

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND  
SUNDAY, February 24, 2013  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # VU 335 *At the Name of Jesus*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

One: After forty days and forty nights,

**All: Jesus walked out of the desert.**

One: After facing temptation, hunger, and thirst,

**All: Jesus was cared for by the angels.**

One: They washed him and gave him water to drink.

**All: Then filled with God's spirit, Jesus began his three-year ministry of healing and preaching God's good news.**

One: He travelled from village to village

**All: until the day he set his sight on Jerusalem.**

One: In Lent, we too set our sight on Jerusalem.

**All: Be with us in our worship, O God. Amen**

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: **Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face,  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God, you are in the desert places as you are in the green and growing land. Help us to look for you when life is barren and our  
spirits ache. Help us to walk with you in the wilderness, and to be changed by having spent the time with you. Amen**

\*HYMN VU #115 *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – back page of Bulletin (responsive)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**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 READINGS Psalm 25 VU# 752 (refrain 2),

Matthew 4: 1-11

KAREN FAMILY SINGERS  
SERMON

### We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS  
HYMN VU#114 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

*(Please remain seated for this hymn)*

\*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#120 *Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

***Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the pain. Stay with us, blessed stranger till the morning breaks again. Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the grief. Stay with us, blessed stranger till the morning brings relief.***

*(Walter Farquharson, Ron Klusmeier – Voices United #182)  
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*(Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary)*

Postlude

### **NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

A special welcome to all new friends as we gather to celebrate God's presence in our lives. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer, please make yourself known to us. If you have any questions, our greeters would be delighted to help you. Please put your name, mailing address and email address in our guest book so we may have a record of your visit. **Following our service today we will be serving coffee in the sanctuary before we start the annual general meeting, we hope everyone can stay for this very important meeting to discuss the business of our church for the next year!**

**Babysitting will be provided in our Sunday school upstairs.**

Ministers: All the People of God with the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Lay Reader: Zena Pendlebury

Guest Speaker: Bob Bruer

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor

Administrator: Judy McConnell

Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for February – *Bill & Trudy Coveyduck*  
*Wilma Plews & Ewing Rae* will be delivering

the DVD's for the month of February.  
Cathy Metzgar will be in the Nursery today.  
Captain of the Counters for February – Ria Gerritsen  
Phone 526-6077 Fax 526-4020

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Office hours Monday thru Friday 9-12, 1-4pm

**Notice:** At our Annual General Meeting today a motion will be made regarding the resignation of a member of the Board of Trustees.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Jim McCullough** son of Phyllis and John McCullough, the funeral was held in Stroud Ontario on Saturday February 23rd. Our prayers and condolences go out to Jim's family for their loss.

**CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK FEB 25<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel
Thursday	Newcomers Welcoming Tea	7:00pm	Parlour

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

**Out of the Cold – our Lenten project:** Please find envelopes for your donations to this project in the bulletin today. Your cheque should be made out to “St. Paul’s United Church” our Trust Funds will match the total raised on this project. Please have your envelopes in by Easter Sunday March 31st. Thank You!

**New to the church Tea** on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parlour. Come join us learn more about St. Paul’s & the United Church of Canada. Get to know others, joining the church. **March 10<sup>th</sup> is Welcoming Sunday** if you would like to become a member of the church, please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**World Day of Prayer 2013:** at the River of Life church 170 8<sup>th</sup> St. Midland on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. The service is written by the women of France. See Sharon Foster for more information.

**Towards the Cross:** Huronia District Ministerial welcomes everyone to an Interdenominational service on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Midland Alliance Church, 829 Yonge St. Midland. A Lenten service of Music and Worship featuring contributions from area churches as well as community groups. Refreshments will be served after the service.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**The Observer:** would you like to receive this award winning magazine monthly. If you are presently getting the Observer and wish to continue doing so, you need do nothing. If you are not receiving it and would like please contact the church office. Donations are always welcome to the church to offset the cost of the subscriptions. The cost for one year is \$20.00, but donations of any size are accepted. Please indicate on your envelope that the monies are for the Observer. We reach out to our community by providing copies to nursing homes, and other locations throughout the Midland area. For more information please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**Help Wanted** - Some of our church committees are looking for additional members to help share the work-load of St. Paul's. If you are interested in offering some time to support the work of your church please contact Sheila Thompson 705-526-2186 or Louise Leck 705-526-6389. Committees looking for new members are **Faith Formation/ Christian Education, Communication, Stewardship and Ministry and Personnel**. If we have a volunteer who would work well on either Stewardship or M&P we could suggest that they consider those positions? Sheila

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR FAMILY AT ST. PAUL'S

March 1 Alyce Watson  
3 Kay Brown  
4 Mu La Eh Dah Soe  
Bernice Thompson  
6 Ed Nichols  
9 Gretha van Der Zwan  
David Walker  
11 Ruth Sutherland  
14 Cam Bonner  
16 Ruth Freund  
Echo Godsmark  
Joan Hough  
17 Tim Nesbitt  
Heather Tilson  
19 Rick Gerritsen  
21 Elizabeth Grieve  
Barbara Lalonde  
22 Don Hough  
Rachel Leck  
24 Jordan Dupuis  
26 Hannah Hornsby  
29 Allan James  
29 Connor Banman  
31 Rachel Pendlebury



(Did we forget your name, it's not on purpose, let the office know if we missed your birthday so we can have it there next year!)

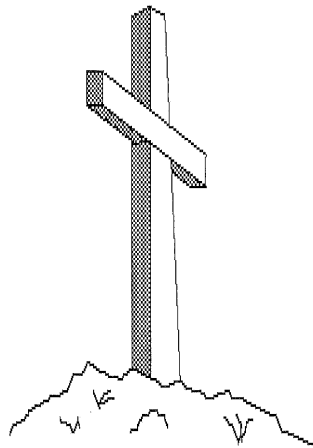
**Midland Co-op Nursery school** which meets at St. Paul's 4 mornings a week is having a fundraiser. Calendars with prizes for each day in the month of March can be purchased in the church office for \$10.00 each. Such great prizes as a \$50 gift certificate for the Library Restaurant, Dairy Queen Cake, Gift Certificate for Tripp's Paint and Décor Shoppe and many, many more.

## HURONIA DISTRICT MINISTERIAL

Welcomes everyone to an Interdenominational service on

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 7:00pm**

at Midland Alliance Church, 829 Yonge St., Midland



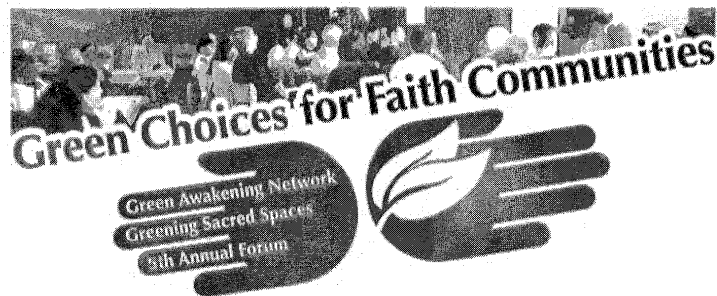
# TOWARDS THE CROSS

A Lenten service of Music and Worship

Featuring contributions from area churches  
as well as community groups

Refreshments will be served after the service

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**Making the Leap: Hope for a Sustainable World**

Sat. March 23, 2013, 9 am—3:30 pm

First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.




**Keynote Speakers:**

**José Etcheverry:** On building the teaching, research and partnerships needed to create green energy economies in Canada and around the world.



**Stephen Scharper:** A faith perspective on the heart and mind change needed for a sustainable future.

**PLUS**

-  Workshops on Eco-Spirituality, Greening Faith Buildings and Building Sustainable Energy in Ontario.
-  A chance to connect with other faith communities responding to the challenges of climate change.
-  Share your greening successes and be inspired to create change in your community.

This event is

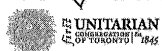


Register at [www.greenchoices5.eventbrite.com](http://www.greenchoices5.eventbrite.com)

Phone: 905-771-5124 ex. 31

Email: [greenawakening@tucc.ca](mailto:greenawakening@tucc.ca)

Registration Fee: \$35



If this seminar interests you the church has a fund to pay the \$35.00 dollar registration fee. You would be responsible for your own transportation. Let Judy know in the office if you register.

**Easter Newsletter:** Your reports and contributions to our Easter newsletter are due into the church office no later than March 11<sup>th</sup>. We welcome your stories, and poems that can be added to our newsletter. **Newsletters:** Please consider receiving your newsletter by email....no paper... let Judy in the church office know at 526-6077 or email the church office at [stpaulsmidland@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsmidland@rogers.com)!

**Name Badges:** We now have the Cord Style name badges, if you would like to change yours from a pin style to a cord style, please contact the church office at 705-526-6077.

**Thank you** to Gail Wilcox for helping fold and staple the Annual Reports and a special thank you to Louise Leck for all her help with the report. Also thank you to Terry MacPherson for all his hard work on the Goals and Actions report. *Thank You!*

**DVD library of past services** is located on the bookshelves in the middle row of the church towards the north side of the sanctuary. If you are unsure, please ask a greeter or Sheila Thompson. The DVD's are copies of past services and are available for anyone who may have missed a service, or enjoyed one so much that they'd like to watch it again, or share it. DVD's can be picked up and returned at your convenience.

**Lay Visitor cards** are on the back window sill for any of our visitors who need more cards. Thank you to all our visitors for the very important work they do for the church!

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.

**The Georgian Bay General Hospital Volunteer association** is looking for volunteers. Positions are available in the Emergency Department, at the information desk and in the new Patients-in-Motion programs as well as other hospital locations. Experience the joy of giving back to the community in a meaningful way by joining the GBGH volunteer association. Pick up an application form at the hospital or go online on the GBGH website and download one today. **There are also applications in the church office.**