



St. Paul's United Church

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Have a safe and happy summer!

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Although it may not feel like summer is approaching it will arrive, and as a result, many of us will soon be off on summer travels, visiting family and friends or enjoying time at the cottage.

Although many of us go our separate ways during the summer, God always goes with us, and we continue to be part of the St. Paul's family.

To remind ourselves that God is always with us and to stay connected with each other over the summer, I invite all of you to participate in the Adventure of Flat Jesus, over the summer. You are invited to cut out and colour in the picture of Jesus attached to the Epistle and bring him with you on all your travels this summer. Take pictures of Flat Jesus on your summer adventures, write a brief paragraph and email it to spucajax@gmail.com. The picture and paragraph will be posted on the blog section of our website at <https://stpaulsajax.org/blog/>.

I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures.

Have a blessed summer.

Rev. Cordelia

MISSION AND SERVICE

As of April 30, 2019 we have collected \$5,647. This is exactly where we should be to meet our target of \$16,000 for the year. Thank you to all who have given so far this year.

One of the ways the Mission and Service Fund helps people in need is through its support of the Church of North India, Durgapur Diocese. They have set up an anti-human-trafficking program which educates communities, rescues those who have been trafficked, and provides safe haven and support for those rescued. Community volunteers are collaborating to fight this evil. Children and adults are provided with shelter, food and education. Mission and Service partner Church of North India is working to defend and protect the safety and dignity of all.



When we give to the M&S fund, we are helping to make the world a safer place.

Helen Dowse

FINANCE*Financially Speaking - Update, May 2019*

Donations From All Sources	April	YTD
What We Needed (from all sources)	\$20,147	\$77,815
Total We Received (including from the Building Fund)	\$20,294	\$101,257
What We Spent	\$17,637	\$99,709
Surplus / Shortfall (Total Received less What We Spent)	\$2,657	\$1,548
M&S Givings	\$1,136	\$5,223
Capital Fund Donations	\$706	\$3,651

Givings for the month of April were \$13,497 which is 1% above budget. Year-To-Date givings are 9,643 or 2.6% above budget. This is terrific!

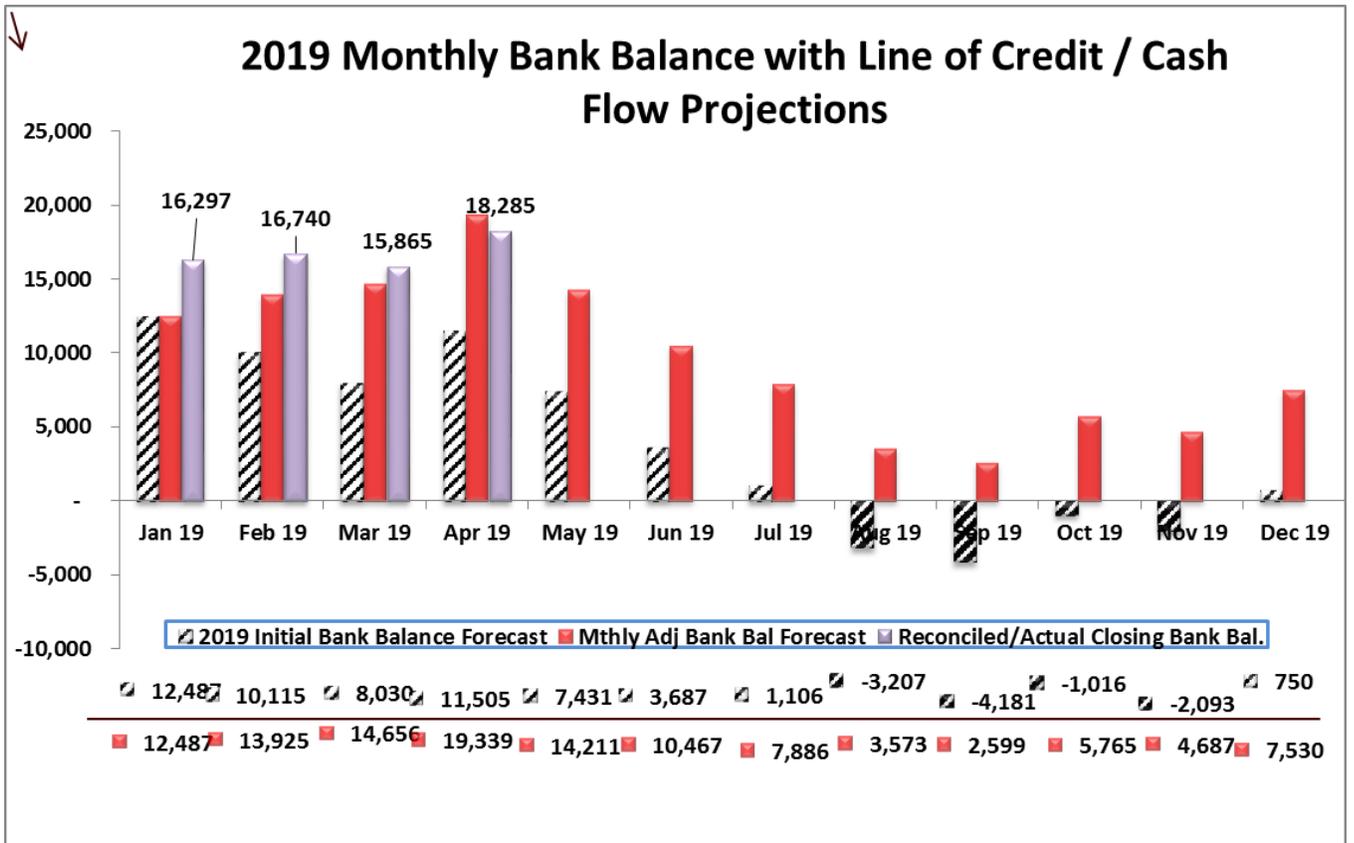
All of the repairs we have made this year to our building (except for the roof) were paid for out of our Building (Capital) Fund which has now been depleted substantially. We received over \$29,000 from our Capital (Building) Fund to pay for said repairs/renovations. As of the end of April, the balance of our Capital Fund (available to the congregation) is \$28,158. This sum will be reduced at the end of May as we will have paid for our new roof by then.

Are you buying shingles for our roof? By now you will all know that we have a fundraising campaign under way to help pay for our new roof. Bundles are only \$60 each and sales are well just getting started. We need to sell just over 300 bundles to pay back our \$19,000 roof loan. Simply mark your cheque as "roof shingles" and put it in a pew envelope in the regular collection tray on any Sunday.

St. Paul's is still **desperately** in need of volunteers to help keep your Church home in a state of good repair. These are mostly supervisory roles. Take on one project, just one. You need not commit for a lifetime of servitude!! Lol. As you know, stewardship is rendered in many forms whether as gifts of time, talents and skills, or treasure. Your gifts are appreciated. As always, your gifts will help St. Paul's to continue to be a place for everyone to reach out to for worship and prayer, for comfort, for social interaction, and for help.

Please look at the chart below. It is a projection of what our 2019 year-end bank balance could be if all our budget targets are met. It also shows that in the months of August – November, our initial forecast was that we could potentially have a negative bank balance. This means we could have to borrow money from our Line of Credit (LOC) and pay interest on that money, during those months. As of the end of April, the forecast suggests that our December 2019 bank balance could be a positive number. This number can and will change monthly. We monitor this chart regularly and share it with you continually so that you can see how we are doing financially.

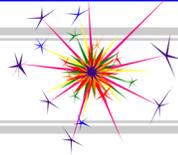
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If anyone has any comments or simply just wishes to better understand this graph’s meaning and how this graph works, please contact Robert Hunt at 416 458 5888. All questions are welcome.

Your Finance Committee

2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**SPARC**

Your SPARC committee is planning an outing on August 17, 2019 for a matinee performance of “Million Dollar Quartet” at the Capital Theatre in Port Hope, Ontario.

Curtain time is 2:00 pm. There are 27 tickets available, centre stage, rows G and H. Ticket price is \$34.50 (a small savings off the regular price as we are registered as a group). I know quite a few people who have seen this performance who all thought it was wonderful. Please plan to join us for this walk down memory lane to hear the beginnings of Rock ‘n Roll. I don’t think you will be disappointed.

Port Hope is a lovely town about 41 km east of Ajax. There are numerous shops to browse in, or buy something if you wish. You could plan to have lunch, stroll along the river, and then sit down to hear some truly remarkable “oldies but goodies”.

The play runs 100 minutes without an intermission. I know quite a few people who have seen this performance who all thought it was wonderful. Please plan to join us for this walk down memory lane to hear the beginnings of Rock ‘n Roll. I don’t think you will be disappointed.

As of the publication of this edition of the Epistle, 12 tickets have been reserved leaving 15 tickets available. As mentioned in the May Epistle, we need to sell 20 tickets at \$34.50 a ticket to retain the group price per ticket.



To reserve your tickets please contact Wendy Mason either by email - goosemason@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 905.427.2817.

UCW

Garage Sale

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with garage sale. Our grand total was \$1,685.00.

Mark your Calendar

The annual St. Paul's Bazaar is only 6 months away. Saturday November 4, 2019 is the date that has been set for this fantastic St. Paul's event and will run from 10.00 am to 1:00 pm.

**CHURCH
BAZAAR**

The bazaar doors will open at 10:00 am, the Lunchroom will open at 10:30 am and the bazaar will end at 1:00.

During the summer, remember the bazaar if you are making any preserves, jam or jellies and put a jar aside for this event. Donations of knitting, crocheting or crafts are always appreciated. We will have vendors on the second and third floor. St. Paul's will have 2 tables to feature any donations of crafts, knitting or crocheting from the congregation.

So mark the date, come and bring a friend to see the terrific items we have for sale and stay for a bite of lunch.

If you wish to volunteer at the bazaar, please contact Jennifer Cree, Bazaar Convenor (905) 686-4467

June Meeting

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship at the UCW potluck on June 18th at 12:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Don't forget to bring your plate, cup, cutlery and of course your favourite casserole or desert.

Everyone is cordially welcome. If one needs a ride, call Valerie at 905-683-8798



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at 8:00 am in the Gathering Place. The invitation is open to ALL men. Come for the first time and enjoy a free breakfast. This is the last breakfast 'feast' until September 14, 2019.

Have an enjoyable, safe Summer.

**MEN'S GROUP**

CONGREGATION CONNECTIONS

From the Chair of Congregation

Congregational Meeting – Sunday June 23, 2019 after Worship service.

Joshua 22:5 "But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Just a quick update to let you know that our next Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday June 23, 2019 following our Worship service. And to help alleviate any concerns about the temperatures in mid-June, we're going to host the meeting downstairs in The Gathering Place, which should still be quite comfortable.

Oh, and I should mention ... there will be food.

I hope to see everyone come out and participate in these important discussions about the priorities taking place within your church. I look forward to seeing you in The Gathering Place after Worship on the 23rd. And please let me know in advance if there are any topics you'd like discussed during the meeting so I can ensure they are included on the Agenda.

Respectfully submitted by

Stuart McLean
Chair of Congregation



A New Experience

Ramadan is a time of prayer, fasting, charity giving and self accountability for Muslims in Canada. This year it is May 6, 2019 to June 3, 2019. The fasting occurs from sunrise to sundown.

Nancy Lomax, Sybil Pinnock and I volunteered to be part of a group to assist in serving an evening meal at the Islamic Centre on Brock St. in Pickering.

It was a special experience as we talked with some of the women gathered there. I learned that if you are ill, pregnant or traveling during Ramadan you make up for it at a later time.

We were warmly welcomed and thanked by virtually everyone we met.

It was lovely getting to know these neighbours.

Karen Strong

IN REMEMBRANCE**In Loving Memory****Alister (Al) Gyles Harrison***May 27, 1934 - March 5, 2019*

Alister Gyles (Al) Harrison of Ajax, Ontario, Canada, departed this life in his eighty-fifth year at Lakeridge Health Hospital, Oshawa. He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Marion (McNair) Harrison, son Dann Harrison (Jian Wu), Courtice, ON, daughter Sharyn Harrison Wood (John Wood), Brighton, ON, granddaughter Stephanie Harrison (Anthony Fischer), great granddaughter Savannah; and grandson Drew Harrison (Gillian Hood), Oshawa, ON. Al was predeceased by sisters: Lola Maudsley, Janice and Lana Harrison, and survived by eight siblings; Garth Harrison, Mary Demerchant, Coral Russell, Joy Brooker, Jill Geraghty, Madge MacInnis, and Keith and Terry Harrison.

Al was born in New Richmond West, Quebec, at the old Carswell Farm owned by parents Heber and Vera (Doddridge) Harrison and lived in Oshawa, ON during forty-one years of employment. When he retired in December 1991, he was President of C.U.P.E. Local 45, at Oshawa General Hospital, where he was employed as a certified carpenter. Al was a member of St. Paul's United Church, Ajax, ON. He enjoyed his beloved lakefront property at Little Lake, Brighton, ON from 1972 to 2005, and later as an active participant in ongoing projects of construction with son-in-law, John Wood.

Winters in St. Petersburg, FL meant donating much time to his condominium association as a member of the Board of Directors, and mostly as a volunteer and maintenance adviser to the Board. Leisure time in FL included becoming an avid, competitive, trophy-winning Shuffleboard player on several teams. Al is remembered for his devotion to family, quick wit, work ethic, organizational skills, dependability, patience, love of Country and Western music, and step-dancing at a few wedding receptions.

Friends are welcome to join the family for memorial visitation on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 2 pm at MOUNT LAWN FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY, 21 Garrard Road (north of Dundas Street), Whitby, ON. A memorial service will follow in the chapel at 2 pm. Interment at Mount Lawn Cemetery.

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the church with the open arms



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The next *Epistle* will be issued on August 30, 2019

DEADLINE for articles is August 23, 2019

Please send articles to Wendy Mason at goosemason@yahoo.ca

JOIN WITH US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE GOD.

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am

Wheelchair Accessible - Hearing Assistance

Sunday School and Nursery Care available during Sunday Worship.

Fellowship and coffee time follows every worship service.

Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

Baptisms and Weddings may be arranged by calling the Church Office.

Meeting Space is available for booking.

Our office is open weekdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Minister: the Rev. Cordelia Karpenko

Office Administrator: Catharine Ottaway

Music Director: Lois Craig

We come to experience, show and share the difference God's love in Christ makes in our lives. We strive to be a people growing spiritually while reaching out to others in response to Jesus Christ.

2019 DIRECTORY FOR ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, AJAX

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Fax: 905 683 4812 (Please call before sending a fax.)

Holy Communion is served during the regular worship service the first Sunday of each month.

Baptism takes place on the third Sunday each month.

Preparation meetings are held on the Saturday prior to the Baptism.

The office is open weekdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The answering machine is available for messages at all times.