



308 King St, Midland, Ontario.
SUNDAY January 22nd, 2017

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY



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CORE VALUES

LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY

DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY

RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING

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Welcome

SUNDAY, 22nd January 2017

Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Cathy Metzgar

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for January is Bea Nayduk

Captain of the Counters is Tom Barber

DVD's are being delivered by Marie & Cam Bonner

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU # 588 Many Are the Lightbeams!

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in Our world.

INTROIT: VU # 82 A Light Is Gleaming (refrain)

A light is gleaming. Spreading its arms through-out the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright. Living in the light.

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

One: Holy One, you desire the unity of all Christians.

Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit.

Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Help all who have been baptized in your name to live in peace and unity as sisters and brothers in the household of faith, and to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: May our worship and our relationships with our sister churches reflect our prayers. Amen.

(Rev. Teresa Stricklen from the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, Book of Common Worship)

HYMN MEDLEY

Go Make A Difference

Refrain: x2 Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

- 1. We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a diff'rence in the world**

Refrain

- 2. We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Refrain

3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

When the Wind of Winter Blows

1. When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night; be our hearts' compassion.

Refrain:

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

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2. When in days of fallen snow, change confounds or love burns low,
from the ashes may there rise phoenix of our growing.

In You There Is a Refuge

1. In you there is a refuge,
in you we find our peace.
When all we know is chaos
may our trust in you increase.
In you there is a silence,
in you our minds are clear.
When all we hear is discord
may your quiet draw us near.

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Said by ALL)

May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength.
Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20

ANTHEM Hymn of Grateful Praise!

SERMON Reconciliation - The Love of Christ compels Us:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC You Are Holy

***DOXOLOGY:** **VU #540**

Grant us, God the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(from the world council of churches week of prayer for christian unity resources 2017)*

***HYMN** **VU # 331** The Church's One Foundation

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

*** SUNG BLESSING** MV #222

**May The peace of God be your peace,
May the love of God be the love you show,
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see be found in you.**

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.*

Postlude

Announcements



for January 22nd 2017 Sunday Service and School 10am

Due to the rising number of people with allergies to scents we request that you avoid using scented products. Thank you for your considerate attention to this.



We have a heart defibrillator on site, located on the wall outside the minister's office, on this level, near the parlour. At the defibrillator is a list of people who have been trained in its use, but it is very easy to use and will walk you thru the steps needed. First Aid Kits ~ are located outside the church office on the wall, in the kitchenette beside the parlour, in the main kitchen downstairs, in the area outside the sanctuary by the chair lift, and in the room of requirement upstairs.



Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Today we welcome everyone for coffee downstairs compliments of our Outreach committee.**

No deficit for 2016! We are happy to report that as of the end of 2016 St. Paul's shows a small profit! Thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

2016 Annual Report!

Could you please have **your report** in to the church office **no later than Monday 23rd January**. The **annual meeting** will be on **Sunday 26th February 2017**.

Official Board will meet on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm in the parlour.



Family bowling party at [Bayshore Lanes](#), Friday, January 27, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bowling and shoes will be provided, snack bar available. Please contact Sheila Thompson rmsmt@rogers.com or call 705-526-2186 so we'll know how many will be bowling, and join us for the fun evening.



Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 28th January at 8:30am at [Mom's Restaurant](#) all men are welcome!

Exploring the many facets involved in our Health - PTSD from the front lines – on January 31st at 7:30pm ~ cost is free at the Midland Cultural Centre.

World Day of Prayer: March 3, 2017 a service will be held at Unity United Church, Vasey at 2pm. If interested, please reply to graham7050@hotmail.com

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

Thank you for your generosity and patience with the renovations in 2016! By the end of December, **we've reached \$199,398** and are within reach of the \$250,000 fundraising goal (**only \$50,602 to go!**). As we enter the year ahead, please consider the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledges. Don't forget to tell your friends and family that they can support our efforts at making St. Paul's an accessible community hub by visiting our webpage by clicking the **"Donate Now" button**. We are thankful for our community and its generosity throughout this ongoing endeavour. Together, we are ever closer to creating an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!

Greeters! Some of our teams are rather decimated and are looking for new volunteers to greet at the door and receive the offering. There are six teams and each team is responsible for two months per year, a volunteer would rarely have more than one Sunday in their month. It isn't a tough job but demonstrates our welcoming church family. If you are interested talk with Sheila Thompson or email the church at stpaulsunited@rogers.com or call the church at 705-526-6077.

How can I donate to my church?

- PAR program (automatic withdrawal from your bank account) a convenient way to support your church. If you would like more information, please contact Judy in the church office know at 705-526-6077.
- Don't forget to get in those pledge cards

Envelopes – request a set from the church office! If you have not received your 2017 envelopes, please contact the church office and we will issue you a set.



The VON exercise classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. You can join at any time. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level. Everyone is welcome! If the weather is poor the class will be cancelled.

Don't forget about the **church library** which is located near Karen's office on the same level as the sanctuary near the steps to the lower level and the gym. This is our lending library and there are lots of interesting titles.

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call Karen
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