



## Why I Joined the Choir

As a young girl, I sang in our church choir and school choirs as well as took piano lessons and theory. My family used to host choir practice in our home until our church was built in 1962. My mother and sister sang in the choir as well, so we were a musical family. I have always loved musical theatre and appreciated the work that went into the various productions.

When I joined St. Paul's in 1980 I enjoyed the musical talents of Alan and Sheena Hunter and the senior choir. The Musical Evening in May was always a highlight of the church year for me. The four part harmony that was offered each Sunday made each hymn richer and fuller in meaning. I always wanted to be a part of a community of singers but I got sidetracked by committee work and other commitments to our church.

Rolly Grant used to ask me when I was going to join the choir, and my response was always the same. I told him I would consider joining the choir when I retired from teaching. Well, it will be ten years in June since I retired, but I must admit it took me a few years to get up my courage.

The choir works very hard to present the hymns and anthems each week and it is an amazing range of music. Add to that the special music for holidays and we have a wide variety of music to learn. Some of the selections bring me to tears, they are so beautiful.

Lois works extremely hard to prepare us for each presentation and she is a genius in selecting our music. I admire her dedication and work ethic so much. I have enjoyed the journey so far and look forward to the years ahead.

Submitted by

*Linda Westendorp*



**Join the Choir..**

**You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

*Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Lift up a song for Him who rides through the deserts, Whose name is the LORD, and exult before Him.*

**FINANCE**

*Financially Speaking : Update, March 01, 2019*

<b>Donations From All Sources</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>What We Needed (from all sources)</b>	\$ 15,853	\$ 15,853
Total We Received (including from the Building Fund)	\$ 13,480	\$ 13,480
What We Spent	\$ 31,619	\$ 31,619
Surplus / Shortfall (Total Received less What We Spent)	\$ - 18,139	\$ - 18,139
M&S Givings	\$ 973	\$ 973
Capital Fund Donations	\$ 596	\$ 596

January envelope givings of \$10,591 were just -\$56 below our budget target. Terrific.

Total givings were over budget by \$728. Very positive. January lift expenses (made in December) were \$16,937. Our normal expenses would have meant that our net financial position would have been a negative result for January of - \$1,202.

The lift repairs were paid for out of our Capital (Building) Fund which has depleted it by just over 50%. We addressed this issue at the November Congregational Meeting.

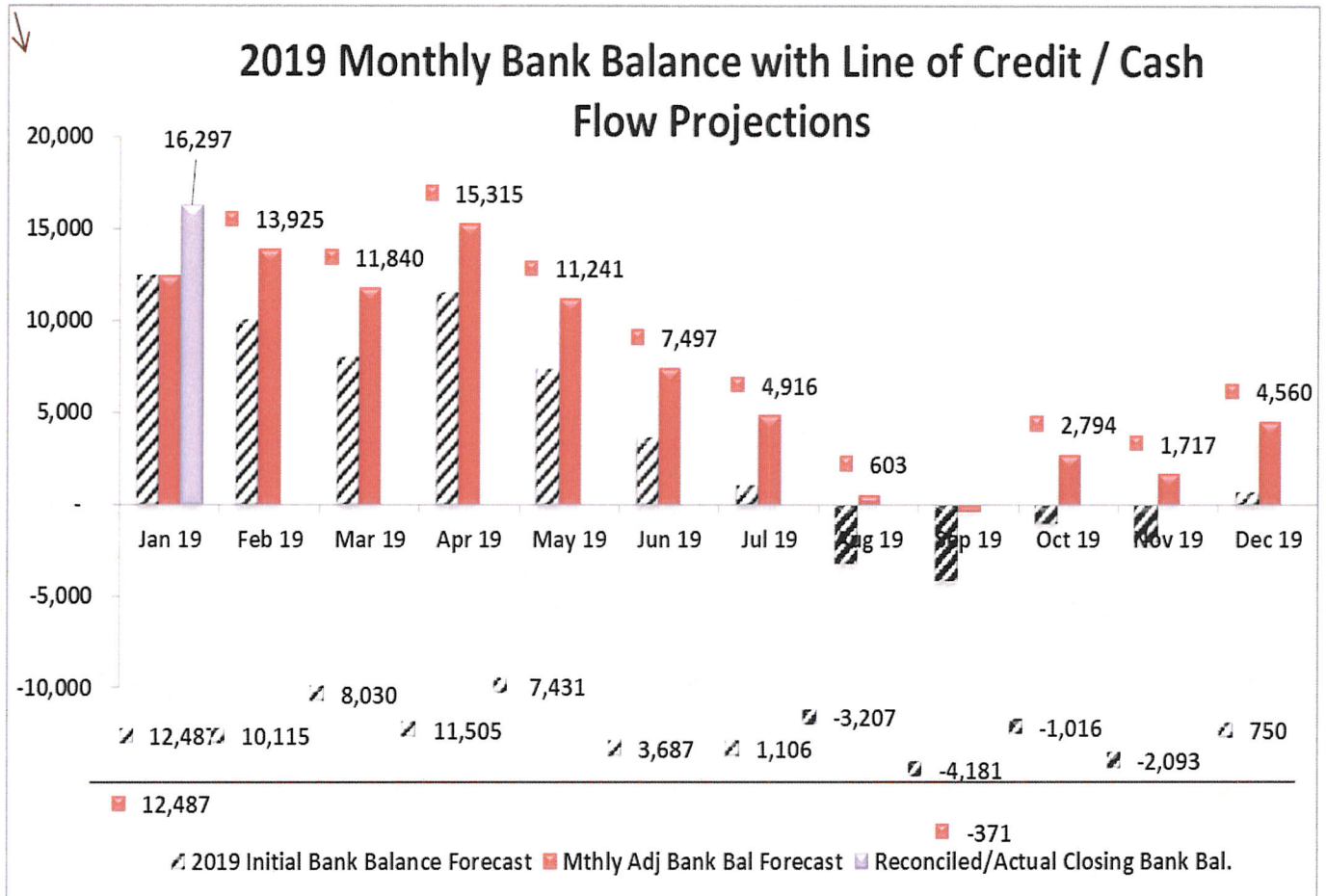
As you know, stewardship is rendered in many forms whether as gifts of time, talents and skills, or treasure. Your gifts are appreciated. Financial donations to further the mission and work of St. Paul's are greatly appreciated. Gifts of your time are also a very valuable to your Church.

St. Paul's is desperately in need of volunteers to help keep your Church home in a state of good repair. These are mostly supervisory roles. Please prayerfully consider lending some of your time and skills to your Church. You need not commit for a lifetime of servitude!! Lol. We desperately need some helpers, short term, to assist us on specific projects. 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 prediction of what our 2019 year-end bank balance could be if all of our budget targets are not met. It also shows that in the months of August to November, we could potentially have a negative bank balance. This means we will have to borrow money on our Line of Credit (LOC) and pay interest on that money, during those months. We want to avoid this situation with your help. 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 complaints, 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*

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Happy Birthday St. Paul's

#### St. Paul's Celebrates its 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Donald Patriquin's A Caribbean Mass is being presented on March 3, 2019 during the 10:30 am service in celebration of St. Paul's 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

We will be joined once again by Joy Lapps on the steel drums, and Zuzanna Zacharova on the flute. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to join us at this joyous service!



### SPUC Radio and the Old Time Radio Gospel Hour



SPUC radio is pleased to present the Old Time Radio Gospel Hour as the Sunday morning service on April 28, 2019. Come to church and be part of the studio audience and enjoy the music of the Gospel Singers under the leadership of Lois Craig.

As a special treat the Gospel Players will present the latest installment of our favorite Biblical Detectives as Detectives Luke and John set out to solve CASE 2029: The Empty Tomb -Who took the body?

Stuart McLean, Mike Morrison and June Martin will recreate their roles as our detectives and their boss. But the Gospel Players are looking for an additional three men and one woman to complete our cast for the radio broadcast. If you are interested in becoming a Gospel Player, please contact Susan Reed.

UCW

## UCW Meeting - March

On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 pm, the UCW Meeting will be followed by the "Dutch Auction and Bake Sale". Come for a meaningful devotion, followed by fun and lots of laughter; then, enjoy a light snack.

All ladies are cordially welcome.

## Garage Sale April 27, 2019

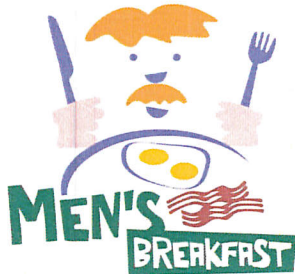
Spring time is coming! I know it doesn't look like it outside but it is getting closer. So that means spring cleaning and as you clean think of the things you really don't want to put back in those closets or on those book shelves. Let your house be less cluttered and bring those articles to St. Paul's for our "New to You" garage sale April 27, 2019.

Please bring your items to the church on Friday April 26, 2019 after 2 pm.

Items that are in good repair and clean, just not necessary to you any more, might be just what someone else needs



## Men's Group



The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 9, 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.

## Shrove Tuesday

The Men's Group will host the yearly **PANCAKE SUPPER** of pancakes, sausages, tea, coffee, and juice on **Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 2019** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place. A free will offering will be taken.



## CONGREGATION CONNECTIONS

### WHAT'S COOKING?

As the season of Lent approaches and you begin to consider what you will give up for Lent, the editors of the St. Paul's Heritage Cookbook challenge you instead to cook something new for Lent. Each week consider trying a new recipe or choosing one recipe from each section of the book to cook.

Challenge yourself by building a whole meal around one ingredient, for example: Start with Carrot and Ginger Soup, (page 28) followed by Old Time Chicken Pie with carrots (page 105) and finish with Carrot Cake with Carrot Cake Icing (page 168).

Looking for 'green' recipes for St. Patrick's Day? Consider Green Bean Casserole (page 139) or Green Beans a la Fromage (page 140) or Chocolate Mint Squares (page 231).

Tired of Winter? Make some Lemon Snow (page 192). Want to celebrate the coming of Spring, consider Maple Glazed Ribs (page 112) or Maple Glazed Chicken (page 93).

Celebrate Easter with Easter Buns (page 67), Hot Cross Tea Biscuits (page 62), Easter Dessert (page 157) or Bunny Bait Easter Crack (page 244).

If you still need a copy of the St. Paul's Heritage Cookbook, speak to Jennifer Cree. Cookbooks are \$20.00 a copy.

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### Chronic Pain?

The University Health Network has an app called *Managing My Pain Lite* which they are promoting to help patients feel "more engaged" in their own treatment.

If you've had chronic pain for 3 months or longer and haven't used an app before, you're eligible. For more info the link is [myhealthapps.net/app/details/360/manage-my-pain-lite](http://myhealthapps.net/app/details/360/manage-my-pain-lite)

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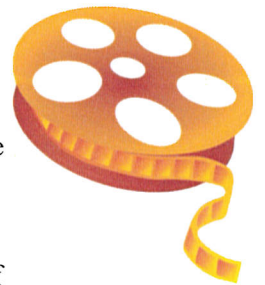
### Movie Event Presents

Angry Inuk – a documentary which explains how the seal boycott affected the Inuit people. To balance this very serious documentary, we will show an episode of The Vicar of Dibley, a really funny show. There will be a free will offering which goes to the Church.

The Exercise Class invites you to bring a bag lunch and join us Sunday, March 10, 2019 in the Fellowship room following the 10:30 am service. We will enhance the sound – promise.

Help us choose future films. Make a list of (a) movies you've never seen and would like to, and (b) classic films you'd like to see again. Please indicate if you own DVD copies of any of the films on your list.

Send your list to [lcraigbflat@gmail.com](mailto:lcraigbflat@gmail.com)



**SPARC**

## **SPARC UPDATE**

Over the next three months the SPARCs invite you to join us for some fun, some food and some fellowship with others.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 – HOT POTATO LUNCH**

Come downstairs to the Gathering Place after church on March 31, 2019 and join with the rest of the congregation at a Hot Potato Lunch. Enjoy a baked potato with all the fixings – butter, sour cream, bacon bits and cheese. A free will offering will be taken.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 – SEQUENCE AND PIZZA PARTY**

Have you enjoyed playing the game Sequence in the past. This year SPARC is hosting a Sequence and Pizza Party on May 4, 2019. Tickets are \$20.00 and include an evening of sequence, pizza, beverage and homemade sweets for dessert. Prizes and a draw will also be part of the evening. Doors open at 4:30 and the event begins at 5:00. Tickets will go on sale at the end of March and will be limited. Each team will need three players. Two teams will play at each table. You may sign up as a table of 6, a team of three, a small groups or as individuals. Individuals will be partnered with others. Don't worry if you haven't played Sequence before, the rules will be explained. Any money that is raised through the Sequence and Pizza Party will be used to SPARK up the narthex to make it a more inviting entrance to our church. For more information, call Catharine at the office.

### **MINUTE FOR MEMBERS**

Minute for Members will return in May and June as we recognize the contributions of some of our special members.

The SPARC's are pleased to announce that Doris Tietze has joined our team. We now total 10 SPARC members committed to providing fellowship and recognition events for the members of the church. SPARC members include: Catharine Ottaway, Diane Fleming, Doris Tietze Jennifer Cree, Karen Strong, Linda Westendorp, Madeline Oswald, Sharon Castellarin, Susan Reed and Wendy Mason.

**MUSIC****Palm Sunday Special Music**

On April 14, 2019, the Senior Choir is presenting Come to the Cross and Remember by Pepper Choplin. Last year this Cantata was so well received that it was decided to redo it, adding still photos on the sanctuary screens, making it even more of a multi-media presentation. The 20 voices of our wonderful Choir will be conducted by Music Director Lois Craig and accompanied by a recording of a full orchestra.

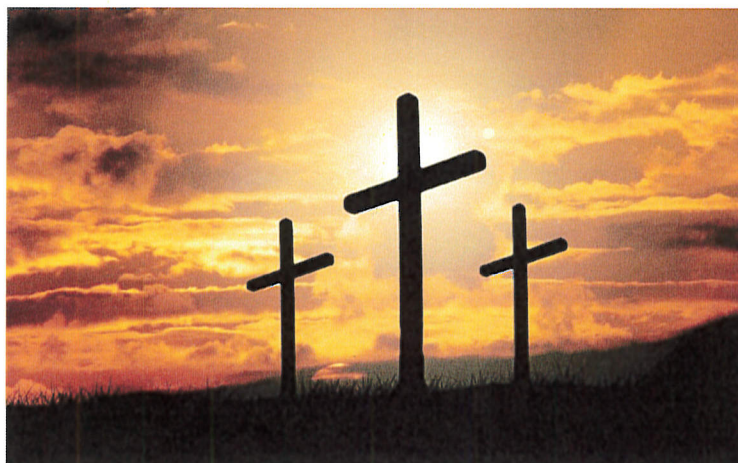
Soloists include Cathy Mullen, Deborah Faulkner, Cath Miller, Linda Westendorp, Katie Cronin Wood and Bill Sheaves.

The congregation will also get to participate. On April 7, 2019, the congregation will be taught their part. Also on April 7, one of the choir's favorite songs in the Cantata will be presented as that day's anthem, so you will experience just how wonderful this Cantata is!

It will make you realize that you want to be at the service on April 14, 2019 and that you want to invite all your friends, family and neighbours.

Don't worry, on April 14 there will be a review of the congregation's part so anyone who is a guest, or who missed the service on April 7, 2019, will feel welcome and able to participate.

The narrator will be our very own Rev. Cordelia Karpenko. So mark these dates on your calendar, and plan to Come to the Cross and Remember!



*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die".*

**John 11:25-26**

**SR. CHOIR**

A number of St. Paul's United Church Senior Choir members had an enjoyable day together on Saturday February 9, 2019, when they attended the Sing & Rejoice! 2019 choral workshop hosted by Pickering Village United Church.

SPUC Senior Choir Sopranos Sharon, Dorothy, Cathy and Carole, Altos Pam and Cath, Bass Brad and Director of Music Lois along with choristers from across Durham Region and beyond participated in a "wonderful day of music making, socializing, learning and performing".



Conductor, Composer and Clinician Mark Ruhnke, who has over 30 years experience in the fields of music education, sacred music, private teaching and theatre led the participants through morning and afternoon sessions. A welcome lunch break offered a chance for everyone to rest and recharge.

Brad was impressed by the number of people in attendance and especially appreciated the opportunity to sing with other basses. Cath enjoyed the different choral works introduced to those attending and said she welcomes the chance for the SPUC Choir to perform them at St. Paul's.

All agreed that it was a worthwhile outing and Lois has already started introducing some of the techniques learned at the workshop into the SPUC Senior Choir's weekly practices. The SPUC Senior Choir practices every Thursday evening and Sunday morning and is always welcoming new members.

If you are interested in joining the Choir please contact Lois through the Church office - [office@stpaulsajax.org](mailto:office@stpaulsajax.org). Please visit the calendar page to see upcoming SPUC Senior Choir presentations including [the March 3, 2019 presentation of the Caribbean Mass](#)

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH



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The next *Epistle* will be issued by April 29, 2019.

DEADLINE for articles is April 22, 2019.

Please send articles to Wendy Mason at [goosemason@yahoo.ca](mailto: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.*