

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

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Minister – All of the Congregation  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013**  
**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #228 *Sing Praises to God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR CAMP SIMPRESCA – Jo-anne Zeitz and Iris Sagar

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Through our worship and praise and music,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

One: In ministries of wholeness and healing,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

One: As we share with one another,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

One: When we seek the right words and actions in times of grief and pain,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

One: When we join voices and hearts together to seek justice for all people,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

One: In every act of ministry done in Christ's name,

**All: make our work holy, O God.**

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(in unison)

**To what should we devote ourselves, O God? Turn us toward those who show us the way to follow and the work that is holy. May we see in, women like Tabitha, compassion that breaks boundaries. May we see, in men like Peter, help that uplifts. Make us bold to follow their example. Amen**

*\*HYMN # 597 Simon, Simon, a Fisherman*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God of all our days, so often we spend our time in thoughtless labour. We work to build our own security and to fill our own pockets. We become as lost sheep, wandering about without purpose. Help us to find meaning and purpose in our lives. Infuse our every deed with the mystery and goodness of purpose that attends your grace. Grant that our hospitality and friendship may extend beyond the circles of privilege and habit, to include all your creation, even the least among us, in your embrace. Amen**

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: Psalm 1 VU #724

Acts 9: 32-43

ANTHEM: *By Your Mercy* Craig Courtney/Susan Bentall Boersma

SERMON

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN "Who is My Mother" from More Voices*

*Who is my mother, who is my brother?*

*All those who gather round Jesus Christ:*

*Spirit blown people born from the Gospel*

*Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.*

*Differently abled, differently labelled,*

*Widen the circle round Jesus Christ:*

*Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,*

*All come together round Jesus Christ.*

*Love will relate us colour or status*

*can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:*

*family failings, human derailing*

*all are accepted round Jesus Christ.*

*Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.*

*(Words: Shirley Erena Murray 1992, Music Ron Klusmeier 2002)*

\*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

Grant that we may be like Tabitha and all true servants of your grace, O God. As Tabitha distributed clothing and warmth to the lease among your children, extending at the same time the reach of your loving embrace; so may we, through the gifts you have given us, do the same. Through the love of Jesus. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* HYMN VU #595 *We Are Pilgrims*

\*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 Communication committee.**

Lay Reader

Allan James

Pre-Service Music

Rick Taylor

Administrator

Judy McConnell

Custodian

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for April – Bud Wooldridge  
Max Wagg will be delivering DVD's for the month of April.

Angie Leis will be in the Nursery today.  
Captain of the Counters for April – Linda Jarvis  
Phone 526-6077 Fax 526-4020 Email: [STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM](mailto:STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM),

**The Official Board** has called three gatherings of the congregation on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss our wedding policy. **The second session is today**, each session 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. To vote on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> you will have had to at least attended one of the meetings, and vote in person at the April 28<sup>th</sup> service. **\*Background packages for Sunday, April 21 and 28th are available from the ushers before or after the service.**

Thank you to **Naw Doh** for helping around the church this week in while Mary Ellen was away. Mary Ellen was in the hospital this week but were happy to say she was given a clean bill of health and will be back to work on Monday. Welcome back Mary Ellen!

**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. **Volunteers are needed!!**

We wish to announce the passing of **Marion Williams**, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2013 in her residence home in Ottawa. Jack and Marion were well known at St. Paul's. They moved to a beach house in this area when they retired from Toronto many years ago. They were always active in the church – Jack often told the children's story; they were long time participants in the Friendship Group; and Marion was a faithful member of the Penetanguishene UCW. Jack passed away 3 years ago, and this past summer Marion moved to a Residence in Ottawa. Jack and Marion where a well-loved couple.

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: [MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

**Newsletters:** Would you like your newsletter emailed, 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 weekly daytime worship services. If you are interested please call Daniel Spilleener at 705-533-3916 or email [DSPILLENEER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DSPILLENEER@HOTMAIL.COM)

**Serenata Choir service of Thanksgiving today Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 303 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.** Admission Freewill offering. This is Serenata's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service. See poster for more information. All proceeds to the *Out of the Cold Community Shelter*.

**CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> TH THRU APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Monday	The Circle	7:00pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel
Friday	Family Fun Night	6:30pm	Great Hall

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

**Out of the Cold Lenten Outreach Project:**

The Outreach Committee is very pleased to announce that we have raised a total of \$14,308 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!

**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 STEEL @ 705 540 9031

**Family Fun Night:** Join us for Hobby and Craft Family Fun Night on Friday, April 26, 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Great Hall. Share your passion, or come to learn what others are doing! A great opportunity to finish up your contributions to the Talent Auction! For information, contact Rachel Leck at [RCLECK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RCLECK@GMAIL.COM) or 705-527-1694.

**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. Paul's Men's Group Breakfast** for April will be held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM at Mom's Restaurant, 200 Pillsbury Drive, Midland. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**Talent Auction May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013:** We have extended that date for submission of slips, Please submit your slips to the church office or put on the collection plate by April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 and items should be in by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Slips are on the back window of the church. Please see display of items at the front of the church today!

St. Paul's United Church – Givings till the end of March/2013

<u>Monthly Contributions</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2013/Budget</u>	<u>Over/(short)</u>
General Funds	\$49,505.47	\$48,781.33	\$ 724.14
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,042.45	\$ 648.39	\$ 394.06
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$50,547.92</b>	<b>\$49,429.72</b>	<b>\$1,118.20</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service-Givings</b>			
M&S World Dev.	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 0.00
Mission & Service Cong	\$6,763.20	\$6,045.79	\$ 717.41
<b>Total M&amp;S Givings</b>	<b>\$7,138.20</b>	<b>\$6,420.79</b>	<b>\$ 717.41</b>