



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – May 26, 2022

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### Worship

In worship this week, we celebrate the place of music in our lives and in worship.

To worship with us on-line, visit our website at [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) and use the direct YouTube link at the top of the page, or simply go to YouTube and subscribe to our channel. Just type in "St. Paul's Midland" and you will find us. If you are on Facebook, you can get St. Paul's updates that way as well. Check us out on both our new website and Facebook. We start live-streaming at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

### Men's Breakfast Gathering

Our next men's breakfast gathering is **this Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Mom's Restaurant**. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversation. All men are welcome to join.



### Calling all gardeners

To those folks who have been nursing the coleus plants along all winter, you can return them to the church **on Sunday May 29 or June 5<sup>th</sup>**. We are also looking for some interested gardeners to help care for the gardens through the summer. This is not a huge task if we section off areas for each gardener to care for. We do need a few folks to help dig and transplant hostas on Monday **May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** If you can help in any way, please contact Carol MacDonald at 705 828 2158. Carol is looking forward to hearing from some gardening volunteers.

### Congregational Life

The **Women's Grief Support Group** meets **next Tuesday, May 31st at 1:30 p.m.** at the church. All are welcome. If you need transportation, please call Colleen at 705-427-9630.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the return of Social Hour. We have three team leaders (need two more), a few volunteers and a lovely lady who isn't able to prepare or serve but will bake cookies. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sheila at [rmsmt@rogers.com](mailto:rmsmt@rogers.com) or 705-526-2186. Thank you!

The Congregational Life committee is hosting another **Faith and Fellowship take-out dinner on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022.** The menu will be lasagna, Caesar salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$20.00 per dinner, **payable in advance** either by cheque or e-transfer. Pick up of meals will be between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. You can order your meals by contacting Louise, our Administrator at [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com) or by calling her at 705-526-1640.



## **St. Paul's Zoom Coffee Hour**

The next ZOOM Coffee Hour is on **Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.** We invite you all to join. Thank you to Liz Rogers and her Zoom team for making this happen. You can use the same link as before: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969004401>

## **Discovery Kids**

We are very happy to announce that Discovery Kids are back in person every Sunday. Families are asked to take their children directly upstairs, where Rebecca is looking forward to seeing you.

**Camp Awesome** for ages 5-12 years will be from August 8-12, 2022, at the church. Stay tuned for more details and instructions on how to register. All are welcome -- you do not need to attend St. Paul's to register. Camp Awesome has been a wonderful week of fun for the participants. For Camp Awesome, we are calling all beekeepers! Rebecca and the Discovery Kids are in search of a local beekeeper who might be willing to be a part of some of our 2022 summer programming. If you have bees or know someone who does, please reach out to Rebecca at [rebeccaamadei@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaamadei@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **This Week's Minute for Mission**



### **Learning Racism at a Young Age.**

The following is an excerpt from a blog written by Adele Halliday. Your Mission & Service gifts support anti-racism programs and initiatives like the ones Halliday develops as the United Church's Anti-Racism and Equity Lead to help all of us be in deeper, more equitable relationships with one another.

**GOD'S MISSION**  
**OUR GIFTS**

The name calling started when she was about three years old. They were racial slurs and names and taunts. My child, my own flesh and blood, was being ostracized for having black skin. The people slinging the insults? Other children on the playground....

She may not have necessarily always understood the particular terms that they used, but she knew that it was related to her Blackness and her racial identity. And this deeply wounded her tender heart.

Despite all our intentional modelling, teaching and proactive actions, our child is still already developing internalized racism and inferior notions of herself.

The children who were taunting her were offering explicit and overt notions of racism, but they were children! They had not even started primary school! And yet, the children had already learned behaviour (at home, or elsewhere in society) that Whiteness is superior. And they had the audacity to vocalize that to an innocent little child....

This is in part why I am so deeply committed to dismantling racism in all its forms—racism is damaging and destructive for all people in society. It reinforces negative notions for people of colour. I live it in a particular way because of my own racial identity, as a Black person who has lived with racial injustice my entire life.

The systemic nature of racism is something that cannot be ignored.... This effort to overcome racism is a continuous effort. And I am committed to this work for the long haul. I hope that you will be too.

*Please take the time to read Halliday's [full blog post](#) about her experience.*

## **Blessings everyone,**

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