



## Easter Season Services at St. Paul's

**Tuesday, March 28 &** Lenten Holy Communion at 8.30am in person in the Sanctuary & Live Streamed on St. Paul's Website.

## Holy Week Worship at St. Paul's

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| April 2 | 10am...Palm Sunday  |
| April 4 | Tuesday Morning Lenten Holy Communion at 8.30am in Person in the Sanctuary & Live streamed on St. Paul's website.   |
| April 6 | Maundy Thursday Communion & Lunch at 11.30am in the Dining Hall<br>( RSVP by April 3 to Eleanor Stendzis <a href="mailto:estendzis@cogeco.ca">estendzis@cogeco.ca</a><br><br>Maundy Thursday Evening Communion Service at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary. Live streamed on St. Paul's website.   |
| April 7 | Good Friday Worship Service at 10.00am in person in the Sanctuary and Live streamed on St. Paul's website.  |
| April 9 | Sunrise Worship Service at 6.40am at 22 Cross St., backyard.<br>Please enter through the gate on Park St. This is the home of Dr. Jennifer Blake and Dr. Amodio De Petrillo.<br>Breakfast to follow in St. Paul's Dining Hall.<br><br>Easter Morning Worship Service with Hallelujah Chorus and Holy Communion at 10.00am in person in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed on St. Paul's website. |

March 2023



Friends,

We are on the threshold of Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter. Once again, we consider — and try to make sense of these events. As familiar as these events may be, each year we have the opportunity to look at them with fresh eyes — bringing the lessons, triumphs and tragedies of the year past — bringing our faith and our unanswered questions. We may spend a life-time acquiring depth of meaning and understanding for these events — adding new insights and hope — and sometimes just simply celebrating their significance.

The Polish poet, Zbigniew Herbert, has penned a little verse entitled:

“Meditations of Mr. Cogito on Redemption.” (The Gospel In Our Image: An Anthology of Twentieth Century Poetry Based on Biblical Texts. Editor: David Curzon, Harcourt Brace, N.Y., 1995.)

He should not have sent his son

too many have seen  
his son's pierced hands  
his ordinary skin

it was written  
to reconcile us  
by the worst reconciliation

too many nostrils  
have breathed with delight  
the odour of his fear

one should not descend  
low  
fraternize with blood

he should not have sent his son  
it was better to reign  
in a baroque palace made out of marble clouds  
on a throne of terror  
with a sceptre of death (Translated. from the Polish by John & Bogdana Carpenter.)



Yes, he could have been born in a palace, rather than a barn. It could have been a four-poster bed rather than a manger. He could have kept his hands clean – avoided 'the human condition' and conditions. He could have been cloistered in a palace, seated on a throne of terror, wielding a sceptre of death. He could have avoided crucifixion. But that's not how God is with us in Jesus. It is truly remarkable the lengths that God goes in Jesus to share life – to come near to us – to suffer with us and for us – to impart new life to us.

And, it could have ended in a borrowed grave outside Jerusalem, with Jesus of Nazareth fading into obscurity. Yet something amazing and disturbing happened that first Easter – something which signals new life – God continuing to come to us -- and reaching out again and again and again through the Risen Christ.

With you on this Lent-Easter journey ... Rev. Jim Cairney



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**Tuesday Morning Lenten  
Holy Communion  
March 28 and April 4  
8.30am  
In the Sanctuary  
and  
Live streamed on  
St. Paul's website**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION & LUNCH**  
**April 6 @ 11.30am in the Dining Hall**  
**All are welcome!**

**Communion followed by lunch.**  
**Please RSVP by Monday, April 3 to Eleanor Stendzis**  
**[estendzis@cogeco.ca](mailto:estendzis@cogeco.ca)**  
**Sign up sheets are available at coffee hour as well**



**Good Friday  
April 7  
Worship Service @  
10:00am**

**in person in the  
Sanctuary  
and Live streamed  
on St. Paul's website.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
EVENING  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
APRIL 6TH @ 7PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
and Live streamed  
on St. Paul's website**

**EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**6.40am**  
**22Cross St. (enter through Park St. gate)**  
**Breakfast to follow in the Dining Hall**





**from YCC...**

**Confirmation Classes**

Begin on Sunday April 16 from 11:30 to 12:30 (after service in the YCC room)  
These are for persons aged 12 -16

6 Sessions, one each week, culminating in our Service of Confirmation on the morning of Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

**Please indicate interest** by sending a note to Rev Wayne  
at [revwayne@stpaulsdundas.com](mailto:revwayne@stpaulsdundas.com) or texting 905-541-4212.

Our YCC (Young Christian Community) sessions on Sundays begin after Easter and focus on the ways in which Jesus' followers shared God's love through words and actions.

We need extra persons to help with our growing grouping of young persons - to help with crafts - to be available as a second person in the room - both for our YCC and for our nursery and special needs persons. I invite you to prayerfully inquire of yourself if you are drawn to assist from time to time. If so, do be in touch with Rev. Wayne.

Rev. Wayne Irwin

After a hiatus during COVID, it's back!



**Routes Youth Centre is reviving it's**

**Annual Dinner and Auction**

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

**Starting at 6.00pm, dinner at 7.00**

Dundas Golf and Curling Club

Tickets: \$90 (includes \$35 charitable receipt)

Buy tickets on line, [routesyouthcentre.ca](http://routesyouthcentre.ca) or at the Youth Centre, 10 Market Street,  
or contact Ann McRae (289 238 8971, [eam53@yahoo.com](mailto:eam53@yahoo.com))

Ann will have some tickets for sale on Sundays until April 9.

To donate items for the auction, contact Ann.







## TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

How many times during our hymn sing “requests” has someone called out “VU 343, I Love to Tell the Story.” A hundred fifty years old and it still resonates with many of us. ....As it should.

Sometimes we receive a gift so precious that we get twice the bang for the buck. This is such a story, a poem that took flight, in Canada, in the year of Confederation, 1867. AND 2 hymns came from that same source.

A. Katherine Hankey (Kate) was born in 1834 in England. Her father was a banker, and her family was well-to-do. They were part of the Anglican Church that called themselves the Clapham Sect, evangelical and ministering to the needs of the poor.

While the evangelical movement started by the Wesley's mostly appealed to the poorer classes, the upper class Clapham people sought to use their position and wealth to better the situation of the poor and to encourage a personal relationship with Jesus. Many of the Claphams served in Parliament and used their influence to enact humanitarian laws.

Kate did her part too. Helping to establish Sunday Schools for both rich and poor alike. She wrote poetry and gave her royalties to support foreign missions.

When she was 31, Kate became very ill and was bedridden. While convalescing she wrote a long poem. It was in two parts called “The Story Wanted” and “The Story Told.” Each section contained fifty verses, and she was busy writing it from January to November. It might well have been a poem of bitterness, but it was a poem of joy and serenity reflecting her love of the Greatest Story.

The poem came to the public's attention in 1867, in Montreal at a convention of the YMCA. It was read by Major General Russell who wept at its beauty. One of the great hymn tune writers of the nineteenth century, William H. Doane, was present, and was inspired to set parts of “The Story Told” to music, and it became greatly loved. That hymn was “I Love to Tell the Story.”

It was not Doane's tune that we sing today, but a tune by William Gustavus Fischer, a piano builder from Maryland. He was the one who added, “I Love to tell the Story, ‘Twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His Love..”

And the Two for One part??? Well Mr. Doane did get a chance to write another hymn...based on “The Story Wanted.” It is in many hymnals but has sadly disappeared from Voices United. It is called “Tell Me the Old, Old Story.”

Tell Me the Old, Old Story Of Unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His Glory, Of Jesus and His Love.

How appropriate! I think we all delight in hearing the stories of Jesus and his Truth and Love. But it should never stop there. The next step is for US to Tell the story, to share the message. To BE TOLD and TO TELL. To RECEIVE and to GIVE.

So, whether you tell ”to those who know it best” or “for some have never heard,” we all have work to do.



## MUSIC NEWS

In February I “attended” the Calvin Symposium on Worship Theology and the Arts from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I say “attended” because like so many other recent events, this was another VIRTUAL participation. But...maybe next year in person.

I benefitted from many musical topics and resources. But since it was VIRTUAL, I could only watch the workshops, lectures and worship services they decided to live stream. But it gave me an insight to the issues that many Christian churches face post-pandemic. Mental health is a biggie. More and more awareness is needed of embracing people with physical, emotional, and cognitive limitations. Gender identity. AND one thing that seems to weigh heavily is that post-pandemic churches see themselves struggling. They compare themselves to “other” churches with crowded parking lots, and big budget worship productions. Comparing oneself to anyone else, is not what God wants us to do. As we become aware that the pandemic has actually opened up both our ministry to the Virtual Congregation, and the In-Person Congregation and ministering to both their needs is our mission.

And it is our musical mission, particularly as we return to some of our former celebrations.

And one of those is the return of our first Musical Showcase since before the pandemic. Save the date, Saturday, April 15 at 7.00, for a night of music and fellowship as the Chancel Choir, Joyful Voices, Hand bells, Afternoon Singers, Holy Ukuleles, and a host of musical friends and instrumentalists present our 11th Musical Showcase, with Broadway, Rock and Roll, Country, nostalgia, and audience participation...and refreshments afterwards.

Another musical tradition continues at St. Paul's. We will again be singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of our Easter Worship service, April 9. If you would like to be part of the “Hallelujah Choir” there will be practices on Thursdays, March 30 and April 6 in the Sanctuary at 7.30pm. Contact me if you would like more information or want to take part. Like last year, music and practice videos will be posted on line for Virtual Congregation who would like to be part of the Easter Joy.

Fredric



MUSICAL VARIETY FROM POP TO JAZZ, CLASSICAL TO BROADWAY

# St. Paul's Musical SHOWCASE

**Saturday, April 15  
at 7 p.m.**

Cross and Park Street, Dundas



*featuring*

Holy Ukuleles

## Special Guest Appearances

Chancel Choir

Handbells

Joyful Voices

Afternoon Singers

& Musical Friends

*Free will offering for ministries  
of St. Paul's United Church  
Reception to follow  
Fully Accessible*





### Coming soon...

We will again be staging a **“Previously Loved Art Sale”** on Saturday, April 22nd from 1-4 in the afternoon, in the gymnasium. This will be our 3rd such event with music and refreshments.

The support of the congregation and the community has contributed to our successes in the past and we look forward to you lending your support again, either by donating items that would love to have a new home on someone else's wall, or by attending the sale.

Some of the larger pieces will be hung in the dining hall with prices marked accordingly for the Saturday morning breakfast crowd to admire. You will also notice that our permanent collection of aboriginal art is growing on the east wall, opposite the kitchen.

Bring your treasures to the church office  
from 9-12 Monday—Friday  
or call 905-648-1586 for a pickup.

Bob Boose

## PASTORAL CARE AND MEMBERSHIP



- ☐ Maundy Thursday Communion and Lunch  
April 6th at 12 noon in the dining room  
Join us for a time of food, worship and fellowship.  
A hot chicken dinner and dessert will be served.  
Please inform of any medically indicated dietary restrictions  
Sign up sheets available in the dining room at coffee hour or contact [estendzis@cogeco.ca](mailto:estendzis@cogeco.ca)  
If you wish a ride please contact Cathy Pengelly [cbpengelly99@gmail.com](mailto:cbpengelly99@gmail.com)
- ☐ Five people are registered for the 9 week, 2.15 hours per week, on line Pastoral Care training program beginning Monday March 20th
- ☐ Long Term Care and Retirement Homes are slowly lifting pandemic restrictions to allow for visits to residents and on site worship services
- ☐ St. Paul's has a prayer chain ministry, if you wish prayers for someone who is experiencing illness, grief or any other life challenge please contact Judy Kleven [judykleven@gmail.com](mailto:judykleven@gmail.com) When possible, please get permission from the person you are asking prayers for.
- ☐ For Pastoral care concerns please contact Rev. Jim Cairney or Rev. Wayne Irwin

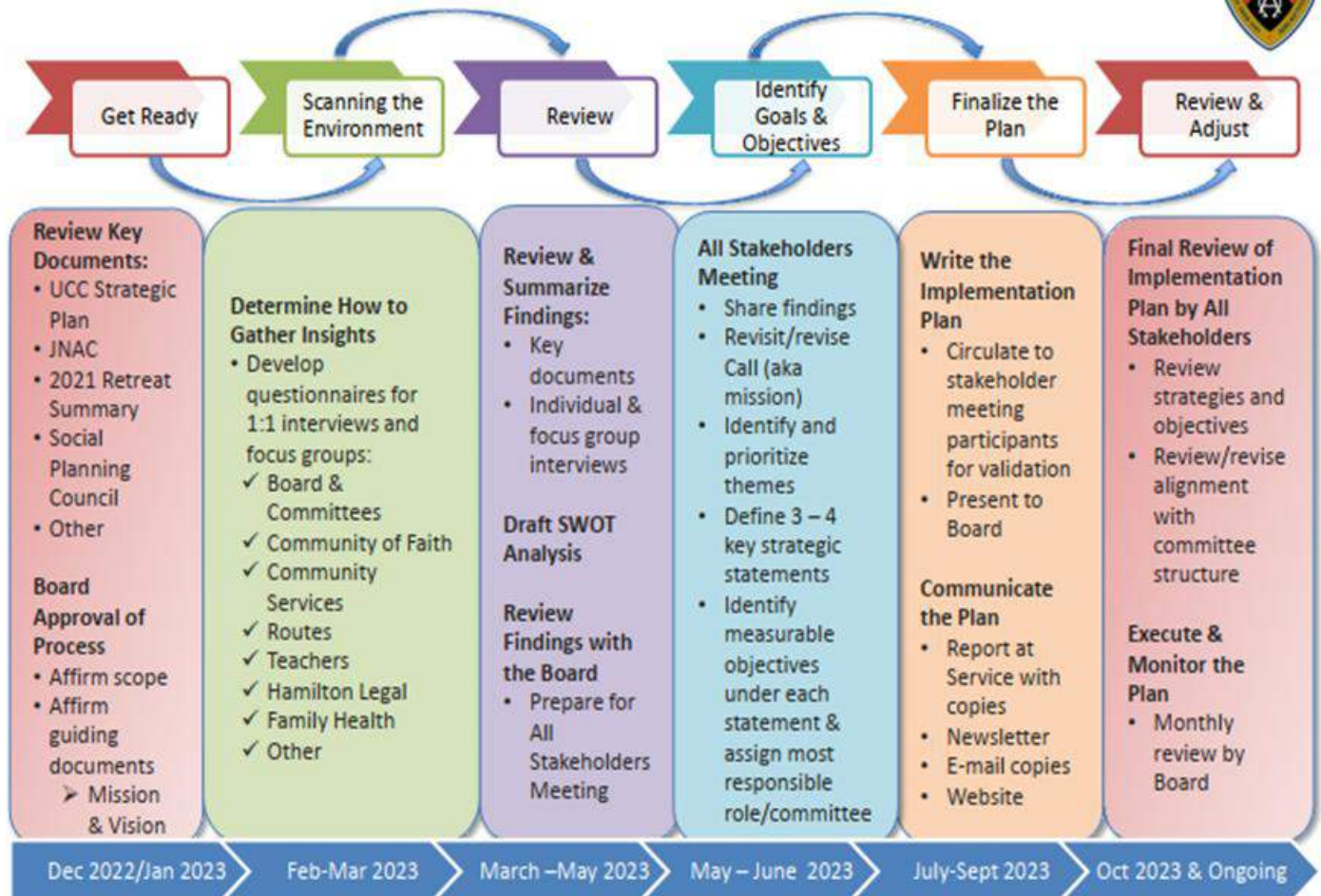
Win Czum, Chair of Pastoral Care and Membership







# St. Paul's Strategic Planning



Approved by Board Jan 20, 2023; Board Revised Feb 15, 2023

St. Paul's Strategic Planning Committee will be seeking your feedback about the present and future priorities of St. Paul's. During the upcoming month you will be invited to join a focus group. The dates are currently being finalized. For those unable to attend a focus group, a hard copy and an electronic copy of the survey will be made available. Your input will be used to define the call of the church and to identify church priorities.

The contributions of each and every member are valuable and will be of great significance to our church.

Please watch for upcoming details.

## News from Outreach

Outreach members continue to be grateful for the congregations strong interest and support for the work of the committee, especially in respect to our focus on Homelessness and lack of Affordable Housing. The topic is multifaceted and complex and, over time, threatened to overshadow other important work of Outreach. For this reason, a sub-committee has been formed under the Standing Committee umbrella. Members of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness sub-committee now meet separately, reporting to the Standing Committee as needed. The sub-committee, co-chaired by Sharon McKay and Sandi Stride, has established its own terms of reference and is focused specifically on housing issues.

This month's newsletter reports on the work of both committees:

### 1. Outreach Standing Committee

#### Appeals:

i. Wesley Urban Ministries Christmas and Holiday Donation boxes were placed in the Narthex on Nov. 20 and remained there until Dec. 11. The boxes were overflowing each week, a substantial contribution from the congregation for the children, families and seniors served by Wesley Urban Ministries.

ii. Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary 10 day Socks and Scivvies campaign.

The Socks and Scivvies appeal was new for St. Paul's this year. As usual, congregants were most generous. Boxes for donations were soon overflowing.

iii. Salvation Army donation barrels. Congregants have been steadily filling the two Salvation Army donation barrels since their arrival early this month. One barrel is located in the Narthex and another in front of the dining room door, lower hall. The plan is to keep the barrels over the Lenten season and perhaps longer. A list of items needed by the Salvation Army has been inserted into recent church bulletins.

#### Ongoing community service:

i. Dundas Community Dinner: The Dundas community dinner program operates out of St. James Anglican Church. Along with other participating churches, St. Paul's takes responsibility for providing the meal on the second Monday of each month. Recipients have been receiving takeout dinners since the beginning of the pandemic. The churches are meeting later this month to discuss returning to sit down dinners in the near future. The program is funded largely by donations from the congregation. There is a need for greater financial support. Volunteer cooks are needed to share the work load. Thanks to Carlies Longbottom – volunteer co-ordinator and volunteer cooks: Yvan and Nancy Raymond, Tina Street, Linda Spooner, Abby Richardson-Shulte and Winston Lindsay for their contributions to the community dinner program.

### 2. Affordable Housing and Homelessness sub-committee:

i. Fundraising for HATS (Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters). The tiny shelter on St. Paul's property has called attention to numerous Dundas citizens along with congregants. Information sheets placed on the small building disappear as fast as they are replaced. Students at Westdale High School who were tasked with building the shelter are reported to be especially proud that their work has been given special notice in the local press and is contributing to a significant city-wide lobbying effort on behalf of citizens in need of shelter. Who knew that congregants would respond so well to the placement of the tiny shelter on church property and to our cookie and tree ornament drive in support of HATS. To date, \$6,974.00 has been raised and passed on to the Hamilton Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC) which is receiving donations on behalf of HATS. Tax receipts for donations over \$20 have been sent to donors by the SPRC.

ii. The January 6 Housing Affordability Forum: Moving from Promises to Reality co-sponsored by First Unitarian Church and St. Paul's United church Several members of St. Paul's were among the over 100 people attending this event. Five well informed speakers presented. A report of the event is being prepared and will be placed on the church website when complete.

Sharon McKay



## From UCW...



Time to get rid of all those treasures and stuff you have been hanging on to!



**Please no clothing, large furniture and because of safety regulations no car seats or cribs.**

All other donations are welcome, please bring them to the church the week of the garage sale and leave them in the gym.

We will be looking for helpers:

Friday May 12...to set up

Saturday May 13...to help with the sale (7.30am to 1pm)

Saturday May 13...to clean up starting at 1pm

Sign up sheets will be available in the dining hall closer to the date of the sale or contact Sheila Hamilton

[sheila.hamilton254@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.hamilton254@gmail.com)

**Please indicate what day(s) and times you are available to help.**

## from Stewardship...

### Easter Newsletter 2023

The Committee had a busy month during February which we celebrated as Stewardship Awareness Month. A letter from Rev. Jim was mailed to 265 on the church mailing list, a very personal letter stressing his commitment to St. Paul's and his desire to see our community of faith continue to thrive as we come out of the restrictions thrust upon us by Covid-19. An Estimate of Givings form was included, which could be mailed in to the church office or deposited on the collection plate.

Short video presentations were included in morning worship on three consecutive Sundays and a Gratitude Message on February 26 was followed by a celebration luncheon in the dining hall. About 80 persons stayed for delicious chili, rolls and veggies and to add to the enjoyment we celebrated Pat Sachs 90th birthday with special cakes supplied by her family.

We are grateful that about 80 completed forms have been returned to date. Remember, it is 'never too late' to return the green form to the church office or to place it on the collection plate during Sunday worship. Final figures will be tallied in a few weeks and reported. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the Form showing your continuing support for the ministries here at St. Paul's.

Bob Boose





## Saturday Morning Breakfasts

Our Valley Town Breakfasts at St. Paul's had it's reopening on Saturday, February 25 th , 2023. The St. Paul's congregation and community have once again stepped up and we have had a great response to an updated menu and new time - 8:30 to 10:30. Over the past month our attendance has averaged 77 diners and there are 22 volunteers to help with the kitchen and dining hall work.

We are starting to reach one of our goals of attracting young families with 14 children attending the breakfast last week. We have also had enquiries about room rentals and Sunday school.

It is great to see some much-needed socialization with groups of families as well as a bright and cheerful location for other people to meet.

The Saturday breakfasts started in November, 2003 with the Train Club serving breakfasts at their open houses here at St. Paul's. We thank the men of St. Paul's for starting this initiative 20 years ago as we build on their fundraising efforts for our church. We are now approaching a milestone of serving 50,000 breakfasts in the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the reopening of these breakfasts and please continue to spread the word. We hope to see you on Saturday morning soon.

Yvan Raymond



**Ready and waiting...**



**Enjoy!**





## Property Report

As you know, our church's heating system is on life support, operating at 80% efficiency and has an uncertain future. The boiler and all things related are 60 + years old.

The United Church of Canada has requested that by 2030, all churches and ancillary buildings make every effort to reduce our carbon foot print by 30%. In 2016 the UCC made a public announcement that we hope to reach 80% by 2050.

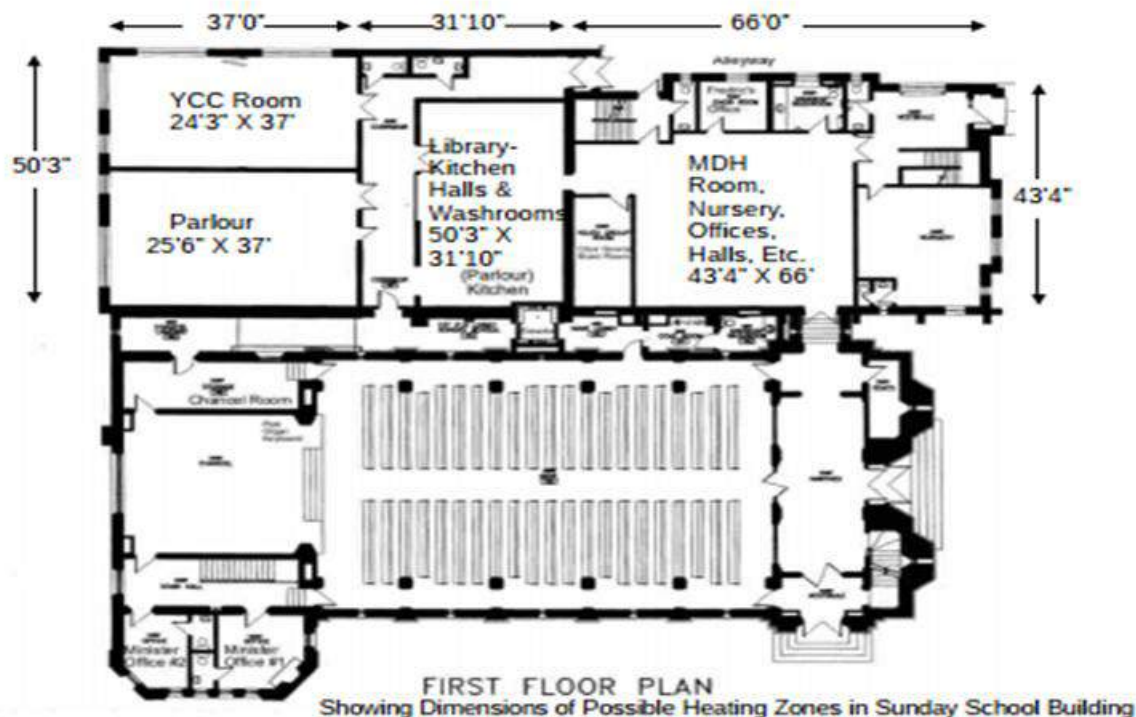
Faithful Footprints is a new program designed by the United Church of Canada to help congregations across the country meet this environmental goal.

Ron Sealey and Henry Brink met with the building grants manager of Faithful Footprints', Stephen Collette, on a 2 hour Zoom call and all indications are that we qualify for the grant. A condition of the grant is that the church must invest a minimum of \$15,000 to receive the maximum grant of \$30,000.

We propose to divide the building into zones and install heat pumps to cover each zone, providing both heat in the winter and as an added bonus, air conditioning in the summer. The first zone we would target includes the Ladies' Parlour, YCC Room, upstairs kitchen and library, the Moss Davidson room, Fredric's office, the Nursery, the washrooms on the outside wall and foyer, two minister's offices, the church administration office and the volunteer's office. Other than the offices, these areas are very rentable and are frequently in use.

We are presently in the process of exploring the costs associated with this project and hopefully we will have more information to share in the next newsletter.

Henry Brink



## Looking for something to do on a Monday afternoon?

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, refreshments and camaraderie as we play the game of Dominoes. Don't know how? We will teach you, it's a game easily learned and played strictly for enjoyment.

The next two dominoes dates are:

Monday, April 24

and Monday May 29

We play in the church parlour at 2pm.

New members are welcome.

For more information contact Win Czum or Cathy Pengelly.



## Can You Help?



If you are interested  
in being an usher  
on Sunday mornings...  
please contact Hilary  
in the office  
905 628 6396  
She can put you in touch  
with the Worship Committee

## Metro Grocery Cards



We continue to give out Metro grocery cards to assist people in need in our community. Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the **Benevolent Reserve** to support this ministry. Your support and compassion are appreciated by those we help.

Your donations can be mailed, brought to the office, dropped through the mail slot on the Park St. office door at the church, made online through Canada Helps on our website, or by e-transfer to [etransfer@stpaulsdundas.com](mailto:etransfer@stpaulsdundas.com)

## St. Paul's Part In Community Dinners

Community dinners continue in a controlled manner -- take out -- through St. James Anglican Church for persons in need at this time in our community. We at St Paul's are responsible for the main course on the second Monday of each month.

Normally, we would appeal for donations for our Community Dinners on some of the Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion. Since reopening to in person services we have continued this practice.

We continue to welcome and need your donations towards our regular part in Community Dinners. Your generosity is appreciated!

## 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!)



**Our Sanctuary is Open for In-Person Worship with Covid-19 Protocols.**

Services are also live streamed Sundays at 10 am on the St. Paul's website.

- Recordings of previous services are available on the St. Paul's website
- In person meetings have resumed.
- Zoom Meetings can be scheduled. Text Wayne at 905-541-4212 to schedule.
- If you are in the building, you are encouraged to wear a mask and please maintain an appropriate social distance.



**MINISTRY TEAM**

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**Minister of Music:** Fredric DeVries [fredric@stpaulsdundas.com](mailto:fredric@stpaulsdundas.com)

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“You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes.”

A. A. Milne



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.

