

Worship – Sunday, June 20, 2024

Welcome to Carolyn Hendry, 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.



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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>

In-Person Coffee Hour

Our in-person coffee is **this Sunday, June 23, 2024**, following worship. Join us for coffee and cake as we celebrate the great work that has been accomplished under the Community Services Recovery Fund. Kathy will share the final report from the committee and we can enjoy some time together.



A THANK YOU Message from Kathy Stewart

As my last week of employment at St. Paul's comes to a close, I'm feeling a sense of gratitude for having been given the opportunity to share my gifts with everyone at St. Paul's - friendships renewed, new friends made and a sense of purpose and celebration for the work that is accomplished by all of you. You certainly make the world a better place to be. I never like to say "goodbye" so it is just "see you soon" and thanks to everyone!

Summer Office Hours

Louise is now working Wednesdays and Thursdays only until mid-September.

The office will still be open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with Judy in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Louise in the office on Wednesday mornings.

Ontario Service Awards



St. Paul's nominated six volunteers in various categories to be honoured at the annual Ontario service Awards in Barrie on Wednesday June 19th. Volunteers rarely do their work for the purpose of recognition but these six are representatives of all the volunteers at St. Paul's who give generously of their time and talent. Nominees have given a minimum of five years of service with the same agency.

One of the first best practices in Volunteer Management is appreciation! Let's keep this volunteer appreciation event going at St. Paul's! Start thinking about nominees for the 2024/25 year (early November). Congratulations to Helen French (60 years), Sheila Thompson (55 years), Joan Lavin (45 years), Bruce Wilcox (40 years), Zena Pendlebury (30 years) and Lynne Angus (10 years). **Congratulations to everyone and we are honoured to have you as our representatives.**

Support St. Paul's @ Midland's First Pride Festival!

Midland will be hosting their very first **Pride Festival this Sunday June 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Midland Rec Centre.** Enjoy free admission, vendors, live music, and a colourful celebration of Midland's vibrant 2SLGBTQA+ community. This is an all-ages event so ALL are welcome!



Rebecca will be setting up a St. Paul's booth at the Pride event. If you wish to join her or lend a hand, you can email her at dkspumidland@gmail.com. Of course you are all encouraged to FIRST celebrate Kathy Stewart's last day with us before attending the pride event on Sunday morning. Contact Rebecca if you have any questions.

Connecting Together

Every Thursday from 2:00 -3:00 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.

A message from Victoria

As we move into summer services (no choir) I thought it might be fun to resume our "hymn medley" that we used to do pre-pandemic. At each Sunday service, I could take

two or three of our favourite hymns and string them together as an opening hymn. **If you have a favourite hymn(s)**, please email those suggestions to me at warwick.victoria130@gmail.com, or let me know at church and I will weave them together over the summer months.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on **Saturday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

Save the date:

Lifelong Learning Event - plan to join us on Tuesday July 16th from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. for our Caregiving Session. Our guest speakers are Katie MacDonald from the Ontario Caregiver Organization and Sandy Dupuis from Couchiching Family Health Team. Please leave a message at the church at 705-526-6077 if you plan to attend.

Camp Awesome

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

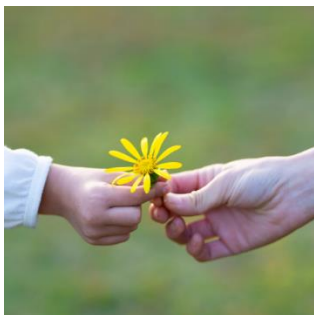
The UCW is looking for help to prepare **sandwiches for the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen** for four Tuesdays during the month of August. We are still looking for three loaves for August 20th and three loaves for August 27th. They need to be individually cut and bagged and brought to the church kitchen by 9:00 a.m. Please contact Judy McConnell at 705-529-1826 if you can help or if you need more information.

UCW Garage Sale

St. Paul's UCW will be holding their **annual Garage Sale on September 28th**. Please set aside any items in your home you don't need/want any longer and we will pass them on for someone else to enjoy while we raise needed funds for our work.



This Week's Minute for Mission



AN ACT OF GENEROSITY

Those who work in the United Church's Philanthropy Unit have the privilege of hearing the stories of generous supporters. Each story shared is inspiring, but the note below included in a cheque sent by Rock Lake Pastoral Charge in Manitoba is especially delightful.

"Please find enclosed our cheque for \$125.00. One of our member's great-grandchildren rolled loose coins they found around the house. There was one roll of loonies, six rolls of quarters, six rolls of dimes, and five rolls of nickels. The three children ages 12, 9, and 7 were told if they rolled the coins, they could use the money however they wanted. They decided very quickly that they wanted to give it to children/people of Ukraine. They brought the money to Rock Lake Pastoral Charge and asked to have the money sent through The United Church of

Canada for Emergency Response—Ukraine. They wanted it to go through the church because their great-grandmother loved the church.

“The children could have gone and bought a toy or chocolate bar but they thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine. They were so proud when they came into the office. It was a big heavy bag of coins they carried for seven or eight blocks to get here. They were really pleased to present it,” says office administrator Linda Sharpe.

This story represents thoughtful, intentional giving at its finest. Every gift given is a treasure. Every gift given tells a story about generosity. Thank you for [supporting the work we do together](#) as a United Church. May the story we tell in our giving and receiving bring us ever more near the heart of God.

Blessings everyone

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