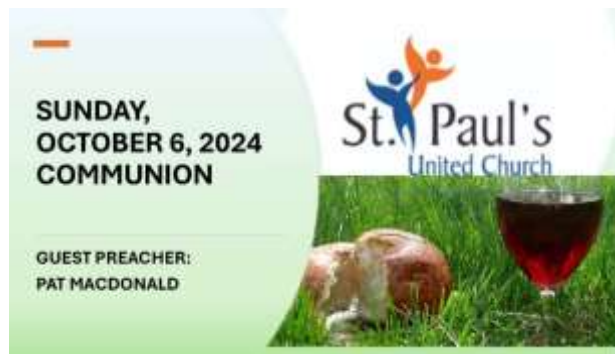


### **Worship – Sunday, Oct 6, 2024**

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/ft5214wLqJo?feature=share>

### **Search Committee Update**

For those of you who may have missed the exciting announcement last week, we have a new minister starting on January 15, 2025, the Rev. Kirsty Hunter.

Kirsty is a graduate of both Emmanuel College University of Toronto (Master of Divinity) and the University of Calgary (Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology). Kirsty brings 17 years ministerial experience, having served at Knox (Sutton) Pastoral Charge/Virginia Pastoral Charge, Minesing United Church Pastoral Charge and as Youth Minister at Holly United Church Mission.



Rev. Hunter has ministered congregations through change and transformation, including becoming an Affirming Congregation. She is committed to the United Church's mission, values and theology including demonstrating this at the congregation level and the regional council. Her interest in and aptitude for outreach and social justice will compliment a vision for growing together in faith.

A welcoming committee will be formed to help welcome Rev. Kirsty Hunter to St Paul's in the new year. It has been a privilege and an honour to be chair of this committee and become better acquainted with everyone on this hardworking team!

### **Action item from last week's Official Board meeting**

We are asking if there is anyone interested in spearheading a fundraising possibility for St. Paul's utilizing the United Church of Canada Bookstore. 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. Interested individuals 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 for information.

## Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** following worship and will be hosted by Sheila Thompson 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)

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. Paul's will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army until



Thanksgiving. Suggested items are - canned meat, Kraft dinner, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, crackers, large soups, pasta sauce, coffee/tea, stuffing, canned cranberries and gluten-free products. Items will be collected in the SW corner of the sanctuary. Please do what you can to help those less fortunate. Thank you!!

## Poppy display for Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has knit or crocheted so many lovely poppies. The last day to drop them off will be Sunday, October 13 (Thanksgiving Sunday). We will begin assembly on Friday, October 18, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Room of Requirement. The poppy display will be hung on Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m.

## New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras. The installation is now complete. The congregation needs to raise \$5,000 and **so far, we have raised \$3,875 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund.

## UCW notes and news

We wish to thank ALL the volunteers who baked muffins, unpacked boxes, sorted, sold, helped with carry outs and repacked for cleanup. This made for a **very successful garage sale** last Saturday! With everyone's help, we raised over \$3000, which will be used for all of UCW's good work - Hospice, Guest House, Mission work, to name a few.

The **next UCW meeting** is on Tuesday October 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour. Our guest speaker will be Rick Brady from the Wye Marsh.

**The UCW will be having a 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**

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.

**We are 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**).



**In Grandmothers' Hands Huronia** is having **fundraising dinner and auction** on October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the Midland Legion. The meal is by donation and you can call Cathy at 705-527-1324 to reserve your spot. All proceeds go to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

## **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**



From October 15 to November 26, 2024, the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism program offers daily and weekly opportunities for learning, reflection, and action.

This year, dynamic speakers will be offering [live events](#) each Tuesday of the 40 Days at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Small study groups will accompany each event, giving learners and leaders the opportunity to explore the content more deeply. The program, designed to move people through a journey

towards becoming anti-racist, offers an opportunity for participants within the United Church and beyond to engage in learning and develop their faith.

Written reflections explore internalized racism, systemic racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and more. The readings encourage deep, thought-provoking discussion for both individuals and communities of faith.

The United Church of Canada has committed to becoming an anti-racist denomination, and this work is an ongoing journey for everyone. Your [Mission and Service](#) gifts support expanding this crucial initiative each year.

### **Blessings everyone**

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