

From Our Minister – Karen Ptolemy-Stam

This evening, some of us will gather in person and others virtually to enter the Upper Room and engage in the story of Jesus and the last supper once again. Good Friday brings us solemn music and an even more solemn story as we ponder anew the cost of discipleship both for Jesus and for us. The Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, in its simplicity, is a wonderful way to shout our Hallelujah's for Christ is Risen. Who knows, maybe once again we will have a chorus of ducks and geese join us in our singing. Join us for breakfast at St. Paul's after that service or if you can't join us for this Easter Sunrise service, join us for breakfast anyways at 8:00 a.m. at the church. We will be welcoming guest musicians Sadie Bridgeman, Kelly Duguay and David Taylor who will bring a delightful addition of brass instruments to our hymns on Easter Sunday. We truly hope that you will join us. Come in person or click on the links below. Happy Easter!

Worship Services during Holy Week



Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 P.M.
St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON

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

Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 p.m.



<https://youtube.com/live/pm35-Oplsi8?feature=share>

Good Friday Service – 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
10:00 a.m.

St. Paul's United
Church
Midland, Ontario



<https://youtube.com/live/dhHFkCp0EuA?feature=share>

Sunday, March 31/24 Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. Little Lake Park
Breakfast for all 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Dan Webb, as he passed away Wed., Mar. 27th. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast gathering is this **Sat. Mar. 30th at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

Connecting Together

Join our group **every Thurs.** from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** to connect and enjoy time sharing stories, fun, fellowship and to meet new friends. If anyone can display our flyer around town or at your place of work, it would be very much appreciated. Flyers are located on the desk in the atrium. Thank you to our volunteers headed by Louise Leck who are there to support others and enjoy just connecting.

Join us on April 2nd – Life-Long Learning Event

Our next **Lifelong Learning event on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** Holly Archer, a local artist and entrepreneur, will share her story including her very successful art installation a "Cultured Diet" at Quest Art Gallery. Please let Kathy Stewart know if you plan to attend at volunteerspucmidland@gmail.com

Grandmother's Helping Hands is once again hosting a Pasta Dinner on **Fri., Apr. 5th** at St. Paul's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available. Purchase of the dinner is by donation with all proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Donations of \$20.00 or more will get an income tax receipt

Please ask at the door for the income tax form. To reserve your seat please call Cathy Stewart at 705 527 1324.

The Grandmothers' Solidarity Quilt will be on display on Apr. 5th. This is a commemorative quilt in honour of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th anniversary. All the Grandmothers around the world contributed material for this amazing quilt and it was quilted by Grandmothers.

In-Person Coffee Hour

Our next in-person coffee is this **Sunday, April 7th**, following worship.

National Volunteer Week – St. Paul's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – RSVP by April 8th

Have you shared your volunteer time supporting St. Paul's or any of our outreach programs? Come and join us as we celebrate Volunteer Week at a dinner on Apr. 17th. This is made possible through the Community Services Recovery Grant. Due to limited space and budget, **we need you to RSVP by Apr. 8th**. Please call the office at 705-526-6077 and leave a message OR email Kathy Stewart at volunteerspucmidland@gmail.com

Free Books and Binders:

As Karen prepares to leave for retirement, she is giving away as many as 400 books to anyone who is interested. Each week she sets out more books on the counter just outside her study by the parlour. She just added another 100 books and five binders. Please come check them out and help yourself!! Take as many as you want.

Did you know that the North Simcoe Ontario Health Team has a new 1-844-806-3093 navigation line where anyone can call to speak to a live person **to access health and social service resources available** in our community? You can also visit their website at <https://www.nsoht.ca/local-health-services/> to navigate the services that are offered. You can also sign up for their newsletter at <https://www.nsoht.ca/newsletters/>



Office Hours

The office is open on **Tues., Wed. and Thurs.** mornings from **9:00 a.m. until noon.**

This Week's Minute for Mission



Thank you for empowering Mission and Service partners in all forms of education.

Over the past few months, we have shared stories centred on traditional and non-traditional education. [Mission and Service](#) recognizes the profound connection between the Resurrection story and the transformative potential of education.

This Easter, we pause to think of great sacrifices and miracles. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, defeating death and showing us that we can be raised to new life, education opens the mind, dispels ignorance, and fosters a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings and compassion.

Mission and Service, in its commitment to education, seeks to empower each partner to be a beacon of knowledge and compassion in the world. With your support, we engage in mutual

learning, seeking opportunities to grow our understanding of the world through the eyes of our partners.

Thank you for empowering Mission and Service partners in all forms of education. Blessings for Easter.

Blessings everyone

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