

**ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of January 8 to January 15, 2023**

<b>8</b>	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM
	Mon. - Fri.	Café Ministry *church Library*	9:00 – 9:30 AM
<b>9</b>	Monday	Mission Circle Planning Meeting	10:00 AM
		Bless Fest	7:00 PM
<b>10</b>	Tuesday	A.S.A.P.	10:00 AM
		Wass Up Singles	6:00 PM
		Session	7:00 PM
<b>11</b>	Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 – 11:00 AM
		Thistle Club	1:30 PM
<b>12</b>	Thursday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
<b>15</b>	Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 8, 2023****BLESS FEST: MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 from 7 PM to 8 PM**

*Spotlight: Maggie Smith, a local artist. We invite you to join Maggie as she shares her story and displays her artwork and photography!*

**LUNCH BUNCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 16 AT THE BLUE ELEPHANT**

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Peggy McArthur at [43pmca@eastlink.ca](mailto:43pmca@eastlink.ca) or 519-426-7796.

**MISSION CIRCLE COLLECTION FOR THE SUDAN**

Mission Circle is collecting the following items, 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**

**\*MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM – MOVIE YET TBD\***

**REMINDERS and UPDATES****FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE: CURRENT TO DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Thanks to all who were able to contribute to St. Paul's 2022 finances. Preliminary figures show that current fund donations are just over \$197,200. The average of the last three years was \$183,300. This increase is wonderful news. St. Paul's has spent about \$3,700 more than we have received; inflation has had an effect on the budget. We start 2023 with just over \$21,000 in the bank. So, thank you all, and as you are able, a regular schedule of donations helps to avoid “emergencies”. January is one of the year's most expensive months.

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

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

The prayer group will resume meetings on January 10, 2023.

**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.

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

Back at the St. Paul's Library. Hosted by Donna Kovacs. All are welcome to attend this open Bible study. The current topic is “Relationships”.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**WINTER PARKING:** 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.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please consider signing up to help one Sunday. The sign-up sheet for 2023 is on the Library information table.

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

**ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS:** Please check your mailbox for correspondence and the bulletin boards for community information. All members are encouraged to wear their name tags. 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](mailto: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.