

From the Minister

We are in the midst of Holy Week, a time that is sacred to Christians around the world. As we ponder this week who Christ is for us and the cost of love and commitment to faith that it cost him and many of us, I hope that you will join us in the special services that are listed below. From the cross to Easter, we journey together. Links are provided below for all services, if you wish to join us on-line. **Please note** that the Maundy Thursday service is online only.

Worship- Holy Week Service Links



**Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, April 6, 2023
St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON**

<https://youtu.be/ByBuIeARG4Y>

**Good Friday
Service,
April 7, 2023
10.00 a.m.**

**Minister: Rev. Karen
Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director:
Victoria Warwick**



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



<https://youtube.com/live/Fwn0leA9afM?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.



Lent/Holy Week/Easter Services

Thurs. April 6th – Maundy Thursday communion – Online only

Fri. April 7th - 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service

Sun. April 9th - 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service – Little Lake Park followed by breakfast at St. Paul's. Join us for the service and/or breakfast!

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Invite others to join you.

Welcome back to those who are returning in person. All Services will also be online.

In-Person Coffee Hour

Join us on **Sunday April 16th** 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.



No ZOOM Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday

Our next ZOOM coffee hour will take place on **Sunday April 23rd**.

The United Church Women

(UWC) has their regular monthly meeting next **Tuesday, April 11th at 1:30 p.m.** A First Aid Instructor from the County of Simcoe will be coming to the meeting to give an overview of CPR and the Public Access Defibrillator. All women of the congregation are welcome.

Grandmother's Hands Huronia Pasta Dinner

Gather on **Friday, April 21st** for a pasta dinner at St. Paul's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is by donation only and all proceeds are in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers' Campaign. If you would like to attend, invite a friend and reserve a seat with any member of Grandmothers' Hands Huronia or contact Cathy at 705-527-1324.

Take-Out Dinner



Our next take-out dinner will be on April 26th with a menu of ham and scalloped potatoes, at a cost of \$20 per meal. There will be the option of eating in or take-out (eat in will also include tea or coffee). Please specify your choice when you place your order. Payments are to be made in advance to the church office, by either cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Afterwards, join us and head across the street to the Midland Cultural Center and catch Shayla Brown's appearance in "A Day in the Life" program if you are interested.

Congregational News

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of George Leck, who passed away on Sunday April 2nd. George was an active member of St. Paul's for many years and will be dearly missed. George is the husband of Louise Leck, brother to Lori Payne and cousin to Susan MacNeil. Please keep the family in your thoughts any prayers during this difficult time. The funeral service will be at St. Paul's on April 28th, at 11:00 a.m. The funeral will be live-streamed as well.

Family, Fun and Games Night: This all-ages event will take place on **Friday April 28th** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's in the Great Hall. Please bring your favourite card and board games and enjoy an evening playing with your friends. Pizza will be provided!

Volunteer Opportunities: Are you looking for a new challenge or something interesting to do? How about a chance to meet new folks and support St. Paul's with your gift of time? We are looking for people who can join our Greeters Team and the Social Hour Team. Greeting involves being on a team that will serve one month at a time. You would greet people at the door, welcome them to St. Paul's, offer them a bulletin and demonstrate our hospitality. The more volunteers we have the less often you would need to help. Social Hour involves being part of a team that hosts refreshments following worship two Sundays a month. There are four teams so the commitment would only be once every two months. Please consider how you can help St. Paul's. For further information, please contact Sheila via email at rmsmt2612@rogers.com, by phone at 705-526-2186, or at church on Sunday.

Gerry Payne is the Captain of the Greeters for the month of April. Thanks to Gerry and to all our greeters and ushers.

United Church of Canada Learning Opportunities

Spring 2023 - Speaker Series: Lifestyle Choices and the Environment

Wednesday Evenings, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Collier St. United Church, 112 Collier St., Barrie

April 26th, 2023 - Scott McCrindle: *How I Killed the Electric Car in Barrie, Ontario*
Learn how Scott's busy family embraced the ups and downs of fully-electric driving in Central Ontario over the past seven years. From hockey rinks to rickety public chargers to walking home on a cold, dark winter night - hear how his (mis)adventures with a rapidly evolving technology made driving fun again. Scott McCrindle is a faculty researcher at Georgian College Research & Innovation and a recent graduate from the Masters program in Environmental Practice at Royal Roads University.



May 24, 2023 - Krish Thayalan: *Tackling the Avoidable Crisis of Food Waste in Canada*



Second Harvest, Canada's largest food rescue charitable organization, works with thousands of food businesses from across the supply chain to reduce the amount of surplus food going to waste. As Manager, Education and Training at Second Harvest, Krish uses his expertise in nutrition & public health, food systems and food justice to share about the food waste crisis and the need for immediate action in our communities.

\$10 Freewill Offering Suggested

(alternatively, a Food Donation would also be welcome)

Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team at St. Andrew's Church, Barrie

Call 705-728-3991 for more information

This Week's Minute for Mission

Pray, learn, and act for Creation.



Earth Day is celebrated in communities around the world on April 22nd each year.

This year, the United Church and fellow members of the For the Love of Creation climate justice initiative are holding a "Together for the Love of Creation" Earth Week from April 16th to the 22nd.

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**

We often hear messages about the habits we can change and the things we can do to take better care of the earth. In day-to-day life, we hear about bans on single-use plastic, ways to reduce waste in our homes, and the ebbs and flows of Earth hurting and healing—but we can also engage in prayer, learning, and action to achieve sustainable habits and deeper understanding, respect, and hope for the earth.

Your Mission & Service gifts support the development and delivery of climate initiatives and educational opportunities. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings everyone,

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