE?feature=share>

Summer Office Hours

The office is 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 will be on **Sunday, August 18thth**, following worship and will be hosted by Barb Carswell 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.

Congregational Life

Our sincere condolences to Rick Josey and his family on the recent death of Marina. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Camp Awesome is next week and 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 \$1,470 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".

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). A few individuals who have seen this performance have indicated that they were blown away by the session.

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



Ashley Keeping was one of two United Church young adults selected to attend the Minority Youth Forum in Japan, hosted by the Center for Minority Issues and Mission.

Ashley writes:

"Just like Miyako residents, I live on an island and can relate to their everyday lives on their island, as it was small and humble just like here in Newfoundland. There was one prominent difference. The majority of the residents are

seeking peace from their own government, something we don't have to worry about here in Canada. God called upon me to see how the people of Miyako Island are living, and to share with everyone their struggle for peace.

"The Minority Youth Forum program brought together young adults from Canada, Japan, and Taiwan. The Youth Forum experience showed me how powerful it is to bring youth together to share our culture, to share our faith, and to share our stories. To be able to have discussions with youth from other cultures about how we can change the world gives me so much hope for our future.

"This trip filled my heart with joy, hope, and love for the wonderful people that I can now forever call friends. It also taught me that you need to find, keep, and treasure peace, as well as pursue it for the rest of your time, and that I will do. Thank you, Miyako, for everything you taught me."

The Youth Forum is an ecumenical initiative of churches in Japan, supported by The United Church of Canada and Mission and Service. Your generosity through [Mission and Service](#) helps programs like this one that inspire peace and learning. Thank you. Read Ashley's full blog: [Pursuing Peace from the Atlantic to the Pacific](#).

Blessings everyone

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