

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Children's Christmas Musical*  
**St. Paul's United Church, Midland**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2017**



**Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam**  
**Music Director-Victoria Warwick**

CAROL: VU #75 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE-

First the candle of hope, now the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus calls us to be peacemakers in our lives and in our world.

Sung Response: VU #6 A Candle is Burning (vs.2)

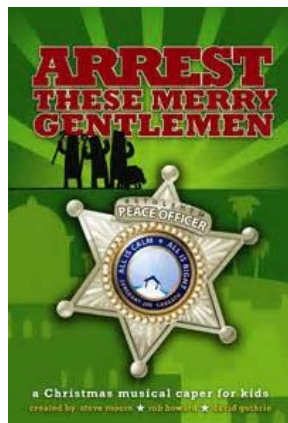
**A candle is burning, a candle of peace.**

**A candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

OPENING PRAYER:

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

It is the story of Joe Sabbath, a peace officer in Bethlehem, who is having a difficult time keeping the peace due to the census crowds and a bunch of zany shepherds shouting about some baby. The songs are catchy, the one-liners are plentiful, the kids are spectacular...



Opening Song: A Peaceful Little Town  
Scene 1: News of some "Merry Shepherds"  
 Song: "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen"  
Scene 2: The Big Scoop!  
 Song: "Christ is Born"  
Scene 3: Sources have news of a special birth  
 Song: "He is the One"  
Scene 4: News of the Magi and a star  
 Song: "Look for the Light"  
Scene 5: Shepherds tell of Angel news  
 Song: "No Fear"  
Scene 6: An unlikely manger scene  
 Song: "Peace is Here For You"  
Scene 7: Spreading the good news  
 Song: "Share the News"

### CAST

Joe Sabbath: Isabel Pauzé  
 Patrolman Rookie: Shauna Bailey

Scoop: Ava Todd  
 Cub: Madeline Rice

Shepherds:  
 Herb (Main): Alina Todd  
 Frank: Shayla Brown  
 Vince/Goat Napper/Joseph: John

Goulbourne  
 Marv: Kate Gammell  
 Shep: Maryn Goulbourne

CD (Camel Driver): Megan Angus  
 Seamstress/Source #3: Rochanaa  
 Mekala  
 Traveler/Source #1: Olivia Goulbourne

Gabriel: Kaydence Hopkins  
 Source #2/Mary: Olivia Giroux

Director - Victoria Warwick  
Production team - Lorelei Blane-Smith, Fran Parisotto, Mary Skinner  
Set Designer - Aaron Pauzé

### THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY CAROL: VU #69 Away in a Manger

\*DOXOLOGY: VU #55 (*last verse*)

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
 If I were a wise one, I would do my part,  
 Yet what can I give him – give my heart.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL: VU #43 Go Tell It on the Mountain

### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**From Victoria, our Music Director:** A very special thank you to a few people – to the production team...Lorelei Blane-Smith, Fran Parisotto and Mary Skinner – you gave of yourselves willingly and generously and this couldn't have happened without you! Thank you.

To Aaron Pauzé for the AMAZING set, what can we say? It exceeds ALL expectations! Thank you SO much!

To parents/grandparents, et al who helped get cast members to rehearsal on time while rearranging the rest of your lives – thank you, thank you, thank you. TO ALL THE CAST: we had such fun, didn't we? Thank you for your enthusiasm, talent, creativity and endless energy! YOU ARE ALL AWESOME! YOU made this a success!! Congratulations!

Thank you to St. Paul's for enabling this to happen and believing in the gift of children, drama and music to share the message of faith in Christ.

Watch for next year's musical because FOR SURE we're going to do another one!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)

*Welcome Friends!*

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,  
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;  
sexual orientation or gender identity;  
religious tradition or theological position;  
whatever your economic status or political persuasion  
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,  
you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,  
If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,  
If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,  
If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,  
You are welcome here because you are God's creation, and WIDE is God's  
Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

**Christmas food drive:** St. Paul's annual Christmas Food Drive wraps up today. **Thank you** to all of you who have contributed to this much needed campaign.

**Board of Trustees Meeting** is Monday – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Operating budget results** as of November 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Contributions** - \$184,115 (Budget \$210,663 - shortfall \$26,548)

**Expenses** - \$267,678 (Budget \$279,436 - positive difference \$11,757).

Thank you to all committees for keeping expenses below budget and for excellent

fundraising efforts.

**The net deficit budget over actual year to date has increased substantially to \$11,590. This has been caused by a contributions shortfall.**

Your Stewardship Committee is making a special appeal to you to help St Paul's eliminate this deficit. **Special Gift envelopes** will be available until the end of the month for this *SPECIAL YEAR END APPEAL*. Contributions to St Paul's qualify as a tax donation for the current calendar year.

**Pledge card reminder** - If you have not completed and handed in your pledge card, it's not too late. We are working on the 2018 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please contact the church office at 705-526-6077.

**United Church Women (UCW)** are having their meeting on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. at King Place Retirement Residence, 750 King Street, Midland. All are welcome!

**Fellowship Christmas Dinner:**

This year's event is **THIS TUESDAY** December 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy hour is at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the church office or from Sharon Whiteside after Sunday service.

**Save the date** for the luncheon with Christmas carols and special guest on December 17th after the service. There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed for this event, so if you're able to assist, please contact Colin Whiteside at 705-526-9527 or call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**UCW Church Calendars:** U.C.W have a limited number of 2018 calendars for sale at \$6.00 each. Please contact Helen French at 705-526-8293 if you are interested.



**Advent Services 10 am**

Advent 2- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Children's Musical  
(*Arrest These Merry Gentlemen*)  
Advent 3 - Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, Choir Cantata  
Advent 4 - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Service -  
7 pm. Come join us with your friends  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - Celebrate the New Year with us



**Northern Waters Presbytery Reps** are needed to represent St. Paul's. Please contact Karen or the church office if interested.