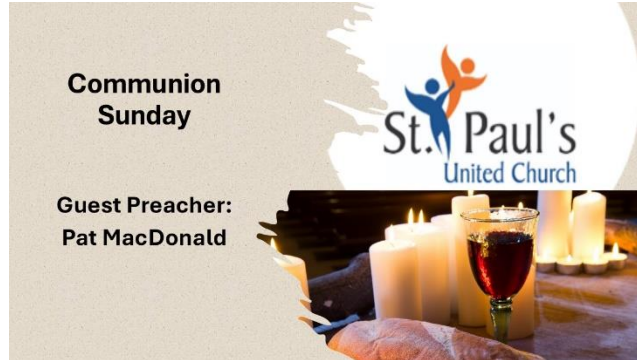


Worship – Sunday, November 3, 2024

Welcome to Pat MacDonald, 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/548tcDtgYPg?feature=share>

Our Foodgrains Campaign will continue until November 24th, 2024. So far, we have raised **\$3,880**. 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 stpaulsunited@rogers.com. Our donations are matched 4:1 by the Canadian Government.

The Knitting Pilgrim is coming to St. Paul's – this 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**). All money raised at this event will be used for the ongoing work of the church.

Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, November 3rd** following worship and will be hosted by Joan Lavin and her team.

Upcoming Committee "Job Fair"

During the coffee hour this Sunday, November 3rd, 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 keeps 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

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 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.

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.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation is piloting an event - Regular Adult Socials with all adults welcome! For this first event, we'll have an epic board game to play if we wish, or we can just chill. Let's see how it goes, and perhaps this will become a regular event. If you are unable to make it November 6th but you are interested in the idea, let Rebecca know.

Pilot event: Adult Social, Wednesday November 6th, 7:00 to -9:00 p.m. in the Parlour

DK Open Gym returns for the fall and winter!

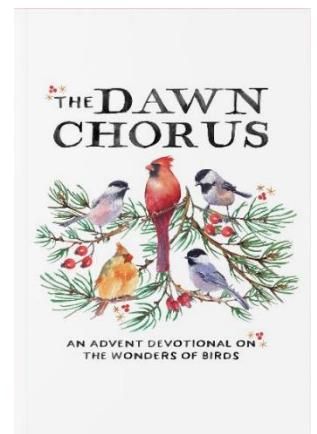
Friday November 15th and Friday December 13th from 6:00 to -8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall Drop-in after dinner and let the kids free-play in the gym while you hang out with other parents or just sit and watch while they play. We will have a self-serve light snack and water station.

Collecting interest for a Youth Group

Do you know any youth in grades 4-12 who might be interested in participating in some type of youth programming at St. Paul's? If you have interested youth in the grades 4-12 range, please direct questions and feedback to Rebecca.

Advent devotional

Faith Formation is offering an opportunity to participate in an Advent Devotional either in a group or in your own reflective time. The theme is A Dawn Chorus - Songbirds know a thing or two about singing into darkness: in the wee hours of the morning, before the sun appears over the horizon, they begin a great symphony that scientists call the "dawn chorus."



Advent is the church's dawn chorus. In this devotional designed for families of all shapes and sizes, we walk with scripture through the season's four weeks of hope, peace, joy, and love, singing into shadows and looking to the light.

An intergenerational all ages study will be offered Sundays before Church and other groups may be offered if there is sufficient interest. To sign up to receive a study guide or participate in a group, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/K1FY5CeYCF9kPYAx7>

UCW notes and news

The next UCW meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. Our speaker will be Doreen Gunson and she will be speaking about Remembrance Day. All ladies of the congregation are welcome!

Just a reminder that the UCW will not be having their annual goodie box sale this year.

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!

The Bay Sound Choirs ask for your support in our annual poinsettia fundraiser.



Poinsettias in various sizes, table greenery, tropical planters and this year a "Grinch Tree" are available for sale. Orders are to be delivered or emailed to Victoria at warwick.victoria130@gmail.com or dropped off at the church office. Deadline to order is November 22nd and pickup of orders will be on Saturday, December 14 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the King Street entrance to the gym. You can pick up an order form on the table just outside the office.

We will offer an opportunity for a Memorial Poinsettia to be placed on the chancel. If you would like a poinsettia placed in memory of a loved one, please indicate that when ordering including the name of said person. Names will be listed in the bulletin, mentioned at the December 22nd Sunday morning service as well as Christmas Eve.

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 Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Louise is in the office on Wednesday mornings. The balance of the time, Louise works from home so you can reach her by phone any time between 8:30 and 4:00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

PLEASE NOTE that next week (week of November 3rd), the office will be open on Wednesday morning only.

This Week's Minute for Mission



We would like to share a wonderful thank-you letter we received from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) at the University of Guelph, a Mission and Service partner located in Guelph, ON. We're sharing it with you with deep gratitude for your generosity.

"Thanks to support from United Church Mission and Service, the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph (UofG) has been able to support the UofG community and accompany young adults during some of the most transformative years of their lives.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry has been a partnership of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church at UofG since 1968. The chaplaincy is fully supported by alumni, parents, and grants from partner churches—the university does not fund faith programming.

Over the 2023/24 academic year, ECM was able to serve 25 free meals to university students, provide weekly worship services right on campus, conduct field trips to ten local churches, hold three public presentations on issues of faith and inclusivity, mentor five student leaders, host two different weekend retreats, and coordinate the Queer Christian Community for two SLGBTQIA+ students at UofG. This just scratches the surface!

This kind of ministry presence is made possible because of ECM's vision of having a full-time chaplain, something that would be unthinkable without support from United Church Mission and Service.

So from all the students at UofG, thank you for your gifts to United Church [Mission and Service!](#) Your support is making a difference in the lives of young adults at the University of Guelph." To see our Mission and Service in action, watch the [2023/24 Ecumenical Campus Ministry highlight video](#).

Blessings everyone

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Administrative Assistant – Judy McConnell (**Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00**) 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