



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Worship

**WELCOME** to the Rev. George Moore, who will be our guest preacher this Sunday.

**Worship with us in person** at 10:00 a.m. or on-line. Click on the link below to go directly to the service, or visit our website at [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)



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Please note that in Karen's absence until August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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)

### Summer Office hours

**Effective the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>** and until early September, Louise will be working Wednesday and Thursdays only, and **in the office on Thursday mornings only between 8:30 a.m. and noon**. She will be working from home the balance of those 2 days. You can reach her on her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at [stpaulsunitied@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunitied@rogers.com).

**The office will not be open on Tuesdays until further notice.**

### In-Person Coffee Hour

**Join us this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service for in-person coffee hour. Barb and Charlie Carswell's team will be hosting social hour this week. ZOOM coffee hours will resume in the fall.

**Please note** that Sheila Thompson is Captain of the Greeters for the month of June.



### 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.

## **Congregational News**

**Our deepest condolences** to the Hunter family on the passing of Eleanor Hunter on June 12th. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. The funeral service will be held here at St. Paul's on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral tea in the Great Hall.

Thank you so much to the many faithful volunteers who worked at the **Butter Tart Festival Raffle Table**. We made a profit of just over \$600 and received \$200. in donations. Thank you to the Scouts for handling the lemonade fountain. The money we raised will go to the general funds of St. Paul's. Thanks again everyone.

**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 16th**. Please set aside any items in your home that you don't need or 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.

A poster for the 'Healthy Communities Need Volunteers' event. It features a blue circular logo with a tree and the words 'health' and 'community'. The text on the poster includes the event title, date, time, and a list of speakers. A red banner in the top right corner says 'Final Program'. The bottom right corner mentions 'ROGERS tv Channels 10, 53, 65' and 'Online: rogers.tv.com/midland'.

**Healthy Communities Need Volunteers**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**  
**7:30 PM to 9 PM**

**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

In Person  
Midland Cultural Centre  
(Free with Registration)

ROGERS tv Channels 10, 53, 65  
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## **This Week's Minute for Mission**

### **Healing begins with truth and reconciliation.**



In late October 2022, the federal government recognized the residential school system as an act of genocide against Canada's Indigenous Peoples. It was a reminder that we are still very much on the path to reconciliation and healing. "We know that we have an impact as The United Church of Canada," says the Rev. Murray Pruden. He is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations, from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations and is the current Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for The United Church of Canada.

Supported by [Mission & Service](#), Pruden has made significant gains in building relationships of trust and healing between the church and Indigenous communities. After unmarked graves were discovered in Kamloops, BC, in 2021, the United Church gave an additional \$3 million to help Indigenous communities respond, mourn, heal, and potentially find other unmarked graves. Because we believe every child matters!

The funds also supported the dedication of memorials to lost children, like one for a BC community that raised a totem pole funded in part by Mission & Service. Other healing initiatives include the translation of the Mohawk Language Bible, the Food for the North program, healing circles, and programs for Indigenous youth to learn and reclaim their languages.

Pruden stresses the need for patience. "Ever since Kamloops, we had many non-Indigenous church communities and people ask what they can do or how can they contribute in different ways," he says. "And we at the time really kind of put our hands up and said, 'Whoa, we need to pause for a minute because we need to mourn.' "I think that we still have so much to give, to teach, and to be in relationship with. And as long as we have a greater understanding within the church and the supports, we can do it."

Relationships, friendships, understanding, and trust—these are the foundations of the work Mission & Service is doing across Turtle Island thanks to your generosity.

*A more detailed video, [A Deeper Look: The Path toward Healing,\(opens in a new tab\)](#) is available on YouTube.*

### **Blessings everyone,**

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