

St. Paul's Weekly Update – Jan. 20, 2022



Minister's Ponderings:

We've had two major snowstorms since our last weekly update and it's snowing again. I think what I love about snow is its beauty when the trees and branches are covered and there is a stillness in the more barren landscape. It always reminds me of the bible verse, "Be still and know that I am God". I know this white stuff needs to be shovelled and can be difficult to drive in; but snow is so "Canadian" that it is tied to our identity and sense of the seasons. I love to ski for the fun of it, but I love to snowshoe for the beauty of it. So, this week I am grateful for snow.



Worship:

Join us this Sunday for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are invited to remember that we are all part of the body of Christ. The bulletin is attached with this email.



To worship with us, visit our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org and use the direct YouTube link at the top of the page, or simply go to YouTube and subscribe to our

channel. Just type in "St. Paul's Midland" and you will find us. If you are on Facebook, you can get St. Paul's updates that way as well. Check us out on both our new website and FaceBook.

St. Paul's Zoom Coffee Hour:

The next ZOOM Coffee Hour is **this Sunday January 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** We invite you all to join. You can use the same link as before:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969004401>



Men's Breakfast Gathering:

Our next men's breakfast group via Zoom is **Saturday January 30th at 10:30 a.m.** The Zoom link is included below. **Please note that this is a new link** since the last time. Gather with the guys while having your coffee or breakfast at home. All men are welcome to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89829828219?pwd=WmtONDZKNm91c0svSTNZbzV6aitLUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 2982 8219

Passcode: 995643

Congregational News/Updates:

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Alma Ironside. Alma was a long-time member of St. Paul's. She had a joy of life and loved to laugh. Thank you to Colleen and our visiting team for your visits and contact with her over these past few years.

Our condolences also go out to the Gingrich family, on the passing of Delmer. Both Delmer and his late wife were very dedicated St. Paul's members and were involved with the "Mr. & Mrs. Club (Fellowship club).

Great news! We had 37 people respond to our request to be part of our Visitors' Caring Callers. Thanks also to those of you who have volunteered to be part of the team. This is just one more way that we can continue to support each other and keep in touch. If you are interested, please give Colleen a call at 705-427-9630. There are still openings.

Annual Report:

A reminder to all committee chairs that Annual reports are due to the church office by January 30, 2022. Please e-mail your reports to stpaulsunited@rogers.com by that date. Thank you.

The Official Board Meeting:

This is a reminder that the Official Board is meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 01 at 7:00 p.m.

Theological Studies Group invites you to join us on Wed. Feb. 2nd at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for our Winter Session:

The Theological Studies Group has decided to study Thomas King's, "The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America". This award-winning book is "Fascinating, often hilarious, and always devastatingly truthful. For those who wish to better understand Native peoples, it a must-read." Joseph Boyden

The Winnipeg Free Press writes "King is a master of offbeat wit and sharp comment...He presents history with a candour and honesty rarely found... Absolutley brilliant."

As we continue to walk the path of reconciliation anyone interested is invited to join us for great conversations and honest opinions in this group. You will need to purchase the book or get it from the library or a friend. Let Karen know you want to join us for the discussion the following week so she can send you a Zoom link.



Blessings everyone,

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