

Minister's Message, Sunday, May 18, 2025

Beyond Sunday: In Harmony

Throughout the year there are many months or days that have a special dedication. This week we are celebrating Asian Heritage Month. These special days invite us to be intentional about learning new things, noticing and celebrating unique groups of people. Personally, I really enjoy the preparation for these days. It always gives me a new idea or perspective. And that is really the point. There is always more to know about one another. Since we have this opportunity, I invite you to notice how many wonderful hymns are part of Voices United because of churches and people bringing them to Canada from all over Asia and the Pacific Islands.

China

- 85 "Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky"
- 414 "God, Be Praised at Early Morn"

Fiji

- 412 "This Is the Day"

India

- 252 "Jaya Ho"
- 784 Psalm 66: "Refrain 1"

Japan

- 52 "Sheep Fast Asleep"
- 154 "Why Has God Forsaken Me" (Japan & New Zealand)
- 243 "Praise to God"
- 309 "Para, Para, Pitter Pat"
- 354 "In Old Galilee, When Sweet Breezes Blew"
- 362 "Here, O God, Your Servants Gather"

Korea

- 34 "O-So-So/Come Now, O God of Peace"
- 94 "Lovely Star in the Sky"
- 698 "With the Wings of Our Mind"

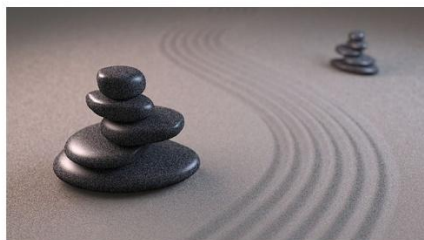
Philippines

- 568 "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

Taiwan

- 251 "God Created Heaven and Earth"

Blessings of Beautiful Harmony to All, Rev Kirsty



This week
we welcome
in worship:
**Knox United Church
and
Queensville
Holland Landing
United Church**

Living in Harmony

10am Sunday May 18



https://youtube.com/live/McKkP_Mfvok?feature=share

New Office Hours

The church office is now open Monday thru Friday from 9am to noon!

New Administrator: Our new administrator John Craig is now in the office.. John will be job-shadowing with Louise to the end of May.

Pastoral care

For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev Kirsty Hunter at 705 717-1918. She wants to know if you are in hospital and seeking a visit from her. You can email her at revkirsty@gmail.com. **Please use Rev. Kirsty's direct phone number at all times to reach her**, as there isn't always someone in the church office to answer the regular phone line.

The Connections Group meets every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Anyone wishing coffee and informal conversation is welcome to drop in!

Coffee Hour

Our next coffee hour is this **Sunday, May 18th** following worship.

Congregational Life

There will be a Celebration of Life for **Allan MacMenemey** on Sunday, May 25th, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is being held at the Midland Cultural Centre in the Huronia Players Theatre located at 333 King Street in Midland.

St. Paul's will be hosting a bowling evening on Friday, May 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Knight Haven Bowling lanes in Penetanguishene. The Congregational Life committee will cover the costs of bowling and shoes and there is a snack bar available for refreshments (cash only). Please arrive about 30 minutes early to pick teams and get your shoes. This is an all-ages family event - nobody is too old - nobody too young!! Call Sheila if you have any questions or want to sign up 705-526-2186.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 a.m. at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

Outreach

Guesthouse Meal Preparation- Did you know that teams of St. Paul's Volunteers create a meal for the guesthouse twice a month? In addition to that, we also have another team that prepares meals that can be frozen and served "as needed" by the Guesthouse staff. This is such important work by our Outreach Committee and we thank all the Volunteers. There are a couple of ways to get involved including donating to the Benevolent Fund, offering to make a meal or even one piece of the meal such as dessert. Let Zena (zenapendlebury@hotmail.com) or Kathy Stewart (kathystewart2025@gmail.com) know if you would like more information.

United Church Women

The United Church Women will be holding a **Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 24th**.

This is your opportunity to part with items you no longer want or need and let someone else enjoy them! Please drop off your items on May 23rd between 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. We welcome all donations, such as gently used clothing, books, linen, china, household items in working order, small pieces of furniture. Unfortunately, we cannot accept baby furnishings, large furniture, and sports equipment. All proceeds go to support the work of the UCW, which supports St. Paul's Mission & Service Fund and a variety of organizations who support people in the community and beyond. For more information, please contact Zena at 705-527-6789 or zenapendlebury@gmail.com.

United Church of Canada 100-year anniversary

Join us for a celebration picnic on Sunday June 8 at the pavilion in Little Lake Park after the worship service. You can pre-order a boxed lunch (\$10 for adults and \$5 for children) through the church office or after Sunday worship until June 1st. **See attachment with this weekly update for all the delicious food choices available.**

We are looking for your memories of songs from camp or other church activities over the years for a song sheet which will be shared at the picnic. Please send along the name of the songs and the lyrics if you have them. Please also lend us copies of photos over the last 100 years of church related activities that we hope to put on display closer to the picnic date. Plan to join us for games, Sunday hats, food and fellowship.



Butter Tart Festival

Once again St. Paul's will be running their annual "Loonie Raffle" during the June 14th Butter Tart Festival. We will be selling raffle tickets on the church lawn and the winners will be picked that afternoon. If you are able to donate a couple of hours to help with this fundraiser, please contact Sheila at 705-526-2186. Thank you!!



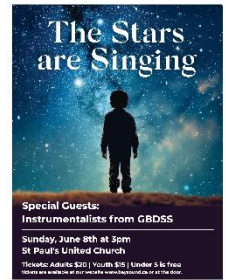
Faith Formation

SAVE THE DATE! St. Paul's Discovery Kids Camp will be held August 11-15, 2025. It will be a FULL DAY program running from 9-3. Details soon...

Community News and events

VOX Huronia Community Choir presents "Over the Sea and Back Again", on **Saturday May 31st at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's. Tickets available at Johnstone's Music Land, from choir members and at the door.

The Bay Sound Choir concert will take place at St Paul's on **Sunday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m.** This year's concert will, of course, include all the Bay Sound Choirs: Little Treble Makers, Children's Choir, VIVO and the Bay Sound Singers and our special guests will be young musicians from Georgian Bay District Secondary School. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth and under age five is free. Tickets are available on our website at www.baysound.ca or at the door.



St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on at 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>

This Week's Minute for Mission

As The United Church of Canada approaches its 100th anniversary, we give thanks for a century of faithful witness, compassion, and commitment to justice. While the formal "Mission and Service" hasn't been with us from the very beginning, the heart of it – the compassion to care for others, to build peace, to support communities – has always been part of who we are.



For decades, through changing times and shifting needs, Mission and Service has connected us to one another across the miles and has strengthened our call to live out God's love in tangible, meaningful ways.

Today, gifts to Mission and Service support a wide range of programs: from food security and emergency response, to education and global partnerships, to right relations and anti-racism work. Every gift matters. Every act of generosity plants seeds of love and hope.

As we look to the future, we know that the work is far from over. But we also know that, together, we can do more than we ever could alone. With your support, Mission and Service will continue to grow, nurturing life, justice, and compassion for generations to come.

Thank you for the way you continue to compassionately step forward through **Mission and Service**.

Blessings everyone

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