

### **Worship – Sunday, Oct 27, 2024**

Welcome to Charlie Carswell, 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/yvIFiqp1Q-A?feature=share>

**Our Foodgrains Campaign** will continue until November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. So far, we have raised \$1,670. If you would like to donate, please make your cheque payable to St Paul's United Church with a note that is for the Canadian Foodgrains Campaign. You can also donate by e-transfer to [stpaulsunitied@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunitied@rogers.com). Our donations are matched 4:1 by the Canadian Government.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast is **this 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**

We are seeking a diverse group of friends of St. Paul's to attend **a brainstorming session to develop ideas to increase the revenue of our Church**. We expect this meeting to be one where ideas can flow freely, and we hope to prime the pump of creativity of the group to generate avenues for one-off or ongoing sustainable ideas to help our Church battle the dreaded D word! (Deficit!) Please reach out to Donna Macfarlane at [donnamacfarlane@live.com](mailto:donnamacfarlane@live.com) or at 705-527-2084 to be included in this one-time meeting. We will set a date and format once we see the number of participants. Of course, attendees will be plied liberally with treats and coffee. All ideas and participation welcome.

Please join your St. Paul's friends for **Pasta and Bingo this 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 **this 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)

**Automated External Defibrillator:** As part of the Automated External Defibrillator ("AED")/Public Access Defibrillation ("PAD") Program between the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services and St. Paul's, the County offers on-site training on the operation of this important life-saving device. It's been some time now since the training was conducted at St. Paul's, so we're looking for individuals who may be willing to participate in this one-day training event. We need a minimum of five individuals up to a maximum of 12 for the County to come to St. Paul's to conduct this training. If you're interested, please contact the church office. A date and time will be set up once we have at least five willing participants.



## UCW notes and news



The UCW would like to thank all those awesome ladies that helped to make the apple pies for our pie sale last Sunday, which enabled us to make a profit of \$663.56. Also, a thank you goes out to Charlie Carswell for donating the apples, which made our profit much higher and of course to those who purchased the pies. The funds raised will go to the work of the UCW.

**Helping those in need:** We asked our neighbours, the **Guesthouse Shelter**, how we can help them best help their residents. There is a list on the final page of this weekly update with items that they need. If you can 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 the Guesthouse. As the needs of the Guesthouse Shelter are ongoing, we will be collecting items for them on an ongoing basis. Thank you so much!

## 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).**



Our next Coffee Hour will be on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** following worship and will be hosted by Joan Lavin and her team.

### **Upcoming Committee “Job Fair”**

**During the coffee hour on November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, various committees at St. Paul's will have tables set up in the great hall so that anyone interested might learn more about what goes on behind the scenes that us ticking! We couldn't do all that we do here at St. Paul's without each and every one of the wonderful volunteers and we're always looking for individuals who might have terrific ideas or want to share their many talents. So come enjoy a coffee and goodie or two while you wander to each table learning more about these great teams!

***Sue Dorion, Chair of the Official Board***



### **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**



Empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures

In a part of El Salvador where the climate is harsh and mining projects have impacted the environment, the Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES) is making a remarkable difference. Partnered with Mission and Service, ADES has launched a transformative agroecology project, bringing hope to rural farmers.

This initiative is centred at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm. Here, rural families—primarily led by women—learn sustainable farming practices that recycle nutrients into the soil, protect biodiversity, and reduce production costs.

Thanks to your generous gifts, this project can equip farmers with training, technical expertise, and native seeds, all while promoting environmental stewardship and gender equality. In a region affected by increasing droughts and disrupted agricultural patterns, these new methods help farmers adapt and thrive.

Your support has the power to extend to communities facing severe challenges. By contributing to this project, you are not just providing food; you are also empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures.

Thank you for supporting projects like this through [Mission and Service](#). Your gift ensures that others can look forward to a future where their tables are full.

### **Blessings everyone**

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**Administrative Assistant** – Judy McConnell (**Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00**) [officesecretaryspuc@gmail.com](mailto:officesecretaryspuc@gmail.com) 705-526-6077

## Items needed for Guesthouse Shelter

### Pantry items

Canned fruit  
Canned veggies  
Canned potatoes  
Canned meats  
Rice  
Seasonings  
Salt & pepper  
Sauces  
Cereal  
White & brown sugar  
Coffee  
Coffee whitener  
Oatmeal  
Syrup  
Pasta noodles & sauces  
Flour  
Crackers  
Soups & stews  
Breadcrumbs  
Gravy  
Salad dressings  
Peanut butter & Jam  
Cooking oil  
Hot chocolate  
Snacks

### Uncommon donation items

Socks  
Underwear  
Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Bar soaps  
Razors  
Towels  
Medicine  
First aid supplies  
Q-tips  
Ear plugs