



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – August 22, 2024

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### **Worship – Sunday, August 25, 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.



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Guest Preacher: Fran Hill



[https://youtube.com/live/q9w\\_RpthXrQ?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/q9w_RpthXrQ?feature=share)

### **Summer Office Hours**

**Due to vacation, the office will be open only on Wednesday next week.** We will resume regular summer hours the following week and be 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.

### **Calling all choir members!**



We will resume our choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Victoria is very much looking forward to having you back in the choir loft to help lead the services. Anyone in the congregation who would like to come and check us out would be VERY welcome! Please see Victoria if you're interested.

## Poppy Display



As a tribute to and in memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, St. Paul's United Church is recognizing them with a poppy display on the front of our building. Volunteers will be knitting or crocheting poppies which will be attached to a mesh backing and hung facing King Street. If you would like to join us in this program, you can pick up a pattern at the church office or at worship on Sunday and bring back your completed poppies to the church office by Thanksgiving.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is **on Saturday, August 30<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.

## Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour will be September 1<sup>st</sup> following worship and will be hosted by Joan Lavin 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.

## New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras. The installation is now complete. 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 \$1,710 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund.

## UCW Meeting

The UCW will have **their next meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour. We will have a guest speaker from Hospice Huronia. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend.

## 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. **You can drop off your items for the sale on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00**



St. Paul's United Church Women

Saturday Sept. 28, 2023  
8:30 – 1:00

St. Paul's United Church  
308 King Street, Midland  
(next door to the library)

Clothing Boutique, tools, toys, books,  
new and old items, small furniture pieces.  
Something for everyone!

**p.m.** Any questions can be directed to Zena at 705-527-6789 or zenapendlebury@gmail.com

Also, the UCW **need a couple of clothes racks for their sale**, so if anyone has some they can lend, please contact Doreen Gunson at 705-209-0534 or e-mail her at doreenandken15@gmail.com

## **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**



Canadian churches grace unique places: restaurants, storefronts—even movie theatres. Perhaps the most serene of all settings, though, is a national park.

Waterton United Church is situated in the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta. Although the United Church has had a presence in the park since 1955, the current building was dedicated in 1961. The

cathedral window in the sanctuary, designed to frame the mountains, offers a breathtaking view.

"Architect George Watson framed Mount Vimy," explains Carol Watt, Secretary. "People who aren't involved in the church but just stop to visit look out captivated by the view of

the mountain over the lake. It's a special thing that happens. It touches something deep within."

Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) help the church remain open year-round. In the summer, Sunday services take place from late June through September with support from guest ministers. Other services are offered during holy days throughout the year. Youth groups use the building as retreat space, and the chapel is a popular space for weddings. With a small room and kitchenette behind the sanctuary, the church also draws leaders who want to retreat. "Providing space for spiritual reflection and retreat is an important aspect of the ministry we provide," says Watt.

A newsletter reads, "Waterton United offers a unique ministry to the wealth of summer visitors who flock happily into the national park and then find this gem of a United Church of Canada."

Thank you for supporting churches in remote places that witness in a unique way to the majesty and grace of God.

### **Blessings everyone**

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