

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, December 4, 2022**ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of December 4 to 11, 2022**

5+	Mon. to Fri.	Café Ministry	9:00 – 9:30 AM
5	Monday	Mission Circle	1:30 PM
		BlessFest	7:00 – 8:00 PM
6	Tuesday	A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer)	10:00 AM
		Lunch Bunch – Cove Room	12:30 PM
		SESSION	7:00 PM
7	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 – 11:00 AM
		Advent Bible Study	1:00 - 2:30 PM
		Friendship in Faith Carols	6:45 – 8 PM
		Youth Group (Gym Night)	7:00 - 8:30 PM
8	Thursday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
11	Sunday	ADVENT III	10:30 AM
		Youth Musical Practice	After worship

MISSION COMMITTEE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Pick up your order on December 11.

MITTENS FOR MISSION: Finishes up on Sunday, December 4, 2022

“Mittens for Mission Life Line” (formerly known as the “Mitten Tree”) Collection is almost over! Items needed include mittens, hats and wool socks. This year, donations will be shared within our local community.

***** HAND-MADE MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES and SLIPPERS*****

These items are available for purchase by donation as a fundraiser for our Food Card program. If you are planning to donate to the Life Line, your purchase would support two St. Paul's missions at once.

All knitted items plus the donation bin are in the Welcome Lobby.

Thank you for your support of these two important programs!

THISTLE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Thank you to all who participated in the Cookie Walk – your support is much appreciated. ****There are still items available at the church if you were not able to make it to the sale.****

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR QUETZAL FAMILY HOMES: ONGOING

There are currently several children living at Quetzal for whom their mothers cannot provide a Christmas. Information cards about the children will be available in the Welcome Lobby this week. Please note that gifts are to be returned (unwrapped) by December 11.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE: From November 27 to December 11

At Christmas, The Salvation Army distributes hundreds of food boxes to needy families. St. Paul's has always helped to fill their boxes with food. Your donated items may be dropped off to the Welcome Lobby at the church. Suggestions included: cereals and jams, pancake mix and syrup, condiments (ketchup, BBQ sauce), “Sidekicks” pasta, Christmas treats, chocolates and candies, canned pasta, soups and stews, crackers and salad dressing.

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

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

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.

PHOTO DAY (Youth Room): Sunday, December 4 - 10:00 to 10:25 AM

For new folks and anyone who would like to update their photo from the 2017 Directory. All are welcome to pop in for their photo.

BLESSFEST: DECEMBER 5TH from 7 to 8 PM “Writers’ Spotlight”

- Join us in the St. Paul's Library for a book signing of ‘CHASING RAINBOWS’, a compilation of 14 authors including Wendy Noll & Rachele Van Ryssen.

LUNCH BUNCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Join us at the Cove Room, Port Dover for our Lunch Bunch event. Please confirm your attendance to Peggy McArthur either by email at pmca@eastlink.ca or telephone at 519-426-7796 (confirmation of your attendance by December 4th, please). Alternatively, catch Peggy at church Sunday. Volunteers needed to help organize future lunches.

FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH IS HOSTING A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING SONG WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM 6:45 TO 8 PM AT ST. PAUL'S

We will sing some of our favourite Christmas carols together and then enjoy one another's company with a drink and a treat! Everyone from the congregation is invited to join us. Please come and bring family and friends. You may also bring a musical instrument to accompany our pianist, Youngmi. If you would like to sing a solo or help with the refreshments, please let Linda Shaw know.

THISTLE CLUB: REMINDER * NO MEETING IN DECEMBER *****

YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES: Starting December 7th from 7 to 8 PM
First Wednesday of the month, First Baptist Church, 129 Young Street
The cost to use the gym facilities is \$25 an hour [so \$25 per month] so please encourage our youth to attend! Also, bring your basketball(s) AND it's requested students wear 'INDOOR SHOES' with WHITE SOLES.
REMINDER: Youth Musical Practice: Sunday December 11th following Worship Service (don't forget to bring your instruments.)

WASS UP SINGLES GROUP: NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Monthly on the second Tuesday, 6 to 8 PM, Topic: "Christmas Crafts"

COFFEE, CAROLS AND CROISSANTS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
9 TO 9:45 AM - BEFORE WORSHIP SERVICE Come join us on Sunday, December 18 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Best wishes are extended this coming week to:

😊 Maggie L., Evan W. and Una M. (#65!) 😊

REMINDERS and UPDATES

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 GLASS-TOP SIDEBOARD
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 NOVEMBER 30, 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 November 30, your current fund donations are \$169,100. The average of the last three years was \$154,500. This is wonderful news. The not-as-good news is that we have still spent about \$9,420 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.

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: December 2 & 3
"Hope and Reflections" Sing-A-Long Concerts with your favourite Christmas Songs will be presented in Cambridge, Hamilton and Woodstock. Please see the bulletin board for details. Tickets \$25.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MAIL & BULLETIN BOARDS: Check for correspondence in your mailbox and also for community info posted on the bulletin boards. ****Please check your mailbox for your Christmas letter.****

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: 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.

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 is on the Library information table. Contact the office if you have any questions.

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

E-TRANSFERS: St. Paul's can now 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.

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

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