

Worship – Sunday, November 24, 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/2eh7i6NCUNo?feature=share>

Our Foodgrains Campaign will end this Sunday, November 24th, 2024. So far, we have raised **\$6,675**. 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.

Official Board Meeting

This is a reminder to all board members of our upcoming meeting on **Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars and submit committee reports prior to the meeting to Louise Therrien.

Decorating the Sanctuary

The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers for November 29th at 10:00 a.m., to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. If you're available, you can just show up for 10:00 a.m.

Outreach

Saturday, November 30th is the annual **Midland's Santa Claus Parade**. The St. Paul's Outreach Committee is serving free hot chocolate to the crowd in front of the church. **We need volunteers for 10:00 a.m.** to help set up tables, carry out water, fill cups with hot chocolate etc. If you can help, please contact Lois McQuirter, 705 526-6854. Come join the fun!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on **Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

Beat the Deficit Soup Luncheon

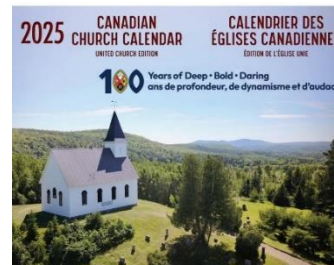
On Sunday, December 1st, replacing our Social Hour, we will be having a **"Beat the Deficit Soup Luncheon"**, as well as **decorating the Christmas tree**. Come and share a meal of homemade soup, bread, crackers, veggies and ice cream treats, then help decorate our 16' Christmas Tree. Your free-will donation will be used help offset St. Paul's 2024 deficit.



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Fundraising

Getting a head start on Christmas? A great way to support St. Paul's and have a great stocking stuffer is by purchasing a calendar celebrating the United Church of Canada Centennial! With only limited number that we could get our hands on, get them while they're hot at just \$20 each! See Sharon Foster or Sue Dorion at church or contact them by email sharonfoster000@gmail.com or sues0703@gmail.com



Congregational Life

A message from the Minister Welcoming Committee

The committee which is planning the welcome for our new minister (Sue Dorion, Carolyn Hendry, Mary Jane Deacon, and Louise Leck) has met and begun our preparations. One important aspect of our welcoming plan is organizing small group gatherings in various homes to meet Kirsty during her first few weeks at St. Paul's. For these meetings to happen, we need volunteers to host four to six people in their homes and provide tea and coffee. If you are hosting, you can invite friends and acquaintances to join with you to meet Kirsty. If you are willing to host a small group gathering, **please let Louise Leck know: 705-526-5389 or 705-528-4951, or louise.leck@gmail.com** as soon as possible. These gatherings will be from **60 to 90 minutes long** and will be scheduled during **the last week of January and the first two weeks of February**.

If you wish **to attend one of these small group gatherings, you may also contact Louise Leck** who will connect you with a group. We will provide specific dates and times for all the groups once we have established who the volunteer hosts are, and work with their availability and Kristy's.

Automated External Defibrillator training



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. **We now have five people who have volunteered to take the two-hour course and a training date has been set for Friday, January 17th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room**

There is still room for participants to join, so if you're interested, please contact the church office with by phone or by e-mail.

Faith Formation

The next **Adult Social will be on Wednesday, December 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Great Hall kitchen. We will bake cookies, decorate them and then eat them with a glass of milk! All guys, gals and in-between pals are welcome. Speak to Faith Formation for more information.

DK Open Gym returns for the fall and winter!

Next date is 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.

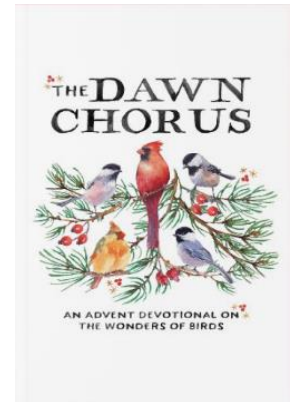
Collecting interest for a Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to Rebecca about interest in a Youth Group. Faith Formation is happy to report that a Junior Youth Group (grades 4-8) will kickstart in the new year! Stay tuned for more details and speak to Rebecca if you have any questions.

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.



The study group will take place on Thursdays from November 28th to December 19th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Parlour. If you're interested, please RSVP to Victoria Tovell. To receive a study guide, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/K1FY5CeYCF9kPYAx7>

UCW notes and news

Helping those in need: Thank you to everyone who has already contributed much needed items for the Guesthouse Shelter. The staff and residents are grateful for the generosity of the St. Paul's congregation. The boxes will remain in the Utility Room off the Atrium so we can continue to collect for our neighbours. Items needed include non-perishable food/pantry items as well as personal items such as socks, underwear, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

Upcoming concerts at St. Paul's

The Bay Sound Choirs and the Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir present "Angels Sing", on **Sunday December 1st at 3:00 p.m.** here at St. Paul's. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth and under five is free. Tickets are available on their website at www.baysound.ca and will also be available at the door.



Vox Community Choir presents "Love Came Down at Christmas" on **Saturday, December 14th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and seniors, kids ages 16 and under are free. Tickets are available at Johnstone's Music Land, from VOX members and will also be available at the door.

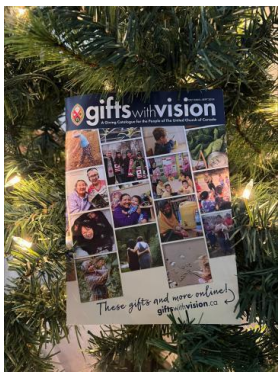
St. Paul's website

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.

This Week's Minute for Mission



"I have everything I need." "I can't think of anything I want." "No gifts for me this year."

This is something many of us have heard, and maybe something we've found ourselves saying. And while it may be true, despite not wanting or needing anything, we know gifts are going to happen anyway. Instead of searching "gifts for someone who is hard to buy for," why not give Gifts with Vision?? [Gifts with Vision](#) is a way to give gifts from the comfort of home, with no packaging or wrapping needed. Instead of gadgets and fleeting trends, Gifts with Vision is full of gifts that will help transform lives throughout Canada and around the world. When placing your order, you'll be able to add an e-card, including a delivery date, for each gift.

Every Gift with Vision provides support for a specific Mission and Service partner offering a unique project. Without Mission and Service, Gifts with Vision projects would not be possible. Thank you for supporting both.

When Christmas rolls around, remember that a meaningful gift is a simple click away. If madly dashing around the mall on Christmas Eve has been your gift-buying style, kick back and relax. Gifts with Vision has you covered!

Blessings everyone

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