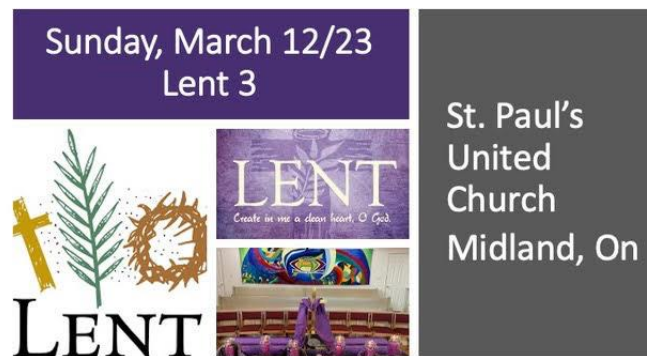


From the Minister

It is hard to believe that we are already at Lent 3 and soon Holy Week will be here. Palm Sunday is on April 2nd, and out will come our branches and Hosannas! Maundy Thursday, on April 6th, will be online only. There will be an in-person service on Good Friday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. as well as online. Then comes Easter Sunday with our Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. at Little Lake Park, followed by breakfast at the church at 8:00 a.m. and Easter Sunday service with our Alleluia's soaring on Sunday April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and invite others to join us. If you have not yet come back in person, maybe this is the time to be reunited with your fellow travellers on this road of faith.

Worship



<https://youtube.com/live/WvQQ7RRRLBI?feature=share>

Worship with us in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. or online. Click the link above to go directly to the service or visit our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org and use the direct YouTube link at the top of the page. Or you can simply go to YouTube and subscribe to our channel. Just type in "St. Paul's Midland" and you will find us.



Don't forget to change your clocks one hour forward this Sunday, March 12th for Daylight Savings!

Congregational News

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Joan Sovey, who passed away on Monday, March 6th. Joan was a long-time member of our congregation and we are truly sad to see her go. Please send your condolences to her friends and family during this difficult time. Her funeral service will be on Mon. March 13th at 1:00 p.m. at Carsons Funeral Home.

St. Paul's ZOOM Coffee Hour

Our next ZOOM coffee hour will take place on **Sunday March 12th**. Join us virtually for coffee, fellowship, and interesting conversation.

In-Person Coffee Hour

Join us on **Sunday March 19th** after the worship service for our next in-person coffee hour. We will continue to gather in-person on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



World Day of Prayer

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered for World Day of Prayer last Friday. We had a great turn out and it was a wonderful day. A special thanks to Sharon Foster for organizing this service on behalf of the U.C.W.

Urgent: Volunteer Needed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we urgently need a volunteer to assist with our Meals on Wheels program. Our previous volunteer driver who helped out on the second Tuesday of the month is no longer able to do this. Please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or by email at stpaulsunited@rogers.com if you can help. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Take Out Dinner

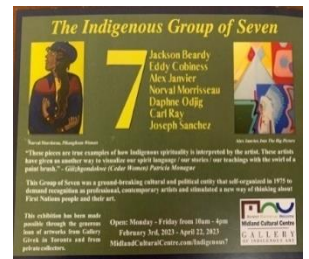
Our next take-out dinner will be on **Wednesday March 22nd**. Treat yourself to a delicious meal of meat lasagna with a hot vegetable and coleslaw side, bread and dessert. Pick-up will be in the Atrium between 4:30-5:00 p.m. Please make payments in advance to the church office.

CAFÉ CONVO – Midhurst United Church

You are invited to join the conversation on **March 24th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Midhurst United Church, with Victoria Fisher. Victoria is Anishinaabe from Ebb and Flow First Nation with a Master of Social Work – Indigenous Specialization. She is the Executive Director of a non-profit service organization, contributes to Indigenous-led resource development and works to shine light on community capacity. Victoria will talk with us about the service/relationship experiences that guide her work. She will facilitate opportunity for shared reflection and connection. Café Convo is a safe space to listen, ask questions and join the conversation on a variety of topics.

Path of Reconciliation

The United Church of Canada has urged congregations to walk the path of reconciliation with our First Nations and Metis people. With that in mind, I invited you to view the Indigenous Group of Seven artwork that is on display at the Midland Cultural Centre until April 22nd. "These pieces are true examples of how Indigenous spirituality is interpreted by the artist."



Bowling Night!

Our **all-ages bowling night** has been rescheduled to **Friday, March 31, 2023**. The event will be at the Knight Haven Bowling Lanes, at 17 Poyntz Street in Penetanguishene, where we will



meet at 6:00 p.m. The church will cover the cost of bowling, but if you want to purchase snacks for yourself, please bring cash (no debit or credit cards). If you're interested in signing up, please contact Sheila Thompson at 705-526-2186 or email rmsmt@rogers.com or Sue Sauve at 705-433-1611 or email suemsauve@gmail.com.

This Week's Minute for Mission

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**



WSCF-ME's role is to be a mediator of peace and understanding

The entanglement of religion and politics in the Middle East often divides communities and leads to conflict, particularly among young people. Rima Bayan Sleem, a 33-year-old judicial assistant from Chouf, Lebanon, states, "we all agreed that it is important to focus on universal values and ethics, reject extremism, and make the necessary efforts to develop practical formulas for fruitful cooperation."

Thanks to your Mission & Service gifts, Rima and 36 other young adults gathered in Beirut, Lebanon, for the World Student Christian Federation-Middle East Region (WSCF-ME) 2021. They participated in an Interfaith Dialogue program that develops leaders skilled in preventing violence and fostering peace between communities.

WSCF-ME's role is to be a mediator of peace and understanding amid all the overwhelming regional issues that include sectarian strife. "The Interfaith Dialogue program's importance lies in the fact that it brings together youth from different religious backgrounds...to engage in a constructive peace-facilitating dialogue," says Mira Neaimeh, Regional Executive for WSCF-ME. "I personally believe that change is done in small steps, starting from our regional gatherings that sow seeds of peace to be reaped in the future."

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Your Mission & Service gifts help leaders in the Middle East and across the world collaborate and promote peaceful dialogue.

Blessings everyone,

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