



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 6, 2023

### Worship

**WELCOME** to Fran Hill, 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/B6rbnWo87OI?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 in assisting us 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 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 [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@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 16th.

**Please note** that Gerry Payne is Captain of the Greeters for the month of July.



### Congregational News

A memorial service for **Jean Craig** will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Visitations are on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Nicholls Funeral Home, 330 Midland Ave, Midland. A luncheon will be served at the church following the service.

**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**

"The youth are here because they choose to be here."



Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." But as Amy Crawford knows, you can't be passive when trying to bring young people to the church.

"We took it for granted that youth and young adults were going to be in the church," the Team Lead for Identity and Mission says. "And we can't take that for granted anymore."

But Crawford is not painting a dark picture here. "Our youth ministry in the United Church in many ways has *grown* in recent years," she says. "The youth are here because they choose to be here. And they're here because they find a place for themselves." Crawford has been doing ministry with youth and young adults for almost 30 years, and she's never been more excited about the future for youth leadership in the church.

Recently, 45 youth at the General Council Youth Forum received honorariums to pursue passion projects on social justice, anti-racism, and Indigenous justice issues. As a result, they developed educational resources and social media programs for their congregations. "These will be resources for the whole church," Crawford says excitedly.

Mission & Service has funded outdoor ministries like camps and supported youth and young adults to take education trips, receive project grants, and initiate new ministries. Crawford recalls one young woman who attended the General Council 43 Youth Forum. She went on to serve as a summer intern with the Church in Mission Unit, working on social justice initiatives for youth. Now, four years later, she serves on the General Council Executive and the Moderator's Advisory Committee.

"When we provide opportunities for young people, it really does have a lasting impact on their lives and on the church," Crawford reveals.

What would Crawford want supporters like you to know about the impact of your generosity? "I would want them to know that young people make a difference," she says, "that they are creating the next generation of leaders in the church and even beyond the church."

A more detailed video, [A Deeper Look: Working with Young Leaders](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nK9LjtBC1cc) is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nK9LjtBC1cc>.

## **Blessings everyone,**

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