

### From the Minister

This coming Sunday marks my last Sunday before I leave for my sabbatical/holiday time. I will be back on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. The Worship committee has arranged some wonderful guest preachers and Victoria is arranging some special music for the summer services. As I will be away when the **choir** has its last Sunday in June prior to their summer break, I want to personally thank them for leading us in music once again since we returned to in person worship. Being part of the choir is a commitment to gather on Thursday evenings for practice and then again for worship on Sunday mornings. They enhance our worship with their anthems and leading in the hymns. We are delighted that they are growing with new members joining and former members coming back. Thank you to the choir and to Victoria Warwick for all that you do to make music an essential part of our time together.

I also want to thank our **Faith Formation** committee and **Rebecca Amadei** for engaging our children and youth in Discovery Kids throughout the year. Over the summer, Discovery Kids will not be meeting on Sunday mornings. However, watch the Weekly Update for special events that will be happening over the summer including Camp Awesome.

Please note that while I am away, the **Rev. Lois Brown** from Unity United Church in Vasey has agreed to cover for pastoral emergencies and funerals. Her willingness and kindness to assist us in this way is very much appreciated. She can be contacted at (705) 816-2570 or by e-mail at [loisebrown@hotmail.com](mailto:loisebrown@hotmail.com)

### Worship

June 10, 1925 marked the official start of the United Church of Canada, an amalgamation of three denominations in Canada – Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist. This Sunday, as we acknowledge our 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I hope to celebrate some of the ways that the United Church of Canada has enriched our understanding of faith and how we live out what we believe in today's world. Please join us for worship. We are also welcoming St. Paul's Men's Chorus!



<https://youtube.com/live/uSfeRSdpshk?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](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)

## **ZOOM Coffee Hour**

Our next ZOOM coffee will be this Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. You can join using the same link as before: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969004401>

**Please note that this will be the last ZOOM coffee hour of the summer, resuming in the fall.**

## **In-Person Coffee Hour**

Join us **Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service for our next in-person coffee hour. Sheila Thompson is Captain of the Greeters for June.



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Congregational Life committee is looking for a few friendly folks who would enjoy connecting by telephone or by personal visit with some of our St. Paul's family who are home-bound. Please contact Sheila for more information at [rmsmt2612@gmail.com](mailto:rmsmt2612@gmail.com) or 705-526-2186.

## **Garden Help**

Thank you to all the coleus keepers. They have now been planted in our gardens. We had a great turn out of eager gardeners who dug, planted and watered. We will have some beautiful colourful gardens again. Thank you everyone.

## **Calling All Campers**

St. Paul's is committed to helping children and youth get to camp, which is why we offer a financial subsidy for all our camping programs. Please reach out to Rebecca if you would like to discuss this option or for more information regarding our camps. She can be reached at (226) 339-8218 or by e-mail at [rebeccaamadei@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaamadei@gmail.com)

**Camp Awesome** (Vacation Bible School): This is for children ages 5 to 12 and will be held here at St. Paul's (in the morning) during the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. All children, grandchildren and friends are welcome!

**Camp Simpresca:** This is for children ages 6 to 16 and programs run throughout the summer. Enjoy a variety of summer activities right here in Midland on Georgian Bay! There are three-and six-night camps available. Registration is now open and you can register for any of these camps at <https://simpresca.campbrainregistration.com/>.

**Camp Micah:** This one is for high-school youth and is being held from August 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> near Bancroft Ontario. Explore topics around human and land justice, non-violent approaches to conflict, and challenge messaging that comes from our consumer-governed world. Enjoy kayaking, high ropes, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, campfires and more. Visit [campmicah.ca](http://campmicah.ca) to register or speak with Rebecca.

## **Faith Formation**

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the Right Reverent Doctor Carmen Lansdowne will be meeting with the Young Adults of the United Church at St. Paul's United Church in Orillia, to share in conversation and reflection. At this gathering, we will join together in theological thought, as shared by four theological reflectors, conversation and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeffery Dale, Minister for Justice and Faith Formation at [jdale@united-church.ca](mailto:jdale@united-church.ca). Jeffrey will work with you to ensure your dietary needs are met, accommodations are met (including transportation and overnight hotel accommodations

where needed) and if needed, a stipend is provided for you to attend the meeting – recognizing young adults will need to miss a day of work to attend.

## **Congregational News**

**Calling all men in the congregation!** Victoria invites you to come out and sing - just a "one shot" gig. Rehearsal will be on Thursday night, **June 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul's then singing at the Worship Service Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Music will be provided at rehearsal - no preparation needed. Victoria looks forward to having as many of you join us as possible (shower caps provided).

**The Congregational Life Committee** would like to thank all those who have donated prizes and to those who have volunteered to help us at our Butter Tart Festival Quarter Raffle this Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is our first attempt at this kind of thing and with all the support we've received, we hope for success. Don't forget to drop by our booth on the church lawn on that day!

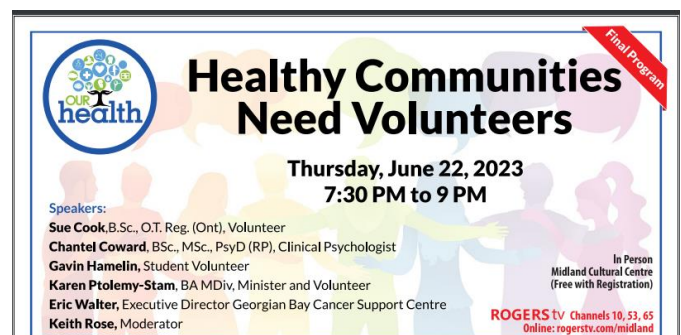
**The United Church Women (UCW)** are having a potluck luncheon next Tuesday **June 13<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 a.m. at the church. All women of the congregation are invited! If you would like to attend, please call Judy McConnell at (705) 529-1826 or email at [itsally58@gmail.com](mailto:itsally58@gmail.com). Please let us know by June 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**The UCW** is part of the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen and **once a week** in August, we provide them with 8 loaves of sandwiches. If you can help, please contact Barb Carswell at (705) 526-5957.

**The UCW** will be holding a Garage Sale on **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please set aside any items in your home that you don't need/want any longer and we will pass them on for someone else to enjoy while raising needed funds for our work. Please note that we cannot accept large items of furniture, baby furnishings, sports equipment or pet accessories. If you have any questions, Zena can be reached by phone at (705) 527-6789 or by email at [zenapendlebury@gmail.com](mailto:zenapendlebury@gmail.com)

## **St. Paul's in the Community**

The Midland Cultural Centre is hosting A "Healthy Communities Need Volunteers" program on **June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**, celebrating volunteers and how their time, energy and skills create healthier communities. The program features a number of guest speakers, including Karen Ptolemy-Stam, who will speaking on behalf of St. Paul's. This is a free event, but you must register in advance with the Midland Cultural Centre.



The poster features a blue circular logo with a stylized person and the text "OUR health". The main title "Healthy Communities Need Volunteers" is in large, bold, black font. Below it, the date and time "Thursday, June 22, 2023 7:30 PM to 9 PM" are listed. A list of speakers is provided, including Sue Cook, Chantel Coward, Gavin Hamelin, Karen Ptolemy-Stam, Eric Walter, and Keith Rose. A red banner in the top right corner says "Final Program". At the bottom right, it says "In Person Midland Cultural Centre (Free with Registration)" and "ROGERS TV Channels 10, 53, 65 Online: rogers.tv.com/midland".

**Speakers:**  
Sue Cook, B.Sc., O.T. Reg. (Ont), Volunteer  
Chantel Coward, B.Sc., M.Sc., PsyD (RP), Clinical Psychologist  
Gavin Hamelin, Student Volunteer  
Karen Ptolemy-Stam, BA MDiv, Minister and Volunteer  
Eric Walter, Executive Director Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre  
Keith Rose, Moderator

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



### **Ensuring the vital wisdom of a culture is not lost.**

A much-anticipated project will be on bookshelves this fall.

After recognizing the need to preserve the Mohawk language, the idea to produce a Mohawk translation of the Bible was proposed. Preserving language enables future generations to engage in their rich culture in a rounded and essential way. Without understanding dialect-specific phrases and expressions, the vital wisdom of a culture can be lost.

Those partnering on the Mohawk Language Bible have taken great care and effort in ensuring proper language interpretation and translation. Working in agreement with the Mohawk Nation, collaborators have taken the time to listen to each other and learn in order to move the project forward.

A dedication of the Bible is set to take place on September 9, 2023, in Kanesatake, QC. The translation is expected to be available in hardcopy, digital copy, and audiobook formats.

Your gifts to [Mission & Service](#) allow projects to preserve language and culture to flourish.

### **Blessings everyone,**

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