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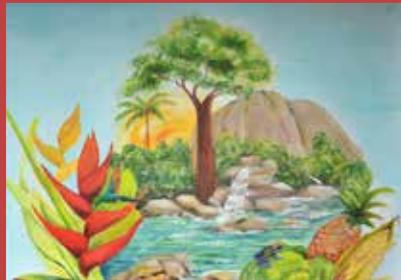


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Parking is free on Sunday mornings at the Manulife building located on the north side of Bloor Street at the top of Ted Rogers Way. To gain access to Manulife's parking, press the intercom button and inform the security attendant you are attending a service at St. Paul's.

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Organ Concert

Join us today at **3:00 p.m.** for a free one-hour organ concert featuring Andrew Adair, Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

Pick up a card at St. Paul's Central for more dates. For more information contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or email music@stpaulsbloor.org.

Support the National Walk to End Homelessness: Coldest Night of the Year 2018



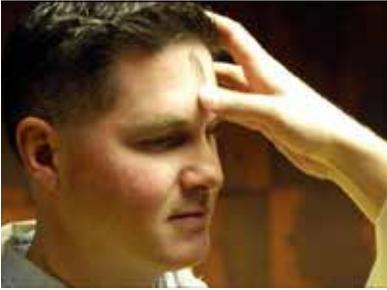
3 ways you can participate in Coldest Night of the Year:

- Walk with your friends and family.
- Volunteer at St. Paul's as a site host.
- Support Yonge Street Mission, a local organization that helps the homeless, hungry, and hurting.

To register online,
visit stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk.
If you have any questions, contact Sandra Seaborn
at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org

Ash Wednesday

By Sandra Seaborn



In corners and under tables, the fine particles of matter that form dust seem to multiply in my home. I typically think of dust as something that needs to be vacuumed up or swept away. While dust includes unwanted pollen, fibers and pollution – it also includes dirt.



In the creation story found in the Bible (Genesis 2:7), humans are described as being made from the soil of the ground, ancient star dust infused with the breath of God. Yet, quickly our ancestor forgot their connection to the divine, seeking life apart from God. By the next chapter of the story, the consequences of their actions apparent, the first couple hear:

By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.

On Ash Wednesday, the church calendar shifts to a new season called Lent – by starting at the beginning and remembering we are dust. We focus on dust as a symbol of our finite nature and our ongoing failings to live as God's beloved children; just as our predecessors struggled to do.



We pause our programmed lives to bring the deep reality of our broken selves in the light of God's forgiveness and love in Jesus. Ash Wednesday we celebrate the gift of dust, not as something to be banished; but as something that can be re-formed and re-made into beauty.

Sobering yes, but hopeful too. If you are able, come to St. Paul's for our Ash Wednesday services at 8 a.m., 12 noon, or 7 p.m. Quite poignantly, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 this year – a cultural holiday celebrating love.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends." – Jesus, (John 15:13-14)

Pancake Supper



Once a year, we gather as a church and eat breakfast for dinner. On **Tuesday, February 13, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** young and old, newcomers and long-time members will all gather around tables in the Great Hall for a delicious meal of eggs, bacon, pancakes, syrup and fruit. "Why?" You might ask. Are pancakes in the bible?

Well, no. There was no celebration called "Pancake Supper" in Jesus' time. Nor are we copying a Jewish tradition set out by Moses. The tradition of gathering to celebrate before Lent is much newer and more contemporary. About 1,000 years into church history, traditions formed to help teach followers of Jesus how to live faithfully. One tradition was to mark the 40 days before Easter as a time of preparation and renewal. This preparation time was set at 40 days, calling to mind both Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness before starting his public ministry and Moses' and the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness before getting to the Promised Land.

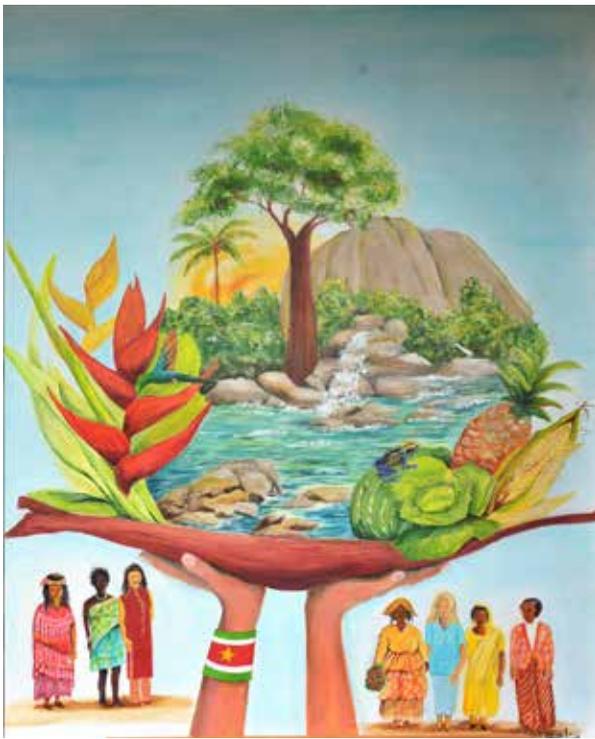
In today's church we still keep this tradition because gathering as a community to celebrate reminds us of God's provision and goodness. The Pancake Supper gives us opportunity to grow in friendship as we seek to grow in faith. It is an evening to invite family, friends and neighbours to share a meal (which you don't have to cook) and speak of God's abundant grace.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. If you have any questions, contact Janet Earle at children@stpaulsbloor.org.



Ash Wednesday

On **Wednesday, February 14**, join us at **8 a.m., 12 p.m. or 7 p.m.** for this reflective and ancient service which heralds the 40 day season of Lent. This is a time for personal examination and repentance as we prepare to observe the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Ashes are an ancient biblical sign of repentance and will be put on people's foreheads at these services.



World Day of Prayer 2018

On March 2, 2018, Christians in over 1,200 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate environmental issues in solidarity with the women of Suriname through the World Day of Prayer.

This year, the theme of World Day of Prayer is "All God's Creation Is Very Good." The focus is on water, Genesis 1 and how we care for creation. Universal issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment—all affecting God's good Creation and God's people—will be explored.

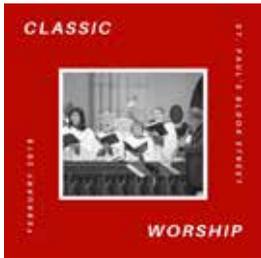
You can join with others from St. Paul's and around Toronto for the World Day of Prayer on **March 2 at 11 a.m.** at St. Andrew's United Church (117 Bloor Street East) in Toronto.



Young adults are invited for a get-together on **February 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** downstairs in the Youth Room. It's a time to get to know other young people in our church community, to enjoy some snacks and good discussion.

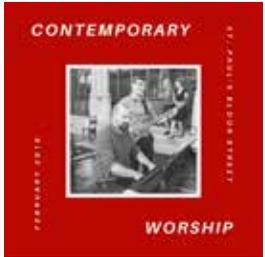
The theme for the night will be "motivation & procrastination." For more information, contact Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.

Listen to our playlists on 



Like a song we sang this morning?

Our Contemporary and Classic Spotify playlists feature the worship songs we'll sing at our 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services during February. We also have a children's worship playlist, and our Youth Group curated a youth/young adults mix.

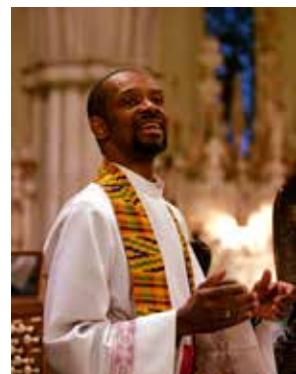


On the fifth of every month, we'll update our playlists, so be sure to **follow us at "stpaulsblor"** on Spotify. If you don't have Spotify, you can find the monthly playlists on our YouTube channel.



Black Heritage Service

On **February 25**, everyone is invited to the 23rd Annual Celebration Service of Black Heritage. Join us for an evening of drumming, dancing, steelpan, poetry, choir and more. We will celebrate the gifts, talents and contributions of the Laity who serve in various ministries in our church. Music starts at 4 p.m. and the **service starts at 4:30 p.m.**



This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- Order and peace to be brought to all nations and be united for a lasting peace.
- Leaders to set aside selfish ambition and seek to govern for the welfare of all people with grace and mercy.
- The health of women, children, and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, so healthy families will be built.
- All victims of circumstances beyond their control, so that all may live in peace, with respect.

The Global Church

- All of us to be united together in and through the Trinity, as a church, in love.
- Followers of Jesus Christ to be prepared for persecution, remembering to love, not curse, their persecutors.
- The preaching of God's Word would be biblically centred and Holy Spirit inspired.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Annemarie, Michael, Clare, John, Fay, Joe, Heather, Thomas, James. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

At the High Table:

In loving memory of Charles Kerr
given by Susan Kerr

In the Chapels:

In loving memory of Adele Colthurst
given by Betty Bond and Family

Remember to
share the air
at St. Paul's



Some people who attend St. Paul's experience respiratory distress and headaches because of scented products. We ask for your cooperation as we seek to accommodate their health concerns. Please avoid use of scented products like perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to St. Paul's.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, February 11

Pilgrim: The Eucharist - 12: 15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Organ Concert - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Monday, February 12

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*
Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Tuesday, February 13

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*
Pancake Supper - 6 p.m. | *Great Hall*
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*
Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service - 8 a.m. |
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Ash Wednesday Service - 12 p.m. |
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Ash Wednesday Service - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*
Marriage Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Thursday, February 15

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. | *Music Room*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, February 16

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*

Sunday, February 18

Pilgrim: The Eucharist - 12: 15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Every Sunday

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Prayer Ministry

10:20 a.m. & 12 p.m.
St. Paul's Chapel

Nursery

beginning at 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth Group

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Groups

10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*
\$8 per person

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Luke 10:25-37

Topic: Character of
Community

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