

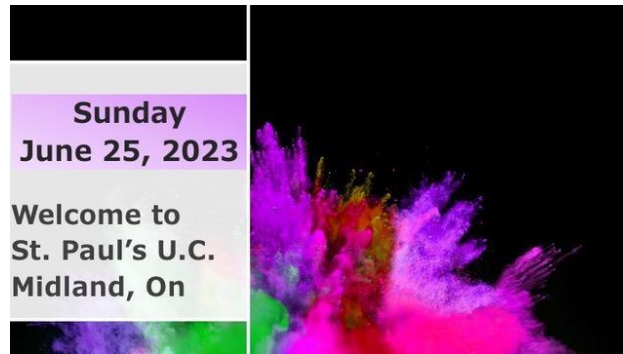


## St. Paul's Weekly Update – June 22nd, 2023

### Worship

**WELCOME** to Joanne Purchase, 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)



<https://youtube.com/live/WLrIXChU3Ds?feature=share>

Please note that in Karen's absence until August 14th, 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

Louise works Wednesday and Thursdays only and is **in the office on Thursday mornings only between 8:30 a.m. and noon**. She works from home the balance of those two days and you can reach her on her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at [stpaulsunity@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunity@rogers.com). **The office will not be open on Tuesdays until further notice.**

### In-Person Coffee Hour

**Our next** in-person coffee hour will be on Sunday, July 2nd. ZOOM coffee hours will resume in the fall. **Please note** that Sheila Thompson is Captain of the Greeters for the month of June.



### Men's Breakfast Gathering

Our next men's breakfast gathering will take place **this Saturday, June 24th at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversation. All men are welcome to join.

### Now Hiring!

St. Paul's is seeking a **Volunteer Coordinator** to develop and evaluate a volunteer recruitment and engagement strategy in our new "We Are Not Alone" project to revitalize community outreach activities at St. Paul's United Church.

If you or someone you know is an enthusiastic self-starter who is innovative and passionate about volunteer leadership, education, and community engagement, please visit <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> to see the job posting and description.

Resumes will be accepted by email to [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com) with attention to the Community Resources Funding Advisory Committee "We Are Not Alone" until June 30, 2023. Please spread the word!

## **Congregational News**

**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** is having a Garage Sale on **September 16th**. Please set aside any items in your home that you no longer need or want 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)

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



### **Fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently.**

These days, most of us have access to technology that allows us to learn the world's common languages. But countless languages—including many Indigenous languages—can only be learned from their few remaining speakers. Revitalizing a lost language, as one of our partners in Nunavut is doing, is an important way to preserve not just the language but also the culture that surrounds it.

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The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinnaqtun people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. Today, fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Many lost the language when they were removed from their communities and sent to residential schools. Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is working hard to keep Inuinnaqtun alive. One-on-one language immersion sessions with mentors inspire reconnection. Through everyday conversations at home and on the land, mentorship is helping to heal the wounds of systemic oppression.

In partnership with Mission & Service, Inuinnaqtun language mentors get resources to allow them to spend 300 hours a year working with their apprentices to begin to restore the language. Your gifts to Mission & Service help partners continue to restore language and culture.

## **Blessings everyone,**

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