



St. Paul's Weekly Update – Nov. 10, 2022

Worship

Karen unfortunately continues to be ill and is not able to do the Sunday service this week. We wish both her and Keith a speedy recovery. We are happy to welcome Glenn Robitaille as our Guest Preacher this week. Glenn is the Director of Spiritual Care and Ethics at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health.

The Transition Steering Team would like to thank everyone for their co-operation with masking and maintaining a safe distance for the foreseeable future.

Our annual **Foodgrains Campaign** will continue until Nov. 30th. So far, we **have raised \$5,545**. Donations will be matched from our Trust Funds, up to a maximum of \$2,500.00. You can donate by cash, cheque (made payable to St. Paul's United Church) or by e-transfer. For every dollar that you give the Canadian government matches it 4 to 1.



St. Paul's Coffee Hour

Our ZOOM coffee hour is this **Sunday November 13th 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>. All are welcome!



Office Hours

Currently, the office is open on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** between **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Louise can be reached on her home phone number (705-526-1640) the remainder of the time (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or by e-mail at stpaulsunitied@rogers.com.

Congregational Life



The Coleus from our Church gardens have been slipped, rooted and potted. The plants are thriving and have survived the transitions very well. We now need some caregivers to look after the Coleus over the winter, which will then be replanted in May 2023. It is a very simple job, they just need a little water, sunshine and TLC. The Coleus can be picked up at the Church on **Sunday November 12th** and the instructions for their care will be available. Thank you, Coleus caregivers! The Garden Elves.

A note from Colleen:

I just wanted to thank everyone again for the kind and generous monetary gift that I received when I left Midland. I was told to "treat myself" so I wanted to let you know how I'm spending

part of it! We have ordered an automatic starter for the car so now when I want to go to Walmart (in minus 40 weather) all I need to do is press a button from the warmth of the house to let the car start up on its own. Rene has been busy running extension cords and had to go to the mechanic to "find" our block heater cord as it wasn't used while we lived in Midland. I will think of all of you kind folks every time I get into a cozy car. Thank you again!

P.S. If anyone is in the "note writing mood" I would love to hear from you!

Colleen Gareau.
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UCW

The UCW will once again be selling Christmas Goodie boxes!

The price this year is \$20 per box and all orders can be called in to Marlis Dupuis at 705-549-2018. The last date to order is on **December 4th**. The pick-up date will be on December 14th between 12pm-2pm.



Order yours today!

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.

Furnace update:

We are getting close to our fundraising goal of \$85,000! To date, we have raised \$54,740. We have also been approved for a \$20,000 grant which we will receive shortly. This leaves us a **balance of \$10,260 yet to raise. GREAT JOB ST. PAUL'S!** We are truly grateful for all of the donations already received. In order to meet our target goal and finish paying off the new furnace equipment, we will still need to continue our campaign. If you can assist at all it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

This Week's Minute for Mission

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**



We recently received a wonderful thank you letter from Bissell Centre, a Mission & Service partner located in Edmonton. We'd like to share it with you and thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to the wonderful people of The United Church of Canada. It's with gifts like yours that we're able to meet people facing poverty and homelessness where they're at. We look forward to collecting and sharing more stories with you, such as this one about Jon.

Jon is one of the community members at Bissell Centre and has a passion (and talent) for art. In fact, he's been named Bissell's artist in residence. His work has been commissioned by Bissell to provide an authentic, community-made element to our event advertising, our annual impact reports, and several donor thank you gifts.

His pieces often feature powerful imagery drawn from his Indigenous heritage and always in a spirit of celebration. His art was the focal point of the event poster for Bissell's celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day this year. Inspired by the love and support he has received, Jon wanted a way to give back.

He designed, organized, and now facilitates a weekly art program called "Good Art." In the workshops he guides people to express themselves in a healthy way through art that means something to them. Folks are encouraged to share the art that they make at the end of each workshop as way to build and strengthen community.

Your support provided a space for this to happen, and your gifts are having a palpable impact in the lives of Edmonton residents facing poverty and homelessness.

Thank you very much,

United Church of Canada.

Blessings everyone,

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