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## **“If you build it, he will come.”**

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The title is taken from the 1989 movie *Field of Dreams* starring Kevin Costner and is likely familiar to many of you. When Iowa farmer Ray (Kevin Costner) hears a mysterious voice one night in his cornfield saying, “If you build it, he will come,” he feels the need to act. Despite taunts of lunacy, Ray builds a baseball diamond on his land. Afterward, the ghosts of great players start emerging from the crops to play ball, led by “Shoeless” Joe Jackson. But Ray learns that this field of dreams is about much more than bringing former baseball greats out to play. This is an inspiring movie about dreaming, acting, and realizing.

It might be a stretch, but maybe we can find some analogies here. Although St. Paul's sits in the middle of downtown Brampton and not a cornfield, we have a rich legacy of saints who have gone on before us. And there is a voice inside us reminding us that St. Paul's still has a purpose. May you be excited as you read *The Mustard Seed* and realize there are ways you can be involved. As Mother Teresa said, “We can do no great things. Only small things with great love”. So, pick up your phone and order flowers or Easter cookies. Register for in person worship in Sanderson Hall. Come to the Wednesday evening Musical Gathering of the Faithful. Find your place.

Our Mission Statement is “*St. Paul's – A caring Christian community sharing the love of Jesus through our words and actions*”. What is your vision for St. Paul's? What do you dream about us becoming in 2022?

We are a vibrant and welcoming community of faith.  
If **We** build it, **they** will come!

## **Notes from Council**

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~ **The Communities of Faith Commission** met on March 16 to review the resignation of Rev. Lena Medeiros and to determine the best way for St. Paul's to proceed with our ministry. We have received a reply from Diane Matheson-Jimenez, summarized below. Currently, this is all the information that we have:

“Back in September 2021, as per the report of the listening team, which was adopted by the Communities of Faith Commission, it was decided that ideally, St. Paul's would work with an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM) for 18 to 24 months. When the Communities of Faith Commission weighed the concerns that were raised, around a mandated time of interim ministry that ended after only 3 months, the Commission members determined the best way to help St. Paul's, Brampton was through a formal review process. Shining Waters Regional Council is currently consulting with the General Council Office to have someone named to conduct the review. This will be a person with identified skills and education for this kind of work.

Once a reviewer is in place, they will reach out to St. Paul's governing body, to establish what the review process will look like. You can expect that the process will include small group and one on one interviews, as well as the option for members of St. Paul's to submit feedback in writing. When the reviewer has completed the time of information gathering, they will send a report with recommendations to the Regional Council. These recommendations will reflect remedial actions that the Regional Council may mandate St. Paul's to engage with. At the same time the Regional Council receives the report, a copy will also be sent to the governing body of St. Paul's and the Board will have the opportunity to speak with a review committee, appointed by the Region, about the recommendations found in the report."

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~ We realize that it has been some time since we met in person for worship service. We will be meeting in Sanderson Hall for Sunday services at 10 a.m. beginning April 3rd, 2022. You can also continue to watch the service online via Zoom.

You must pre-register each week to attend service. Please contact Glenn Harewood at 905-453-3737 or via email at [h45366@gmail.com](mailto:h45366@gmail.com) before 12 noon each Thursday prior to Sunday. We will be limiting in person attendance to 50 people.

Masks will remain mandatory; proof of vaccination must be shown at the door, and social distancing will still be in effect. Walk-ins will not be allowed at this time.

Children are welcome to stay and listen to the service until Sunday School resumes.

We will not be hosting a Coffee Hour until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Del Genio at 905-451-5647 or via email at [laurel40del@gmail.com](mailto:laurel40del@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1*

**Flower Fundraiser** ~ You can have beautiful flowers and the Church makes a profit. It's a great deal!



~ Once again, we are offering the hanging floral baskets for sale at a cost of \$25 each or two for \$45. All pots are 10". Geraniums come in three colours: red, lavender and coral/dark pink. The mixed pots cannot be preselected. The greenhouse will deliver whatever is growing well this time of year. Orders must be sent

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to Elizabeth Ward no later than April 27<sup>th</sup> for pick up at St. Paul's on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact information for Elizabeth is [elizward79@gmail.com](mailto:elizward79@gmail.com)

## Living out our Ministry in Downtown Brampton

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### St. Paul's Music

#### **NEW!! Coming Soon....**

A Musical Gathering of the Faithful  
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (biweekly) in the Sanctuary

It is with great excitement that the music program at St. Paul's is announcing a new initiative. There will be an opportunity for us, as a congregation, to gather in our Sanctuary and sing old familiar hymns from Voices United and new songs of faith together with Emmaus Road, and to reflect on the words. There will be special musical guests from time to time as well.

Many of us have missed the opportunity to be together and we have especially missed the beauty of our sanctuary. The reality is that Harvest Worship rents our sanctuary for Sunday worship and that provides a sizable income for our church. However, Council will work with them to make the space available for our use on a biweekly basis.

Now that many restrictions are being lifted, we will endeavour to keep everyone safe by asking each person attending to hand sanitize and wear a mask. There is ample room for physical distancing. Any additional cleaning requirements will be reviewed and implemented.

For more information, contact Iain Morrison at [stpaulsmusic@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsmusic@rogers.com)

### Macy's On Main



#### **'Lent' a Hand for Ukraine**

Macy's on Main is having an Easter sale to raise money for relief in the Ukraine and our organ repair fund. We are offering handmade Easter cards, surprise gift bags for young children (ages 2-6) filled with a Lindt bear and other age-appropriate items, Bunny placemats, baby headbands and bath puppets. There are also homemade organic dog cookies so our furry friends can have an Easter treat!

Thanks to everyone who supported this effort recently at the Friday Night Folk Club. A total of \$516.00\* was raised for the Ukrainian relief effort. A table displaying items will be set up before and after church, starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds from the church sale will be split 50/50 between the relief and organ repair funds.

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**Just added!!** Homemade decorated Easter cookies in the shape of bunnies, ducks, and Easter eggs. You can order chocolate or vanilla butter cookies or a combination of both. They are \$5 per box with a dozen in each. Last day to order is April 5<sup>th</sup> with pick up on the 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

\*The funds raised are sent to Gifts with Vision UCC and go directly to Ukraine relief.

For more information or to place your order, contact Fran Smith at 905-450-5448 or by email at [fran.mike.smith@rogers.com](mailto:fran.mike.smith@rogers.com)

### **The Period Purse**

For the month of March, St. Paul's along with North Bramalea United Church, was pleased to have partnered with the Dufferin Peel chapter of The Period Purse. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important cause.

## **What's Happening in Our Church Community**

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### **Sunday Worship**

Sunday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. in person or via Zoom  
Rev. Phil Rodgers leading worship in Sanderson Hall

### **St. Paul's "Lit-Circ"**

Meets the last Thursday of each month  
Next meeting: March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. via Zoom  
Discussing "The Space Between Us: Conversations About Transforming Conflict" by Betty Pries. All are welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.  
Let the Church Office or Judy Daniel know if you would like to take part and they will add your name to the Zoom meeting link.

### **United Church Women**

The U.C.W. is having a planning meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the Four Seasons Room. New members always welcome. Lunch is provided. If you plan to attend, please contact Cathy Robertson at [crober1032@rogers.com](mailto:crober1032@rogers.com).

### **Yoga – Spring Session Registration Still Open!**

Everyone is invited to  
Make the **MIND – BODY – SPIRIT** connection  
through **HATHA YOGA**  
a class designed to help improve flexibility,

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reduce stress, and increase focus in our lives

### **Mondays**

#### **BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE**

March 21 – June 20/22  
 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 11 weeks for \$99.00  
 Class time 1 hour  
 No class Easter Monday April 18,  
 Victoria Day May 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Contact – *Cathy Robertson*  
 905-454-3965  
[crober1032@rogers.com](mailto:crober1032@rogers.com)

### **Tuesdays**

#### **BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE**

March 22 – June 21/22  
 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
 13 weeks for \$175.50  
 Class time 1½ hours  
 No class June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Contact – *Chris Kentner*  
 905-453-2212  
[ckentner2@rogers.com](mailto:ckentner2@rogers.com)

#### ***NEW! – Chair Yoga***

Monday, March 21 – May 16/22  
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 8 weeks for \$80.00  
 No class Easter Monday, April 18  
 Contact – *Mary Sarginson*  
[marysarginson@hotmail.com](mailto:marysarginson@hotmail.com)

Have your favorite blanket to wrap up in during relaxation

Please wear comfortable stretchy clothes such as lightweight sweatpants and T-shirts

We will be in bare feet or a secure fitted shoe if medically necessary

A housecoat tie or similar item is required for leg stretches

All classes are currently being offered by Zoom until further notice. For safety reasons the following are required: a yoga mat, broadloom and/or hard surfaced flooring (no scatter mats). A hall with clear walls and floor is a good workspace to prevent slip and trip issues.

Have your computer in a place safe for you and it.

Even though the classes have already started, there is still room to join. The cost will be pro-rated accordingly.

***Please be in touch with the contact person (see above) to register for a class or if you have any questions. Cheques are made payable to St. Paul's United Church.***

The program is offered by St. Paul's United Church, Brampton as a service to the community. Proceeds from the sessions go to the church.

## **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar**

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**Musical Gathering of the Faithful** – Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Music reflective of Holy Week between Palm Sunday and Good Friday. A contemplative evening of hymns and Lenten themed music with guest Evan Morrison – violin.

**Crossings: A Journey to Easter** - Now through to April 11, 2022

Set in several Toronto locations around Queen's Park and University of Toronto campus  
"Crossings is an outdoor arts exhibition available free for the public to visit. Walk the 16 scriptural stations of the cross captured through sacred art pieces expressing the dramatic moments of Jesus' final hours. The walk takes approximately 3-4 hours, drawing upon the centuries-old Christian spiritual practice of walking and praying the Stations of the Cross." If anyone is interested in going together as a group, please contact Iain Morrison. For more information, visit [Crossing'sToronto.com](http://Crossing'sToronto.com).

**Brampton Folk Club** - Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Harmonizing Duo **Gathering Sparks**

Concert in the St. Paul's Sanctuary

All tickets \$20 and are available at the door or through reservations.

For more information or reservations, call 647-233-3655 or email at [info@bramptonfolk.ca](mailto:info@bramptonfolk.ca).

**Strawberry Supper**

A takeout Strawberry Supper is planned for Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for ways you can help!

## News from the Pews

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Some of our members celebrated special events this week:

Birthday greetings to Duncan Kerr who celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Shirley and Bruce South who celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Coincidentally, Bruce celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday the same day. Happy Birthday wishes to Bruce. He was very smart getting married on his birthday; he'll never forget his wedding anniversary!

We also heard that Rev. Phil will be celebrating "a" birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many happy returns, Phil.

We hope you all had/have a great day, and that the year ahead is full of many blessings.

Forward any information that you would like included in *News from the Pews*, to

[stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com). Please note that for privacy reasons, certain information may be withheld if consent to publish has not been received. Indicate in your email if you were given consent.

## From Our History Books

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Jack and Bev Drew have been members of St. Paul's since 1987. They, along with their two sons, Chris and Mark have been actively involved in church life. Jack also served the church in his role as Church Officer for 26 ½ years from 1992 – 2018. During that time, he provided support to 1,045 couples who chose St. Paul's for their wedding ceremony. That officially makes him a Wedding Director! His love for the church and its rich history is evidenced by his ability to recall details from his treasure trove of stories at the drop of

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a hat. He continues to regale us with colorful accounts of life at St. Paul's past and present. Here are some stories he sent along to share:

"There have been many Historical episodes in St. Paul's long and wonderful history. Here are a few of them:

~ On Saturday June 6, 1885, the Corner Stone for St. Paul's Methodist Church was duly laid by W.J. Gage Esq., of Toronto. Speeches were made by Mr. Gage, Rev. C.E. McIntyre, and Rev. J.F. German. In the absence of the guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Sutherland who, being unaware of a recent change in the Timetable, had failed to catch the train, Rev. Griffith, one of the ministers invited to the event, was 'pigeon-holed' to make a few remarks. He went on to make a commendable address.

~ A highlight of the year was the Congregational skating party, preceded by a supper of sandwiches, cake, and cocoa. They would walk to a local rink where a Nickelodeon produced music. Everyone went whether they could skate or not. Parents pulled small children around the outer edge on sleighs on the ice. Some small children ventured out on "bob-skates"- a real fun time!

~ Because there were very few cars in the early days, another highlight of the year was the Sunday School Picnic to Centre Island. Mr. Thomas Thauburn (St. Paul's Church Officer and C.P.R. Station Agent for Brampton) would charter a train on the C.P.R. The whole congregation would then take the boat to Centre Island and enjoy the day's outing. They would then take the boat and train home!"

For those of us who know Jack, we can hear the excitement in his voice when he talks about trains especially. Maybe once the LRT is built, the congregation can go for a ride and have a destination picnic together!



## We Can't Do It Without You

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Thank you to:

- ~ Jack Drew for contributing some stories from our archives
- ~ Fran Smith for the amazing amount of work she is doing for the Easter Ukrainian relief and organ repair funds and for her idea and gift of creativity used to develop and design the Stewardship Campaign promotional material
- ~ Evan Morrison for his help in graphics and design for the Mustard Seed newsletter template, the Stewardship Campaign material and the flyers for Musical Gatherings of the Faithful
- ~ to all of you who are actively involved in the life and work of the church

**"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, 'Thank you?'"**

**~ William Arthur Ward**

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The Mustard Seed is published on a weekly basis and distributed by email. It contains updates to the church calendar and pertinent information of an emerging nature, as well as some interesting anecdotes. The newsletter will also contain information from Council on a regular basis. To make sure all members of our congregation are kept informed, please share this newsletter with anyone who does not have email access or forward their name and address to [stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com) and we will add them to our mailing list.

The Mustard Seed logo is used with permission from artist Amy Panfalone, who lives near Cincinnati, OH and teaches grade 7 art. Her drawing of The Parable of the Mustard Seed was posted on Etsy and when contacted, she graciously agreed to let us use it for our newsletter. She said, "Yes, absolutely....you surely made my day. Blessings."

If you have any suggestions for The Mustard Seed newsletter, please forward your ideas or submissions to Sharon Morrison at [stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsmustardseed@rogers.com).



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