



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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday July 14th, 2013

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *VU#391 God, Reveal Your Presence*

CALL TO WORSHIP

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)

**Loving God, be with us as we worship here today. Help us live in ways that are loving and filled with compassion. Give us the
courage to say "yes" to those who need a helping hand. Remind us that we see you in every person we meet. In the name of
your son, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen**

*HYMN *VU# 605 Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy One, forgive us for the times we have not truly seen
our neighbor – whether that neighbor lives on our street,
in our city or half-way around the world.**

**Forgive us when we ask someone, "How are you?" but
then do not wait to hear their answer.**

**Forgive us when we do not pause to ask, "What can I do
to help?"**

Slow us down, dear God, so that our hearts and minds might catch up to what our senses tell us. Encourage us, strengthen us, that we might hold our own worries more lightly – and thus be able to see others more fully. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

One: We may miss things, but our God misses nothing. God notes our choices and also our repentance and our turning. There is always room in God's heart for change, for forgiveness.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

WE HEAR THE WISDOM OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

God of all ages, your love is proclaimed throughout the biblical story. Your call and challenge to be a people of faith shows through on each page. As the scriptures are opened to us, open us to the Word that comes through them. Grant us what we need to be able to become the people we are called to be. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Colossians 1:1-14
& Luke 10: 25-37

SPECIAL MUSIC – NOAH LEIS

SERMON – “Just Do It!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC – NOAH LEIS

***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 # 595 We Are Pilgrims*

* 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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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 lemonade in the Great Hall after the service hosted by Joan Lavin and Shayla Brown.**

Lay Reader
Pre-Service Music
Administrator
Custodian

Peter Hakkenberg
Rick Taylor
Judy McConnell
Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for July is Tom Barber

Joan Lavin will be delivering DVD's for the month of July

Captain of the Counters for July is Linda Jarvis

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Today we welcome **Pat Edmonds** as our guest speaker.
We also welcome **Noah Leis** as our guest musician.

Karen will be on holidays and return to the office on Tuesday July 23rd. **Next Sunday our speaker will be:** July 21st Lorna Bywater.

In case of an emergency during the day you can call the church office at 705-526-6077 or after hours please call Rev. Heather Graham or Rev. Bev Irwin at 705-549-9896 or Rev. Philip Cable at 705-728-6015.

Bakeless Bake Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated to the UCW Bakeless Bake Sale._

Youth Night: Our next Youth Night will be taking place on Friday July 26th at 6:00pm. We will be doing an environmental night including a scavenger hunt. RSVP by email for 308yaya@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed:

Senior Tea & Communion: The first 2013 Senior Tea and Communion service will be taking place on July 31st. We are looking for volunteers to assist with picking up and dropping off Senior's before and after the event. If interested please email Kelsi Maracle at 308YAYA@GMAIL.COM.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver the DVD's of the church service over the summer. Joan Lavin, Al MacDiarmid and Max Wagg, it is greatly appreciated!

Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator Announcement - Applicants Sought For Exciting New Position at St. Paul's in Midland

St. Paul's United Church Midland wishes to hire a ***Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator***, to begin work on August 26, 2013. This 12 hour per week (on average) contract position will develop and implement programs for Sunday School, youth and families as well as other opportunities for spiritual enrichment for a wide variety of people at St. Paul's and in the community. Remuneration is negotiable, commensurate with qualifications and experience. **Closing date for applications is Friday August 16, 2013.**

Please apply to: The Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

308 King St., Midland, ON L4R 3M6 Email: STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM

For more information and the complete job description:

Go to WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG for additional information telephone St. Paul's at (705) 526-6077

The Toronto United Church Council: 120 Years Young!

In June the Toronto United Church Council held its 120th annual meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Council's history and to celebrate our new and ongoing partnerships with United Church ministries.

Our History

Council was founded in 1892 by the Methodist Church and, from its inception, served the church and society within the City of Toronto and York Region. In its earliest years through to the 1920's and 1930's, the Council attended to establishing and managing effective outreach ministries, giving leadership to new church development, providing financial relief to "embarrassed churches", overseeing fresh air camping, and, during the depression, operating a distribution service for much needed food and clothing.

The 1940's into the 1960's were years of massive church growth. Council contributed land, capital, and the use of portable start-up buildings to the 54 congregations that were established or expanded in this three decade period. During the 1970's and 1980's, the mandate shifted to supporting redevelopment of older churches and responding to the needs of the growing suburbs of Scarborough, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill. In 1992, Council extended its service area to all the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference and over the next 12 years provided \$1,160,000 in grants to them for their priority mission strategy work. In 2001, the [INVESTING IN MINISTRY FUND](#) was established to enable individuals, congregations, and mission units to directly invest in the work of the United Church. In 2008, the Dufferin & Peel Presbytery Extension Council and Toronto United Church Council merged and together they formed an even stronger corporation to meet the needs of the church today.

Today, Council continues to be involved in caring for the vulnerable through the support of social services, outreach endeavours, and the construction of affordable housing. Its partnerships include continuing strong associations with the Fred Victor Centre, the Massey Centre, Hillcrest Lodge, and the Toronto Christian Resource Centre. Council's long history with camping began first with the operation of the camps and now with its ownership of four campsites and its partnership with the Board of Directors of Camp Big Canoe, Camp Simpresca, Lake Scugog Camp, Ryde Lake Camp and Sparrow Lake Camp.

The passing of **Tom Hazell** June 8, 1937 – July 7, 2013 - We are sad to announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Tom passed away peacefully at home with his family around him. Loving husband to Judy for over 37 wonderful years. The celebration of Tom's life will be held on Thursday July 25th at St. Paul's United Church with visitation from 12:30 p.m. until the service begins at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow downstairs at the church.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Nellie Atkinson**. Nellie had been a member of St. Paul's for many years but has lived in a nursing home in Toronto for the last 10 years. A private family service will be held in the future in Midland.

Unity United Church memorial service at Vasey Union Cemetery August 11 at 10am. Social time following at Unity U.C. Please bring a lawn chair and in case of inclement weather the service will move to Unity church.

ObserverDocs encourages serious reflection and dialogue about things that matter and Observer Docs are free and are as close as the nearest internet connection. WWW.UCOBSERVER.ORG/VIDEO articles on Residential Schools, Climate Change, Life and Death Decisions, Sustainable Energy, & Homelessness in Canada.

Read the Articles. Watch the videos. Start a conversation!

Concert Sunday August 11 at 1pm at St. Paul's. World Song Vocal Camp with Kathy Bullock, Njacko Backo and Alan Gasser. This will be the 3rd year that World Song has held a concert here in conjunction with their vocal camp which is held locally, with singers coming from all over Canada and the US. Free-will donation will be accepted with the proceeds to St. Paul's children's music.

Found at the Church picnic a black camera case. The name on it is Photo concepts; please see Judy in the office if this is your case.

Camp Simpresca: Due to the generosity of our UCW ladies, parishioners in our church and donations from outside the church, **St. Paul's has supported 10 children going to summer camp this year.**

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

PHILANTHROPY NEWS



United Church Welcoming Donations for Flood Relief

The people in Alberta and the land are recovering from unprecedented flooding. Estimates suggest it will take 10 years for damaged infrastructure to be restored. Always compassionate in their response to those in crisis, United Church people across Canada are coming to the aid of the people affected by the floods. The General Council Office has established an Alberta Flood Relief Fund and is welcoming donations.

Each One, Ask One – MISSION AND SERVICE

Did you know that, according to The United Church of Canada Year Book, across Canada, only 45 percent of the people who give to their local congregation also give for Mission and Service? This year we are initiating an Each One, Ask One campaign. Each One, Ask One is an invitation for leaders in every congregation to increase the number of givers for M&S by at least one person in 2013 and to increase M&S giving in their congregation generally. What if each of the leaders in your congregation increased their gifts for M&S and invited a new additional giver? Think what we could do if each congregation increased the number of givers by two. Each One, Ask One is your leadership opportunity.