



# Fall Newsletter

St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, ON

## MESSAGE FROM REV. KARLENE



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Family Fiesta Worship  
September 8 at 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch after worship
- Sunday School Garage Sale  
September 14 – 9-1 pm
- AOTS Chicken BBQ  
Sun., Sept. 15 at 5-6:30 pm
- Messy Church at 10:00 a.m.  
Sat., September 21
- P.A. Day September 27 –  
8:30-4p.m.
- World Communion Sunday  
October 6
- Thanksgiving Sunday  
October 13
- Messy Church at 10:00 a.m.  
Sat., October 19
- Breast Cancer Awareness  
Sunday, October 20
- St. Paul's Anniversary Sunday  
Sunday, October 27

Greetings My St. Paul's family,  
Summer is done, my prayer is that you had a wonderful time and you enjoyed the blessings of God in many different ways.

Autumn is at our doorstep. Our church identifies it as "Creation Time," a time when we highlight the beauty of God's creation around us. For me Septembers signified new beginnings, another opportunity to present ourselves before God afresh. For us here at St. Paul's my hope is that we reflect on our united commitment to "Serve God by Serving Others." How can you get involved?

There are many areas, let me name a few. Sunday School, Messy Church, Community Kitchen, Delivering flowers to/visiting sick and shut-ins, UCW Projects, AOTS Projects, Singing in the choir, Serving as - an usher, projectionist, videographer, greeter, reader or folding bulletins.

This is just a snippet of what goes on that you can become a part of. Talk to me, drop me an email or give Helen a call in the office. It's all up to you, it may be a one off help or something you want to do on a regular basis the choice is yours.

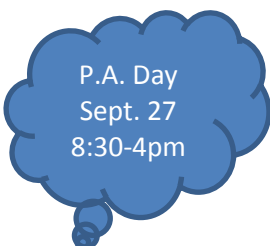
As we reflect on this commitment, I leave with you one of my favorite verses from Matthew 25:40 "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (NRSV)

Barakah (blessing)  
Rev. Karlene



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P.A. Day  
Sept. 27  
8:30-4pm

### From the Church Council

Welcome to September and the last 4 months of 2019. This time of year, always feels like the beginning of a new year after the summer months. Your council has continued to work diligently throughout the entire summer—monitoring finances and ongoing projects. Now we have air conditioning in the banquet hall and the downstairs kitchen. The digital piano will be introduced within a few weeks. As a "Family" we will be participating in the Celebrate Tillsonburg event September 20 at the Town Centre Mall. We have a new church pull up banner to be part of the display. The banner will be available for community events --- a new way to increase our profile, our visibility and tell others about St. Paul's. Other ongoing projects – the roof and the sale of the Manse will be dealt with in this newsletter by others. Remember the **fundraising campaign NEEDED \$30,000.00** before Oct. 15 for roofing repairs and upgrade. Enjoy this season – advent is only a few short weeks away! Thank you for your ongoing support. Mary Anne Silverthorn – Council Chairperson.

#### Stewardship

Celebrate Tillsonburg St Paul's will have a table at Celebrate Tillsonburg in the downtown mall on Sept 20th. Material will be available to highlight the programmes offered at St Paul's. Volunteers willing to take a shift at the table are needed. Contact Sheila McKibbin.





## MESSY CHURCH

After taking a break in August, Messy church will resume on Saturday August 21. Our theme will be "One fish two fish ". Crafts will include making school and home organizers, plus other fish related crafts. Our story will be about the feeding of the 5000. Lunch will include "fish fingers and oven fries. "Watch our weekly church bulletin for upcoming Messy Church dates and themes.

Respectfully, Norma and David Collis and all the Messy Church volunteers



## Home Communion or Quiet Communion at St Paul's.

If you are home bound and unable to get to church on a regular basis please contact the church office or any of the Reverends:: Karlene, Pat or Maurice to indicate your interest. Dates can be arranged. We hope to have another Quiet Communion for the people we speak about above. (includes a short worship plus food and fellowship after) possibly mid October. Keep an eye on up coming events.

***Bible Study** will begin again on Friday October 18 at 9.45 a.m. at the home of Ruth Francis, 11 Peach St. We will be continuing our study of the gospel of St. Matthew.*

*This is a warm supportive group who find inspiration as they look at the teachings of Jesus and try to apply them to our daily lives. All are welcome to join us. For more information please phone Ruth 519 688 7724*

## UCW NEWS

Units 1 and 6 will begin meeting again in September. Unit 1 will meet on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Unit 6 will meet on September 25<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are more than welcome!

**Bazaar:** The Frosty Fair bazaar will be held on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Planning is underway. If you are canning or making jams and jellies, please consider making some extra for the bazaar. We need jams, jellies and chili sauce. As well, knitting is always welcome! We need lots of adult slippers, men's tuques, and wool socks! Thank you so much for your support!

## AOTS NEWS

**AOTS Men's Weekend at Camp Jackson near Bala.**

Friday, Sept. 6 –Sun. Sept. 8. Cost approximately \$25.00

**AOTS: Annual Chicken BBQ. Sunday Sept 15 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$16.00 Children 12 and under \$9, 5 and under free.

1/2 chicken and home-made pie. - Take away containers supplied.

**November 24. AOTS leads worship. Guest preacher, Rev. Paul Browning Mt. Zion UCC London** plus a Quartet from the Gentlemen of Harmony.

Followed by a special Lunch provided by Beres Catering. Tickets will be available. \$10.00.

Boys and Men's Outing: Last year we went bowling and had a lot of fun. Plans are not finalized but we hope to have another event for boys and men (fathers and sons). Keep your eye on the weekly Church bulletin.

**Sunday School Garage Sale**

**September 14 – 9-1 pm**

**Come and find some new treasures!**



## Community Kitchen 2019/2020

In a couple of months, we will start our tenth season for Community Kitchen at St. Paul's. TEN YEARS!!! We never suspected that the need would still be there, as we thought this program was a short-term response to a crisis.

We prepare and serve a full dinner to as many as 60 people, but it is more likely to be 35 to 40 people in recent years. All four teams have their specialties and all our guests have their favourites. It is daunting to hear about what those favourites are, when they are never your team's offering!

There is a relationship built up over the years with our guests. They look forward to telling us their doings, and we look forward to hearing those stories.

As always, we need volunteers to help. If you can give as little as 2 hours once a month, please contact me, Laurie Drew, for team assignment. Laurie Drew [lauriedrew@rogers.com](mailto:lauriedrew@rogers.com), 519-842-8786

