



308 King St, Midland, Ontario.
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY February 26th, 2017



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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, 26th February 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Zena Pendlebury

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for February are Shirley Dixon and Morris Steffler

Captain of the Counters is Heather Wilson DVD's are being delivered by Diane Marr

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

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **VU# 104** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED

One: To climb a mountain is no easy task.

ALL: It takes work of the heart, hand and mind.

One: To meet God, face to face is no easy task.

ALL: It takes work of the heart, hand and mind.

One: In the climbing, in the meeting,

ALL: We are changed.

One: In the speaking, in the listening,

ALL: We are changed.

One: In the worship, in the prayer,

ALL: We are changed, so we climb, we meet, we speak, we listen - and most of all we worship God

(Richard Bott, Dunbar UC, Vancouver - Gathering A/C/E 2016/17 – pg 50)

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: Through this time of Epiphany, we have been walking in the light of Christ.

ALL: We are children of God and followers of Jesus, the light of the world.

One: Next week, the light of our faith will guide us into the gathering shadows of Lent.

ALL: Wonderful God, Your brilliance is not only seen on mountain tops in Bible stories. Your brilliance shines wherever Your people show love and compassion in Your name. May our worship together inspire us to go out from here overflowing with Your grace, ready to shine Your love and peace everywhere, in Jesus' name. AMEN

(Susan Ivany, Westminster U.C. Thunder Bay, Gathering A/C/E 2016/17 – pg 50)

HYMN MEDLEY

PUT PEACE INTO EACH OTHER'S HANDS

1. Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it, protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

2. Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectations;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.
3. Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands; the Peace that sought and found you.

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

I AM WALKING A PATH OF PEACE

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
Lead me home, lead me home. (2x)

THEME CONVERSATION (children please stay with your family)

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 99; Matthew 17: 1-9

ANTHEM United in Christ

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC Bathe Me in Your Light! Soloist Marlis Dupuis

***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

***HYMN** **VU #92** in the Darkness Shines the Splendour

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL * 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 February 26th 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 in the church office, 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.



WELCOME

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 will be having coffee in the sanctuary followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting! Please plan to stay for this important meeting in the life of St. Paul's.**

****Important Message****

Our construction company has reminded us that **only authorized personnel are allowed in the construction zone.** No one, at any time, should be in this area. This is a safety issue for us all and your continued co-operation is greatly appreciated! Thank You!

Copies of the Annual Report for 2016.

You will find copies in the sanctuary at the Easy St. entrance door, at the front door of the church and also on the bookcase where copies of the 'Upper Room' are kept. They are also available on our web site.



Thank you to Jacque Hebert for all her help in the church office!

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers again this year! **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25th to set up the arena meeting site. Up to (45) helpers will be needed to work specifically at the NSSRC over 3 days plus up to another (25) people at St. Paul's primarily on Saturday, May 27th. ***Volunteer applications are on the back window, please complete and return by April 30th to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

Pancake Supper at St. Paul's on Tuesday February 28th put on by our Scout Troop. Supper will be served from 5pm to 7:30pm in the Great Hall. Cost is \$8 an adult and \$5 for a child. All funds raised will be going to help send our youth to the National Scouting Jamboree in Nova Scotia this July.

Pancake Supper – Wyevale United Church on February 28th 4:30 to 7:30pm. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$8.00 Senior \$6.00 Children \$6.00. Children under 5 are free.

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

Midland World Day of Prayer at the Baptist church on **March 3** at 2pm. All are welcome!

Art & Spirituality: The next 8 - week course will start on **Saturday March 4th** and run till April 22nd the cost will be \$80.00. (all supplies are included) The cost can be split over 2 payments. Polly Sharp will teach the first 5 Saturdays on colour and we will paint on your own for the last 3 weeks. We will explore each colour's qualities and wake up to a new awareness, and understanding of the relationship between colours and our soul (feeling). Pure colour has an awakening power. Please call the church office at 705-526-6077 to register. The class has a limit of 15 so register early.

The Fellowship Club is hosting a **POT LUCK supper on Tuesday, March 7th** in the Great Hall at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite casserole dish, or dessert or a salad *and your own dishes and cutlery*. **Everyone is welcome** and this is a great opportunity to meet more people and possibly join the club.

Talent Auction 2017 we have set the date, **Saturday April 29th**, for the auction. **Would you like to volunteer** your time to help with the auction? We have a great crew who return each year to help but we can always use new volunteers and new ideas! Please contact Judy McConnell at church email @ stpaulsunited@rogers.com or by calling the church office at 705-526-6077. **Look for more information about the auction in the future weeks!**

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

We are well underway with the accessibility renovations to make our building more inclusive to the community. The **total cost of this project is over \$750,000** and the **congregation's financial commitment is to raise \$250,000** (approximately one third of the total project cost). An update on the project expenses and funds will occur at the General Meeting in February. As we've reported last week, we're thankful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, **\$194,149.00 (recalculated amount)** has been donated and there is only **\$55,851.00** to go! Thank you for your continued generosity and we encourage you remember the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledge, use the "Donate Now" button on the website, and don't forget to watch for

upcoming fundraising activities in the months to come. Together, we will create an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!

Communion Preparers! We are looking for volunteers to prepare our communion elements one Sunday in the year. Please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or at stpaulsunited@rogers.com if you can help!



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. Those who attend are pleased that they are enjoying the results of the strengthening exercises. You too can join them 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.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Don't forget about the church library, located near Karen's office and the parlour. This is our lending library and there are lots of interesting titles.

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call
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