

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
SUNDAY, March 17, 2013
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #374 *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: We are very near now to the time of letting go,

All: when the grain of wheat falls into the ground.

One: We fear the falling, the losing;

All: We don't want to think about it.

One: And yet, in the soil there is a mystery:

All: life lost and kept for eternity.

One: We are very near now to the time of letting go.

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 #427 *To Show by Touch and Word*

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(children may now go up to Sunday school)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

ONE: God, we do want to save our lives, we want to hang on to as much as we can for as long as we can. And so, we measure out our lives and our love, always calculating where to find the best value, how to receive more than we give. In the end, it surprises us how quickly everything slips away and how little we are able to keep.

ALL: God, help us learn from Jesus how to give ourselves away. Teach us that life finds its true beauty when it is freely and lovingly poured out. Open our clenched hearts, we pray. Amen

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 READING John 16: 16-28

SPECIAL MUSIC *Moo Soe singing "Some Where Over the Rainbow"*

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #614 *In Suffering Love* (Please remain seated)

*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 #436 *Abide with Me*

*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

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 Faith Formation committee.**

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

Lay Reader: Judy Hazell

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Pre-Service Music: Rick Taylor

Administrator: Judy McConnell

Custodian: Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for March – *Sheila Thompson*
Jack Bell & Diane & Graham Patchell will be delivering
the DVD's for the month of March.

Yvette Todd will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for February – *Heather Wilson*

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

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK MARCH 18TH THRU MARCH 23RD

Monday	Communication	7:00pm	Chapel
Tuesday	Stewardship	7:00pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel
Saturday	Men's Breakfast Club	8:30am	Mom's Restaurant
Saturday	Scout Garage Sale	9:30am-2pm	Gym

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 on the back window of the sanctuary. 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! **So far we have raised \$2417.00.**

ST. PAULS MENS BREAKFAST for the month of March will be held on SATURDAY MARCH 23, 8:30 AM, at Mom's Restaurant, 200 Pillsbury Drive. For further information contact Art Campbell at 705-527-9144 – all are welcome!

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Doreen Bray**. Our condolences go out to Doreen’s family for their loss. Doreen’s celebration of life will be at St. Paul’s on Monday at 2pm. Visitation is at Nicholl’s funeral home on Sunday March 17th 2-4 and 7-9.

Board Meeting – the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 26th in the Parlour at 7pm. Committee reports and motions should be into the church office no later than Tuesday March 19th. Thank You!

There are copies on the back window of the sanctuary of the **Northern Waters Presbytery Newsletter**; lots of great info...pick up a copy to read.

Part Time Contract Position Available: Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator With an average of 10 hours/week, this position will be responsible for developing, planning, and implementing programs for Sunday school, youth and families as well as other opportunities for spiritual enrichment for a wide variety of people in St. Paul's United Church, Midland and in the community.

The successful candidate will be hired on a contract basis. Remuneration is negotiable, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will be available on June 1, 2013. Applications for this position should be submitted by Friday, April 29, 2013 and should be addressed to:

The Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee
St. Paul's United Church, 308 King St.
Midland Ontario L4R 3M6

Email: stpaulsunited@rogers.com

For more information:

- 🕒 go to WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG
 - Click on "Resources" then “ *JNAC Report*”
 - **Click on Resources then the “Job Description: Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator”**
- 🕒 **or telephone St. Paul’s at (705) 526-6077**

ST. PAUL'S EASTER FOOD DRIVE!

St. Paul's United Church of Midland will hold their Easter Food Drive on starting today Sunday **March 17, 24th & Easter Sunday March 31st**. Please bring your dry goods donations and be generous, share because you do care.

Easter Newsletter: Are ready for pickup by the visitors.

Thank you to everyone for their donations of reports, and stories and to Gail Wilcox for her help with the newsletters!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER



Each Easter we decorate our chancel for Easter Sunday with flowers that are placed in memory of loved ones. The flowers are purchased from the Children's Community Choir it is a fundraiser for them.

This Easter for our Memorial Flowers we are offering a collection of Spring Flowers 6" Pot Easter Egg Mums \$9.00, 6" Pot of Daffodils \$8.00, 6" Of Tulips \$ 8.00, 8" Pansy Bowl \$9.00 6" Pot Hydrangea – Blue or Pink \$20.00. These flowers will be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday after which you can take them home. Please call or drop by the church office (705-526-6077) to order a flower in memory of a loved one! All orders for flowers must be placed by **Monday morning, March 25th**. If you simply wish to purchase a flower to help the Children's Choir they must also be place by March 25th. Thank You!

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.

Help Wanted - Each Sunday our worship service is recorded on DVDs and delivered to the homes of St. Paul's people who are unable to attend. Two months per year. At this time we need someone to help us out with this. If you are interested please contact Sheila 705-526-2186 or Judy in the church office 705-526-



CELEBRATING LENT & EASTER SEASON

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S THRU THE EASTER SEASON

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24TH AT 10AM
(JOIN THE PARADE OF THE PALMS)

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
MARCH 28TH AT 4PM IN THE SANCTUARY

MARCH 29TH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 10AM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE MARCH 31ST AT
LITTLE LAKE PARK NEAR THE FLAGPOLE 7AM
FOLLOWED BY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT
ST. PAUL'S STARTING AT 8AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE BREAKFAST!

EASTER SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S MARCH 31ST AT 10AM
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE GREAT HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

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to Alberta to attend the Canadian jamboree this July.

Boston Pizza invite you to join us for dinner one again. Boston Pizza has 8pm. Thank you for your support.

Talent Auction May 11th 2013: Please find slips on the back window that can be used to fill out the information regarding any handmade items that you might like to donate. Just to give you some ideas, suggestions of past donations from our talented parishioners are on the back. Please submit your slips to the church office or put on the collection plate by April 12th 2013 and items should be in by April 25th.

Donations of Wool – we appreciate any donations of wool you may have for the prayer shawl ministry. Donations can be brought into the church office. Thank You!

UCW GARAGE SALE APRIL 26TH 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 26TH - PENETANG LEGION**

YOU CAN DROP THINGS OFF AT THE LEGION ON THE AFTERNOON OF

THURSDAY APRIL 25TH FROM 1-4PM OR MORNING OF THE SALE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TINY STEEL @ 705 540 0031