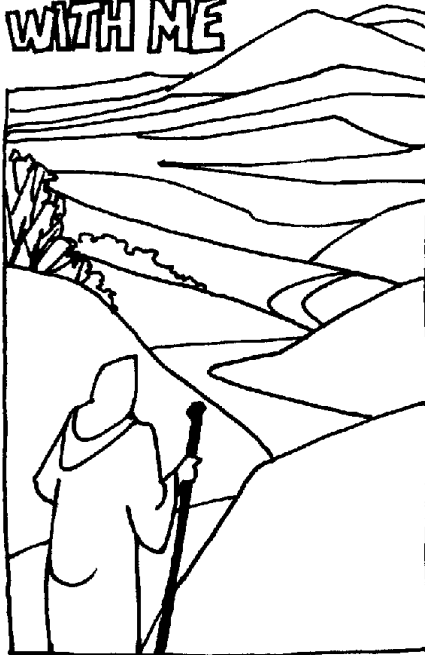
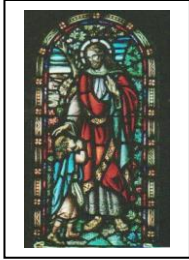


**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
308 KING ST  
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2013**

**FEAR NO EVIL...  
FOR THOU ART  
WITH ME**



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Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Director of Music: Paul Sloan  
**Sunday September 22, 2013**

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

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 315 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: We come together not around the uniformity of experience, belief, or expression but gathered in the One who is of many names and who is beyond all naming.

**All: May we live in peace.**

One: By God's Spirit we become community even as we honour the sacred that exists outside the open windows and beyond these walls.

**All: May we work for justice for all.**

One: The One who desires for all to know and live in truth is gathering us together to worship in a spirit of truth.

**All: May we become one in heart this day.**

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 (Unison)

**United our hearts and minds in prayer as we worship you, the one God who is in and through all. Through our prayers, those spoken and those lifted in silence, may your realm of love extend beyond the heart of our ideals to become the prayers we live with our lives. Amen**

\*HYMN 175 *This is the Day that God Has Made*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

*(Children may go up to Sunday school now)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS(unison)

**Regardless of who we are, what we believe or do not**

**believe, or the names by which we identify ourselves, we are one in you. Confident of this reality, we can admit to the ways our personal identities at times become barriers to true community. Rather than helping us seek peace and justice for all our affiliations and ideologies often separate and keep us from working together. Like curtains over a window, they keep us from the grand view of your realm. We pray now for mutual understanding and partnership between ourselves and another with whom we struggle to recognize our unity in you.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (unison)

**By God's Spirit we are one. And just as nothing can separate us from the love of God, nothing can truly separate us from each other. In this same Spirit, our prayers become power to actualize and realize that which is our intention. Let us give thanks for the peace between us and use our power to pursue God's justice for all.**

### **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: John 14: 1-4

ANTHEM Blessed, Holy Jesus – Jay Althouse

SERMON

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN # 299 *Teach Me God to Wonder*

\*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# 706 *Give Thanks for Life*

\* COMMISSIONING

\* 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. ***Thank you to our UCW who are hosting coffee time in the Great Hall after church.***

Lay Reader

Pre-Service Music

Administrator

Custodian

Max Wagg

Rick Taylor

Judy McConnell

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for September is Sheila Thompson

Joan Lavin will be delivering DVD's.

Captain of the Counters for September is Linda Jarvis

Angie Leis is in the nursery this week.

**Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**In conjunction with a special service at Lakeview cemetery, we will be displaying pictures of our loved ones who have passed in the great hall, during coffee hour and encourage you then to continue your day at this special service at Lakeview Cemetery – **Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15pm** everyone is invited to attend the rededication ceremony. Refreshments will be served. Lakeview Cemetery on King Street, is marking its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and is starting a revitalization project to make some necessary upgrades to the grounds. As the costs of this project are outside the normal operating budget, Lakeview is offering the community an opportunity to donate to support this work. The funds raised will be used for grading the roadways, upgrades to the irrigation system, the creation of a 'living fence' along King street and the installation of a 'memorial wall' for those not interred at Lakeview who would still like a permanent memorial. Donations may be sent c/o Lakeview Cemetery, 655 King Street, Midland, L4R 4Y9

**Official Board meeting** on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. In the parlour. For those who do not have email copies of the agenda are in your mailboxes.

**Tickets are available in the church office for the Fellowship Club's annual Beef Dinner is coming** on Sept. 25th. There will be two seatings 5pm and 6:15pm. The cost is \$17 for adults and children under 12-\$12. This is a delicious beef dinner accompanied by all your favourite pies for dessert. Tickets are now available in the church office or from Colin Whiteside. *Tickets go fast so don't be left out!!!*

**Drivers are needed to help a family in our church** (mother and daughter) attend a special needs program starting soon in Barrie for a number of weeks. Pick up would be in Midland at 5pm with the program starting in Barrie at 6pm to 8pm (drivers would be free to do other things) then back to Midland. If you could volunteer for just 1 evening or more that would be greatly appreciated. If interested call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**GLOW IN THE DARK BOWLING** for Family Fun Night.

**Friday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.** (We have the lanes rented from 7:00 to 8:00 and the extra time allows for organizing teams and changing shoes.) The Faith Formation committee will pay for the bowling and shoes, refreshments are available at the Snack Bar. Please join your church family for an evening of fun and exercise, all ages invited!! (Please make sure you bring or are wearing socks.) We need to have an idea of numbers so please call Sheila 705-526-2186 or e-mail [rmsmt@rogers.com](mailto:rmsmt@rogers.com) by mid-week if you are able to join us.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT YOUR CHURCH!

If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk with Sheila Thompson or call the church office.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in our **Nursery** on Sunday mornings, if you are able to volunteer for a Sunday please see Sheila Thompson or call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**Greeters:** The Communication committee is looking for people interested in being a greeter on Sunday morning. This welcoming position only requires a few Sunday's a year but is a very important part of our Sunday service.

Would you like to help out your church by being a **Communion Server**? The commitment is usually one Sunday a year. If interested please contact **Bea Nayduk at 705-528-0959.**

**Counters are needed to** count the Sunday givings. If you are interested in helping with this very important job contact Ria Gerritsen at 705-538-2632 or the church office.

**St. Paul's- check us out on Facebook or the website which is [stpaulsmidland.org](http://stpaulsmidland.org) for lots of info on St. Paul's.**

**\*\*\*The OSPCA spaghetti dinner is October 4<sup>th</sup> in the gym at St. Paul's. Dinner starts at 5pm and runs till 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door. There will be a silent auction as well.**

**Peace Works** bring your friends to lunch support FCJ Refugee Centre, topic – Human Trafficking in 2013. Speaker Francisco Rico-Martinez at the Explorer's Café 345 King St, on Thursday September 26 at 12 noon. \$20.00 per person. "Bring a slightly used bra to support the drive". Tickets available at Explorer's café, Karma Market, Penetang. For more info call Lois at 705-526-5238.

**Christian Community Breakfast:** on Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> doors open at 6:30am breakfast starts at 7am. It is being held at the North Simcoe Sports and Rec centre. The speaker is Connie Cavanaugh. Tickets will be available in the church office in early October. Price of tickets is \$12.50

**UCW GARAGE SALE OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> -  
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  
OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Bible Study** has started again on Wednesday from 11:30 to 1pm in the parlour and chapel. All are welcome! Our study is called "Living the Question". If you would like to join in please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 to receive the package outlining the study.

**Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>** will be a new members Sunday, please call the church office or speak with Karen if you are interested in becoming a member.

**Fall Food Drive** – starts on Sunday September 29, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be thankful for your blessings and share with those not as fortunate. Your donations of non-perishable items is appreciated.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:**

Please remember the St. Paul's MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am at Mom's Restaurant, 200 Pillsbury Dr, Midland.

**Fellowship Club:** On Tuesday October 1st the Fellowship Club will be meeting in the Great Hall at **7:00pm**. Our guest speaker will be providing a presentation about Waypoint's (mental health centers) latest changes. Come and see what is happening in your community. Everyone is welcome Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

**Fundraising Concert:** Serenata presents a special benefit performance and silent auction "ENCORE" with the Georgian Bay Strings and Georgian Bay Brass on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Paul's. Admission-freewill offering, all proceeds to the "Guesthouse" formally the "Out of the Cold" emergency shelter.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## You Gotta Die to Rise! The Church as an Act of Reinvention

We preach resurrection but don't believe it,  
because we just won't let things die!

We close churches every year  
but can't seem to birth new ways of being Christian.

Isn't it time to find a fresh path for a reinvented church?

It's time for realistic hope, grounded in faith and courageous creativity.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

### FAIRLAWN AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

28 FAIRLAWN AVENUE (5 BLOCKS NORTH OF LAWRENCE, WEST OFF YONGE)



John Pentland

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Dr. John Pentland to Toronto and to Fairlawn Avenue United Church for this exciting event!

John Pentland has been the minister at Hillhurst United Church

in Calgary since September of 2005. He is a graduate of Queen's University, the University of Toronto, Princeton University, and the University of Chicago, earning his D.Min. in 2002. John is passionate about making connections between religion or spirituality and living a meaningful life. With one foot in the church and one in the community, he believes that what we do in the United Church should impact and support all areas of our life.

#### EVENTS

- 9:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE
- 9:30 ADDRESS BY JOHN PENTLAND AND BREAK-OUT SESSIONS
- 12:00 LUNCH (PROVIDED)
- 1:00 ADDRESS BY JOHN PENTLAND AND BREAK-OUT SESSIONS
- 3:00 END OF DAY

WATCH FOR  
MORE INFORMATION  
AND REGISTRATION  
IN SEPTEMBER!