

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Sunday, December 18, 2022****ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of December 18 to 25, 2022**

19+	Mon. - Fri.	Café Ministry	9:00 – 9:30 AM
19	Monday	St. Paul's Court Christmas Party	1:00 – 7:00 PM
20	Tuesday	A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer)	10:00 AM
		Property & Maintenance	7:00 PM
21	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 - 11:00 AM
		Advent Bible Study	1:00 - 2:30 PM
		Youth Group	7:00 - 8:30 PM
22	Thursday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
24	Saturday	Christmas Eve Services	6:00 & 8:00 PM
25	Sunday	Christmas Day Service	10:30 AM

COFFEE, CAROLS AND CROISSANTS: THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**FROM 9 TO 9:45 AM - *BEFORE* THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come join us on Sunday for some festive carol singing.

We will enjoy some coffee and croissants while getting into the holiday spirit. Ian Madge will be there to accompany us on the piano.

***** BLESS FEST: JANUARY 9, 2023 from 7 PM to 8 PM ******January's Spotlight: Maggie Smith, a local artist.*

We invite you to join Maggie as she shares her story, and displays her artwork and photography!

MISSION CIRCLE COLLECTION FOR THE SUDAN

The following items are being collected, to be shipped in January:

"everything in reasonable condition, especially **bicycles** in any condition! **And, one time only**, to include **everything** (e.g. **clothing**, boots, books, National Geographic magazines, tools) and **any medical supplies**". **Tentative deadline for donations: January 16, 2022**

***** YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX MAY CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: *****

- * 2023 box set of offering envelopes
- * "These Days" magazine (if you are a subscriber)
- * Rev. Mikal's 2022 Christmas letter
- * Other correspondence, name tags, etc.

Please remember to check your mailbox today.

***** ANNUAL REPORT ***:** Please have your reports into the office by Sunday, February 5, 2023 (Annual Meeting is Sunday, March 5, 2023).

HAND-MADE MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES and SLIPPERS

If you need a lovely Christmas gift for someone special, stop by and browse in our Welcome Lobby. We have hand-made mittens, hats, scarves and even slippers available for purchase (by donation). These funds support our ongoing Food Card program.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays during Advent, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Join Rev. Mikal in the St. Paul's Library for this Advent Bible study.

CAFÉ MINISTRY: WEEKDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:00 TO 9:30 AM

IN THE ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY, hosted by Donna Kovacs. All are welcome to attend this open Bible study. The current topic is "Relationships".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**Best wishes are extended this coming week to:**

**Nancy J., Heidi B., Ava K., Bonnie C. (65!), Rachel K. (25!),
Julia S., Jim D., Hyuck H. (50!) and Lynsey S.!!!**

And a Happy Belated 50th to Tracy R.!!!**REMINDERS and UPDATES**

YEAR END GIVING: Donations received at the church by noon on December 31 will be receipted for 2022.

***** PAR GIVERS: SMALL PACK OF EXTRA ENVELOPES *****

If you would like the office to prepare a small set of extra envelopes for use in 2023, please call or email the office and these will be made available in the new year. Please advise of the number you would like.

A.S.A.P. PRAYER GROUP [Always Say a Prayer] Tuesdays 10 – 11 AM

Join us for an hour of reverent prayer, as we corporately lift our requests to God. **VISION:** to awaken and rise-up an army of Spirit-led prayer warriors and to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.

PRAYER BOX: IN WELCOME FOYER, ON THE COFFEE TABLE

For the A.S.A.P. Prayer Group – please note your prayer requests and drop into the "God Box". The A.S.A.P. Prayer Group will include your request in their prayer meetings.

FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE: CURRENT TO *** DECEMBER 12, 2022 ***

Thanks to all who were able to respond to our Thanksgiving financial appeal. St. Paul's current fund for day-to-day costs is in much better shape than it was three months ago. Through December 12, your current fund donations are just over \$175, 000. The average of the last three years was \$162,450. This is wonderful news. The not-as-good news is that we have still spent about \$12,615 more than we have received (deficit). So, thank you, and as you are able, a regular schedule of donations helps to avoid "emergencies".

THE A/V TEAM WONDERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER????

If you would like to join in with the service on Sunday, the A/V team is looking for you! Please contact Linda at 426-3212 or the church office for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed from December 26 to January 8.
It will reopen on Monday, January 9.

WORSHIP SERVICES WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL.

WINTER PARKING REMINDER: Please leave the Lot Street parking spaces open for those members who have mobility issues.

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY POSTINGS: The church office shares birthday/anniversary information that they have on file. If you would like, you may contact the office to update your information and/or to provide direction regarding authorization for posting.

CONNECTIONS NEWSPAPER [\(click HERE for the digital version\)](#)

The Winter edition of the PCC Connections newspaper is now available. Copies may be found in the Welcome Lobby and upstairs in the St. Paul's Library. Check out the article on the bottom of page 23 – you may see familiar faces.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our regular programs (Children in Worship and Youth) are underway for the Fall session. See you there! Bring a friend!

COFFEE HOUR: Please consider signing up to help one Sunday. The sign-up sheet for 2023 is on the Library information table. Contact the office if you have any questions.

MAILBOX AND BULLETIN BOARDS: Please check your mailbox for correspondence and the bulletin boards for community information.

NAME TAGS & DIRECTORY: All members are encouraged to wear their name tags – this will be helpful to identify new faces. If you would like a name tag or a directory, please contact the office.

E-TRANSFER: St. Paul's can receive donations/offerings via e-transfer. E-transfers will use the email, stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com. To ensure your offerings are directed as you wish, i.e., to Current fund or other, please include this specific information when making the e-transfer.

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE: Remember that our PAR Program is available to help make your offering more convenient. If you would like more information about PAR, or to enroll in this pre-authorized monthly giving plan, please contact the church office for assistance.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 AM TO 4 PM

Outside of office hours, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Questions or comments, please call 519-426-1845 or email stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S: "A witness in Norfolk to the transforming love of Jesus"

LOCAL COMMUNITY

JOB POSTING: [SUPPORT WORKER](#) (👉click link)

"The Warming Centre provides those who are vulnerable and may be experiencing homelessness a safe, warm, indoor place to rest and receive access to food and washroom facilities. We offer short-term, temporary services from January to April 2023. Our primary purpose is the prevention of death and injury from exposure to the elements. Guests of the Warming Centre receive food, overnight shelter, a safe cot, and access to washroom facilities [no showers, or laundry], hygiene necessities and phone charging ports. We are currently looking to add 2* temporary, full-time Support Workers* to the team for overnight shifts. The position is temporary, full-time from January to April 2023. You will be required to work in a fast-paced environment reporting to the program coordinator."