



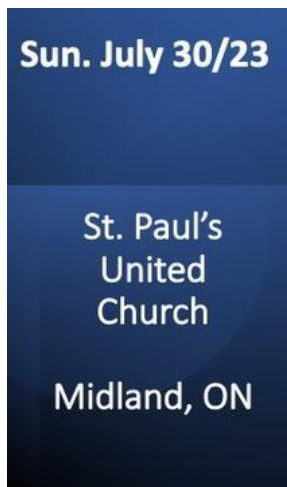
St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 27, 2023

Worship – Music Sunday

Don't miss our service this Sunday, July 30th - Music Sunday. Most people will readily acknowledge that music holds a special place in their lives. Music can instantly recall memories, good and bad. It is present at our emotional highs and lows. It can be a most significant comfort in troubled times. For many, it is a spiritual place where one can experience God's presence.

There are many types of music that speak to us in many ways. Today we hope that in the multiple pieces of music included in this service, or even in just one of those pieces, you will find joy and comfort and experience the Holy Spirit.

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



<https://youtube.com/live/2Mrahw71FkU?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. She can be contacted at (705) 816-2570 or by e-mail at 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. You can reach her on her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at stpaulsunitied@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, August 6th**.

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



Men's Breakfast Gathering

Our next men's breakfast gathering is **this Saturday, July 29th 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.

UCW's annual Garage Sale will be 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



This Week's Minute for Mission



Learning the Gospel at camp.

Lindsay Vautour, the United Church's Engagement and Stewardship Associate, started attending a United Church camp at the tender age of five. There, she not only met lifelong friends and gained job skills as a counsellor but it also helped chart her course to eventually work for The United Church of Canada.

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"Coming from a financially tight background, I'm extremely grateful for the assistance available that let my brother and I attend camp every summer. I met so many different people from different cultures and regions and got to learn their journeys in faith. I still keep in contact with some camp friends over 20 years later," she says.

"One of my most prominent memories was with a fellow 13-year-old camper who told me that she loved camp because she could be herself without any expectations. She said, "I'm not the weird kid or the foster kid here, I'm just me," she recounts. "That's something I resonate with because I wasn't particularly popular in school, but popularity never mattered at camp and it's beautiful to know that that's a widely shared perception."

Children come together at United Church camps across Canada to learn the gospel in a safe and supportive environment. Through campfire stories, hiking, music, canoeing and so much more, campers gain confidence while enjoying unique activities and exploring their curiosity. At camp, kids learn soft skills like self-confidence, patience and organization as well as hard skills in sports, crafting and music.

Without the generosity of supporters, children who attend camp wouldn't be able to continue having such affirming and defining experiences. Your gifts through Mission and Service are deeply appreciated.

Blessings everyone,

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