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Parking

Parking is free on Sunday mornings at the Manulife building located on the north side of Bloor Street at the top of Ted Rogers Way. To gain access to Manulife's parking, press the intercom button and inform the security attendant you are attending a service at St. Paul's.

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It Takes A Village

Our Children's Ministry is run with the help of over 75 volunteers, who serve as music leaders, weekday volunteers, teachers, class helpers and more. Children's Ministry would not be what it is today without the help of these dedicated individuals – in fact, we couldn't do it without them.

"I am so thankful for the volunteers," said Janet Earle, Children's Minister.

"I am thankful for the positive and helpful attitude with which they serve, I am thankful for the amazing variety of gifts they bring and for their willingness to be a part of something that can be pretty chaotic and unpredictable – despite our best planning. When I walk by the classes and overhear the conversations that are happening I feel overwhelmed that God has supplied so many amazing people for this ministry."

In this issue of the *What's Happening!* we profile two of our many dedicated volunteers.

Sian: Helper

Sian has been volunteering in Children's Ministry since September 2014. Though she is still somewhat new to our community, her passion for serving in Children's Ministry is clear.

Sian volunteered with children at a church in the U.K. and wanted to continue that work in Canada. She has focused on building positive relationships with the children in order to keep them engaged.

"They are all very nice kids and we have been getting to know each other by playing games together and having conversations," she said. "Those things keep us coming and I think it is a great experience on Sunday morning. Children's Ministry is well organized and has a lot of support from the staff and volunteers."

Since September, Sian has seen more and more children signing up and coming back every Sunday. "It's nice and fun to know more about God, our life and ourselves through the activities, songs and classes," she said. "I enjoy these events and learn a lot too."



Eve: Teacher

Eve has been coming to St. Paul's for about five years now. From the beginning she has felt that we have a very strong Children's Ministry. "I volunteer because I love kiddies and I think teaching little ones about God's love is so important," she said.

Eve especially enjoys listening to the children talk amongst themselves after the lesson and hearing their response to her lesson. She has been teaching for about 25 years through Sunday school in the U.K. and preschool in Canada. She currently teaches the SK/Grade 1 class at St. Paul's.

She enjoys seeing children gather in the large group, which they do before breaking off into age appropriate small groups. "I also feel it's important for other members of the church to see the energy of the children for God through their involvement in the services, for example, at Easter and Mother's Day," she said.

Eve said she feels privileged to be part of Children's Ministry. "It's a very strong ministry and all those involved love being part of it."



After Above and Beyond



By Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor

“What’s next?” That is what many of you who participated in our Above and Beyond campaign have been asking.

Before answering we need to give thanks to all those who pledged to Above and Beyond. Our goal was to raise \$3,350,000. As of this week **\$3,361,753.19** has been pledged and for this we thank you and we thank God. Another remarkable achievement was the broad based support as evidenced by **245 pledges**, which represents over **340 individuals**. That is a high degree of engagement for a church like ours.

Our first goal was to raise funds to pay off our debt. Over the next four years we need to pay back \$500,000 every January 31st, with \$290,000 due in year five. We currently have enough funds in the bank to cover two and a half years of payments.

When the time comes that we have the full amount in the bank, St. Paul’s will make a lump sum payment. In the meantime, we have the security to begin planning for the next two major components of Above and Beyond.

Over the next several months we will allocate a small amount of resources to develop an execution plan for the Ministry Apprenticeship Plan (MAP). Once the funds have been fully secured to pay off the remaining debt we will expand the planning and implementation of MAP.

The next component of Above and Beyond was creating a worship space for tomorrow. Starting in the fall we will begin the early planning and development of this plan. We will gather input from those who have committed to the campaign. There is so much we can do but the goal will be to determine what will be most aesthetically effective as we look to the future and set priorities. Following this phase, architects can be contracted and cost estimates determined so that when the funds are available, work can begin.

Above and Beyond has been about bringing together our entire community to move beyond the status quo. God has blessed St. Paul’s – and these funds will ensure His continued work here. Thank you for your gifts and pledges.

June Outreach: Cleaning Supply Drive

Last month we asked you to help support two local women's shelters through our toiletry drive. We have collected a large number of toiletries to help women in need. Women often arrive at shelters in a moment of crisis with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Shelters provide for all their needs, and offer programs to empower survivors and ensure their success.

The North York Women's Shelter has now contacted us with an equally great need.

They are requesting donations of **household cleaning supplies**, which are vital to the operation of their shelter. Receiving donations of these items help to ensure high living standards in the shelter, while lowering maintenance costs. Though the need for these items is substantial, the shelter rarely receives them as in-kind donations.

The items are also offered to women leaving the shelter in their Departure Baskets. Departure Baskets are part of the transitional support the North York Women's Shelter provides to women leaving the shelter. Former shelter residents receive support for six months after they leave, in order to ensure their continued success and wellbeing. Support also includes counselling and a variety of workshops such as immigration assistance, job support, housing and legal support, among others.

We are collecting household cleaning supplies until the end of June. Donations of toiletries are still welcome. Please place your donations in the outreach basket in the Atrium.



Wish List

- All-purpose cleaners (e.g. Fantastik)
- Dish soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Paper towel
- Paper napkins
- Brooms
- Dust pans
- Buckets
- Cleaning cloths
- Cleaning sponges

Resources for Victims of Abuse

In case of emergency call 911

The Assaulted Women's Hotline

416-863-0511 (24/7)

Victim's Services Toronto

416-808-7066 (2/7)

The ministers at St. Paul's are available if you need support.



Volunteers Needed

Every Sunday morning, at three separate services, many people in the St. Paul's community serve together in the worship services. It's an integral part of our worship.

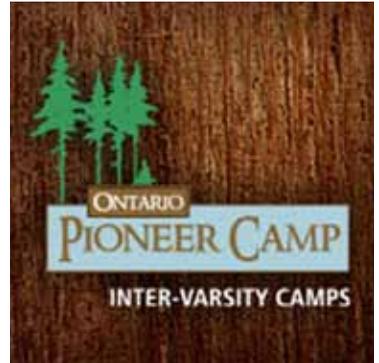
There are so many ways to serve; reader, communion administrant, prayer leader, greeter/usher, coordinator and the Concierge Desk to name a few.

If you would like to be part of any of the services here, fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the office mailbox or speak to a member of the Ministry Team.

Pioneer Camp Sponsorships

St. Paul's and Ontario Pioneer Camp have enjoyed a fruitful connection that has spanned many years.

Our community has provided sponsorship funds to send St. Paul's young people to camp and they have been blessed!



Pioneer Camp offers all kinds of outdoor fun, lively worship, and Bible study. Every summer young lives are changed as Christian faith is taught and shared.

We invite you to contribute to the sponsorship of our young people to spend a week at Ontario Pioneer Camp. The cost for this is \$825 and contributions in any amount are welcome. Mark your cheques or envelopes 'Pioneer Camp Sponsorship'.

Supporting Pikangikum Through the Winter

In October St. Paul's will be sending winter hats, scarves and mittens to people living in Pikangikum. Pikangikum is a First Nations fly-in community roughly 1,400 kilometres northwest of Toronto. The Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is currently working with this community to address a number of the issues they are living with. Our Winchester Group is partnering with them to provide items for next winter.



If you would like to join in this effort, place your donations of new or homemade winter hats, scarves and mittens in the outreach basket in the Atrium.

Ways to Give

As a charity, we rely on the support of our church community.



In Person



Online



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Youth Group Celebration Today

Youth Group will be heading to Centre Island today for an end of year BBQ and celebration. They will leave St. Paul's at 11:15 a.m. and return to St. Paul's for pick up at 4 p.m. We will hold our regular Youth Group gatherings next week, June 14.



Community Email

The Community News delivers news and updates to members of the St. Paul's community.

Exclusive content is delivered to inboxes every other Wednesday. Would you like to subscribe? Fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



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Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Psalm 100

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, June 7

Turning to Jesus - 10:30 a.m. | *Room 106*
Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Event
- 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Youth Group BBQ - 11:15 a.m. | *meet at St. Paul's*

Monday, June 8

ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Tuesday, June 9

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 204*
Dealing with Cancer - 5:30 p.m. | *Room 206*
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*

Wednesday, June 10

Wednesday's With God - 12 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Thursday, June 11

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*
Marriage Preparation Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*
Dealing with Depression - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Sunday, June 14

Children's Ministry Gardening - 9:30 & 11 a.m.



Tuesday Communion

Join us every Tuesday at 12:10 p.m. for a short service of Holy Communion.

Every Sunday

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Great Hall*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Nursery

beginning at 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth Group

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Time

10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*

What's For Lunch!



Crispy chicken stir fry with steamed rice - \$5.