



*St. Paul's Dundas
reaching out to all with the love of Christ*



We are open for worship services.

Masks are not required but are welcome.
Services are also Live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10am
on our website.



Enjoy refreshments in the dining hall with friends following the Sunday service.



The church office is open:
Monday-Thursday, 9am—5pm and Friday 9am—noon.
The church buildings are locked outside of these hours.
Access only to those with a key fob.





Dear Friends,

A touch of honesty: For many of us -- maybe most of us, there's a messiness to our spiritual lives. Everything is not neat and tidy. There are loose ends. We are not always the people of faith and grace and courage and generosity that we want to be.

We make mistakes. We know too well the presence of sin and brokenness in our relationships. Some of our relationships are in a state of repair. Certain snapshots of our lives we'd like airbrushed.

In 2010, a man named Mike Yaconelli died in a car crash. He was a popular speaker, writer, theologian, church leader and satirist. Mike was known for his openness, his spontaneity, and his candor -- which many times got him in trouble.

In his last book, "Messy Spirituality," he said, "I want to be a good person. I don't want to fail. I want to learn from my mistakes, rid myself of distractions, and run into the arms of Jesus. Most of the time, however, I feel like I am running away from Jesus into the arms of my own cluttered-ness. I want desperately to know God better. I want to be consistent. Right now the only consistency in my life is inconsistency. Who I want to be, and who I am are not very close together. I am not doing very well at the living-a-consistent-life thing. I don't want to be a St. John of the Cross or Billy Graham. I just want to be remembered as a person who loved God, who served others more than he served himself who was trying to grow in maturity and stability. I want to have more victories than defeats, yet here I am, almost sixty, and I fail on a regular basis. If I were to die today, I would be nervous about what people would say at my funeral. I would be happy if they said things like "He was a nice guy," or "He was occasionally decent," or "Mike wasn't as bad as a lot of people." Unfortunately, eulogies are delivered by people who know the deceased. I know what the consensus would be. "Mike was a mess.""

Aren't we like Mike -- at least a little?

When I first read the first few paragraphs of that quote, I thought it might be from someone whose faith journey with Jesus was maybe in its first decades. But it's the confession of a sixty-year-old! And it could probably be the honest admission of any of us -- in any or every decade of our life!

We are in good company. Even St. Paul in the 7th chapter of his great Letter to the Romans made a startling admission: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (7:19.)

Our lives can be messy. Our spiritual lives messy -- inconsistent! Sin creeps in -- again and again. We struggle to find the spiritual maturity we long for. Yet there is much good news for us -- and it's about God's grace -- not about our reaching perfection.

First, God is on the look-out for us! God comes to us in our messiness -- comes to us where ever we have strayed -- wherever we got way-laid.

God is on the look-out for us! God's love is like that of a woman who has lost a silver coin. It is precious to her. So, she lights a lamp, looks and sweeps until she finds it in whatever crevice it has found or messiness maybe surrounding it.

God looks for us among the dust-bunnies and detritus and debris of our lives.

Searching -- loving -- reconciling and rejoicing: This is how God is with us. God came in Jesus and entered the mess and muck and of the world -- even though it would lead to the messiest of deaths on a Roman cross!

Second, our life in Christ -- our life of faith -- is actually a series of large and small repentances -- a series of small and large moments of re-alignment. Large and small re-alignment toward God -- toward how God would have us be and do.

For most of his life Albert Einstein had the portraits of two scientists, James Clerk Maxwell, and Sir Isaac Newton, hanging on his wall as role models to inspire him. Toward the end of his life, he took them down. He replaced them with portraits of Albert Schweitzer and Mahatma Gandhi. He needed new role models, he said -- not of success, but of humble service.

Worship aligns us with God. Singing our hymns lustily aligns us with God, with one another, with the heavenly chorus of rejoicing. Further, our occasional corporate confession of sin is an act of alignment.

I think of these weeks in mid- September as kind of "new years" -- and as the time when kids return to school or college, and we re-engage with church and realign our lives with regular worship. We realign. And God meets and blesses...

So when your spiritual life feels messy, cluttered, unfocused, outside the ball-park of where you want to be; I invite you to hold fast to the great and wild promise that you are loved, forgiven, always granted new beginnings in Christ -- grace and peace!

With you on the journey,

Reverend Jim

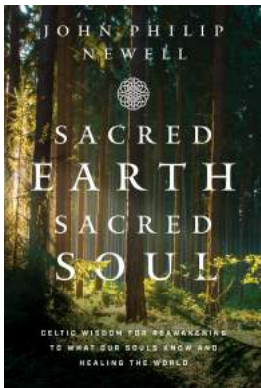


Blessing of the Pets

Sunday October 15, 2023

The blessing of our pets
in the tradition of St. Francis.
Bring your pets to worship.

More details to follow.



Book Study

Sacred Earth Sacred Soul

Celtic wisdom for reawakening to what our souls know and
healing the world.

by John Philip Newell

Wednesdays October 4, 11, 18, November 1, 8

10 to 11:15 am

JOHN PHILIP NEWELL is an internationally acclaimed spiritual teacher and popular speaker and the widely read author of several books, including Listening for the Heartbeat of God and A New Harmony. The former Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is the founder of the School of Earth and Soul (a Celtic initiative of study, spiritual practice, and compassionate action) and teaches regularly in California, New England, Virginia, Colorado, New Mexico and Canada as well as leading international pilgrimages to Iona.



Life On The Ground In Palestine

Sunday, November 12 our pulpit guest will be Susan McCullough who served in Bethlehem — for 3 months in 2022 — in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine & Israel (EAPP). She served as overseas personnel of the United Church of Canada. A lunch and learn will follow.



From YCC (Young Christian Community)

Conversation and Activities each Sunday:

We continue to use the “Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum materials through the Fall, with **Bible Story cartoons, singing, Jigsaw puzzles and crafts.**

Activities take place in the YCC Room on the 3rd floor, and parents and guardians are welcome to join in. We welcome Helpers.

Our **Play Room** (formerly Nursery) is also available each week for babies, toddlers, and others who simply enjoy playing with the toys.

Our Worship Service is Live streamed to both rooms.

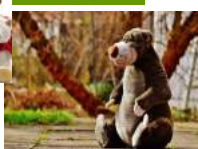
Blessing of the Animals Service – October 15

It has been seven years since our last ‘Blessing the Animals’ service in St. Paul’s. Such services are held annually in some churches, somewhere around October 4, the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The service includes prayers for pets, companion animals and agricultural animals. Even for favorite stuffies. And for creation. **You are invited to bring your animal with you, if feasible, or to bring a photograph.**

Our Puppet Pageant Project:

A team is at work, making and costuming the many puppets needed for our **Christmas Eve Pageant.** We are working to present this year a combined Live Animal, Costumed Participants and Puppet pageant, a St. Paul’s longstanding Christmas tradition.

Participants are needed. You can indicate your interest by sending a note to Rev. Wayne at revwayne@stpaulsdundas.com or texting 905-541-4212.





TRIBUTE TO THE PIZZA KITTY

As I start this article, the date is August 8. That is a very auspicious date for the Chinese. Remember the 2008 Beijing Olympics starting on August 8, promptly at 8:08:08? A Lucky date.

It is also the date in 2020 that Pizza Kitty passed away on our patio. With tears and the 23rd Psalm, we buried him in our backyard, under the windmill.

Pizza Kitty was not our cat. He technically belonged to the people down the street who run a Pizza place. But WE are the crazy cat people on Applewood, and everyone knows it, including the stray cats. Free food and a comfy bed to all felines in need.

Pizza Kitty was an outdoor cat, and I believe the Pizza people, who were busy with their pizza place, figured "the crazy cat people" down the street probably were doing a better job of looking after their outdoorsy cat. For lack of a better name, we called her Pizza Kitty.

For a few years she came on and off for food, and then she came more and more often.

She was persistent, but not pushy. She would be sitting on the driveway waiting for one of us to come home and give her some food. Which she always received with gratitude.

Then she started arriving hobbling along with a "gimp" back leg. You couldn't help but smile as she struggled steadfastly to come up to us for a visit. The limp came and went, but mostly it was a permanent feature of Pizza Kitty.

And she was affectionate. As a rule, I try to keep some emotional distance from the outside cats, unlike Bill. But if you sat on the front steps, she would come up, lean against you, and then crawl onto your lap, where she enjoyed hanging out.

Covid came and she was one of our few visitors. I would sit on the patio having my morning coffee, and Pizza Kitty would materialize from behind the windmill garden, struggling to walk a straight line as she came to greet me, waiting till I now would pick her up to sit on my lap.

She was not our cat, but we thought we ought to let the vet have a look at her. We learned a lot. This cat was quite old, heading for 20. She had what felt like lumps inside, not a good sign. The limp had come from being hit by a car, and surviving. And oh yes, SHE is actually a HE. And sadly, this Pizza Kitty probably didn't have long to live. But the vet agreed that she had rarely met such an affectionate and mild-mannered cat.

Throughout the summer of 2020, we gave this loving stray cat the comforts we were able. And HE gave us daily companionship.

His eating became more difficult, so we gave him a more liquid diet, and set his food on a step so he could eat more easily. He had decided our yard was where his home would be. He liked to be held. And he would patiently wait till my morning coffee was gone, so I could pick him up.

In his last days, I interrupted him, when I believe he was in the private time of dying..... his way. But he rallied, maybe because he felt we needed him a bit longer. Finally on August 8, 2020, on a towel on our patio he slipped away.

A few weeks later, the grandmother at the Pizza house asked about the cat, and we had to tell her he had died, from many issues. And we showed her where he was buried, under the windmill. She told us her granddaughter had brought him home from the North End, a friendly stray. She told us his name was "Lucky."

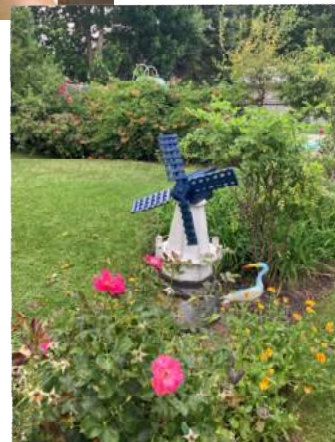
I think we were the lucky ones. Pizza Kitty brought out the best qualities in us and ministered to our own pandemic difficulties. He was steadfast in his presence and brought joy and smiles.

God sometimes send us angels that have four legs, and sometimes two, and sometimes wings, if we are willing to recognize them when they show up. (I don't think I will go as far to include six legs, or eight arms,,but go ahead if it's your thing.)

Pizza Kitty was a Lucky gift for us. May you have lucky gifts too.



Fredric



MUSIC NEWS

What key to cows sing in? Beef flat
What do you get if Bach falls off his horse but has the courage to get on again and continue?
..... Bach in the Saddle Again.
What songs do planets sing? Nep-tunes.
What did the robbers take from the music store? The Lute.

Welcome to fall, and this is just a reminder that music is fun, and maybe a bit corny.

As I look back to where we were last fall with Covid issues, I know we have come a long way. Then we still had many health concerns and precautions that impacted the joy of music at St. Paul's. And we still do to some extent. But through the last year we persevered, and with our dedication showed our gratitude in a beautiful church music season.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Hand bell rehearsal	Tuesday 1:30pm
Afternoon singers rehearsal	Wednesday 2:00pm
Joyful Voices rehearsal	Thursday 1:00pm
Holy Ukuleles in person	Thursday 6:30pm
Chancel Choir rehearsal	Thursday 7:30pm

Thank you to Rev. Merrill



From Rev. Merrill Graham, Minister Emeritus

I have preached over one thousand sermons, conducted more than 500 weddings and an equal number of funerals - and now I am not able to do it anymore. This became clear to me when I passed out at the end of two services at which I was presiding. God spoke rather clearly to me as I came to and was looking up at the sanctuary ceiling.

Of course, I still like to think I could preach at least one more sermon and it grieves me when I am asked to do so and have to decline. The invitations to take the pulpit are kind and affirming. I know however I must now accept a new role—I am to be a hearer, a listener. I am to sit in my favourite pew, so that I can see Charlotte in the choir and listen to the fine sermons Jim and others give for us.

Do you recall the question of old :

If a tree falls in the forest and there is no one or nothing to hear it, does it make a sound? The answer is “no”- and with sermons if there is no one to hear, then - - - -. So, I have joined others - I am a hearer as they are. Moreover, I am rather enjoying my transition from speaker to hearer.

You know it has been said “When one door closes another opens”. For me, God has blessed me with many years of preaching, for which I will be forever grateful. That door is now closed for me, but another has opened for me to be a hearer, a listener and this is alright too!

Rev. Merrill Graham

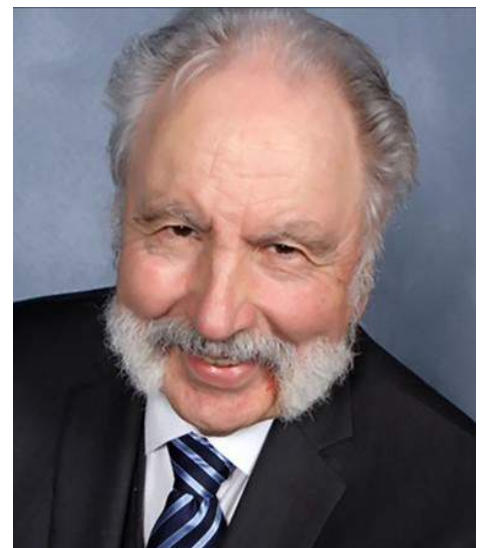


Rev Wayne has advised the Board that he is not able to renew his contract when it expires on Dec 31. Circumstances involving his church website business have changed dramatically, such that he must put his focus there, where he supports the online ministry of more than 200 churches.

We greatly appreciate all that Rev Wayne has done for St. Paul's and continues to provide. Rev Wayne will remain as a very active volunteer.

On Wednesday September 20th the Church Board approved the process of commencing the search for our next **Pastoral Care Minister** and **Developer of Children and Youth Ministry**, with the following committee members: Win Czum, Joan Williams, Jenny Blake, Vanessa RZ, Steve Raymond and Dr. Dave Davis. More people may be added to the committee.

We will provide regular updates on this search process.



RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Thank you!

**Thank you to all who
contributed to making
Rally Sunday a
resounding success!**



**There was much to celebrate
during Sunday worship...**



**...and the celebration continued afterwards
spilling into the parking lot for pizza, cake,
ice cream, games and contests in the warm
September sun.**





Thank you to the planning committee organized by Sheelagh Wood and all the helpers.



We also wish to give special thanks to Dave and Edward from Red Door who donated their labour and the pizza oven to support our community.



Did you know that Red Door Pizza was judged the best pizza in Eastern Canada, and that they qualified in the top 100 in an International Pizza Competition?

If you get the chance to stop by for a pizza, please let them know that you are from St. Paul's and add your thanks.

Last Call!

This Sunday, October 1st
Canadian Food Grains
Bank

Lunch and Learn following
the service



Listening to Residential School Survivors.

Saturday October 7—from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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There was much to celebrate during Sunday worship, and celebration continued, following worship, spilling into the parking lot for pizza, ice cream, games and contests in the warm September sun.

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*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to **another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Peter 4:10-11 KJV*



Everyone has gifts and talents!

Your gifts and talents are welcome at St. Paul's. One way to serve others is by participating on a committee. If you are called to serve in this way please contact Kim Alvarado kajt@teksavvy.com or 905-628-1436.

Don't be shy, ALL ARE WELCOME



Update on Strategic Planning

Thank you to all of you who shared your thoughts, hopes and concerns as you reflected on the path ahead for St Paul's. Over the past many months, we have received 50 questionnaires, heard from six focus groups, conducted dozens of interviews, participated in a "town hall" meeting, and finally, held a workshop in which you made recommendations for the priorities and proposed goals for us to achieve.

We heard over and over again that St Paul's is a strong and vibrant church, well positioned to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation, and to play a meaningful part in the wider community, worshiping God and serving people. We were challenged to build on our strengths, as we expand our horizons. We also heard that we need to attend to our underpinnings; our financial health, our people, and our physical building.

We have prepared a draft report capturing your input and it is ready for the next steps.

Over the next 2-3 months the Committees will be studying the report to determine how their work aligns with the recommendations and how we can advance the priorities and goals that you identified. If you are a member of a committee, we thank you in advance for your thoughts and insights as you study the plan and consider where each committee's work fits in.

We will also be consulting with community leaders to see where St Paul's can help to address the needs of our community more broadly. This consultation will take us into October and beyond, an extension of the timing that was anticipated in the planning timetable to allow for more input into the next steps.

The Board will then meet to approve a plan which will be brought to the congregation, our Community of Faith, for ratification. Until then, if you have any questions regarding the process, please address them to any member of the Strategic Planning Committee. (Kim Alvarado, Jenny Blake, Rev. Jim, Dave Davis, Steve Raymond, Sandi Stride)



from Worship...



We will share communion on Sunday, Oct. 1 on World Wide Communion Sunday. Subsequent communion dates are Nov. 5 (Remembrance Sunday) and Dec. 3 (First Sunday in Advent.)

We are introducing a blessing of the animals/pets on Sunday Oct. 15, and there will be a service of healing on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the afternoon.

Greeting and welcoming people at the door on Sunday mornings is one of the most pleasurable and popular roles for people at St. Paul's. Our thought is to have a couple people or a group to be responsible for providing greeters/ushers for a period of one month (usually 4 Sundays) in a year. If you are interested, please let me know.

The collection of offering during services will be resumed in November. We will be looking for feedback as we re-introduce this practice.

We invite you to not only join us in worship itself but also in planning how we worship together. St. Paul's Worship Committee would love to have your input. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 pm. You do not have to be a member of the committee to attend. Come and visit with us and share your thoughts and ideas.

If at any time you have an interest in participating, or have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Joan Williams 905-536-7462

ttjwilliamsbirch@hotmail.com



Fiesta 2023 is coming, live and in person!

This wonderful community wide event doesn't happen without many volunteers. There will be sign-up sheets available after church in the dining hall, or just give me a call. All offers to help will be gratefully accepted!

We have been asked to continue the on-line auction as so many people enjoyed it. Bidding will be open on Friday, October 27 and continue for one week, until November 5. The link will be :

<https://www.32auctions.com/StPaulsFIESTA2023>

If you have any new or special items that you would like to contribute to the auction, please let me know.

Joan Williams

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FIESTA

Craft & Marketplace

**Friday, October 27th and
Saturday, October 28th
10am to 3pm**

- **40 Crafters and Artisans**
 - **Bake Sale**
 - **Jams and Preserves**
 - **Book Sale**

St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

29 Park St. W. (at Cross St.) Wheelchair Accessible

Admission \$2.00

www.stpaulsdundas.com



from Stewardship...

A lot of activity has been observed around St. Paul's as September arrived. Some dedicated members of our community of faith have been busy putting their talents to use for the physical upkeep of the building. We have new taps in the lower kitchen and air dryers in the washrooms. Saturday morning breakfasts are again in full swing. A busy crew were seen making jam a few weeks ago for sale at Fiesta in October. The choirs are practicing again and we look forward to hearing the Holy Ukuleles during future services. We are delighted that our children are back on Sunday morning enjoying the YCC program. Many thanks to the crew who made Rally Sunday a wonderful event.

We have only touched on a few ways are willing people are contributing to the health of our faith community. However, to be viable St. Paul's must have the necessary financial resources. Our country's present financial environment has put a strain on our families with the rising interest rates and price increases. Our church income is again not keeping up with our budgeted needs. So as we move ahead into the final months of the year we are asking you to review you givings and if possible help us out with a special gift or make up any shortfalls of your yearly Estimate of Givings. We continue to be most grateful to you for your support to keep St. Paul's a vibrant faith statement to our own people and to wider community.

Bob Boose
for the Stewardship Committee

from Finance...

We continue to be grateful to our members for your continuing support of the work of St. Paul's United Church. As of the end of August 2023, regular givings by St. Paul's members towards the mission of the church total \$175,292. This compares to \$180,820 given by the same time last year. Our 2023 budget included a goal for total givings of \$300,000. This means that two-thirds of the way through the year, we have achieved about 60 per cent of our goal.

We know that the lives of people both within our faith community and in the wider community are touched by the daily outreach of our church. Rising prices are taking their toll on all of us, particularly those in most need. Please take a moment to consider your part as a good steward of your time, talent, and resources, to help keep St. Paul's thriving in these difficult times.

If you are interested in setting up regular donations through Pre-arranged Remittances (PAR) please contact the church office.

Thank you!



from Property...

Upgrading our Heating, Ventilation and Air conditioning (HVAC): A way forward to a greener and more comfortable future.

As we are all aware, our beautiful church has a very old heating system, no air conditioning, and the system that we have is running out of time. Over recent years the break downs have become more frequent, the damage done by leaks has been a problem, and its energy consumption is high- at a time when we are committed to “greening” ourselves.

As our climate warms up, and as more and more of our homes are air-conditioned, our community of faith, our children and potential users of our space have all asked what it would take to get the church more comfortable.

The Property Committee has been focused on solving this problem. Over the past years they have consulted with HVAC experts and brought in several companies to give us their assessments, and spoken with other churches that have faced similar problems. We have requested quotes for an efficient solution that will prolong the life of our boiler (a major expense), reduce our energy footprint, and increase the comfort of our church for users. The board has received regular updates and had the chance to meet with engineering company representatives. A special working group met to look at the affordability of the solutions proposed. During COVID it did not make sense to proceed, but last week, having carefully considered all the information provided, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the first big step in the greening of our energy use for HVAC.

Phase 1 of the solution will see heat pumps installed throughout the Sunday School building, and in the offices. These will provide air conditioning in the summer, and reduce the demand on the boiler in the cold months, all the while saving energy. Property Committee will also be installing window coverings on the west facing windows of the Sunday school to reduce over heating in the summer and reduce heat loss in the winter.

The capital expense for the heat pumps will be considerable, nearly \$98,000. The Property Committee is applying for the Faithful Footprints grant which is being offered by the United Church of Canada. It is designed to reduce financial barriers for energy efficiency projects. We were advised that our heat pump project could entitle our church of a minimum of \$20,000 and up to \$30,000 in grants. St. Paul's has a capital project reserve that will cover the balance of this cost. We anticipate that having more comfortable rooms will also enable us to increase our rental income; air conditioning has become a basic expectation. Clearly, we need to and will ,keep a healthy reserve for other major maintenance projects, as they arise.

Board members are making personal contributions to the reserve in support of this project, and we welcome contributions of any size from anyone who wishes to make their ‘green contribution’ to our future. Every contribution makes a difference and all are eligible for receipt as a charitable donation.



from Outreach...

In the timeless words of folk singer/composer Pete Seeger, "Where have all the flowers gone..." Or at least, where have all the summer flowers gone? It is hard to believe how swiftly the summer of 2023 has flown by. But then they all seem to, don't they?

St. Paul's Outreach Committee closed out the 2023 summer season with a retreat graciously hosted at Winston and Sue Lindsay's beautiful home and setting in Dundas. The purpose of the retreat was to come together to discuss and exchange ideas about where the Committee has been in the past year and where we would like to be and what we would like to accomplish looking to the near future and beyond.

Over the past year, the Outreach Committee has continued to meet its mandate: raising awareness of urgent and pressing social issues through annual appeals (Canadian Food Grains Bank, Wesley Urban Ministries Christmas and Holiday Program, the Rotary Sock and Skivvies Drive, and The Wesley Case for Kids campaign). In addition, the Committee has raised awareness and understanding of the complex concerns surrounding homelessness and lack of affordable housing; the Committee effectively followed through with three recommendations for action prioritized by St. Paul's congregation in the Fall of 2021: (1) collaboration with other Dundas churches to provide services for the homeless; (2) fund-raising for Hamilton organizations supporting homelessness and; (3) advocacy through letters to government.

Here are some of the details:

A December 2022 fund-raising drive raised over \$7,000.00 for the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS); The locating of one of the tiny homes on St. Paul's parking lot has drawn much public attention to the issue of homelessness. Photos of the tiny house on our parking lot have appeared with several newspaper articles about the importance of providing shelter for the unhoused.

Regarding collaboration with other churches, St. Paul's Outreach Committee and the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton co-sponsored two public forums on housing issues. The first forum, held at First Unitarian Church on January 10th 2023, was titled "Housing Affordability: Moving from Promises to Reality". Several members of St. Paul's congregation attended the event. The second forum was held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. It was titled: "Scaling up Affordable Housing: Inspiration from Canada and Beyond". The forum featured a presentation by Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, researcher, consultant and scholar well known in the housing field. Dr. Whitzman's presentation focused on what she has learned about building significant numbers of attractive, affordable non-profit housing units and expanding housing opportunities in various countries and how some of these ideas might be applied in Hamilton. Over 200 participants registered for

the presentation. Regrettably, some of the registrants were unable to access the zoom site due to overloading of the zoom link's capacity.

Bill Johnston, Head of First Unitarian Church of Hamilton Affordable Housing team and former Hamilton Spectator news editor spoke to St. Paul's congregation from its pulpit on Sunday, April 30th 2023. Several St. Paul's congregants attended the follow-up coffee hour to participate in a question/answer session with Bill.

Bill's pulpit presentation and coffee hour chat launched a successful letter writing campaign organized by Outreach. Letters for congregants to sign were prepared in advance and available in the dining hall on the 30th.. They were addressed to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; to Premier Doug Ford; to Mayor Horvath; and to Councillor Wilson. A form letter addressed to Councillor _____ was also available for those living elsewhere in the city who wished to fill-in their councillor's name.

Outreach members looked after mailing the letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford. Letters addressed to Mayor Horvath, Councillor Wilson and others were delivered personally by Outreach members to Hamilton City Hall. More form letters were available for signing by congregants and members of the public at coffee hour the following three Sundays and also at the following three Saturday morning breakfasts.

Finally, the Salvation Army bins placed in the narthex and at the entrance to St. Paul's dining hall have also helped draw attention to poverty in Hamilton and elsewhere. These bins have been filled regularly and then their contents taken by Outreach member Mary Anne Tangney to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.

It is easy to see why seasons fly by for the Outreach Committee with all the great work it does.

Are you interested in making a significant, positive difference to those in need in our community? St. Paul's Outreach Committee would love to have you join our group. We usually meet once monthly, mid-week, 5-7p.m. We know we would benefit from your contribution of unique ideas and perspective.

Contact Outreach Chair Sharon McKay at
sharon.mckay@uregina.ca

Submitted by Bill Poole for Outreach Committee, Fall 2023



from Pastoral Care...

For Pastoral Care, contact the church office 905 628 6396 office@stpaulsdundas.com

Visits to those in Long Term Care, Retirement Homes and those who are not able to get out to church are ongoing by the Ministerial and Lay Pastoral Care Team.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Paul's...a group who knit and crochet prayer shawls that are given to people who are experiencing grief or illness, or are celebrating a milestone in their lives. Currently they are making toques and mitts that are needed for the upcoming winter months. Ellen Danciu coordinates this ministry.

Transportation ... We are looking for volunteers to bring senior people and others, as needed, to church on Sundays and to other church related events. Some in need of a ride have walkers so we are looking for drivers who can also assist with lifting the walkers.

Care notes ... These are booklets on topics such as grief, illness, self care for caregivers etc. There are also ones on the challenges that young people might be facing such as bullying or 'Sad isn't Bad' These can be found in the hallway to the elevator and at the entrance to the Sanctuary off Cross & Park St.

Communion to the Community ... Earlier this year 5 'travel communion sets' were donated. This ministry enables those 'shut ins' to receive communion in their home on Sundays when there is a communion service at St. Paul's.

Funeral receptions...There are three volunteer funeral reception teams at St. Paul's that offer to set up, provide food, serve and clean up, or any combination of the above, as per the wishes with the family.

Prayer Chain Ministry...St Paul's offers a Prayer Chain Ministry. Prayers may be requested by filling out the card that is found in the church pews or by calling Judy Kleven or the church office.

For any of the above contact Win Czum twczum@teksavvy.com or call the church office 905 628 6396 office@stpaulsdundas.com

Blessings

Win Czum, Chair of Pastoral Care



from The United Church Women...

St. Paul's has 2 groups of women who meet for an afternoon of fellowship, discussion and other activities.

Unit 9 meet on the 1st Monday of the month. at 1pm. Contact Kelly McCaughey

Unit 5 meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Contact Ellen Danciu

Upcoming events—'Listen to Residential School Survivors'

Saturday October 7 11am-2pm

Pre-registration required through the church office 905 628 6396

Cost \$20.00

A light lunch will be provided



In the upcoming weeks the units will be involved in helping with Fiesta preparations.

If you would like to "check us out" or join a group Please contact either of the above or

Win Czum twczum@teksavvy.com



from the Library...



CHECK IT OUT ...

The Library is looking for a used computer.
Can you help, please?
Notify the office and plan to visit the Library at St. Paul's soon



from Happy Gang ...



Happy Gang invites you to come join us for our twice monthly games of Dominoes.

It's an afternoon of fun and fellowship...winning isn't important, it's getting to know each other on a more personal basis, enjoying a few laughs and having refreshments together.

Doesn't matter if you don't know how to play, we will teach you, and soon you will be as addicted to the game as the rest of us!

Contact Win Czum or Cathy Pengelly for more information or dates.



From Good Shepherd Hamilton...



Discover the joy of giving this holiday season with our brand-new Advent Calendar! By purchasing this calendar, you have the chance to win some amazing prizes while also supporting vital youth services that make a lasting impact. Join us in spreading cheer and making a difference in the lives of young individuals.

HOW IT WORKS

STEP 1: Purchase your Advent Calendar online at calendarforgood.ca from Sept. 5 — Nov. 30, 2023. Your calendar will be mailed to your home address.

STEP 2: Check calendarforgood.ca daily between Dec. 1 — 24, 2023 to see if your calendar number has won a daily prize.

STEP 3: Collect your prize if you win!



1ST Dundas Scouting

Fall 2023

The 2023 fall season is now in full swing with the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers all into their meetings and activities. We still have room at all levels for more youth so if you are interested in having your child participate you can register them by going to <https://www.myscouts.ca/ca>. If you are new to Scouting you can register by going to MyScouts.ca, click on "Find a Group" and select 1st Dundas. You can also bring your child to up to 2 meetings without registering to try it out and see if it will be a good fit for them. Scouting is co-ed so both boys and girls are welcomed. The Scouting sections that we have are:

Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7) meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

For information contact Gord Cormick: gcormick@interlynx.net

Cub Scouts (ages 8-10) meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

For information contact Doug Dalglish: dalgled.dd@gmail.com

Scouts (ages 11-14) meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For information contact Paul Boyd: PBoyd@stackpole.com

Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17) meet Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 in Ancaster or Dundas.

For information contact Roger Elliott: rogerwe21@gmail.com

Rover Scouts (ages 18-26) meet monthly online with the 1st Hamilton rover Crew.

For information contact Brent Cormick: brentcormick@gmail.com

There is a lot of general information about Scouting at the Scouts Canada website at

<http://www.scouts.ca>.

In addition you could work as an adult Leader. Volunteering to work and play with the youth is a very rewarding experience and can provide you with a great opportunity for personal growth and learning new outdoor skills.

If you are interested in helping us out please contact Doug Dalglish or Gord Cormick,

(e-mail addresses above).





Can You Help?



We are in need of contributions for Metro Gift Cards

We continue to give out Metro grocery cards to people in need. Donations can be added to your weekly envelope in cash or in a cheque, brought to the office, dropped through the mail slot on the Park St. door, or by e-transfer to:

etransfer@stpaulsdundas.com

Dundas Food Bank

We all know it's a difficult time to make ends meet...with rising inflation of everything, many more individuals & families are accessing Food Banks. St. Paul's Outreach has put Food Bank barrels at the elevator doors (parking lot entrance) and in the Narthex. Dundas Food Bank needs are: any non-perishable food items. (please check expiry dates!)



Hiking in Dundas Valley



ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAM:

Lead Minister: Rev. Jim Cairney revjim@stpaulsdundas.com

Minister of Pastoral Care and Coordinator of Ministry with Youth & Young Families:

Rev. Wayne Irwin revwayne@stpaulsdundas.com

Minister of Music: Fredric DeVries fredric@stpaulsdundas.com

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Merrill Graham

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Wake up
every morning with the thought
that something
Wonderful
is going to happen

Our mission as a community of Christ's disciples is to grow in faith, in love of God, all human beings and the world God created.

