



Report from the Council Meeting of February 18, 2025

The follow were items discussed and /or decisions made:

1. Council welcomed 2 new members to Council --Dianne Parnell as the Acting Chair of MFC (Membership, Fellowship and Care Committee) and Mary Hessler as the UCW Rep. Lisa Houston a member of the MFC committee was also present as a visitor.
2. Rev. Karlene reported on some March activities:
 - March 2 –International Women’s Day / Donations to DASO
 - March 7 –World Day of Prayer at St. Paul’s
 - March 9 --1st Sunday in Lent
 - March 16, -Hotdog Day / Installation of Council
 - March 23 -Membership Sunday
3. Council authorized several fund raisers – Stay tuned for details from Lesley Jackson / Brenda Marshall (a silent auction??) and Cindie McCormack— (stay healthy??) 2 projects -these co-ordinators will outline the details when they are available –watch the bulletin. Thank you, Lesley, Brenda and Cindie, for your creative ideas. --The 3rd project is called – **Celebrate 100** in recognition of the 100th anniversary of United Church – watch the bulletin for an announcement March 2 to launch/explain these details. We are doing a collection of monies—to symbolize 100 – 100 nickels. 100 dimes, etc. etc. This campaign will begin on March 2 and go for several months. ALL monies collected will go to St. Paul’s OPERATING ACCOUNT. Place your donation in an envelope Marked **CELEBRATE 100** with you name and place on the offering plate. We will announce amounts collected at the end of each month.
4. The Ministry, Membership and Care (MFC) committee has been collecting information sheets from each household with confidential info about you and you family. As we care for each person in our church family **we need this info in case of an emergency on church property or at a church event.** Some of you are asking WHY??? I use myself as an example-- if I were to have an accident at an event and not able to speak someone would need to contact my family or my power of attorney. On my “profile sheet” it would give you that info. To keep this info confidential and private the sheets will be kept in a locked box in the Administrative Assist’s office with access by 3 people who have a Master Key for access to the Admin Office. The three people with access will be the people in the following positions – Clergy, Council Chair and Chair of MFC (at this time namely – Rev. Karlene, Mary Anne Silverthorn and Dianne Parnell). **All this action and process were approved by Council.**

5. **DID YOU KNOW???** The MFC continues to send cards for anniversaries bereavement, birthday, get well, thinking of you and other occasions such as baptism, new members and weddings. Each week Church bulletins are delivered to Harvest Crossing and to the Retirement Centre. The first order of name tags has arrived and is delivered and another sign- up list is available if you still wish to order a name tag. The Church Photo dates are all full. What an amazing response! Thank you, Dianne Parnell, and all of you for agreeing to be a part of the Directory.
6. Choir loft renovations will begin in March as scheduled previously.
7. From Worship – Many of you will know that Karen Hodges has completed the educational component to become a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in December. Now as she enters the Licensing process, she needed a letter of support from her home congregation –St. Paul’s. Council approved that a letter be written and authorized the Chair of Council to complete the letter. Karen’s interview with the LLWL Team was scheduled for Wednesday February 19, 2025. (FYI - As Chair of the Team, I will be absent from the interview since it is a protocol of the committee not to be present at an interview of people from our own Community of Faith. Karen is aware of this.) Stay tuned for next steps as Karen nears the final steps of make her personal goal become a reality.

Council approved a recommendation from Worship to approve the following persons to be admitted into full membership at St. Paul’s namely:

1. Adelaide Jackson
2. Amelia Jackson
3. Jor-EI
4. Margaret Betty
5. Cindie McCormack

The service to be held on Sunday March 23 during worship.

8. UCW submitted a year-end report from Shirley Godfree and the new rep Mary reminded us of an upcoming workshop arranged by the Pastoral Care Team and UCW Friendship Circle. Kim Dew from VON will speak about Bereavement and resources available Please sign up on the sheet outside the Friendship Room.
9. AOTS will be hosting a spaghetti Supper on Saturday March 29. Watch for further details and ticket sales.
10. Summer camp attendees – If you have a family member ages 5-9 or 7-14 who is interested in attending church summer camp, please contact Dave Collis and/or Rev. Karlene and express your interest or get further information as needed including financial support. Registrations will be handled by these two people. Expressing your interest early will be helpful.

11. Financial info for January is attached at the end of this report.
12. The final item for Council was a review of the protocol for Cancelling worship that was put into action Saturday February 15 as it became clear due to inclement weather-- worship on Sunday should be cancelled to keep everyone safe at home.

Within an hour of releasing the lists and instructions everyone had been contacted. **That is amazing TEAM work!** Special thanks to ALL the callers and we are indebted to Rev. Karlene for compiling the lists in a few hours. Is the info 100% accurate – no we are still finding errors and some omissions. **If you have changed your phone to a cell number only, please make sure the church office and Karlene has that change recorded.**

Why did we call and not use individual emails? --- it is well known that some people do NOT read emails regularly and we had a short turn around time to get the message out --- We hope this list will not be used often but NOW we have a call list for emergencies. Again--- Thank you to all!!!!

If you have comments, require clarification or questions, please feel free to contact me at-- m.silverthorn@sympatico.ca or 519-421-3241- or 519-788-3705 Both phones take messages.

This is a lengthy report with a lot of important information. Read it all!!!! It has several upcoming items and some information you may just find interesting as the family of St. Paul's continue to be very active, involved and busy. Finances continue to need your attention – see the financial attachment. Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Silverthorn
Chair Church Council**

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

31-Jan-2025

2025 YTD Income		16,596.64
2025 YTD Expenses		\$ 30,403.62
Balance of Income and Expenses YTD		(13,806.98)
Beginning balance January 1, 2025		\$ 11,707.30
HST Rebates from prior year rec.		
HST Rebate Outstanding		(700.97)
Net transfers (to)/from Reserves		<u>(1,147.42)</u>
Balance in Operating Account as of January 31, 2025		\$ (3,948.07)
 Total Operating and Savings		 (3,948.07)

Reserve Accounts (included within operating and/savings accounts)

Anti-Racism Grant (provincial)	7,500.00	
Assessment Fees	1,147.67	
Community Kitchen	25,824.99	
Cont. Education (non-clergy)	159.71	
Family Care Fund	263.95	
Messy Church	1,965.92	
Oxford Presbytery Website	298.33	
Property	6,236.74	
Special Projects	5,527.07	
Worship	4,336.66	

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NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(57,209.11)</u>
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Reserve Fund Protection		51,800.00
Restricted Investments		296,000.00
Non-restricted Investments		205,098.00
Undisbursed Investment Savings Interest		<u>1,311.00</u>

	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	554,209.00
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