



St. Paul's Weekly Update – June 6, 2024

Worship – Sunday, June 9, 2024

Welcome to Pat File, our Guest Preacher this Sunday. If you are not able to join us in-person on Sunday morning at 10 a.m., please click on the link below and join us on-line any time.



<https://youtube.com/live/tsJS6yhMXFE?feature=share>

St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on at St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/>. There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

Connecting Together

Every Thursday from 2:00 -3:30 p.m. we gather in the Atrium at St. Paul's. All are welcome to join us for coffee/tea, good conversation and storytelling. We welcome new folks at any time throughout the year and will continue over the summer months.

Thank you from Carol MacDonald and Christina Strong **to all you wonderful Garden Angels.** Thirty-eight coleus have been planted in the gardens. The Discovery Kids will be planting 18 more on Sunday for a total of 56 amazing plants to beautify our gardens. You truly are angels.



Bay Sound Concert

This Saturday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, Bay Sound Choirs presents "**Music Changes the World**". Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth and children under five are free. Tickets are available on their website at www.baysound.ca and will also be available at the door.



Next UCW meeting is on Tues. June 11th. We will be having a finger food potluck luncheon in the Atrium at noon. All ladies in the congregation are welcome to come. Call Judy McConnell at 705 529-1826 for more info.

Calling all campers

Our congregation and the UCW raises funds that are available to St. Paul's children and youth in need of financial assistance to register for United Church approved camp programs. All Discovery Kids and Youth Group participants can ask for a subsidy. Camp Simpresca in Midland is one of these approved camps. **Please reach out to Rebecca by June 14th if you wish to apply for camp funding.**



Discovery Kids Updates

June 9 will be our final day of Discovery Kids programming until we return in the fall. Remember, throughout the summer, families are always welcome to go up to the playroom in the Room of Requirement if children need a space to play. You can turn on the television in the playroom for the live stream of the service.



We will be hosting our "**DK "Sundaes on Sunday" on Sunday June 9.** To celebrate the friendships that have formed and all the ways we have learned and grown in faith this year, all Discovery Kids are invited to join us after worship on June 9th for an ice cream celebration.

Camp Awesome this year is from **August 12-16.** More details will follow but be sure to know it's always an AWESome time.

Thank You from Faith Formation. It is wonderful to see the increase in numbers of our children and young families at St. Paul's. The Faith Formation Committee would like to say, **THANK YOU** for making this place feel welcoming to our children and youth. Parents have told us that their kids look forward to being at church with us on Sundays. The children feel a sense of belonging and ownership here and that is beautiful! **You** contribute to making this place feel welcoming, safe, familiar and fun for our youngest parishioners. Thank you a million for recognizing and fostering an honoured place for them in our community. It really makes a difference when children are celebrated and included

Save the date:

Lifelong Learning Event-plan to join us on Tuesday July 16th from 2-4 for our Caregiving Session. Our guest speakers are Katie MacDonald from the Ontario Caregiver Organization and Sandy Dupuis from Couchiching Family Health Team. Please see the attached poster for more information. If you are able to distribute posters, there will be some available at the side entrance table so please help yourself. Please leave a message at the church at 705-526-6077 if you plan to attend.

The UCW is looking for help to prepare sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen for four Tuesdays during the month of August. We need to prepare eight loaves, individually cut and bagged and they need to be brought to the church by 9:00 a.m. Please call the church office at 705-526-6077 if you can assist.

Volunteer Opportunity

Last call for Food Safety training - for anyone that is interested in becoming a safe food handler. This training is very appropriate for anyone who helps out in our community kitchen. The link for the online training is <https://ingoodhands.ca/>. Once you have registered, please submit your receipt to Louise at stpaulsunited@rogers.com for reimbursement. Receipts must be submitted by June 14th.

This Week's Minute for Mission

"This is a life and death matter." We are blessed to live in Canada, a country that recognizes the right to love whoever you want, regardless of their gender or sex. And while we haven't always done what is right, The United Church of Canada now recognizes that all love—including Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ relationships—is holy and blessed by God. But those rights do not exist in many parts of the world today.

"One of our partners in Kenya has advocated strongly for the human rights of sexual minorities, and that has caused him to be in jail, caused him to risk his life to be able to do that," says the Rev. Michael Blair. The church's first openly gay General Secretary is now helping to advocate for sexual and gender minorities in foreign countries.

"When we hear these stories, we can see that this is a life and death matter." Your gifts for [Mission and Service](#) help shelter refugees as they escape repressive governments. Same-sex attraction is a crime in 71 countries, and 11 of them have the death penalty.

Mission and Service also holds consultations in other countries to discover how we can best work with our partners to protect sexual and gender minorities. To date, Mission and Service has supported consultations in Latin America and the Philippines. "We are bringing together leaders to explore how the church can be a place of liberation and life for sexual and gender minorities in those communities. That is happening because of the folks who contribute to Mission and Service," says Blair.

Thank you for helping to protect sexual and gender minorities. You are saving lives and changing views around the world!

Blessings everyone

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