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***Children's Christmas Musical***

**St. Paul's United Church, Midland**

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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

**Music Director—Victoria Warwick**



Today is an all ages worship service. Children are asked to remain in the Sanctuary. A nursery is available if needed off the Room of Requirement for younger children.

CAROL: VU #62 Once in Royal David's City

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY:

One: Like the coloured sky, may this flame remind us of the growing light that announces Jesus' birth. May we pause join our voices in joyful praise.

**Sung Response: All**

**Light a candle, a symbol of joy.**

**Light a candle. Let all earth rejoice.**

**Light a candle to shine in the dark,**

**Light a candle, open your heart.**

**Light a candle, and open your heart.**

OPENING PRAYER

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

*Created by Steve Moore, Rob Howard and David Guthrie.*

*All song words & music by Rob Howard*

**A PLAY IN A MANGER**

The town of Centerville is preparing their annual Christmas Extravaganza – but this year it's going to be bigger and better than ever! The excitement is off the chart as the writer and director and legend-in-his-own-mind, Cecil V. Deville, calls for pyrotechnics, sky-diving angels, dancing camels and more. It's an over-the-top, down-to-earth Christmas Musical you won't want to miss!

Opening Song: It's That Time of Year Again

Scene 1: Audition Time

Song: "*Bigger is Better*"

Scene 2: One Week Later - Rehearsal

Song: "*Glory in the Highest*"

Scene 3: Rehearsal and construction

Song: "*Let It Shine*"

Scene 4: Five Days to Opening Night

Song: "*His Name is Jesus*"

Scene 5: Opening Night

Song: "*The Heart of the Story*"

Scene 6: A Change in Plans

Song: "*Away in a Manger Medley*"

Scene 7: A Manger - Touching Hearts

Song: "*A Play in a Manger Medley*"

Cecil V. Deville: Isabelle Pauzé

Councillor Briggs: Shayla Brown

Bailey: Emma Whittier

Biff Slick: Duncan McNeil

Ben: Madeline Rice

Shepherd 1: Duncan McNeil

Wise One 1: Shauna Bailey

Pyro: Megan Angus

Mayor Flume: Seamus McNeil

Taylor: Kate Gammell

Christine Glib: Shauna Bailey

Stormie Skye: Dalaynie Dal Bello

Shepherd 2: Kaydence Hopkins

Wise One 2: Duncan McNeil

Mary: Makayla Angus

Director - Victoria Warwick

Production team - Colleen Gareau,

Technical support: Marlie Tovell, Starr Carless, Victoria Tovell and Judy McConnell

Set Designer - Aaron Pauzé

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY CAROL: VU #47 Still, Still

\*DOXOLOGY: MV #182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.  
Grateful for the birth of Jesus, thankful for Emmanuel,  
Jesus born in Bethlehem and in our hearts as well.**

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 all involved – to Colleen Gareau, , it has been a pleasure – you gave of yourself willingly and generously and this couldn't have happened without you! Thank you. To Aaron Pauzé for taking care of our set again this year, thank you so very much for your talents.

To our technical team, Marlie Tovell, Star Carless, Victoria Tovell and Judy McConnell.

To parents/grandparents 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: you are all SO great! Thank you for your enthusiasm, talent, creativity and laughs (often with snorts)! 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.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH IN THE GREAT HALL.**

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



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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.

**St. Paul's Annual Christmas pot luck lunch** is today, immediately following the service. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy food and fellowship, a carol sing-along and perhaps a special guest!

**St. Paul's 2019 calendars are now available** at the church office at a cost of \$15 each. Proceeds go to St. Paul's United Church.



Still looking for gifts for your coffee-loving friends? Consider a bag of coffee from **St. Paul's Café** and support our church. Orders can be placed on Sunday after the service, or at the church office.

### **Christmas Food Drive**

Today is the final day for St. Paul's annual Christmas Food Drive.

***Please share because you do care.***



**Pledge card reminder** - If you have not completed and handed in your pledge card, it's not too late. We are working on the 2019 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget.

### **UCW Church Calendars:**

A limited number of 2019 UCW calendars are available at a cost of \$6.00 each. Please contact Helen French at 705-526-8293 if you are interested.

***The beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary have been placed in memory of loved ones:***

In loving memory of **Bob Broome and Gary Price**, from Marilyn & family.

In memory of **Mother, Father and sister Ellen**, from Tom Barber.

In memory of loved ones from Anne & Joe Faragher & family and Lenore & Ivan Price & family.

In memory of **Jim Nicholson**, loving husband, father & grandfather, placed by his family.

In memory of parents, grandparents and other family members, from Ken & Doreen Gunson.

In memory of **Norm Ellis** & other family members, from the Ellis family.

In loving memory of son **Scott Bertram**, from Velma and Harold Bertram.

In loving memory of our daughter **Kelli Coryell Morriss**, from Bob & Jean Coryell.

In loving memory of **Audrey Draper**, from Norm Draper.

In loving memory of our son **Chris Erb**, from Peter & Joyce Erb.



We have a system for hearing support.  
Please speak to an usher for assistance.