

### Worship – Sunday, Oct 6, 2024

Welcome to Pastor Trevor Tristram, 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/li5dkpCAv4?feature=share>

### Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our Thanksgiving food drive will end this Sunday. Items will be collected until this time in the SW corner of the sanctuary. **Monetary donations are accepted as well**, by cheque, e-transfer or cash. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to help those less fortunate.

### Poppy display for Remembrance Day

For all our poppy makers - please drop off your poppies at the church no later than Thanksgiving Sunday. We will start assembling our creations on Friday, October 18 from 1:00 'til 4:00 in the Room of Requirement. We will also be working on them on Wednesday, October 23 and Friday, October 25 if necessary. Please bring a darning needle and sharp scissors if you have them. They will be hung on Saturday, October 26 around 10:00 a.m. Thank you to all the knitter/crocheters who have participated in this project, we're eager to see how it turns out.



### New Security Cameras

Great news...we have now met our fundraising goal for the security cameras! A huge thank you to everyone who made donations to this cause and helped us achieve our goal.

### A message from your Stewardship Committee

Below is the third quarter financial report for St. Paul's United Church. This is an opportunity to review how well we have done with our income and expenses at the end of September. We are

grateful to all of you who have generously contributed to St. Paul's to help us meet our ongoing operating expenses and with your continued financial support, we can turn this deficit into a surplus.

### **Financial status as of the end of September 2024:**

Total Income: \$\$196,844

Total Expenses: \$207,525

Deficit: (**\$10,681**)

### **UCW notes and news**



**The UCW will be having an apple pie sale** on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. There will be 9" pies at \$15 (frozen uncooked), some fresh pies as well as some smaller pies (two portion size) at \$5 (some frozen uncooked and a few fresh).

The UCW will not be having their annual goodie box sale this December.

### **Congregational Life**

Our next Coffee Hour will be on **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** following worship and will be hosted by Barb Carswell and her team.

Gerry Payne is Captain of the Greeters for the month of October.

We would love to see more volunteers for both our Social Hour

teams and Usher teams. Please contact Sheila if you have any

questions about either of these or if you are willing to volunteer. You can reach Sheila at

705-526-2186, or by e-mail at [smthompsin@gmail.com](mailto:smthompsin@gmail.com)



**St. Paul's Fundraiser:** So far, we've had one person reach out to say that they'd love to be involved in a fundraising possibility for St. Paul's utilizing the United Church of Canada Bookstore items. Items that are available from the bookstore include some for the upcoming United Church of Canada Centennial Celebration on June 10, 2025. This includes mugs, tote bags, calendars, tee shirts just to name a few. If you would like to help in some manner please contact Sue Dorion, Chair of the Official Board, by e-mail at [sues0703@gmail.com](mailto:sues0703@gmail.com) and she can share the link with the information.

Please join Lynn Holden at the Penetanguishene Library at 4:00 p.m. on October 21<sup>st</sup>, for **"Author Talk, Lynn Holden's Voyage of the Vikings"**. Penetanguishene residents, valid Tiny card holders and reciprocal borrowing residents can register until October 18<sup>th</sup>. Lynn and her husband Norm Draper were active members of St. Paul's until their move to Barrie.

Please join your St. Paul's friends for **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.

**BIA Mini Monster March:** As part of our community outreach St. Paul's will be joining the downtown merchants ([Mini Monster March | Downtown Midland | Ontario](#)) at the Mini Monster March on Saturday October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Families are encouraged to dress up and visit the downtown to trick or treat and join in other family activities. We will be

located in the front yard of St. Paul's and handing out candy to little goblins that visit. Along with our poppy project, this is a positive community event that raises awareness of us at St. Paul's. Look for our red flags and volunteers greeting families and little goblins. You can help by donating candy, assist with set up at 10:00 a.m., hand out candy between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or help with clean up between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. If you want to help with this initiative please let Kathy know at [kathy.stewart@sympatico.ca](mailto:kathy.stewart@sympatico.ca)



**Ontario Service Awards for Volunteerism:** Last year we were able to nominate six volunteers from St. Paul's to be honoured with an Ontario Service Award for their contribution to St. Paul's through volunteerism. While we know that there are so many who share their time at St. Paul's, this program only allows for six nominations. This year we are asking for everyone to nominate a volunteer from St. Paul's. Please think about the people that share their time or go beyond the call to make St. Paul's a great place for all of us to grow and thrive. Please send your nominations to [kathy.stewart@sympatico.ca](mailto:kathy.stewart@sympatico.ca) by October 27th. The nomination committee will consist of the award recipients from last year. This is a wonderful way to honour our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation month in the spring of 2025, so please help by submitting your nomination.

**We are still missing two white folding tables.** These tables belong to the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen. If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of these tables, please contact Bruce Wilcox @705 529 6728.

## 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-transfers to [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto: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**).



## 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**



Thanksgiving is a time when many of us come together with loved ones, enjoying the abundance of food that graces our tables. It's a time that reminds us of the blessings we have received. Yet, as we give thanks for our own blessings, it's important to remember that many others, both here in Canada and around the world, are struggling with food insecurity. Your generous support through Mission and Service is making a difference by helping feed thousands of people in need.

One of the programs your Mission and Service gifts support is Food for the North, which serves Canada's most remote northern communities. Food is not just scarce there but also incredibly costly. According to the federal government, back in 2019, the average Canadian family of four spent an average of \$1,000/month on groceries. But in Nunavut, that same family would have to spend \$1,600/month to get the same amount of food. And that was five years ago—imagine how much worse things are now! Your contributions ensure that these families have access to affordable and nutritious food, changing lives and offering hope in a time of growing need.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with your family, please know how deeply grateful we are for your support. Your [gifts through Mission and Service](#) extend far beyond your own table, reaching into the homes of those who would otherwise go without. Together, we are not just providing meals—we are sharing the love and compassion of our faith with those who need it most. Thank you for making such a profound impact. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

## **Blessings everyone**

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