



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 14, 2022

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### Worship

This Sunday, July 17th, Fran Hill will be leading the service with the theme "Just a little help from Jesus".

**Worship with us in person** at 10:00 a.m. or 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.

### Office hours

**Current office hours** are Wednesday and Thursday only, until the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Colleen is in the office on Wednesday mornings and Louise is there on Thursday mornings, both from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just a reminder that Louise works from home the balance of the time and can always be reached at her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at [stpaulsunity@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunity@rogers.com) on Wednesday and Thursdays.

**In case of a pastoral emergency** while Karen is on holidays/sabbatical time, please contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, **Colleen Gareau at 705-427-9630** or the **Rev. Lois Brown** from Unity United Church in Vasey at **705-816-2570**. Should you need to contact Louise Therrien, our Church Administrator, she can be reached at **705-526-1640 on Wednesdays and Thursdays only** during July and August, or by email at [stpaulsunity@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunity@rogers.com)

**Colleen Gareau will be on vacation** from July 19-29<sup>th</sup>. Weekly updates will still be available for the volunteers to pick up from the church mailbox on Thursdays after 1 p.m. **In case of a pastoral emergency during Colleen's absence**, please call Rev. Lois Brown at Unity United Church at 705-816-2570.

### A few messages from UCW

UCW is responsible for providing loaves of sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays throughout the month of August. We still need one loaf of sandwiches for August 16<sup>th</sup> and two loaves for August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call Sharon Foster at 705-526-7181.

UCW will be having an **indoor garage sale** at the end of September. Start cleaning out your closets etc. of unwanted items and be ready for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> drop off date. Set up will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the sale on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking for lots of volunteers to help as well.

### Congregational Life

We are sad to announce that the final working day for our Pastoral Care Coordinator, **Colleen Gareau**, will be August 31, 2022.

Colleen has been our valued Pastoral Care Coordinator and was previously the Children and Youth Leader, with her employment starting November 23, 2017. She has demonstrated excellent leadership and organizational skills, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, tact, patience and confidentiality in all her interactions with individuals and families of our faith community at St. Paul's United Church. She visited shut-ins and others in the community. She demonstrated skill in recruiting and mentoring pastoral care volunteers and lead Sunday Services and celebrations under the direction of Karen, our Minister. Colleen has fulfilled her roles extremely well and she will be greatly missed by everyone.

**A goodbye get together** is being planned for August 28<sup>th</sup> (after the Sunday Service) once Karen is back. **Please save the date** and stay tuned for further updates. Please consider giving a gift of money towards the planned goodbye celebration. Louise, our Office Administrator will collect donations.

We all wish Colleen health and happiness as she leaves our faith family and best wishes as she returns to Brandon Manitoba.

## **Discovery Kids**

Discovery Kids are back in person every Sunday. Families are asked to take their children directly upstairs, where Rebecca is looking forward to seeing them.

**Camp Awesome** registration is now open! All children ages 5-12 are invited! You do not need to be a regular St. Paul's Discovery Kids participant to register. Camp dates: August 8-12 from 9:00-11:30am each day at St. Paul's United Church. For more information or to register, please contact Rebecca at 226-339-8218.

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

**GOD'S MISSION  
OUR GIFTS**

### **Supporting Refugees and Migrants in Morocco**

Many attempt to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Europe.



In the last two years, the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Morocco has more than doubled. Today, the country is both a transit and a host country with 19,620 refugees and asylum seekers.

Each person arrives in Morocco hoping for a better life for themselves and their family. Many attempt to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Europe. Some make the 14-km trip; others don't because it proves too costly and dangerous.

"To give you an idea of what this 'trip' looks like, they get on an inflated boat normally made for 10-20 people and they are more than 40 people on it hoping that the wind, their manual maneuvers and God will get them to Europe. And they pay thousands of euros to get on that boat" write Fritz Joseph and Emmanuela Loccident, who served four years in Morocco with the United Church in partnership with Global Ministries of the Disciples of Christ.

“Every day we hear of people who die trying to cross over. A lot don’t even know how to swim. Many of those wishing to cross the sea and ultimately go to Europe were, and still are, living in scarcity and poverty because they have used all their money to get to Morocco. Every country they must cross requires fees for passage. So, when arriving in Morocco, they must find a way to pay for their next and final trip to Europe.”

In Morocco, your Mission and Service gifts support refugees and migrants by providing life-saving medication as well as blankets, food, clothes and professional training.

Without the help of partners, none of this tremendous help that is offered to migrating people in Morocco would be possible. Helping migrants is one of the biggest ministries of the church. We are there for people who have nowhere else to go.

This is one story of how your generosity through [Mission & Service](#) helps change lives. Thank you for your gifts!

**Blessings everyone,**

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