

### From the Minister

Keith and I would like to thank the Official Board and congregation for your condolences on the death of Keith's mother, who passed away on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. The flowers sent on behalf of the congregation are beautiful and much appreciated. Because we will be out of town this weekend for a private family service, I am delighted to inform you that Shaun McIntosh, our student minister, will be leading the service and preaching. One of the things I love about St. Paul's is that there are always people who are willing to step forward and do what needs to be done. Kindness, thoughtfulness, and willingness to be part of the ministry of Christ in this place can never be underestimated. For those of you who do what you can in so many different ways - thank you, thank you, thank you.

Please take the time to read this Weekly Update. There is a lot going on and I look forward to our new series, "Take A Moment for Peace" in February every Wednesday.

### Worship

Click on the link below to join us virtually if you are unable to attend in person.



[https://youtube.com/live/EOhw\\_u5tyZU?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/EOhw_u5tyZU?feature=share)

### St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/>. There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

### Official Board Meeting

The **Official Board** will be meeting next **Tues. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** by Zoom.

### Congregational Meeting on Sun. Feb. 4 – Very Important!!!

There is a **Congregational meeting** scheduled for **Sun. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> right after worship**, for the congregation to receive and approve the initial report of the Search Committee that is tasked with the responsibility of recommending a new minister. The congregation must approve this first report in order to proceed to the next stage of starting to advertise for a minister. Please

plan to attend this important meeting. We will need quorum to proceed to the next step. Coffee hour will still proceed following the meeting.

### **Condolences:**

Our condolences to Shirley Dixon and family on the passing of Morris Steffler on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Morris was an active and long-time member of St. Paul's and will be missed. The funeral service will be here at St. Paul's on **Monday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by a funeral tea in the Great Hall. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. A link was sent out to the congregation on Wed. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> should you wish to attend on-line either at that time or later.

Our condolences to Keith Stam and Karen Ptolemy-Stam on the passing of Keith's mother on January 18<sup>th</sup>. She was in her 97<sup>th</sup> year. Please keep the Stam family in your thoughts and prayers as well.

### **Guesthouse meal volunteers:**

**Thank you** to the teams that are preparing the monthly meals for the Guesthouse. This month, we served a chicken casserole, broccoli, rice, fruit cocktail, cake and muffins. There are two ways to help with this initiative; volunteer to help make the meals or donate to the benevolent fund to help fund the cost. **If you want to help**, please let Kathy know.

### **Connecting Together**

Join our group every Thurs. from **2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** to connect and enjoy time sharing stories, fun, fellowship and to meet new friends. If anyone can display our flyer around town or at your place of work, it would be very much appreciated. Flyers are located on the desk in the atrium.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast gathering will be **this Sat. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

### **Creativity and Spirituality Art Card Workshop**

How do Art and Spirituality relate? Join us for a **Valentine Art Card Workshop** with Victoria Tovell on **Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**



### **Family Food and Bingo night**

Please join us on **Fri. Feb. 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** for pasta with fixings and ice cream. This will be a free-will offering and everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Sheila at 705-526-2186 or e-mail at rmsmt2612@gmail.com

**Take a Moment for Peace** is happening here at St. Paul's every **Wednesday in Feb., from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Light a candle, sit for a bit, join us to promote peace in our world, our community, our inner selves, our families or whatever has meaning for you. Should you chose, have a coffee on us before you leave and touch base with others also seeking peace in their lives and in the world.



## **In-Person Coffee Hour**

Our next in-person coffee will be on **Sun., Feb. 4, 2024**, following worship and the Congregational meeting.



## **UCW – next meeting**

Our next UCW meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour, when we will celebrate Valentine's Day with games and prizes. We will also be installing our Officers for 2024 and the Treasurer will be presenting the 2024 budget. Hope to see you all there!



**Coldest Night of the Year:** Mark your calendars and join the St. Paul's team on **Sat. Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** to help us raise much needed funds and awareness for the Guest House. If you wish to participate in this most important fundraising event, please follow the link below, click on the link below, click on the "Teams" tab (about ½ way down the page), then click on St. Paul's Midland to donate.

<https://cnoy.org/location/midland>

## **Office Hours**

The office is open on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## **Blessings everyone**

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