

## St. Paul's Weekly Update – January 2, 2025

### Worship – Sunday, January 5, 2025

Welcome to Barb 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/pGvtIS7FLj0?feature=share>

### 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.

### Welcoming our new minister

The Welcoming Kirsty Committee has planned 14 small gatherings during the last two weeks of January and all through February. Many thanks to our 14 volunteer hosts and to the more than 90 people who are planning to attend a welcoming gathering for our new minister!

### Automated External Defibrillator training

We still have space available for the two-hour AED course being held on **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Upper Room. If you're interested, please contact the church office by phone or by e-mail.

### Faith Formation

**The next Adult Social will be Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** Please let Faith Formation know of any ideas for activities, or else we might recommend you break out into pairs for an epic game of hide-and-go-seek in the church.

Next date for our **DK open gym is January 10, 2025**, 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.

### Fundraising

**United Church Calendars:** We still have some United Church of Canada Centennial calendars available for sale at \$20 each. See Sharon Foster or Sue Dorion at church or contact them by mail [sharonfoster000@gmail.com](mailto:sharonfoster000@gmail.com) or [sues0703@gmail.com](mailto:sues0703@gmail.com)

**Fundraising dinner on February 8, 2025:** We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with this event. We're also looking for entertainers for the event (guitarists, singers, pianists, poets). If you help, please **contact Juli Robitaille at [julifong8022@gmail.com](mailto:julifong8022@gmail.com) or call 705-279-3334.**

## **UCW notes and news**

**The UCW will not hold their regular monthly meeting in January,** but will resume on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

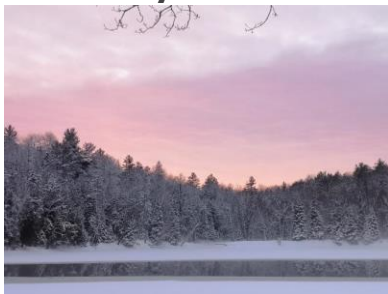
**Helping those in need:** Thank you to everyone who has already contributed much needed items for the Guesthouse Shelter. The staff and residents are grateful for the generosity of the St. Paul's congregation. The boxes will remain in the Utility Room off the Atrium so we can continue to collect for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

## **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>

## **This Week's Minute for Mission**

**The new year is a time to continue to care for one another and the world around us.**



As we welcome 2025, we are given an opportunity to reflect on the past year—the challenges faced, the resilience shown, and the moments of joy and connection that carry us forward. The new year is a time to embrace hope, dream of new possibilities, and recommit ourselves to building a world rooted in Christ's love.

In a time when uncertainty continues to shape our world, acts of kindness and solidarity make all the difference. Together through Mission and Service, we can create change that ripples through families, communities, and beyond. Let this new year be a reminder that hope grows when we work together.

This year, let us continue to strive to care for one another and the world around us. As we begin this next chapter, may we walk with Mission and Service partners, finding strength in our shared commitment to a better tomorrow. With gratitude for the journey so far, and anticipation for all that lies ahead, let us move into 2025 with courage, generosity, and a renewed sense of purpose. Thank you for the impact you made in 2024. Your ongoing generosity through [Mission and Service](#) is needed to spark hope, bring peace, and transform lives.

## **Blessings everyone**

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