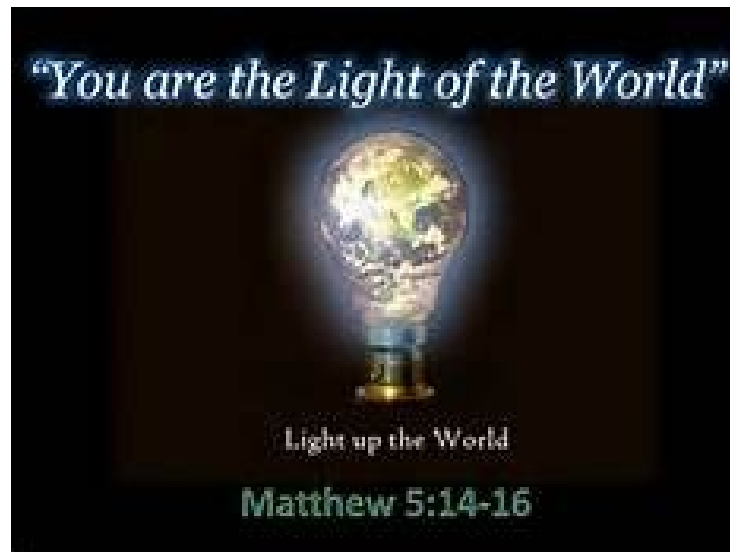


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SUNDAY February 5th, 2017
Communion
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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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

JOINT SERVICE OF

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & WAVERLEY UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, 5th February 2017

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

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Barbara Pakulak

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

Communion Preparers – Cathy & Byron Metzgar

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

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 460 All Who Hunger!**

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED

One: Jesus said we are to be the salt of the earth.

All: May we be the salt of healing, and the stinging salt as we work for peace and justice in our world.

One: Jesus said we are to be the light of the world.

All: May we let the light of god's love and the light of christ shine in us.

One: may our worship remind us that we are called to be god's people.

All: May our worship nourish us and encourage us to live our faith in all we do.

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)

(based on Matthew 5:13-20)

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, and to act for the well-being of all.

As we gather to worship you, lift us from the mask of restraint

that we may shine with your love, as we seek to follow the Way of Jesus,

become salt of the earth and live our faith in your world.

(Rod Sykes, Calgary, Alta. Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2016-2017 pg. 43 Used with permission)

HYMN MEDLEY

WHEN WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

- 1. When we gather at the table
wine is poured and bread is broken.
Then love claims us, offering healing,
we hear welcome, gently spoken.**

2. Jesus offers our thanksgiving
blessing God for life we're given.
From the earth comes grain to feed us
watered by the rains of heaven.
3. Word of promise claims attention
earth renewed by God's designing.
All the creatures join in praises -
God's intended wholeness finding.
4. Come, invited, now draw nearer,
join this holy celebration.
Here be strengthened, called to justice,
living now God's new creation.
5. Christ, your coming and your hosting
gives us place at widening table
now embracing world and neighbour
Spirit strong, by love enabled.

SPIRIT OPEN MY HEART

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

1. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

THEME CONVERSATION (*children please stay with your family*)

Jesus said that we should be just like salt!

LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932(sung)

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Sung Twice) VU# 933

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come, come again.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison) *Louis FitzGerald Benson*

All: For the bread which has been broken, for the wine that has been poured, for the words which have been spoken, we give you thanks O Lord. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to live for justice, hallow our lives, O Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 5: 13 -20

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM With Songs of Rejoicing!

***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

***HYMN** **VU # 96** Will You Come and See the Light!

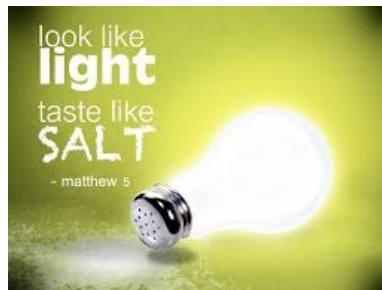
***COMMISSION & BLESSING**

*** CHORAL AMEN** **VU #974** Hallelujah Amen

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

Postlude

Announcements



for February 5th 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.



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 Stewardship committee.**

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



Request for Help

Marlis needs periodic help with her mother, Ruth, while transporting her to Barrie and local special medical appointments. If anyone can help and wouldn't mind being on a personal calling list, please contact Marlis at 705-549-2018. Those with car would be of benefit however it is not absolutely necessary.

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 church 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

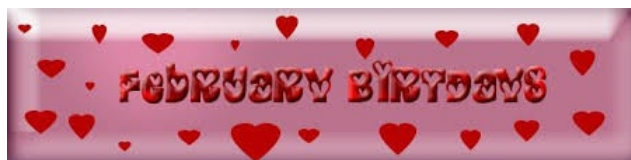
generosity and we encourage you remember the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledge, use the "Donate Now" button on the website, and don't forget to watch for upcoming fundraising activities in the months to come. Together, we will create an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!

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.



Happy Birthday from your St Paul's Family

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| Feb 3 | David Blane-Smith |
| 6 | Betty Ann Hornsby |
| 7 | Judy McConnell |
| 9 | Megan Angus |
| 10 | Jack Bell |
| | Lorraine Sanford |
| 12 | Sharon Foster |
| 14 | Velma Bertram |
| 15 | Marilyn Broome |
| | Doreen Thompson |
| 16 | Doug Hill |
| 22 | Arlene French |
| 24 | Richard Godsmark |
| | Allan MacDiarmid |
| | Karen Ptolemy-Stam |
| 26 | Tom Barber |
| 27 | Hilary Warwick |

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