

**Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church**

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Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Director of Music: Paul Sloan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013**  
**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Lois McQuirter

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the darkness of night makes way for the dawn of a new morning,  
as the dreams of our sleeping are folded into the activity of our waking,  
as the hopes for our living are brought before God, in the presence of families and friends,  
so may this time that is ours for worship  
be a time to strengthen,  
to bless, and to comfort,  
and to prepare us for our life in the world.

**All: Come, and let us worship God.**

*(Bob Roots, Mark Street U.C., Peterborough, Ont.)*

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 # 187 Vs 1

***The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!***  
***The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!***  
***New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.***  
***New light, new day, the spring has come,***  
***let all the church be part of it!***

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN # 307 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

THEME CONVERSATION – Ian Sutherland

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Here is what we do so often:

**All: we cry out to you, O God, seeking, cajoling, demanding, yearning in prayer for our heart's desire, making our case that what we want is what we need, storming your faithfulness to get what we want.**

One: Here is what you do for us:

**All: you give us Jesus, risen and alive within, spreading the healing balm of peace, beckoning us into new ways of being faithful, sending us into challenge and chaos for love.**

One: Here is how we too often respond:

**All: But that's not exactly how we thought it would be; that's not how we saw it working out; couldn't you just do it our way for once?**

One: Here is how you love us back:

**All: Peace. Peace. Peace.**

One: Here is our prayer:

**All: Forgive us in Jesus' name, O God, preparing our minds to understand in faith, opening our hearts to embrace your way, equipping our lives for discipleship. Amen**

(Gord Dunbar, Moorefield-Rothsay P.C., Moorefield, Ont.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

**Halle, halle, halle lujah! Halle, halle, halle lujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

## We Hear the Wisdom of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

**May we hear these ancient scriptures with trusting faith and gentle hope, with creative enthusiasm and honest doubt, rooted in the teachings of Jesus and grounded in your love. May we hear your call in scripture today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21: 1-14

ANTHEM: *A Time for All Things* Words/Music by Douglas E. Wagner

SERMON

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN # 563 *Jesus I Have Come to the Lakeshore*

\*DOXOLOGY: #VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN VU #232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

\*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

\* \* SUNG BLESSING

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you,  
 God is always near. Go in Love; take God's hand.  
 God will hear you and will understand.  
 May God's light forever shine upon you.  
 May God's peace be always in your heart.  
 Go in love; face each day.  
 God will lead you, and will show the way.  
 Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary

POSTLUDE

## Welcome!

### 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 info 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. **Please join us for coffee downstairs in the Great Hall compliments the UCW**

Lay Reader  
 Pre-Service Music  
 Administrator  
 Custodian

David Walker  
 Rick Taylor  
 Judy McConnell  
 Mary Ellen Petticrew  
 Captain of the Greeters for April – Bud Wooldridge  
 Max Wagg will be delivering DVD's for the month of April.  
 Sheila Thompson will be in the Nursery today.  
 Captain of the Counters for April – Linda Jarvis

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CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK APRIL 15TH THRU APRIL 19TH			
Tuesday	Stewardship	5:00pm	Parlour
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Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel

*Don't forget to let the church know if you're meeting day or time changes!*

**The Official Board** has called three gatherings of the congregation to discuss our wedding policy. Please mark your calendars for April 14, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The first session starts this Sunday and the sessions will be approximately 1hr 15 minutes long and will be held after church and after you have had a chance to get a coffee. It is hoped that you will be able to attend as many as possible. **\*Background packages for Sunday, April 21 and April 14th, are available from the ushers before or after the service.**

### **Out Of The Cold Lenten Outreach Project:**

The Outreach Committee would like to sincerely thank the congregation for their outstanding support for the Out Of the Cold shelter for the homeless during Lent. With a very generous donation from an anonymous donor from our congregation along with the 1:1 matching from the St. Paul's Special Projects Account, we are very pleased to announce that we have raised a total of \$13,676 to help build a permanent shelter for the needy people in the Midland area. The money is being designated to help furnish the shelter. The homeless in Midland are very grateful for your support and generosity. Thank you all for caring!

**Welcoming of new members and adherents** on Sunday on April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to become a member of St. Paul's please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or speak with Karen.

**St. John's United, Elmvale**, are hosting their **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON**, on **Wed. Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Along with the luncheon you can shop for homemade baking, white elephant goodies and take part in a silent auction. Lunch is \$10.00/adult and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets at the door only. Take outs available.

**Camp Simpresca** is having their spring cleaning day on **Saturday, May 4/13**. It will from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch provided. More information on the bulletin board.

#### **UCW GARAGE SALE APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 10AM TO 2PM**

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT RECYCLING ALL

THOSE ITEMS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE. RECYCLE THEM TO THE

UCW GARAGE SALE **ON FRIDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> - PENETANG LEGION**

YOU CAN DROP THINGS OFF AT THE LEGION ON THE AFTERNOON OF

THURSDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1-4PM OR MORNING OF THE SALE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TONY STELLA @ 705 540 9031

**Talent Auction May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013:** Please find slips on the back window that can be used to fill out the information regarding any handmade items that you might like to donate. Just to give you some ideas, suggestions of past donations from our talented parishioners are on the back. Please submit your slips to the church office or put on the collection plate by April 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 and items should be in by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY YOU MAY CALL **KAREN** AT HOME AT **705-355-0224** OTHERWISE PLEASE CALL CHURCH AT **705-526-6077**. **KAREN** NOW HAS HER OWN EMAIL ADDRESS: [MINSFUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MINSFUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL **KAREN** DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

**Newsletters:** Would you prefer we email you your newsletter then have it delivered, if so let the office know and we would be glad to send it that way in the future!

Georgian Manor is looking for someone to be a backup pianist once in a while for their daytime worship services. If you are interested please call Daniel Spilleener at 705-533-3916 or email [DSPILLENEER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DSPILLENEER@HOTMAIL.COM)

**Special Showing And Discussion**

***"We Were Children"***

**Ebenezer United Church**

***Tues. April 16, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.***

**Everyone Welcome – Everyone Invited**

***No Charge; Free Will Offering accepted***

The Story Of 2 First Nations Children in Indian Residential Schools

As young children, Lyna and Glen were taken from their homes and placed in church-run boarding schools. The trauma of this experience was made worse by years of untold physical, sexual and emotional abuse, the effects of which persist in their adult lives. In this emotional film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed unflinchingly through the eyes of two children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. *We Were Children* gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit.

"We Were Children" is a powerful and moving story that all Canadians should see. Following this 90 minute film, **Andrew Baker**, one of the Fire Keepers during the Dump Site 41 vigil and the Employment Training Coordinator at the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre in Midland, will lead a follow-up discussion . This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about a sensitive and important issue facing the United Church -- and all Canadians -- in our time: how to help overcome one of the major tragedies in our country's past. Many of our First Nations friends made as a result of our shared involvement in resistance to Dump Site 41 have been deeply affected personally by the Residential Schools issue. Please join us for this important evening: film and discussion. No charge; but a freewill offering will be accepted to help defray expenses.

Ebenezer United Church, 5450 Ebenezer Side Road, is located in Tay Township at the junction of Ebenezer Side Road and Ron Jones Road. take Highway 93north of Waverley to Ebenezer Side Road and then go east to the end of the road.

For more information:

Rev David Black

705 737-5835

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR FAMILY AT ST. PAUL'S

*APRIL*

April 1	Joan Pellett
2	John Capstick
4	Ann Kerry
5	Hannah Black
	Judy Frey
8	Lydia Ehmcke
9	Clifford Rudyk
10	Linda Jarvis
17	Susie Lamoureux
20	Lucas Murphy

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Don Craig

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Dirk Alberts

Marlis Dupuis

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Karl Miller

Sharon Whiteside

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Art Campbell

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