

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND
SUNDAY, May 12, 2013

Christian Family Sunday, Mother's Day

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # VU395 *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

One: We are one,

All: One in the body of Christ.

One: We are one,

All: One in the household of God.

One: We are one,

**All: Mother, father, sister, and brother, Gramma and Grampa, aunt or uncle,
nephew or niece...single or in community...
one family connected by God's love.**

One: So we come together...

**All: as God's family, brought together at Christ's
call--to sing, to pray, to share,
and to worship God. Alleluia!**

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: VU # 187 Vs 1

***The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it***

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

One: We expect to find you in church, O God,

All: but you are also where we do not expect you to be.

One: We know you in the joy and celebration of
family reunion

All: but you are also there in the struggle to resolve family conflict.

One: We know you in the confidence and trust of friendship,

All: but you are also there when a friend lets us down.

One: You are there when our faith is strength and an inspiration,

All: but you are also there when we struggle and doubt.

One: You are there in the Bible story and sayings of Jesus,

All: but you are also there in the deeds and words of those who follow the Christian way. Amen.

*HYMN #VU556 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAY OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, even as we gather in celebration of many types of families, we gather in acknowledgement that our families can also be the source of great pain.

We do not always love well or wisely.

We do not always listen with compassion or listen at all.

In families struggling with addictions, conflicting values, misuse of power---bring your healing love.

In families where poverty, violence, or emotional abuse take their toll, we pray for stability, peace, and where possible, reconciliation.

Where chosen or given families disappoint, betray or abandon their members, may all those who suffer know that they are your children, held in your unconditional love. Amen *(Juanita Austin, Trinity U.C. Merritt B.C.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS#958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Halle lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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: Acts 16: 16-34

ANTHEM *Joyful, Joyful Sing Praise* Jay Althouse

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN #VU320 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

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 #VU341 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

(Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary)

**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

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 after the service in the gym compliments of Worship

Ministers:	All the People of God with the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Lay Reader:	Antje Clarke
Director of Music:	Paul Sloan
Pre-Service Music	Rick Taylor
Administrator	Judy McConnell
Custodian	Mary Ellen Petticrew

Board Meeting on Tuesday May 21st in the parlour at 7pm. Please have your reports or motions into the church by Tuesday May 14th. Please forward any motions to Terry MacPherson at TERRYMACPH@GMAIL.COM Thank you!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of:

Marian Wilcox and placed by
Gail, Bruce, Linda and family

In loving memory of our mother
Cora Wiles and placed by
Marjorie, Shirley and family

Pearl and Madeline Cowden
And placed by Pat Cowden and family

Vera Perrin and placed by
Pat Cowden and family



Thank you to all who have made prayer shawls and/or donated wool.

Thank you to those who contributed to the Auction and to the Circle and Gail Wilcox for all their work in organizing this special even.

UCW General Meeting is May 14th at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. Program will be a session on Brain Gym.

May 19th is Pentecost Sunday-All Ages Workshop. We are still looking for volunteers to say the Lord's Prayer in different languages. If you are willing to do so, please let Karen or the office know by Wednesday of this week. Thanks.



**The Church Picnic will be on
Sunday, June 9th. Mark that date on your calendar!
More info to come.**

Do you have a favourite hymn? Please call the office or leave a note in the church office door on Sunday mornings and we will try to include them in the weeks to come.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to “**Camp Simpresca**” on clean up day. It was fun and a successful clean-up day. A thanks also goes out to Gary Price for providing the lunch. **Camp Simpresca needs campers!** Please **register** your child at www.simpresca.net or call **705-355-0115** for paper forms. Thanks you, Iris and Jo-Ann.

Camp Simpresca: We are pleased to announce that St. Paul's will provide a grant of a minimum of \$150.00 to every child/youth from St. Paul's who wishes to attend Camp Simpresca in 2013. If you wish to request a grant, or have any questions, please contact the church at 705-526-6077.

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.

Phone 526-6077 Fax 526-4020

Email: stpaulsunited@rogers.com, Website: stpaulsmidland.org

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

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Worship	9:00am	Karen's Office
Tuesday	UCW	12:30pm	Parlour
Tuesday	Stewardship	5:00pm	Parlour
Tuesday	Property	7:00pm	Chapel
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour

Summer Employment Opportunities

St Paul's United is looking for two summer students to fill the positions described below. If you know anyone who may be interested please have them apply by dropping off an application letter and resume at the church office, or by email at STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM. Applications should be

addressed to the Chair, M&P Committee. Each contract is for eight weeks, 30 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$10.25. Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Position 1 – Multi-Generational Community Worker/Coordinator

The incumbent will plan for and provide leadership of summer church programs to children, youth, families and seniors. Tasks include leading Sunday school classes, organizing weekday programming for seniors and families, youth outreach and youth group planning, and scheduling nursery volunteers for the summer months.

This position reports to the Chair of the Faith Formation and Christian Education Committee (FFCE) for program content and supervision. Training and program development will be done with the FFCE Committee.

Position 2 – Technology, Communications & Marketing Assistant

The role of this position is to revamp the Church's communications and marketing programs by updating audio visual presentations and website, expanding the DVD service for the elderly and those unable to attend Sunday service, organizing existing technology files, providing technical support for concerts and services, and finding new technology files.

This position is supervised by the Minister for program content, and mentorship will be provided through volunteers on the Worship and Property Committees for specific tasks, including presentations and the website.

CAMP SIMPRESCA

Camp Schedule 2013

Registration is now open. Spaces are filling fast so don't delay!

All camps are for both boys and girls. Prices include all taxes.

Week-long camps for ages 8-16
Sunday to Saturday: \$475

Camp 1: July 7 to July 13
Camp 2: July 14 to July 20
Camp 3: July 21 to July 27
Camp 4: Aug 4 to Aug 10
Camp 5: **Teen Camp** (12 to 16 only)
Aug 11 to Aug 17
Camp 6: Aug 18 to Aug 24

Mini-camp for ages 6-10
Wednesday to Saturday: \$240

Mini-camp 1: Jul 3 to Jul 6
Mini-camp 2: Jul 31 to Aug 3

Please register through our website at www.simpresca.net, or call our Registrar at 705-355.0115 for paper forms.

If you are interested in our **Leadership** program or **Counsellor-in-training** Program, please visit our website to download an application.

<p>Upcoming Events Open House June 22nd 1pm to 4pm (see posters for more Information)</p>

Newsletters: Would you like your newsletter emailed, if so let the Office know and we would be glad to send it that way in the future!

Free Tickets for "A Day in the Life-John Tory" at the Midland Cultural Centre on Wednesday May 15th at 7:30pm. We have 17 tickets in the office. If interested, please pick them up by Monday, May 13th.

Rummage Sale, Saturday May 18th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
All Saints Anglican Church, 1 Peel Street, Penetanguishene

Giant Garage/craft/bake sale, Saturday, June 15th, 8am-1pm, rain or shine, at Unity United Church, Vasey. BBQ available, as well as face painting for the children.