

Worship – Sunday, September 15th, 2024

Welcome to Shaun McIntosh, 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: Shaun McIntosh

<https://youtube.com/live/80InIxRMBzg?feature=share>

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.

Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, September 15th** following worship and will be hosted by Marlis Dupuis and her team.



A message from Sue Dorion, Chair of the Official Board

As Chair of the Official Board, I am hereby giving the congregation two weeks notice that a congregational meeting is to be held on **Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 a.m.** The Minister Search Team will be announcing a candidate to fill the ministerial vacancy. **The Congregation is needed to approve and finalize this step so we encourage everyone to attend.** Timing of this is unusual but not unheard of and is to accommodate Rev Will Haughton, our Pastoral Relations Liaison, that he might attend to authenticate this proceeding before rushing off to his own pastoral charge service.

Official Board Meeting

Official Board members please mark your calendar for our next meeting, to be held on **Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in person** and our Pastoral Charge

Supervisor, Rev Phillip Cable, will attend. Please send committee updates to Louise Therrien when able.

Thanksgiving Food Drive



St. Paul's will be collecting non-perishable food items from September 22nd until Thanksgiving for the Salvation Army. Suggested items are - canned meat, Kraft dinner, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, crackers, large soups, pasta sauce, coffee/tea, stuffing, canned cranberries and gluten-free products. Items will be collected in the SW corner of the sanctuary. Please do what you can to help those less fortunate. Thank you!!

New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras. The installation is now complete. The congregation needs to raise \$5,000 and **so far, we have raised \$3,325 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. **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

The UCW also **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



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!

Congregational Life



Please join your St. Paul's friends with **Pasta and Bingo on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall. After a delicious pasta dinner, there will be one of the world's favourite family games - Bingo, designed for all ages. Please contact Sheila (705-526-2186) if you plan to attend, but we will also be prepared for last-minute guests. A 'free-will' offering will be used to defray the costs of this event.

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) are now available for purchase via e-transfer to stpaulsunited@rogers.com. Please include the words **Knitting Pilgrim** in the message box. Tickets will also be available at the door on November 1st (**\$25, cash only**).



This year's Christmas Musical is "We Three Spies":



As the musical opens, we meet the "Christmas Intelligence Kids" (CIK), a covert group of ordinary kids who go undercover every Christmas season to secretly bring holiday cheer to those around them.

Under false pretenses, a wealthy client, Ms. Harriet (pronounced Harret) King, hires the CIK sleuths to infiltrate a warehouse that she owns at 2000 Bethlehem Way. The three spies, Agents E, L and F, scout the location and find a cast and crew preparing for a Nativity play. When some of the actors fall ill, the three spies are cast in the roles of the three wise men in the Nativity. Ms. King, who discloses she doesn't like Christmas, is intent on destroying all celebrations of Christ's birth, including community outreach providing gifts for families in need. The three spies don't realize Ms. King's despicable intentions until too late. When the three spies report their classified findings back to base operations, they inadvertently put the Christmas Nativity play, as well as the community outreach, in jeopardy. With glee, Ms. King

shuts down the Nativity play.

Much to Ms. King's surprise, Ms. Maple and her Nativity cast and crew teach the three spies that God is in control and is bigger than any obstacle that Ms. King can put in their way. The believers present the truth of God's greatest gift – the Gift who was born in a manger without any props, sets or presents.

Auditions will take place Saturday, September 28th at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. There are a number of speaking roles available, large and small, and always room for choristers! For more information, email Victoria at Warwick.victoria130@gmail.com .

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



Sophie Fitzgerald 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. Sophie writes about her experience:

“As a young woman in my 20s who has lived and grown up in the United Church, I have always felt God’s call to spread God’s love and peace in any way that I can. Being involved with many organizations and missions with the church, I’ve had the privilege to do this many times in many provinces across Canada but never internationally, until this past March where God called me to travel to Miyakojima Island.

“On a tour of the island, we saw exactly what the Japanese military is doing to Miyakojima. We saw how they are taking the beautiful beaches and using them as training camps, putting up missile bunkers in the middle of town next to peoples’ homes and so much more. We sat and talked about how our generation can help the people of Miyakojima have peace once again, and how peace cannot be created with military and military weapons. Throughout these conversations and visits to these sites, you could feel an overwhelming presence of our Creator and was saddened when coming to the terms that everything beautiful that God created was being destroyed and will be destroyed if war does occur.

“We all need to come together to be a community, a community of God’s children striving to seek peace in the world. All people of compassion, wisdom, and belief need to come together in order to take care of one another and to take care of our beautiful world that the Creator made. Systems of injustice can only be resolved with community and partnership with one another. I am blessed that I get to bring the partnership and stories of the people of Miyakojima Island back to my island of Newfoundland.”

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 Sophie’s full blog: [Seek Peace and Pursue It](#).

Blessings everyone

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