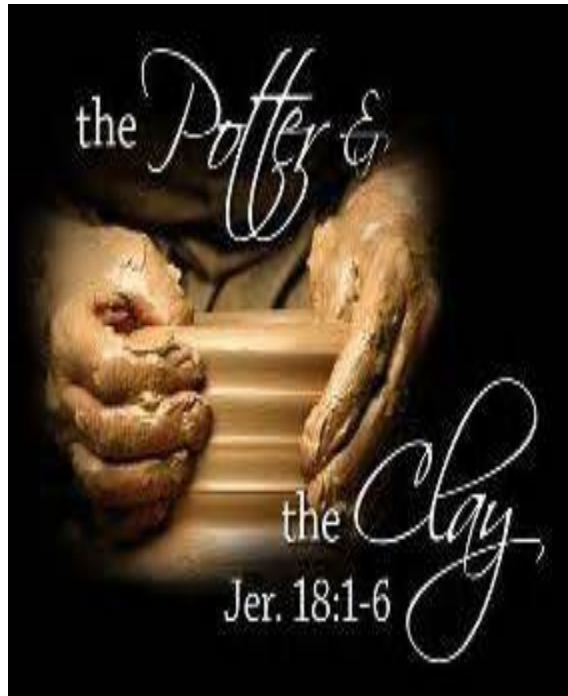


Schedule by Room - Weekly and Monthly Activities at St. Paul's

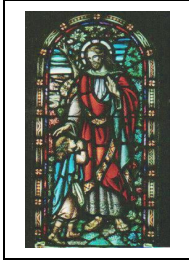
<b>DAY</b>	<b>GROUP/TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Drop In Centre 8:00 – 10.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Gym</b>
Monday	Beavers 6:00 – 7:00pm	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Cubs 7:00 - 8:30pm	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Vox Huronia 7:00 – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday	Yoga 5:00 to 8:00 pm	Rm # 10
3rd Monday	The Circle 7:00 – 9:00	Parlour
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Communication 7:00 – 9:00	Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30	Gym
Tuesday(not 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Scouts 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Gym
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	UCW Executive 10 am	Parlour
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Fellowship Club 7:00 – p.m.	Gym
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	UCW 12:30-4:00pm	Parlour
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Worship Committee 9 am	Minister office
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Stewardship 5:00pm	Parlour
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Property Committee 7:00 - p.m.	Chapel
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	M&P 2:00 pm	Parlour
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday (Sept, Nov, Feb, June)	Official Board 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Parlour
<b>Wednesday</b>	Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30	Gym
Wednesday	Bible Study 11:30- 1:00pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Guides 6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
Every other Wednesday	Cooking Club 4 – 8pm	Kitchen & Old choir room
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Scout Executive 7pm	Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30	Gym
Thursday	Little Treble Makers 4-5pm	Rm #10
Thursday	Children's Comm Choir 6:30 – 8:30pm	Sanctuary/Rm #10
Thursday	Venturers/Rovers 6:00 – 9:00	Log Cabin
Thursday	Church Choir 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Chapel
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Order of Eastern Star 4:00 – 11pm	Gym
Thursday 2, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Pathfinders 6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym (not 1 <sup>st</sup> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Outreach Committee 2:00 – 4:00pm	Parlour
<b>Friday</b>	Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30	Gym
Last Friday mth	Faith Formation Family Night 5:00 – 9:00 pm	Gym
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Faith & Science Study 10:00 – 12:00pm	Old Choir Rm
<b>Saturday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist 9:00 am-1pm	Chapel
<b>4th Sunday</b>	Faith Formation-Education 11:30-1:00pm	Upstairs Sunday School Room

If you see an omission or error, please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

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Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Director of Music: Paul Sloan  
**Sunday September 8, 2013**

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: O God, may our faith be a little more daring:

**All: our words a little louder for justice,**

One: our hopes a little more ambitious for your realm,

**All: our concerns a little more radical in our living,**

One: our thoughts a little more global for our world,

**All: our actions a little more local for our community,**

One: our living a little more trusting of your reign,

**All: our loving a little broader for the gospel,**

One: our vision a little more challenging for your sake, and in our little steps,

**All: recognize the transformation you make possible when we live out your expansive, unlimited love a little more day by day. 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 (Unison)

**God, you have known and loved us; you have made us wonderfully and fearfully. May this growing knowledge form a new sense of who we are in you. Guide us to embrace a new vision of our identity that is grounded in justice and compassion for all. Amen**

#### THEME CONVERSATION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN *ABBA FATHER* by Carey Landry

**Verse 1: Abba, Abba, Father.**

*You are the potter; we are the clay,  
the work of your hands.*

**Verse 2:** *Mold us, mold us and fashion us  
into the image  
of Jesus, your Son,  
of Jesus, your Son.*

**Verse 3:** *Father, may we be one in you.  
May we be one in you  
as he is in you,  
and you are in him.*

**Verse 4:** *Glory, glory and praise to you.  
Glory and praise to you  
forever, amen, forever, amen.*

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

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: We light a candle for our planet.  
We light a candle for journeys.  
We light a candle for community.  
We light a candle of hope.  
God created everything, and declared it to be good,  
yet we have destroyed it.  
We have been offered the journey of life,  
yet chosen other paths.  
We have been called the community of God,  
yet broken that community again and again.  
We have been offered new hope and new promises, yet deny them over and over.

**All: We confess we have ignored your covenant with us, O God, in word and in mind, in act and in intent. We have chased after other idols and sought refuge in other places. We are ourselves lost and imprisoned by our own brokenness. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back towards the light.**

One: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, offering love that is always the same for us, offering grace that is always open to us, always offering forgiveness to us. And this same Christ is on the road with us always.

#### 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 READINGS: Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Luke 14: 25-33

ANTHEM

SERMON

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

\*HYMN # 376 *Spirit of the Living God*

**\*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# 330 JESUS SHALL REIGN*

\* 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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POSTLUDE

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON**

Today immediately following church we have our

**"Welcome Back" Pot Luck luncheon.**

Hosted by our Faith Formation committee, everyone is invited.

Faith Formation will provide dessert and beverages.

***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. ***Next week Outreach will be serving coffee.***

Lay Reader

Pre-Service Music

Administrator

Custodian

Doreen Gunson

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

***Welcome back to our choir members!!***

**UCW reminder** – ladies don't forget our meeting with our sister churches on Tuesday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> in the great hall at 12 noon. Speaker is Carol Galbraith.

**Bible Study** will start up on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1pm in the parlour. All are welcome! [Bible Study packets are available today for pick up on the back window.](#)

**Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> Prayer Shawls**, please bring in any shawls that you may have finished so they can be blessed.

**Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** we are asking our parishioners to bring pictures of loved ones, who have passed away, to our service on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. In conjunction with a special service at Lakeview cemetery, we will be displaying these pictures during coffee hour and encourage you then to continue your day at this special service at Lakeview Cemetery – Continued.....

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

**\*\*\*The OSPCA spaghetti dinner had been advertised as September 20<sup>th</sup> in the newsletter the new date is Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in the gym at St. Paul's. Look for more info in the future.**

**The Little Treble Makers** (ages 4.5 – 8 years) and the Children's Community Choir (ages 8 to 15 years) will be starting their choral season at St. Paul's each Thursday. For more information call Juli 705 549-3693

Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy – Since June 2012, the County of Simcoe and OrgCode Consulting Inc. have worked closely with the community to produce a 10 year plan addressing housing and homelessness issues. Residents can learn more by attending one of five information sessions. Visit [simcoe.ca/ourahhps](http://simcoe.ca/ourahhps) for a copy of the strategy and to fill out an online survey. See poster for location and times of meetings.

**Legion Drumhead ceremony  
Sept 15 at 2:00 pm at Lakeview Cemetery.**

**Concert:** Lyric soprano, Jennifer Taverner is noted as possessing a voice of "rare natural beauty and freshness" and is quickly becoming recognized for her instinctive musicality, and excellent stage presence. La Scena Musicale describes her "lovely, light, lyric voice" as having a "nice, silvery tone", and according to the Montreal Gazette, "she has the presence to breed new opera fans". She will be appearing in concert at St James' Anglican Church, Orillia on Sunday, September 22 at 3 o'clock, accompanied by Marjorie Wiens on piano. Her programme will include French Art Songs, Lieder, works by Canadian composers and some musical theatre favourites. Tickets are \$20 each, and are available at the door, by telephone at [705-309-6441](tel:705-309-6441), or from [TICKETSFORJENNIFERTAVERNER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TICKETSFORJENNIFERTAVERNER@GMAIL.COM). This concert is in support of St John's Anglican Church, Craighurst, its music programme and new Phoenix organ, and is made possible by the generous support of St James' Anglican Church, Marjorie Wiens and Jennifer Taverner

**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

**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

**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.

**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.**

**St. Paul's United Church – Givings till the end of August/2013**

<u>Monthly Contributions</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2013/Budget</u>	<u>Over/(short)</u>
<b>General Funds</b>	<b>\$ 120,815</b>	<b>\$ 137,906</b>	<b>\$ (17,090)</b>
<b>Loose Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2,574</b>	<b>\$ 2,978</b>	<b>\$ (404)</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 123,389</b>	<b>\$ 140,883</b>	<b>\$ (17,494)</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service-Givings</b>			
<b>M&amp;S World Dev.</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ (500)</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service Cong</b>	<b>\$ 18,274</b>	<b>\$ 17,399</b>	<b>\$ 875</b>
<b>Total M&amp;S Givings</b>	<b>\$ 18,774</b>	<b>\$ 18,399</b>	<b>\$ 375</b>