

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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This Ancient Love
Advent 2: Peace
December 8th, 2024

Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30. Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing [here](#).

If you are joining us for the Sunday worship online, please see our [service bulletins](#). Alternatively, the QR code can be scanned to view the bulletin for this week.



ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S DECEMBER 8 - 15

SUN 12.08	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
		Advent 2: Peace	
	12:00 pm	Discernment Committee	Bentley Room
MON 12.09	9:30 am	Yoga	Footo Auditorium
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
	7:00 pm	A Joyful Noise	Footo Auditorium
TUE 12.10	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Upper Hall
	7:30 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
WED 12.11	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Anna's Study
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Footo Auditorium
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THU 12.12	9:30 am	Quilting Group	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Footo Auditorium
FRI 12.13	1:00 pm	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
	3:00 pm	Social Justice Committee	UH & FR
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Footo Auditorium
SAT 12.14	8:00 am	Social Justice Committee	UH & FR
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Footo Auditorium
	6:00 pm	Christmas Memories Tea	Footo Auditorium
SUN 12.15	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
		Advent 3: Joy	
	12:00 pm	75th Anniversary Book Launch	Footo Auditorium

Find Patches in the St. Paul's Page! Can you see a sheep?
Where will you find him this week?

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias are here! You may take your plant home after the service on December 22nd or after either of the Christmas Eve services.

Peace Bringer

John 20: 19-20

Not all wars consist of armored soldiers.
Many take place within feuding individuals
Where jealousy, anger and hatred exist.
Peace Bringer, come to all hearts at war.
Move them to lay down their weapons,
To cast aside bitterness and resentment.
Bring your peace to hardhearted ones.
Lessen the grip of those who desire revenge.
May your peace release whatever binds
And free all those held captive by hostility.

Today: I let go of any feuding that exists in my heart.

from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp

If you would like to share a minute message on Sunday, **please talk to Rev. Anna Constantin prior to sharing your message.**

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

The Finance Committee is looking for a bookkeeper (or two) to assist the Treasurer. Duties include: keeping the books, producing month- and year-end reports, banking, and tax filings. Experience with Quickbooks and Excel is expected. Having a connection to St. Paul's is strongly desirable. Must be able to work at the church on a regular basis. Hours fluctuate with the needs, but are typically lighter during the summer and heavier at month- and year-end. This is a volunteer position. Please contact Jim Smythe or the Church Office if you are interested in this opportunity or know someone who might be.

This year, **No Room in the Inn** is supporting **Youth Empowerment & Support Services. (Y.E.S.S.)** Donation envelopes can be found near the offering plate.

Christmas Dinner

Members of St. Paul's family who will be alone for Christmas dinner this year are welcome to gather at the church from mid-afternoon to early evening for socializing and a festive supper on December 25th. Jim and Karin Stewart, Lori Stewart and Jack Jervis are cooking the turkeys and organizing this supper. Our plan is to include some traditional Canadian food as well as food familiar to our Newcomers.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Friendship Room after the worship services on December 8 and 15. If you are attending, it is important to sign up because we have a maximum seating capacity and we also need to know how much food is needed. Assistance with set-up, cooking, and clean-up can be noted on the sign up sheet. Whether you are able to attend or not, if you would like to support this event by donating either food or money, that would be appreciated.

For more information, please talk to Jim, Karin, Lori or Jack, or via jimstewart956@gmail.com or jackjervis263@gmail.com

FINANCE UPDATE – OFFERINGS IN 2025

The Finance Committee is busy preparing the operating budget for next year, and we need your help! In order to balance our budget we need a good revenue forecast; about 90% of our revenue comes from offerings. Please take time to review your level of financial support for St. Paul's. **A response by December 23 would be appreciated.** If you are on PAR, please consider raising your monthly amount. If you give by cash or cheque, please let us know how much you are planning to give in 2025 by sending a pledge in to the Church Office. Inflation has impacted our expenditures in recent years and we need our revenues to rise in order to keep up. All gifts to St. Paul's are appreciated, no matter how large or small! Thank-you.

Jim Smythe - Finance Committee



Day 5 - December 12th at 7:30 pm



Coleen Falk, Ruth Glancy, Margaret Russell and Pat Greenways share their adventure in creating the **75th Anniversary Book** for St.

Paul's. For over a year they met on Monday mornings at the Glancy Home in Belgravia. They reviewed contributed stories, gleaned details from many sources, and searched for engaging photos. They discussed scope, audience and even spelling. Join us for Day 5 on Thursday December 12 for a glimpse at the process!

Day 5 is on Zoom, please scan the QR code or visit the link provided in the Wednesday email.



St. Paul's Food Hampers for Refugees

As in the past, St. Paul's will be giving small food hampers to Rainbow Refugees in December. It will include chicken, fresh vegetables and fruit, and other staples that can be used to make a Christmas dinner. We hope to prepare hampers for about 45 people. Although there are over 250 in the network for newcomers that St. Paul's has supported over the years, many are more established now and will not want/need food.



It is important to note that many of the Rainbow Refugees are here alone and they don't qualify for community food hamper services that are oriented towards families.

If you'd like to donate food or to help with distribution on Saturday December 14th, please contact Gail at gail.mannardcarr@gmail.com. To make a financial contribution, please send to St. Paul's with Refugee Support noted.

Thank you from Social Justice Committee.



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