

St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 28, 2022

Worship

This Sunday, July 31st, Pat File will be leading the service. Pat will speak on behalf of the Stewardship Committee regarding the new boiler, including a reference to our environment and climate change.

Worship with us in person at 10:00 a.m. or on-line. 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 on Facebook. We start live-streaming at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

Office hours

Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday only, until the week of September 11th. Colleen is in the office on Wednesday mornings and Louise is there on Thursday mornings, both from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just a reminder that Louise works from home the balance of the time and can always be reached at her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at stpaulsunited@rogers.com on Wednesday and Thursdays.

In case of a pastoral emergency while Karen is on holidays/sabbatical time, please contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, **Colleen Gareau at 705-427-9630** or the **Rev. Lois Brown** from Unity United Church in Vasey at **705-816-2570**. Should you need to contact Louise Therrien, our Church Administrator, she can be reached at **705-526-1640 on Wednesdays and Thursdays only** during July and August, or by email at stpaulsunited@rogers.com

Men's Breakfast Gathering

Our next men's breakfast gathering will be **this Saturday July 30th at 9:00 a.m. at Mom's Restaurant**. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversation. All men are welcome to join.



A few messages from UCW

The UCW would like to thank all those who volunteered to supply sandwiches for their ongoing work with the Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your ongoing support.



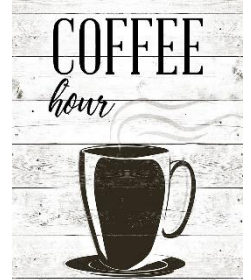
UCW will be having an **indoor garage sale** at the end of September. Start cleaning out your closets etc. of unwanted items and be ready for the September 22nd drop off date. Set up will be September 23rd with the sale on September 24th. We'll be looking for lots of volunteers to help as well.

Congregational Life

Calling all people handy with a paint brush or roller. We are planning to paint the Upper Room, ceiling and all, in August. Anyone who can help please give Bruce a call at 705-526-8553 or his cell at 705-529-6728. **Please note** that Bruce will be away until Aug. 2nd.

Save the Date! On **Sunday, Aug. 28th** we will be celebrating Colleen Gareau's ministry amongst us as our Pastoral Care Coordinator. Colleen is moving back to Brandon Manitoba and we will miss her very much. The Sunday worship service will acknowledge her ministry, followed by a social gathering at the church to allow people to say goodbye.

Return of Social Hour in September: We still need a few more volunteers to help our Social Hour Team Leaders for our after-church coffee hour, starting in September. The team leaders are Joan Lavin, Barb and Charlie Carswell, Mike and Sue Sauve, Sheila Thompson and Victoria Tovell. If you would like to work with any of them, please let Sheila know or contact the Team Leaders directly. Team Leaders - you are also encouraged to recruit folks for your team.



We are also looking at recreating our **Usher/Greeter teams**. Over COVID, we have lost several our captains and many volunteers. If this is something you would be interested in or would like more information, please speak to Sheila.

Discovery Kids

Discovery Kids are back in person every Sunday. Families are asked to take their children directly upstairs, where Rebecca is looking forward to seeing them.

Camp Awesome registration is still open! All children ages 5-12 are invited! You do not need to be a regular St. Paul's Discovery Kids participant to register. Camp dates: August 8-12 from 9:00-11:30am each day at St. Paul's United Church. For more information or to register, please contact Rebecca at 226-339-8218.

This Week's Minute for Mission **Gifts with vision at work in Ukraine**

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During peaceful times, Kharkiv has a population of 1.5 million people—larger than Calgary and just a bit smaller than Montreal. But since the Russian invasion in February, half of those people have fled the city for safer places. Those who are still in Kharkiv are the people who can't leave: because they have nowhere to go, because they're unable to travel, or because they're taking care of others who must stay.

Grocery stores in Kharkiv are closed, public transit has stopped running, there is no electricity or running water, and many roads and buildings are unsafe. Although the daily Russian air raids have ended, there are still intermittent rocket attacks and people still spend time in shelters. Add to this the fact that most people who are still there live in poverty or are disabled and it's clear that those who are left in Kharkiv are the ones least able to survive without help.

Alliance member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (ACT) has recently been able to bring relief shipments to volunteers in Kharkiv, like Sergei Babin. Babin and his team are providing those who are unable to leave the city with food and other items they need.

"We are grateful for any kind of help, as the people of Kharkiv have been suffering from this serious humanitarian crisis for many weeks now," he says.

Providing emergency food and hygiene kits is one way your generous support of Mission & Service partners is helping support Ukrainian refugees.

Thank you for your compassion.

Blessings everyone,

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