

**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, May26, 2013

UCW SUNDAY

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #217 *All Creatures of our God and King*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Helen French

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) – Helen French

One: Creator God, all people of the human race belong to
your family.

All: All of creation has been made by you.

One: In awe and wonder we draw near to worship, amazed that you name us to live in your world.

All: We thank you and praise you. 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 (responsive) – Brenda Fleming

One: God of courage and of hope, we give you thanks for your presence in our midst.

**All: We give thanks for the women of the United Church of Canada, for their worship and work, friendship and table
fellowship, joyful time and times of struggle.**

One: We give you thanks that you call each one of us to give our particular witness and to offer our unique gifts.

All: You call us to encourage one another and to build each other up.

One: You call us to respect each other and to value the gifts that each one offers.

All: May we be open to your Holy Spirit, alive and at large, with us and among us, as we continue to gather in Jesus name.

Amen

THEME CONVERSATION – “Let’s Go to Burma!” – Sara Jenkins

LORD’S PRAYER

KAREN FAMILY SINGERS

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

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: Matthew 5: 1-16

ANTHEM *A Tapestry of Love* by Diana Chappell

SERMON “A Burma Experience”

We Respond to God’s Word

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #VU 226 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*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 – Iris Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Iris Williams

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN VU # 651, *Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah*

* BENEDICTION (in unison)

The light of God surrounds us

The love of God enfolds us

The power of God protects us

The presence of God watches over us,

Wherever, we are, God is.

*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 after the service for coffee and cookies in the Great Hall compliments of UCW.**

Guest Speaker	Sara Jenkins
Lay Reader	Irene Poole
Pre-Service Music	Rick Taylor
Administrator	Judy McConnell
Custodian	Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for May – Ken Woods

Al James will be delivering DVD's for the month of May

Sheila Thompson will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for May – Ria Gerritsen

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Ushers today are the following ladies representing our UCW

Joyce Ellis, Kay Lapere, Bernice Matthews and Judy Stiles

We welcome **Sara Jenkins** today as our guest speaker. Sara grew up in Brantford, Ont. In retirement, Sara's parents were overseas missionaries and this affected Sara's interest in overseas work. She graduated from McMaster University in General Arts and specialized in Physical Education. She taught secondary school English and Phys Ed in Toronto and Orillia. Sara left teaching to raise her three children, she then became a case worker with Big Brothers and presently works as a volunteer with Telecare.

Through Emmanuel College, Sara trained as a licensed lay minister and now works at Muskoka Falls United Church as a lay minister, twice a month. Sports and Music have always been special interests. Sara swam with Canada's swim team for over ten years and took part in two Olympics for Canada. Presently she sings with two Orillia choirs.

WELCOME everyone to our annual UCW service! We hope you will enjoy our guest speaker and the beautiful music of our choir, and our Karen family singers. The UCW purpose is *"To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service."*

Our vision as United Church Women encourages us to work toward spirituality, truth, justice and peace – to strengthen ourselves creatively through music, laughter, study and solitude. We strive to work toward the betterment of God's world through our giving locally, as well as through the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. Our funds support the Fred Victor Mission, The Refugee Alliance, The Leprosy Mission, The Massey Center, Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army Street Outreach, Out of the Cold, the two local food banks and others.

We keep in mind the words of Jesus *"Whatever you do for the least of these you do also for me."* We are usually busy with various projects and would like to remind you that this organization is open to all women of our church. You are most welcome and we would welcome **You** at any time to join us! The support and generosity, which both men and ladies of this congregation give so graciously, is much appreciated by all of our members. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**



UCW MEMORIAL DEDICATION:
 FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL ARE PLACED IN HONOUR
 OF PAST MEMBERS OF THE **UCW** AND THE
 FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY
 WITHIN THE PAST YEAR:
*EVELYN BANKS, DOREEN BRAY,
 JOAN DOOLITTLE AND MARIAN WILLIAMS*

Please keep **Callum Mullen** in your prayers, he is a young man from Barrie fighting cancer.

The Circle's final count on funds raised at the talent auction is \$5041 dollars thank you to everyone who supported the auction.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Dennis Nesbitt** son of Tim Nesbitt and **Seward Patton** brother of Louise Rachey. Please keep these families in your prayers. Dennis's funeral was held on Saturday.

CAMP SIMPRESKA

****Donations to help Campers: If you would like to make a donation to help send a child to camp. Please indicate on your donation envelope the amount you wish to go to camp. Thank You!**

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you have a prayer shawl ready to be distributed, please bring it into the church office. We also have lots of wool in the office if you are interested in knitting or crocheting a shawl. See Judy in the office for more information. Thank you to all the people who have knitted or crocheted a shawl, and to those who donated wool. You together make this special ministry possible. Thank you to Cathy Metzgar for her homemade cards that go out with the shawls.

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.

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK MAY 27TH THRU MAY 31ST

Tuesday	Festival of the Stars	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00 pm	Chapel
Friday	Family Fun Night	5:30-8:30pm	Parlour

Don't forget to let the church know if you're meeting day or time changes!

Can you help with planting flowers in the church gardens: Mary Ellen will be planting the gardens on Friday, May 31st, starting at 9:00 a.m. She would really appreciate anyone who could help her. Please let the office know if you are available. (705-526-6077)

Bakeless Bake Sale: The envelopes provided in the bulletin to-day 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us on Friday, May 31, 2013 for the St. Paul's **Good Deeds Scavenger Hunt!** Your mission, should you choose to accept it, will be to complete as many good deeds on your Scavenger Hunt list as possible during Family Fun Night. Meet in the Parlour at 5:30 to collect your Good Deeds list and be back in the Parlour by 7:45 pm for a celebration of the good deeds done and prizes. Participants will receive a St. Paul's t-shirt. Please contact Rachel Leck at RCLECK@GMAIL.COM or 705-527-1694 for information or to register.

****PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND PRICE****

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING, MONDAY JUNE 10TH.

WE WILL MEET AT THE **KEEWATIN, IN PORT McNICHOLL**
AT 6:15 PM FOR A 90 MINUTE TOUR AND REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.

DUE TO CHANGE IN THE DATE THE **NEW PRICE IS \$2.00.**

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

** (PLEASE SEE JUDY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY
BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS TO GET YOUR REFUND)

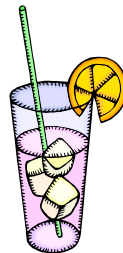


**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR CHURCH IN A
NEW WAY? THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE
IS SEEKING TEAMS OF TWO OR THREE WHO WOULD LIKE
TO HOST SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWING CHURCH DURING THE
SUMMER.**

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD BE TO MAKE AND SERVE
LEMONADE AND COOKIES IN THE GREAT HALL. (LEMONADE IS
MUCH EASIER THAN COFFEE SO TWO OR THREE PEOPLE CAN
DO IT, LEMONADE IS PROVIDED, YOU CAN USE HOME-MADE OR
STORE-BOUGHT COOKIES, REAL GLASSES OR COMPOSTABLE).**

**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. IT'S AN EASY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
ST. PAUL'S (LITERALLY) AND MAY BE YOUR MISSION TO YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY.**

**PLEASE SPEAK WITH SHEILA THOMPSON IF THIS INTERESTS
YOU OR YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.**



The Church Picnic will be on Sunday, June 9th. Our church picnic will following Sunday service, at the home of Clint and Bev Truax. (414 King Street, Midland) immediately following the service.

Bring your picnic lunch and lawn chairs, and come ready for fun, games and fellowship. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided, as well as cake. We hope to see you there!

A special birthday tea is being held for Alma Ironsides 80th birthday at King Place (750 King St, Midland) on Saturday June 1st from 1-4pm. Please RSVP to David Ironside at dave.ironside@rogers.com

I WILL SING – CHILDREN COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT ON SUNDAY JUNE 2 FROM 7 TO 8:30PM. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, \$10 ADULTS AND \$8 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

The S.S. Keewatin in Port McNichol - you can visit it today from 9am to 4pm for a special rate of \$12. (the usual rate is \$20).