



AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

Affirming Community of Faith Vote

At St. Paul's congregational meeting on Sunday June 14th, we voted to become an Affirming Community of Faith as designated by Affirm United. This has been an almost 3 year process of discernment, education, questioning, reflecting and celebration.



The vote was an overwhelming success!

Motion to become an Affirming Church was passed with a 96% majority.

Motion to accept our new Affirming Statement passed with a 100% majority.

The vote results, along with our Affirming Statement, Action Plan and Marriage Policy will now be sent to Affirm United, who will officially confirm our new designation. St. Paul's will be added to the national directory on Affirm United and to the United Church of Canada's websites. A special service of celebration will be held in the fall.

Affirming is an official designation by Affirm United, in partnership with the United Church of Canada. It signifies that a church has spent an intentional period of time considering what it means to be inclusive and, following that exploration, has made the decision to actively strive to welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, ethnic backgrounds, economic circumstances, ages, mental and physical abilities, and so on. An Affirming Church recognizes that being welcoming and hospitable is more than politely shaking hands; it does the hard, vulnerable and intentional work of creating a space where all are actively embraced as God's beloved ones and made to feel welcome, wanted and valued.

Congratulations St. Paul's!



St. Paul's Affirming Statement

St. Paul's United Church in Dundas is a vibrant, inclusive Community of Faith dedicated to nurturing spiritual and religious growth while fostering a compassionate society.

We joyfully affirm that all people are created in the image of God and are unconditionally loved. We celebrate the full participation and leadership of people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, family structure, economic circumstance, and life experience in the life and ministry of St. Paul's.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ST. PAUL'S BOARD

What a difference a year makes.

Last June, as we approached the longest day of the year, we were deep in the work of preparing to launch a search process. This June, we are preparing to welcome Rev. Donalee Williams to St. Paul's.

Donalee began her career as a journalist before answering a call to ministry and completing her Master of Divinity at Emmanuel College. She served in Fort McMurray during the devastating forest fires and most recently has been Minister at Trinity United Church in Grimsby. The daughter and granddaughter of ministers, she describes herself as a "child of the manse." She was the unanimous choice of the Search and Selection Committee, and that recommendation was approved unanimously by the congregation in May.

Our Search and Selection Committee was tasked with finding someone who would be a great fit for St. Paul's and help lead us into a strong future. We could not be more delighted to welcome Donalee.

We have also taken another important step in our journey as a welcoming church. On June 14, the congregation voted to approve our Affirming Statement and join Affirm United. The statement reflects who we are and what we believe, while also serving as a guide for the future. Joining Affirm United sends a clear message that all are welcome here. Thank you to the members of the Affirming Subcommittee for almost three years of thoughtful and faithful work.

Summer will also bring new beginnings. We are excited to welcome children to our first summer camp, made possible through the support of The United Church of Canada and the Canada Summer Jobs Program. For information about camp, please contact coordinatorcc@gmail.com.

Behind the scenes, the Board, Ministry and Personnel Committee, and members of the Search Committee will be preparing for Rev. Donalee's arrival and planning for the year ahead. We look forward to sharing more in the months to come.

Finally, thank you. Thank you to Rev. Brian Vickers for his nearly three years of service as our Supervising Minister. Thank you to our volunteers and committee chairs whose dedication sustains the life of this church. And special thanks to Joan Williams, who continues to ensure that our pulpit is filled and our worship meaningful until Rev. Donalee takes the pulpit on August 9.

A year ago, we were wondering who would lead us into the future. Today, we look ahead with gratitude, confidence, and anticipation.

Dr. Jenny Blake

IT'S A CONTEST!

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You will notice that there are spring and summer flowers in circles and numbered on several pages throughout this newsletter.

Name each of the 10 flowers correctly (only the type of flower is required, e.g. rose, daffodil) and you will be entered to win a prize.

Email your answers to me - scrago67@gmail.com or write on a piece of paper and give your answers to me in the balcony on Sunday or at Coffee Hour.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 12.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Mrs. Dolittle's Secret by Fredric DeVries

Like many of you, these days I am feeling the loss of a good friend of St. Paul's. Raymond Wilson has passed on, but he leaves a noble legacy. Some might

assume he was a member here because we saw so much of him, but he shared his time with us and his home church, Bowman U.C. When it came to music, he gave generously of his time to help in the choir. Always dependable and always with a good conversation and effortlessly sharing his deep baritone voice. The other basses in the choir would cheer for him and sing with renewed vigour when he arrived to help us.

If I would ask whether he might sing a solo at church he replied, "What should I sing?"

I would say, "I think a lot of the people would like to hear you sing 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow.'"

He would smile and say, "Do you really think they want that?" I would say, "Yes, they do."

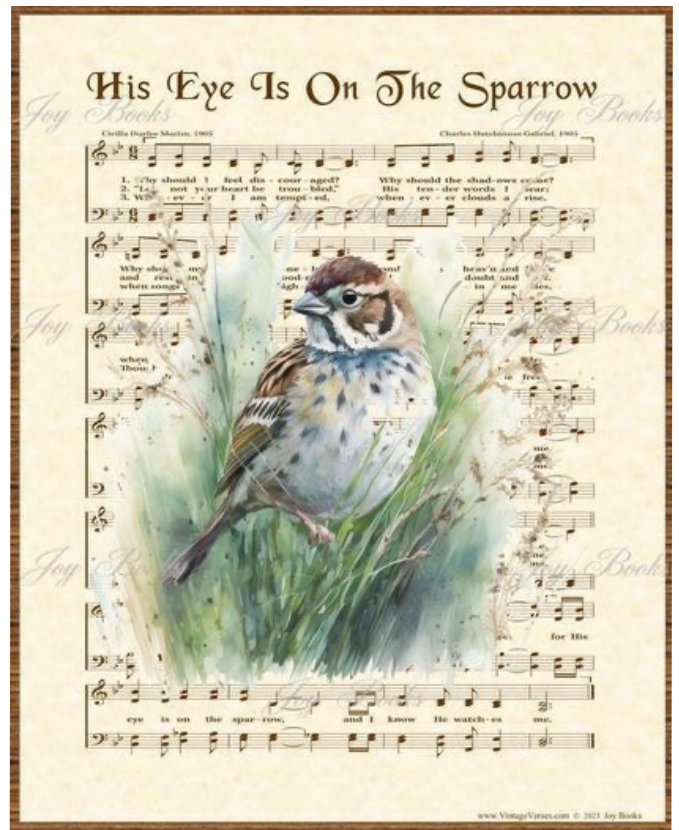
It was his signature tune, and it was a gift of beauty and testimony when he sang it.

And it was a signature tune for so many. Like Ethel Waters (1896-1977), the famous African American actress/singer of the last century. She dedicated her life to Christ in 1957 at a Billy Graham rally, and in succeeding years she sang "His Eye is on the Sparrow" at many a Billy Graham Crusade.

It is probably one of the most performed and recorded Black Gospel Hymns of all time.

The hymn was written by Civilla Durfee Martin, a Canadian school teacher born in Jackson Falls, Nova Scotia in 1866. She married Walter Martin, a minister in the Disciples of Christ Church. In their marriage they would often collaborate in writing hymns.

Having moved to the United States for Walter to follow his ministry, they passed through Elmira, New York. There they visited an acquaintance, Mrs. Dolittle who had been bedridden for twenty years. Her husband was also not well, moving about to his job in a wheelchair.



Yet, Mrs. Dolittle was ever cheerful and grateful and positive in her Christian faith. Mrs. Dolittle so impressed the Martins, that Rev. Martin asked Mrs. Dolittle what her secret was for staying so cheerful.

Mrs. Dolittle replied, "God's Eye is on the Sparrow, and I know He watches me."

It was a reference to Matthew 6: 26. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them."

It's a text that can be taken in many ways. An assurance that God can make to a good outcome of any circumstance. A comfort that says in all our tribulations, God is with us. A promise that, in the eyes of God, every life has worth and meaning, no matter how seemingly small, in every twist and turn, for you, for me, and for the sparrow.



Whatever way Mrs. Dolittle expressed it, she received great inspiration and comfort, as she pondered the God of the Sparrow.

On the next day, Civilla Martin had composed the lyrics and sent them to one of the finest hymn composers of the late nineteenth century, Charles Gabriel (1856-1932) who set it to music and the rest is history.

Civilla died in 1948 and is buried in Atlanta, Georgia. As for Mrs. Dolittle, we have no record of her life after 1905. But maybe like the sparrow, her testimony lives in large letters still and down through the ages.

*Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm Happy,
I sing because I'm Free,
For His Eye is on the Sparrow,
And I know God watches me.*

MUSIC NEWS

You might be thinking that our Music Ministry becomes dormant when the warm weather comes. Not so! Read on.

On May 3, we hosted a concert by the Dundas Baroque Ensemble, led by Seiichi Ariga. It was a fundraiser for Routes Youth Centre, Dundas.

Installation details for our new Yamaha Grand Piano, gifted by Toyo Eiwa school, are still underway. Meanwhile the Samick Grand is already being used in the Reception Hall.

The Schulmerich Handbells which we purchased in 2008 have not been serviced in all this time. This spring we have sent the bells out to be repaired, with replacement parts and tuning. Look forward to the return of the bells in the fall.

Our Ukulele instructor, Chris Eckart will be assisting Porscha Hewitt in the St. Paul's Summer Camp.

I would like to take a moment to thank all who participated in our music ministries for their commitment. The Holy Ukuleles, the Chancel Choir, the Joyful Voices, the Afternoon Singers, and the Afternoon Handbells bring richness to our church life.

With the musical assistance of people like Mary Margaret Fink, John McCloy, Sheelagh Wood, Andrew Smart, Chris Eckart, Ian Alsop, Seiichi Ariga, and Ron Sealey, we have had a good musical year.

Thank you, everyone.

AFTERNOON SINGERS

Another season for the Afternoon Singers has come to an end and we are happily looking forward to a summer of rest and relaxation.

In 1976 the Afternoon Singers began as a choir and we are pleased to carry on this very meaningful tradition but more importantly this ministry.

Our 18 members have served Caroline Place, The Georgian, Bertram Place, Margaret's Place Hospice, Highgate Residence (Ancaster), St. Joe's Day Program, Amica, St. Joe's Long Term Program and St. Paul's UC as well. The Afternoon Singers, this amazing choir and family will be back again in the Fall.

Enjoy a well deserved rest.

With my sincere thanks to you all,
Mary Margaret

AFTERNOON SINGERS



PASTORAL CARE MINISTER'S REPORT

Sit To Be Fit Program

The Sit To Be Fit program continues to meet regularly on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m in the Moss Davidson Hill Room. Attendance at both sessions has increased over the past reporting period.

The program will pause for the summer months as the St. Paul's Summer Camp takes place. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, after the Labour Day holiday.

St. Joseph's Villa Program

Worship services at St. Joseph's Villa are held on the first and fifth Fridays of each month. The services on May 1 and May 29, as well as June 5, 2026 were well attended and meaningful for residents. The next service is scheduled for July 3, 2026. I deeply appreciate the support and encouragement of the Pastoral Care Team members as well as Evelyn Hambly our music coordinator for all their efforts. Multiple blessings upon each and everyone.

Wentworth Lodge Program

The worship services at Wentworth Lodge are held on every second Tuesday of the month. The last services were held on May 12 and June 9, 2026. Attendance continues to increase, which is both encouraging and uplifting and we now have a full house for every service. In the absence of Mary Margaret and Bruce who will be on vacation we will be using online music to support the services on July 14 and August 11, 2026. They will return in September. Thank you, Mary Margaret and Bruce.

Visitation to Hospitals and Long-Term Care Homes

Members of St. Paul's who are in hospitals, long-term care facilities, and private homes were visited and supported through phone calls. St. Joseph's Villa has included visitation for the community, though it is currently limited to worship days only.

Relocation to Queen Gardens

David Cooke has now settled into Queens Gardens in Hamilton and is doing much better. During my last visit on Saturday, May 9, 2026, family members were present and offering their support. On my June 6 visit, David confirmed that he is receiving good treatment at his new residence.

Pastoral Care Team Cares

The Pastoral Care Team continues to use visitation cards to document and support our ongoing ministry of presence, compassion, and consistent care. We are pleased to welcome our newest team member, Ellen Crump. We are grateful for the experience, insight, and gifts she will bring to the ministry as we move forward together. Thank you Ellen, and welcome to the team.



Sacred Journeys

The following members of our community of faith have gone to be with the Lord. We give thanks for their lives, their faithful witness, and many ways they enriched our church family. Please keep their loved ones in your prayers during this time of loss and remembrance.

- Jim Carpenter
- Raymond Wilson
- Donna Shaw

Finally, congratulations to all on the arrival of our new minister, Rev. Donalee Williams. We welcome this new development and are grateful for the experience, insight and gifts she will bring to St. Paul's United Church, particularly in supporting our music ministry. Thank you, Donalee, for accepting the call. Multiple blessings and peace.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Adeyemi, for the Pastoral Care Committee

WESLEY'S 35TH CASE FOR KIDS WALK - JUNE 7, 2026

Churches from all over the Hamilton area walked, ran or rode at their own pace along the 1.5 km Bayfront Park pathway. This fundraising event included food, music, fun activities.

The event raises funds for Wesley's Children, Youth & Families, living in poverty, with housing, licensed childcare, free camps and social supports.

Our own St. Paul's congregation has participated over the past 25 years, with our teams of walkers, well supported by our home church. Thanks to all who walked and donated.

Donations are accepted into the summer months - go to Wesley.ca. - under Case for Kids, DONATE - to St. Paul's Dundas Team

Thanks to ALL of YOU! St. Paul's Dundas Team



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

St. Paul's Christian Development Committee has had a busy time these past months with Porscha organizing the YCC and Young Adults, as well as Early Learners Montessori school, Euchre night and the upcoming summer camp at St. Paul's.

Book studies with Rev. Ron Archer have proven popular and more will be planned starting in September.

A Courageous Conversation on the topic of Suicide Prevention was presented and a future CC on the topic of St. Paul's becoming a Dementia friendly community is scheduled for a lunch and learn in September.

The Christmas Pageant is now being planned for Christmas Eve 2026.

"Wishing everyone a healthy and happy summer vacation."

Peter Ross, Chair of the CD Committee



YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES UPDATE

It has been an exciting and busy season at St. Paul's as our children, youth, and community programs continue to grow and thrive.

This summer marks a major milestone as St. Paul's Summer Camp launches its inaugural season. Camp begins June 29 with a week of staff training, followed by seven weeks of programming running through August 21. For our first year, we are thrilled to have reached an average of 65% capacity across all camp weeks. We are deeply grateful for the generous support that has helped make camp possible, including funding from Canada Summer Jobs, The Foundation (formerly Seeds of Hope), the United Church Horseshoe Falls Grant, and the Mission Council Grant.

Our Early Explorers program, a Montessori-inspired program designed for preschool-aged children, completed two successful sessions from January through June. We were especially encouraged to see a 100% return rate from families to participate in our second session, reflecting the positive experiences and connections built throughout the year.

YCC continued to welcome an average of 8–10 children each Sunday. Since Lent, our YCC children have explored themes of love, forgiveness, courage, belonging, and service through the stories of Jesus' journey to Easter, his resurrection appearances, Pentecost, and the early church. They celebrated Pride and learned about God's call to love God, ourselves, and one another through stories, activities, and discussion.

Our Youth Group also had a wonderful year of fellowship and fun. Youth participated in a variety of activities including cooking meals together, game nights, baking for coffee hour, bowling, movie nights, and more. As we continued building a strong and welcoming young adult community, attendance averaged 10 youth per event. We look forward to celebrating the end of the program year with a family potluck before our summer break.

Throughout the year, St. Paul's also hosted several community drop-in events, including a Valentine's Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Euchre Nights, and other opportunities to connect, welcome new faces, and strengthen relationships within our community.

As we head into summer, we look forward to a successful camp season and are excited to return to our regular programming, including YCC, Youth Group, Early Explorers, and community events in the fall.

Summer Family Activity - Nature Sun Catcher

A simple and creative activity for children ages 4–10 to enjoy at home.

Materials:

- Clear contact paper or clear tape
- Construction paper
- Leaves, flower petals, grass, or other small nature treasures
- Scissors
- String (optional)

Instructions:

- Cut the centre out of a piece of construction paper to create a frame.
- Place a piece of contact paper (or use clear packing tape) sticky-side up behind the frame.
- Go on a nature walk and collect small leaves, petals, and other natural items.
- Arrange the items on the sticky contact paper.
- Cover with a 2nd piece of contact paper to seal.
- Trim the edges and hang in a sunny window or attach a string for display.



Watch the sunlight shine through your creation and enjoy a little piece of nature indoors all summer long!



CAFÉ 55+ ROCKS!

Some Dundas residents call it the 'Little Idea That Grew.' We call it a big success thanks to its volunteers, donors and the kind of grace you have to be present to experience.

Starting with attendance in the low teens, we now welcome fifty (50!) or more guests on most days. If you listen, you can hear the buzz of bingo-calling, the kitchen sounds of muffins, coffee and lunch being made, and the chatter of conversation. You can also, if you listen VERY carefully, hear a growing hymn to friendship. This is a community built on love and the energy of an idea - that God's house is a welcome, safe space for everyone.

Dave Davis for the Cafe 55+ team
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Come join us this summer during July and August, on SATURDAYS from 8:30 to 11:30 am - different day, slightly different food, same love.

Donating via TipTap

St. Paul's is grateful for all donations to the life and ministry of the church. Our new TipTap station is set up in the Narthex where you can tap your debit or credit card to make a donation. Tip Tap donations are not receipted, unless you specifically request tax receipts.

To Request a Tax Receipt using the TipTap Station Before or Immediately After Your Donation:

- **Scan the QR Code:** Use your smartphone to scan the QR code located on the display before or immediately after your donation.
- **Register Your Card:** Fill out the registration form with your contact details and the last four digits of the card you are using.
- **Tap to Donate:** Make your donation with the same card/device.
- **Automatic Receipts:** Once registered, all future donations will be automatically included in your year-end tax receipt.

Alternatively, call the Church Office at 905-628-6396:

- You can confidentially provide the necessary contact information for your past and future TipTap donations to the Church Office.
- Most importantly, if you have already donated via Tip Tap and did not request a receipt at the time, please call the church office to provide your details so we can receipt those donations.

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For more ways to donate, please see our Ways to Give page on our website at stpaulsdundas.com



HAPPY GANG

Happy Gang will continue to meet during the summer months, although the numbers will not be consistent due to holidays. We are pleased to welcome to Happy Gang new players from St. Augustines and Highland Hills. Members of our congregation are of course most welcome to come join us.

This program is a great way to meet new people and have fun without the commitment of having to attend regular meetings. We have introduced a new game called “Rummy Kub” which is a little more challenging, however Dominoes (Mexican Train) continues to be very popular with our members. Happy Gang dates are listed below and we will continue to meet in the Parlour (unless otherwise posted) **Wednesdays 2 to 4:30 pm** on June 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23, October 14 and 28, November 11 and 25, and December 9, which will be our Christmas Luncheon. Happy Gang is supported by UCW Unit 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Win Czum and Cathy Pengelly



Library Committee REPORT

The Library Committee has been meeting regularly this past year to review books donated, culling those with small print, yellow pages, etc., reshelving returned books, discussing new books that may be added to our Library and generally keeping it tidy.

The Care Notes Display unit which contains brochures directed to young children’s issues and problems has been very popular.

As well we see that since our monthly book reviews have been appearing in our Sunday bulletins, many more books are being checked out. There will not be any reviews during July and August, however the Library will be open, so if you are looking for a book or two to read during the holidays have a look as several new books have been added recently. Just be sure to “check them out” and return them to the Return Basket. Your comments/suggestions are always welcome - please contact any member of the Library Committee with them.

We wish to thank Susanne Crago and the Christian Development Committee for their continued support of our work, and to the Pastoral Care Committee for their purchase of Care Notes for the display unit.

Happy and Safe Summer to all!

Respectfully submitted, The Library Committee
Mary Unwin, Barbara Carson, Judy Kleven, Cathy Pengelly



Valley Town BREAKFAST

Our Saturday breakfasts have gained popularity with the community of Dundas. We have had several group reservations from clubs such as The Optimists, the Girl Guides of Canada, Creekside Social Group, Robinhood Social Group, the Dundas Walkers etc. We have even had a recent reservation for a group celebrating someone who became a Canadian citizen!

Our breakfasts are a great place for families and friends to meet up and enjoy a great breakfast, beautiful piano music by Mike Kirchin and a warm hospitable welcome from our wonderful volunteers.

This successful fundraiser for the church would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. Of the 40 plus volunteers that we have, the majority have been with us for several years and we thank them for their dedication. We are equally grateful for our student volunteers who keep our breakfasts lively.

We thank Jenny and Denny for hosting our end of the season Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in their beautiful backyard. A great time was had by all.

Our last breakfast for the season was served on June 20th. We look forward to serving you again starting on Saturday, September 26th.

Enjoy your summer everyone!!

Yvan Raymond

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



AND - We celebrated Ron Archer's Birthday!



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property committee has been keeping busy with many projects this Spring. The new carpeting that was installed in the Moss Davidson Hill room, library and hallway by the Parlour and YCC room has given these areas a nice refreshed look. Property thanks the Afternoon Singers for their monetary donation towards the purchase of the new carpets.

Reverend Donalee's office is currently being renovated for her arrival.

Electrical work will be starting at the end of June to install a transformer and new 200 amp electrical panel box on the 3rd floor. This work is needed as we are at capacity for electrical demand in our church. This added power supply will also support the necessary electrical requirements for more heat pumps/air conditioning as we transition away from our old gas boiler dependency.

All of our rentable rooms are fully booked for July and the first week of August. The rentals are from Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm. The bookings are as follows:

St. Paul's Summer Camp - Gymnasium, Parlour, YCC room, Library (all of July and August)

Valley Adult Day Program - Reception Hall (all of July and August)

Great Big Theatre Company - Moss Davidson Hill Room and Nursery (July and first week of August)

We ask that you please be respectful of these user groups' rental spaces and avoid walking through their rented areas during their business hours.

Weekends and evenings are available for bookings in all of the above areas. The Scouts Den is also available for small group meetings.

The Property Committee and friends ended the season with a Volunteer Appreciation dinner at Ross and Carlies Longbottom's home in their beautiful backyard. A great time was had by all. We thank Ross and Carlies for their hospitality.

Yvan Raymond
Chair, Property Committee



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Reception Hall set up for a reception or large gathering



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee sends our heartfelt thanks to Sharon McKay, who diligently and passionately led the committee for the past five years. Sharon retired from this position in April, although she remains a committee member. Sharon's retirement from the Chair position leaves us in great need of a leader. We are currently taking turns chairing the meetings, with each member acting as Chair for one meeting and Dave or Sandi (who both already attend Board meetings as Chairs of Stewardship and Communications) taking care of reporting to the Board. But this is not a sustainable arrangement. With the number of important projects and programs under the Outreach umbrella we need a consistent, steady hand to keep us all on course. If anyone reading this is passionate about helping to foster a more compassionate community in Dundas and beyond, and can join us, please contact Sandi Stride at sdstride@gmail.com or call Sarah French in the church office (905-628-6396.)

Our most visible and impactful program at this time is Café 55+. Up to 50 people have been showing up for these fun and friendly Thursday morning gatherings. In addition to enjoying snacks and a great lunch, attendees and volunteers are increasingly forming supportive relationships and creating a strong sense of community. St. Paul's was recently awarded a grant from the City of Hamilton City Enrichment Fund to support the hiring of a Social Navigator. Meetings will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday mornings during the summer months.

Our committee's presentations before service during Lent were well received. Several people commented that they didn't realize what Mission & Service is all about. They said these presentations helped them to understand the important work that the United Church of Canada is doing across Canada and globally.

Outreach has decided that climate change and environmental issues will be added to our focus on affordable housing, poverty and homelessness over the coming year or so. To celebrate Earth Day, Kelly Pearce, our newest member, along with Linda Evans produced a poster board and provided advocacy letters to send to our politicians during coffee hour.

The Committee is working on their strategic plan for the balance of 2026 and 2027, and will be discussing it at a planning session in August. Some of the areas of focus will include food insecurity and social isolation, climate/environmental issues, poverty/homelessness and affordable housing, Indigenous issues and Mission & Service. We invite anyone interested in joining us to please get in touch!

Committee members: Barry Dymont, Linda Evans, Winston Lindsay, Amanda Ljucovic, Sharon McKay, Kelly Pearce, Bill Poole, Sandi Stride, Mary Anne Tangney

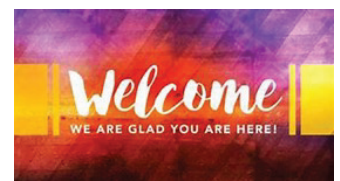
WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We continue to have inspiring and challenging worship services during our time of being without a lead minister. Much of the credit goes to members of our congregation who have participated so willingly in worship services. We are also grateful for the wonderful worship leadership we have received. Just from April to June we have welcomed Rev. Mark Winger, the Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Dr. Jose Zarate, Rev. Dr. Miriam Spies, Rev. Ruth Noble, Rev. Fran Aird, Rev. Ron Archer, and Rev. Kathryn Phillips.

On Sunday, August 9 we will welcome our new lead minister, Rev. Donalee Williams. This will bring us into a new and exciting time of ministry at St. Paul's.

We will be worshipping at St. Paul's on all Sundays through the summer. Come and join us!

Joan Williams
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

It's been an exciting time for the Communications Committee. We're pleased to be collaborating with Dave Davis and the Stewardship Committee on the launch of our joint "Shine Together" campaign. The first segment of this campaign, "Cool Comfort - Warm Hearts" is being launched this month, focusing on raising funds for air conditioning for the Sanctuary and Reception Hall.

We've received lots of positive feedback on the new website that was launched in March -- thanks again to Susanne Crago for her excellent work. We also appreciate everyone who took the time to participate in our "treasure hunt" to explore the new site. Congratulations to Carolyn Lambert-Heijm and family who won the contest and received a gift certificate for the Valley Town Breakfast.

Thanks to Sarah French, St. Paul's is growing our social media presence. The number of followers on Facebook and Instagram are growing, with the number of total views up almost 40% on Facebook and 122% on Instagram since January! Along with several mentions in the local news feed "Dundas Today," St. Paul's and our programs are becoming very well known across Dundas and beyond.

The Tech Team has been especially busy. In addition to livestreaming and recording Sunday services, they were on hand to provide coverage of two concerts at St. Paul's, Chorus Hamilton's "The Mozart Effect" which was held on May 30th, and the Dundas Valley Orchestra's "Mahler!" on May 31st.

And last but not least, we're delighted to reveal a new promotional video for St. Paul's, created by our very own Luke Alsop. We hope you'll take a couple of minutes to watch it after it is launched this week.

Submitted by Sandi Stride (Chair) Committee members: Fran Aird, Luke Alsop, Barb Carpio, Susanne Crago, Dave Davis, Sarah French

ST. PAUL'S TECH TEAM

*"See I was right!"... "No I was right!"
True harmony in the balcony!*

The Tech Team is looking for anyone who might be interested in helping us out. It is a commitment of only an hour or two a week, the training is free, earn volunteer hours for school, and have fun with us!

If you can help please see Luke or Susanne in the balcony on Sunday or at coffee hour for more information.



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Summer Trivia Questions *Answers (if you need them) are on Page 16*

1. What is the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth and where was it recorded?
2. Which ocean-dwelling creature are you most likely to see sunbathing?
3. Which country gives students the longest summer vacation?
4. Which Canadian city is known as the "Slurpee Capital of the World"?
5. Which artist had a huge hit with "Summer of '69"?
6. Which classic summer game was inspired by an empty pie plate?



Friday, October 23rd
&
Saturday, October 24th

Be ready to visit Fiesta for quality vendors and craftspeople, a luncheon each day, book sale, jams and jellies sale, and a bake table. And of course we will have the on-line auction.

When you have finished the books you are reading, save them for our book sale. Think about what mouth-watering baked goods you might create. For the on-line auction, we will accept new items, gift cards and personal services (such as sharing a round of golf or perhaps a lunch date). If you know a small business that would like exposure, they may be invited to offer a service or product.

Over the years, Fiesta has contributed significant funds to the work of St. Paul's.

This being our 50th anniversary, let's make this our best Fiesta ever.

Please let us know if you can lend a hand. We have room for volunteers and would love to have you working with us!

Joan Williams 905-536-7462 ttjwilliamsbirch@hotmail.com



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee* has been busy this spring. Newly re-constituted, it has formulated a months-long campaign called **SHINE TOGETHER**, a joint effort of the Communications and Stewardship Committees.

SHINE TOGETHER has two major goals apart from its important revenue-generating role. It supports the ongoing work of the church – including staffing, maintenance and operation – and from time to time, highlights specific resources, needs and programs. These “mini-campaigns” are important recognitions of new initiatives. Air conditioning the Sanctuary and the Reception Hall will be a major effort of Stewardship this summer; look for our **COOL COMFORT/WARM HEARTS** materials.

In April, we held an after-church cake celebration to highlight the extraordinary role that volunteers play in the functioning of St. Paul's. We also note the hard work of volunteers as they work on fund-raising projects like the highly successful garage sale – wonderful examples of the spirit of St. Paul's!

The congregation may notice some Stewardship-inspired changes in the church and our communications: regular updates on our fundraising and mini-campaigns; a new Welcome to St. Paul's table in the Narthex and a Volunteer table in the Reception Hall; and social media posts. Soon, congregants will once again be able to “sponsor” a church bulletin for a modest donation. This fall, we plan on highlighting our child, youth and family programs – in many ways, the future of St. Paul's.

Lastly, Stewardship always has room for new ideas, comments and volunteer efforts. Help us help St. Paul's as we **SHINE TOGETHER!**

With gratitude,

Dave Davis for the Stewardship Committee* (Sandi Stride, Margaret Melhorn, Mary Sealey, Sandra Palmer, Joan Williams, Bev Gough, Bruce McKay; with help from Yvan Raymond, Susanne Crago, Jenny Blake and others)



SUMMER TRIVIA CONTEST ANSWERS

1. 134.1° in Death Valley
2. Sea Lions
3. Italy - 11 to 14 weeks
4. Winnipeg
5. Bryan Adams
6. Frisbee

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

– John Lubbock

Have a wonderful summer!

Please join us for Sunday Service at 10 am. Services are livestreamed and can be viewed on our website (stpaulsdundas.com) or Facebook. We also record the services and upload to our website allowing you to view them at a later date.

Enjoy refreshments in the Dining Hall with friends following Sunday service.

The church office is open Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The church is locked outside of these hours. Access only to those with a key fob or buzz the room you are scheduled to meet in.



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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.

