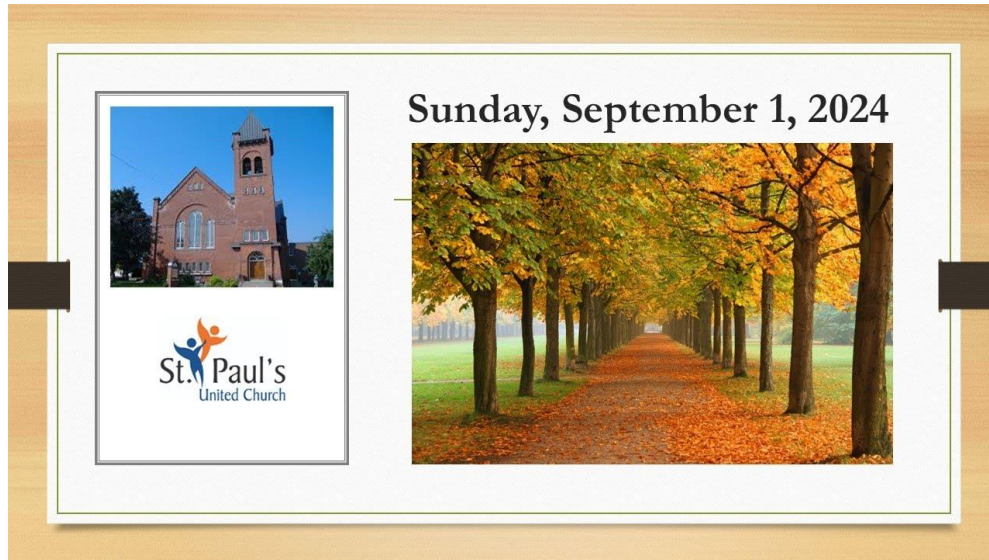


Worship – Sunday, September 1st, 2024

Welcome to Pat File, 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.



<https://youtube.com/live/MKzj46d7mi8?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.



Calling all choir members!

We will resume our choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 5th 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.

Congregational Life

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Rod Ferguson, who passed away on August 23, 2024. Both Rod and his wife Frances were long-time members of St. Paul's and Rod was a prominent member of the Midland community. Friends are invited to Nicholls Funeral Home on Thursday, August 29, 2024, for the visitation from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and again from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 308 King Street, Midland on Friday, August 30th at 11:00 a.m. The family invites everyone for a reception at the Rotary Hall in the Midland Cultural Centre following the Funeral Service. You can read the full obituary at <https://www.midlandtoday.ca/obituaries/ferguson-roderic-9436988>

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 **this Saturday, August 30th 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 **this Sunday**, September 1st following worship and will be hosted by Joan Lavin and her team.

A Forum for Faith and Science returns to the church on Friday, September 13th at 10:00 in the Parlour. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month between September and June. Their purpose is to openly discuss ideas and experiences relative to the books they study. In September, they will be exploring *The Direct Path, Creating a Personal Journey to the Divine Using the World's Spiritual Traditions* by Andrew Harvey. All are welcome to attend.

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 \$2,750 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 10th** 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.



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!

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



The beauty of nature reminds children of the simple joys of friendship and gratitude. Have you ever stepped into a forest surrounded by birds chirping, insects calling, and leaves rustling in the wind? The leaders at Mission and Service partner Cave Springs Camp in Beamsville, ON, are encouraging children to leave the hustle and bustle behind to enjoy moments of connection with nature and each other.

Nestled right on the Niagara Escarpment, the joyful sounds of children discovering and playing echo throughout the campgrounds. "I found a salamander!" someone exclaims as other campers rush over to see. Something as simple as "Look at this cool rock!" draws laughter and excitement. These moments of connection are powerful, allowing everyone to be present and supportive.

In such a peaceful setting, the beauty of nature reminds children of the simple joys of friendship and gratitude. This experience can inspire a deep appreciation for the earth and a desire to take care of it. Children make music, worship, explore creativity through art, challenge themselves, and connect with others, all together in nature.

Your support of [Mission and Service](#) allows children to continue connecting in nature at United Church camps. Thank you.

Blessings everyone

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