

**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, June 23, 2013**

**Sunday School Recognition Sunday**

**All Ages Service & Baptism**

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

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *VU#400 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) – *Carlee Brock*

One: God, you have called us together into this family and you have promised to be with us.

**All: We thank you for your love and for each other.**

One: We promise to be a family.

**All: We promise to give newcomers and old-timers, children and adults an equal place in the family.**

One: We promise to be honest with each other and to care for each other.

**All: We promise to learn from each other and to teach each other. We promise to study your Word and to serve you in the world.**

One: Be with your church, loving God, as we journey together into the future. **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 – Tayla Weatherell

RECOGNITION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN & TEACHERS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR singing PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*(verse 1 & 2 by choir & verse 3 everyone)*

**Verse 3 I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got faith like a mountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got hope like a rainbow  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
Praise the Lord!**

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Mackena Murray*

One: Loving God, we know what you expect of us;  
to accept your love, to be loving toward others,  
to include everyone, to recognize our mistakes and mend broken friendship, to build a community of caring and giving. Yet how easily we forget.

**All: How easily we get caught up in busy-ness of worries or our individual problems. Forgive us, renew us, strengthen us, we pray.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God is loving and forgiving.

We can be assured that God's loving arms will tenderly hold us in forgiveness and send us forth to new life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **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: Mark 1:9-13 - *Noah Leis*

Ephesians 4:1-6 – *Hallie Porteous*

ANTHEM *Jubilate Deo! Come, Worship the Lord!*

*Cindy Ovokaitys & Brad Nix*

### **SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

**\*HYMN I Have Called You by Your Name (More Voices)**

***I have called you by your name, you are mine;***

***I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.***

***I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.***

***You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.***

***I will help you learn my name as you go;***

***read it written in my people, help them grow.***

***Pour the water in my name;***

***speak the word your soul can claim;***

***offer Jesus' body, given long ago.***

*I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.*

*I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.*

REFLECTIONS ON BAPTISM  
THE UNITED CHURCH CREED  
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
Mackena Murray  
Iris Sagar  
Xavier Sagar  
Kaitlyn Todd  
Alexandria Todd

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES & BIBLES

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

\*HYMN # 357 Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

\*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 – Caleb Leis

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* **\*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.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN Hallelujah Amen #974

*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 and goodies in the Great Hall after the service compliments of Outreach Committee.**

Pre-Service Music  
Administrator  
Custodian

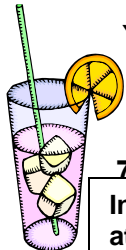
Rick Taylor  
Judy McConnell  
Mary Ellen Petticrew

**MEN** Remember BREAKFAST at MOM'S, Pillsbury Drive, on Saturday June 29th, 8:30 AM.

Big thank you to Mary Ellen, and Mary Ellen would like to thank Naw Doh for helping to plant the beautiful flowers around the church. Mary Ellen works hard all summer to keep the flowers looking happy and healthy. Thank You!

**Volunteers Needed:** This year we are going to video the Sunday services for distribution to those unable to attend. We need someone, or two, to volunteer to pick up the DVDs at the church on Monday morning and deliver them. If there are two volunteers, we would suggest that they take a month each.

**REFRESHMENT HOSTS** - Would you be interested in serving your church in a fun and different way? The Communication committee is looking for teams of two or three who would like to host social time following church during the summer.



Your responsibilities would be to make and serve lemonade and cookies (store bought cookies can be used) in the Great Hall. You would need to be at the church by 9:30 to set up (tables and chairs will be set up in the gym for you) and it takes just over an hour, including clean-up, following worship. Please speak with Sheila Thompson if this interests you or you would like more information. **We have some summer Sundays filled for lemonade hosting and there are about 6 or so more available. You can call Sheila at 705-526-2186**

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's email is [MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). You are invited to email Karen directly at this email address.

**Midland Senior Council** is having a Lunch & Learn: on “**Housing for Seniors – Exploring the Alternatives**” Guest speaker is Angela Roy from CMHC. Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> noon at the Community Hall in the North Simcoe Rec Centre. Limited number of free tickets to luncheon and guest speaker available to Midland residents. Pick them up at the info kiosk at North Simcoe Sports Centre.

Captain of the Greeters for June is Joan Lavin  
Marie & Cam Bonner will be delivering DVD's for the month of June  
Heather Wilson will be in the Nursery today.  
Captain of the Counters for June is Ria Gerritsen  
Phone 526-6077 Fax 526-4020 Email: [STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM](mailto:STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM)

**This is Sunday our children of church are helping to lead the service. We want to thank all the children for their participation!!!**

**Sunday school Teachers and helpers!** We would like to thank our many teachers and volunteers who make the Sunday school a caring and successful experience for our children each week.

Teachers: Joan Lavin, Rachel Leck, Angie Leis, Bea Nayduk, Ian Sutherland & Bev Truax.

**A special thank** you to our nursery volunteers who see that the children are well taken care of during our services!!!

### **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](mailto:STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM)

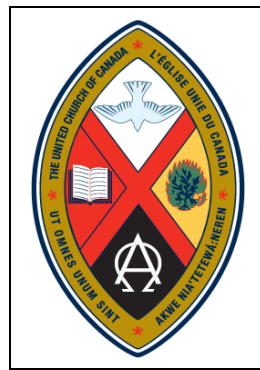
For more information and the complete job description:

Go to [WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG](http://WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG) For additional information telephone St. Paul's at (705) 526-6077

**Bakeless Bake Sale:** The envelopes are on the back window with an enclosed poem explain our Bakeless Bake Sale. We thank you for any support you may be able to give to us. Please provide your name and address or your envelope # to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Your envelope may be placed on the offering plate at any time. Please make your cheque payable to St. Paul's United Church.

### **UNITED CHURCH SAYS NATIONAL INQUIRY NEEDED**

Toronto: The United Church of Canada (NWAC) and the Assembly of First national inquiry into missing and



has added its voice to the call by the Native Women's Association of Canada Nations (AFN) for the Canadian government to convene as soon as possible a murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

NWAC says that nearly 600 missing or murdered Aboriginal women and girls have been documented in Canada, and that number is increasing.

In her letter to Prime Minister Harper, Nora Sanders, the church's General Secretary of the General Council wrote,

“Clearly our justice and social systems are not offering adequate protection against violence for Indigenous women in this country. We take very seriously the deadly violence to which these women and girls have been subjected, and believe that Indigenous women and girls deserve to be safe, as do all Canadians. This tragedy must be addressed as a step towards returning to healthy and thriving Aboriginal families, communities and nations in Canada.”

The church's Call to Action is encouraging its membership to sign the NWAC petition for a national inquiry, and to write to their respective municipal, provincial, and federal representatives, with a copy to the Prime Minister.

The United Church is also supporting the NWAC and AFN assertion that Aboriginal women must have a leading role in the design, decision-making, process, and implementation of this inquiry.

To find out more go to:

[HTTP://WWW.UNITED-CHURCH.CA/GETINVOLVED/TAKEACTION/130612](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/130612)

***There is a petition regarding this on the back window of the church, please ad your name to this “Call to Action”.***

# World Refugee Day

June 20, 2013

## 1 family torn apart by war is too many

**R**efugees flee their country not for economic gain but to escape persecution, the threat of imprisonment and even threats to their lives. Wherever refugees are they strive to pick up the pieces and start over. The courage and determination demonstrated during their darkest hours will serve them well in rebuilding a new life.

According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) 2400 families are forced to flee war or conflict somewhere every day in the world. We are asking everyone to take 1 minute today to imagine if your family had just 1 minute to flee....what would you bring?

In 1 minute a family can lose everything.  
In 1 minute you can help them.

To find out how you can help support refugees contact AURA at:

[www.auraforrefugees.org](http://www.auraforrefugees.org)

or

(416) 588-1612

or

[aurainfo@on.aibn.com](mailto:aurainfo@on.aibn.com)



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