

Worship – Sunday, September 29, 2024

Welcome to Peggy Wallace, 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/2VM5E8s2Qbo?feature=share>

Search Committee Update

We had a great turnout for the congregational vote this past Sunday! Thank you to everyone who arrived early or joined by zoom. The search committee's recommendation was put to a vote to the congregation and it passed. Please be ready to welcome Rev. Kirsty Hunter on January 15, 2025.

Kirsty is a graduate of both Emmanuel College University of Toronto (Master of Divinity) and the University of Calgary (Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology). Kirsty brings 17 years ministerial experience, having served at Knox (Sutton) Pastoral Charge/Virginia Pastoral Charge, Minesing United Church Pastoral Charge and as Youth Minister at Holly United Church Mission.



Rev. Hunter has ministered congregations through change and transformation, including becoming an Affirming Congregation. She is committed to the United Church's mission, values and theology including demonstrating this at the congregation level and the regional council. Her interest in and aptitude for outreach and social justice will compliment a vision for growing together in faith.

A welcoming committee is being formed to help welcome Rev Kirsty Hunter to St Paul's in the new year. It has been a privilege and an honour to be chair of this committee and become better acquainted with everyone on this hard-working team!

**Blessings,
Victoria Tovell, Chair**

Action item from the Official Board meeting

After last night's Official Board meeting we are asking if there is anyone interested in spearheading a fundraising possibility for St. Paul's utilizing the United Church of Canada store. Items available also include some for the upcoming United Church of Canada Centennial Celebration on June 10, 2025. These will include mugs, tote bags, calendars, tee shirts just to name a few. Interested individuals please contact Sue Dorion, Chair of the Official Board, by e-mail at sues0703@gmail.com and I can share the link for information. Thank you.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) is on Monday,



September 30th. We wear orange to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacy of the residential school system in Canada. United Church Moderator Carmen Lansdowne urges us to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, on September 30th. This is a day to reflect, pray, learn, and to honour survivors, their families, and the communities affected by Indian Residential Schools and those who

operated them. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations. Please watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRhRK1Ai2N4>.

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

Auditions for this year's musical 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

Thanksgiving Food Drive



St. Paul's is now collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army until Thanksgiving. 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 \$3,625 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund.

Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is **on Sunday, October 6th** following worship and will be hosted by Sheila Thompson and her team.

UCW pie sale

The UCW will be having a pie sale on Sunday, October 20th after the worship service. We are looking for bakers to help us out by making up some pie dough. All supplies will be provided. Please contact either Gail (705-526-6368), Zena (705-527-6789) or Marlis (705-209-0884). Further



details will be provided about when and where to bring the prepared dough. The UCW ladies will be making the pies in the church kitchen.

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 s' 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**).



In Grandmothers' Hands Huronia is having **fundraising dinner and auction** on October 9th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Midland Legion. The meal is by donation and you can call Cathy at 705-527-1324 to reserve your spot. All proceeds go to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

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>

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 the end of October and is in the office on Wednesday mornings only. The balance of Wednesdays and Thursdays she works from home.

This Week's Minute for Mission



A short while ago, we shared that a Pastors Retreat is being planned for October of 2024. This retreat will provide badly needed respite for northern United Church ministers who are facing a crisis.

The number of deaths in their northern communities has been immense. The grief of burying community members, especially young people, has been overwhelming. The emotional toll of ministering to a grieving community is enormous.

Your response has been profound and powerful. When we shared that leaders are in dire need of rest and renewal, you went into action. Thanks to your generous and outstanding support of Mission and Service, this retreat is going to be a reality. The retreat will provide rest, training in crisis management, and spiritual renewal, and will allow leaders to return with renewed strength to help those in need.

Thank you for your expression of compassion through [Mission and Service](#) that has ensured that this retreat will move forward. To learn more, visit [Pastors Retreat](#).

Blessings everyone

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