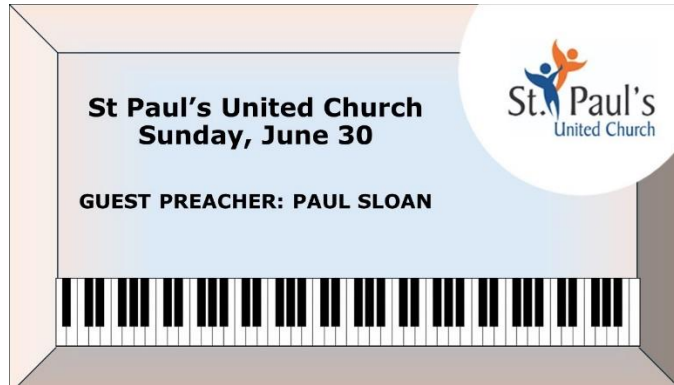


Worship – Sunday, June 27, 2024

Welcome to Paul Sloan, 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/ehFHQtE66yc?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>

Change in Office Hours

Due to vacation, during the weeks of July 1st and July 8th **the church office will be open on Thursday mornings only**. Louise will be working from home on Wednesdays and in the office on Thursday mornings. Regular office hours will resume the week of July 15th.

CANADA DAY!!! Help us celebrate Canada's 157th birthday. This Sunday, wear your 'red and white' or other Canada Day attire and join the fun!



THANK YOU to everyone who joined us this past Sunday to celebrate all the work done by the Community Service Recovery Fund grant committee and the volunteers at St. Paul's. We have so much to celebrate and a great foundation for future outreach programs. Never be afraid to say "how can I help" as there are many ways to help. Copies of the final report are on the table at the back door at the church and is also attached to this weekly update. As we pause for summer and take time to fill up our own cups, we can all look forward to new energy and big ideas in the future.

Finally, thank you to everyone for the kindness and compassion that you have shared with me as we spent the year "revitalizing" St. Paul's together.

St. Paul's Pride

Our booth at the Midland Pride event was a great success. Community feedback was positive and reinforced the importance of seeing affirming and positive faith-based representation within the 2SIATLGBQ+ community. Thank you to everyone who helped. A special thank you to all who dropped in to the event! We will be there again in 2025 so keep it in mind if you'd like to be involved.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is **this 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.

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 the Property Committee

New Security Cameras - The Official Board authorized the purchase of a new security camera system at its last meeting. The system replaces the existing system which is obsolete and has been nonfunctioning for the past two years. The new system will have 12 cameras, including 3 outside cameras located on the south side, the east (front) side and the north side of the building. The cameras will record 24/7 and will be monitored. The cost of this new system is not to exceed \$15,000. A generous donor has agreed to pay one third of the cost, one third will come from our Trust Funds and the remaining third will need to be raised by the congregation. If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".





[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.

[In-Person Coffee Hour](#)

Our next in-person coffee will be on **Sunday, July 7th**, following worship.

[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.

[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.



[A thank you message from Midland Small Set](#)

The Midland Small Set Cooperative Nursery School wishes to thank the St. Paul's community for another school year of being welcome in the building. Special thanks to "Mr. Jim" and the User Group Committee for all you do. In today's rental market, the Nursery School wouldn't exist without this valuable ministry of sharing space.

[This Week's Minute for Mission](#)

For hundreds of children living in Córdoba, Colombia, arts programs supported through your [Mission and Service](#) gifts teach children about their rights, give them an opportunity to express themselves, and promote peace-making as well as gender justice.

"Providing workshops for children that teach them about their rights empowers them to think critically about themselves and their country. Through media, art, music, and

theatre, they learn about important social issues, human rights, and gender equality," says the Latin American Center for Popular Communication (CEPALC).

Children are the most vulnerable group in Colombia. Eighty-four percent of violent acts in Colombia are committed against children. Two and a half million children living there work to sustain their families. Many are forced into dangerous labour. That's why CEPALC designs programs in sectors hardest hit by poverty and violence.

"I told my mom that we had seen some works of Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Flora Tristan. I remember that they taught us that we must defend the rights of us women. **What I like, in general, is that they taught us that we must make peace,**" says Amelie, an eight-year-old girl who lives in Bogotá and workshop participant. "Thanks to CEPALC workshops, I'll be a writer, and I will write things so that children will promote and defend peace, following Jesus' examples. I will defend and promote our rights in my stories so that nobody can disrespect us or the rights that we have. When I am an adult, I won't be doing violence against anybody."

Blessings everyone

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