



Worship

This Sunday, October 16th will be our **Food Grains Sunday** and the launch of our annual campaign. This is in support of feeding the hungry globally and assisting farm communities around the world to have sustainable farming. Once again, we will match all donations from our Trust Fund up to a maximum of \$2,500. It is a service that reminds us that together we can make a difference in the lives of others. It is our response to global hunger. Please plan to attend and



consider making a donation.

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.

St. Paul's Coffee Hour

Our next in-person **Coffee Hour is this Sunday, October 16th**. Please join us in the Great Hall after Worship. All are welcome.



Office Hours

Until further notice and due to unforeseen circumstances, the office will only be **open on Thursday mornings** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Fundraising Concert

The St. Paul's Choir is excited to announce that there will be a fundraising concert at the church on **Saturday, October 22 starting at 7:00 p.m.** Money raised in a free will offering will go toward paying for the new furnace.

This concert will be the first local choir concert in quite some time and will include **MANY** local musicians. Groups taking part are St Paul's Choir, Bay Sound Singers (adults formerly Serenata), Bay Sound Children's Choir, Bay Sound VIVO, Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir, Georgian Bay Ringmasters Handchime Choir, Vox Community Choir, Vox Femina.



It'll be quite the gathering! Each group will do a couple of pieces and the theme, of course, will be about keeping warm! **Mark your calendar and invite others to join you – you won't want to miss this!**

Congregational Life

Our next take-out dinner will be Wednesday, October 26th with pick-up in the Atrium from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. We will be serving chicken parmesan with pasta and sauce, a hot vegetable, Caesar salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$20.00 per meal, payable to the church office in advance, by cheque, e-transfer or cash. There will be a maximum of 65 meals sold so order early. Proceeds go to the life and work of St. Paul's.



PHOTO DIRECTORY 2022:

This is the last Sunday to book your appointment to have your picture taken for the photo directory, which is scheduled for next week, from October 19th to 22nd. To book your appointment, please see Sue Sauve in the Atrium before or after Worship. You can also email Sue at suemsauve@gmail.com for an appointment time. **If anyone has a photo of their group activity that they would like included in the directory, please e-mail it to Sue no later than October 22nd.**

PASTORAL CARE:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or in need of pastoral care please contact me, Karen at 705-433-1224.

Faith Formation

Discovery Kids are invited back into the Sanctuary for the Theme Conversation and Christ Candle lighting at the beginning of each service. Children will go up to DK as a group for lessons after that.

Outreach

Interested in social justice? Working with the marginalized? Feeding the hungry? The Outreach committee is starting back up with regular meetings in November and would like to invite you to consider joining them as part of St. Paul's outreach to our community and global community. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Furnace update:

Good news – we have the heat turned on! With this cooler weather coming, this is a blessing. **To date, we have raised \$45,951.32 of the \$85,000.** We are grateful for all donations already received. In order to meet our target of paying for new furnace equipment, we need to continue our campaign. If you are able to assist, it would be greatly appreciated."

This Week's Minute for Mission

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**



The problem is that some have too much and others not enough.

Who was Jesus referring to when he advised his followers to pray: "Give *us* this day our daily bread?" Who is the "us"?

"When we say the prayer, we often think 'us' refers to ourselves; after all, we are the ones praying. But I think Jesus, who had a broad view of

neighbour and family, meant all of humanity,” explains Sarah Charters, Director of the United Church’s Philanthropy Unit, adding, “so I take it to mean ‘Give every one of us our daily bread.’”

God has already come through on that petition. There is enough food on the planet to feed everyone. The problem is that some have too much and others not enough. It’s never been more urgent that we share. Food security has always been an issue, but the pandemic as well as wheat shortages resulting from the war in Ukraine have catapulted us to the brink of a massive hunger crisis.

Right now, more than 50 million people are facing starvation—almost double the number in 2019. One person is dying of hunger every 4 seconds. In this critical time, your meaningful gifts through Mission & Service are put to work right away helping people meet immediate needs by providing emergency food hampers in times of crisis, stocking shelves at food banks, and serving good, healthy meals through various outreach agencies.

Your gifts also provide longer-term support and systemic change by teaching agricultural techniques, seeding community garden initiatives, and helping neighbourhoods set up systems to cope with the impact of conflict and climate change on their food systems.

As we teeter on the brink of a global hunger crisis, your generosity has never been more needed. Please choose to do something meaningful this World Food Day, and [make a gift through Mission & Service](#) to help those who are most vulnerable.

Together as a United Church, we can help build the world Jesus envisioned when he taught us to pray—a world where every one of us has our [daily bread](#).

Blessings everyone,

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