

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
SUNDAY, January 13, 2013

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #606 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as people within The United Church of Canada. We are part of a united and uniting church. We share a vision of peace with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is a peace.

One: We come as a people on a search for new understanding. We open ourselves to the passion and energy of those who seek to live lives of meaning and vitality. We share a vision of hope with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is a hope.

One: We come as a people aware of the needs of others. We look beyond ourselves to the wider world. We share a vision of mutual support with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is support for one another.

One: God is with us-we are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Bill Steadman, while at St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, 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: **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

*HYMN *Deep In Our Hearts* (From More Voices)

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;*

*Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(The children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, your community refreshes us.

All: We find joy and support among our Christian friends.

One: O God, your community challenges us.

All: We find new skills and exciting opportunities as we work in the faith community.

One: O God, your community reminds us.

All: We remember the needs amongst us, and those of our neighbourhood and global partners.

One: O God, your community restores us.

All: When we fail and feel low, when we see the good and settle for less, your community offers us a new way in Jesus Christ.

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: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-22

ANTHEM *Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing* Gordon Young

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN VU# 614 *In Suffering Love*

*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 # 331 *The Church's One Foundation*

*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

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. **Please join us for coffee after the service in the gym compliments of the M&P committee.**

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

Lay Reader: Angie Leis

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor

Administrator: Judy McConnell

Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for January - *Tom Barber*

Dirk Alberts will be delivering the DVD's for the month of January.

Cathy Metzgar will be in the Nursery today.

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.

Bible Study is on Wednesday's at 11:30am to 1pm in the parlour, come join us! Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided, all are welcome!

UCW meet on Tuesday January 15th at 12:30pm in the parlour, bring a bag lunch. This month is the installation of the new officers.

A big thank you to **Barber & Haskill** for their generous donation of 2 new stoves for the church kitchen.

Midland's Boston Pizza and "**The Frank Graham Cycle Liberation Tour**" invite you to join us for dinner on Monday, January 14, 2013. Boston Pizza has graciously agreed to donate 10% of all food sales between 5pm and 8pm towards FGCLT. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK JAN 12 THRU JAN 18TH

Monday	Communication	7pm	Parlour
Tuesday	UCW	12:30pm	Parlour
Tuesday	Stewardship	5pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Outreach	2pm	Parlour

If you would like to see your meeting advertised let the office know at 705-526-6077.

It has come to our attention that following families have been affected by loved ones passing away. **Ann Widmeyer** daughter in law to Alys & Alex Widmeyer and the **brother** of Stan & Dorothy Gowan in Ireland. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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. YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

Schedule by Room - Weekly and Monthly Activities at St. Paul's

Monday	Drop In Centre	8:00 – 10.30 p.m.	Gym
Monday	Beavers	6:00 – 7:00pm	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Cubs	7:00 - 8:30PM	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Vox Huronia	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday	Yoga	5:00 - 8:00 pm	Rm # 10 (Spring & Fall)
1 st Monday	M&P	7:00 pm	Parlour
3 rd Monday	The Circle	7:00 – 9:00	Parlour
3 rd Monday	Communication	7:00 - 9:00	Parlour
Tuesday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Tuesday(not 1 st)	Scouts	7:00 to 9:00 pm	Gym
1 st Tuesday	UCW Executive	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
1 st Tuesday	Fellowship Club	7:00 – p.m.	Gym
2 nd Tuesday	UCW	12:30-4:00pm	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Worship Committee	9am	Minister office
2 nd Tuesday	Property Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Chapel
4 th Tuesday (Sept, Nov, Feb, June)	Official Board	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30- 1:00	Parlour
Wednesday	Theological Studies Groups	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Parlour
2 nd Wednesday	Scout Executive	7pm	Old Choir Rm
Thursday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Thursday	Little Treble Makers	4-5pm	Rm #10

Thursday	Children's Comm Choir	6:30 – 8:30pm	Rm #10
Thursday	Pathfinders	6:30-8:30pm	SS Rm#1
Thursday	Venturers/Rovers	6:00 – 9:00	Log Cabin
Thursday	Church Choir	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Chapel
1 st Thursday	Order of Eastern Star	4:00 – 11pm	Gym
2,3 rd & ,4 th	Thursday Guides	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
3rd Thursday	Outreach Committee	2:00 – 4:00pm	Parlour

Friday Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30 Gym
Last Friday mth Faith Formation Family Night 5:00 – 9:00 pm Gym

Saturday 7th Day Adventist 9:00 am-1pm Chapel
4th Sunday Faith Formation-Education 11:30-1:00pm Upstairs Sunday

School Room

If you are interested in more information on any of these Committees and groups, or see changes that need to be made, please call the church office at 705-526-6077. Attention all Crafters - All Saints Anglican Church, 1 Peel Street Penetanguishene, is again going to open the hall on Winterama Saturday, February 16th 2013 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for crafters. The tables are: \$25.00 per table and there are only going to be about 10 spots available. Should you wish to reserve a table please call: Sue Savage 705-549-8708
 Space is limited

Par & Giving Envelopes: If you have not received a set of envelopes or you would like to go on PAR (your donation deducted automatically from your bank account each month) please contact the church office at **705-526-6077**. **We encourage anyone giving on a regular basis to use envelopes or PAR so they can receive a tax receipt at the end of the year!!!**

2012 Annual Meeting & Report: budgets, and 5 year plans should be into the office, if you have not submitted the above information please do so asap. Committee reports are due by January 14, 2013. Thank You! **The Annual church meeting will be held in February, the date to be announced in the near future.**

Submitting your **pledge card** helps your Stewardship Committee with financial planning for the 2013 year (it's not too late you can still submit your pledge). Please submit your card to the church office or put on the collection plate! Don't forget about **PAR a convenient way to support your church** call church office for more info at 526-6077.

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!

Pop Cans and Boston Pizza Receipts! Don't forget to bring in your Boston Pizza receipts we get a % of each bill, the box is on the radiator near the large stairs going down to the gym. Pop cans go to help Habitat for Humanity and the container in the hallway outside the Administrator's office.