

Worship – Sunday, Oct 20, 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.



<https://youtube.com/live/91xbv88Njz0?feature=share>

Poppy display for Remembrance Day

We are starting to assemble our creations on Friday, October 18 from 1:00 until 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.



Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, October 20th** 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 smthompson@gmail.com

UCW notes and news

The UCW is having their apple pie sale this Sunday, October 20th 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).



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 and she can share the link with the information.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on **Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

Congregational Life

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



Helping those in need: We asked our neighbours, the **Guesthouse Shelter**, how we can help them best help their residents. We are attaching a list with items that they need. If you are able to provide any of these items, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be placed in the bin placed in the utility room off the Atrium. When the bin is full, everything will be delivered to them. As the needs of the Guesthouse Shelter are ongoing, we will be collecting for them on an ongoing basis. Thank you so much!

Ontario Service Awards for Volunteerism: The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are an opportunity for St Paul's to celebrate all the volunteer work that is being done today as well as in the past. In this time of such negativity, let's look around and see all of the good. Do you see someone that could be honoured for their volunteer work, that provides leadership, encourages others to get involved, welcomes people into our congregation or space? Please put forward their name (in confidence) to Kathy.stewart@sympatico.ca. St Paul's has a long history of community involvement and this is a chance to celebrate the work! Send along those names by Oct. 27th.

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.

Unity United Church on Vasey Road is having a fundraiser "An afternoon of music with Barb & Clark", this Sunday, October 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome and tickets will be available at the door.

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

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. 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 will be closed on Tuesday October 22. And will reopen on, 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

With your generous support, many Canadian seniors who might otherwise face empty plates this season are able to enjoy nutritious meals and maintain their dignity throughout the year.

The Food Security for Elders program relies on your support to provide grocery cards to Indigenous Elders in the Morley First Nation and Lethbridge, AB area, where access to healthy food is limited. Without your support, these seniors face the harsh reality of choosing between essential needs and nourishing meals. They need your help to ensure their tables are filled with the food they deserve.



In a time of rising grocery prices and economic challenges, your kindness ensures that our most vulnerable neighbours are not left to struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts help transform their experience from one of worry and scarcity to one of comfort and nourishment. With your support, Elders can enjoy healthier meals and maintain their well-being.

Your generosity through [Mission and Service](#) gives more than just food; it offers hope and a sense of community. As we continue through our seasons of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you for making such a significant impact. Thank you.

Blessings everyone

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