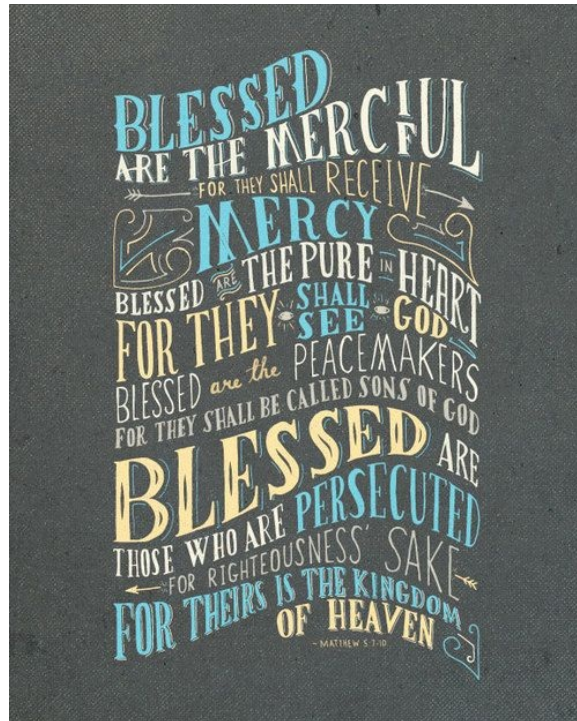




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SUNDAY January 29th, 2017

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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, 29th January 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Marlis Dupuis

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 MV # 145 Draw The Circle Wide**

Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

*Let this be our song, no stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

1. God the still - point of the circle,
'Round whom all creation turns; nothing lost,
but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Refrain

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Refrain

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Refrain

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 (in unison)

**God of light, radiant with creative power,
you place in each of us a spark of your glory.**

**Liberate the impulse within us to open ourselves to you,
to follow your guiding spirit, to shine with compassion for others,
and to act for the well being of all.**

**As we gather to worship you, lift from us the mask of restraint
that we may shine with your love, as we seek to follow the Way of Jesus,
your Anointed One, through whom we pray. Amen**

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HYMN MEDLEY

VU# 701 What Does The Lord Require Of You

1. **What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?**
2. **Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**
3. **To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God. (sung 3 times)**

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: Micah 6: 1-8; Matthew 5: 1-12

ANTHEM Blest Are They! *(you can follow at VU# 896)*

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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 # 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace!

*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 29th 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 welcome everyone for coffee downstairs compliments of our Property committee.**

Today we welcome Bob Bruer as our guest organist!

Judy McConnell is Retiring!

Judy has decided to retire as our Office Administrator on March 24th, 2017. ***On Sunday April 2nd, we will celebrate Judy's years with us in a reception in the Great Hall after church.*** Please plan to attend, share food and fellowship, meet Judy's family and pay tribute to her many contributions. ***Please mark this date in your calendars*** and join us if you can. Fortunately, Judy will continue to assist us with bookkeeping/accounting responsibilities for eight hours per week for the coming year while a new administrator learns the other facets of the job.

Office Administrator Wanted:

St. Paul's United Church Midland is seeking a qualified and experienced individual for a 20 hour per week (9am – 1pm Monday thru Friday) Office Administrator position to begin on March 13th, 2017. The successful candidate will have education, training and experience relevant to office administration, particularly in church and/or non-profit settings. The candidate will demonstrate exceptional interpersonal and oral/written communication skills; excellent organizational skills; competent use of a variety of modern office technologies to produce high quality written and PowerPoint materials; and the ability to manage basic financial transactions and records. The successful candidate manages well in a fast-paced environment, works well both independently and collaboratively with staff, church leaders and volunteers to achieve congregational goals. Salary/benefit commensurate with education and experience. In-service mentoring provided.

Please apply confidentially by February 10th, 2017

to Louise Leck, Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee, c/o St. Paul's United Church, Midland, 308 King Street, Midland L4R 3M6 – or electronically to louise.leck@gmail.com

2016 Tax Receipts are ready in the parlour for pickup – to help on mailing costs if you see your neighbours, can you please deliver theirs. Thank You! Judy

Outreach Bake Sale: This Sunday January 29th, our ladies are once again tempting us with their wonderful baked goods! If you like to contribute by either bringing baking in or purchasing, both are very welcome!



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

St. Paul's Annual General Meeting

is scheduled for Sunday 26th February immediately following the church service.
Please plan to attend this every important meeting in St. Paul's life.

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

Talent Auction 2017 we have set the date of **Saturday April 29th** for the auction. This year Gail Wilcox, who has been the chair of the auction since its start, has stepped down. Judy McConnell is stepping in as chair the committee. Gail and volunteers have done a wonderful job consistently making the Talent Auction our biggest fundraiser each year. **Thank You! Gail for your hard work and leadership!!** **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 at 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, **\$199,398 has** been donated and there is only **\$50,602** 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. 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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or Bev at 705-549-9896 or email her at: bev.irwin@sympatico.ca