



St. Paul's

Herald

September 2022

Rev. Christina extends a warm hello to everyone at St. Paul's!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."(Jeremiah 29:11)

The Christian church has played a major role in Rev.

Christina Crawford's life from the day she was baptized at St. Paul's in Petrolia, Ontario.

With her parents

(who now live in St.

Thomas), sister

and brother, she then

attended Forest United

Church – the same

congregation to which she was called as minister in 2018! She comes to us with many years of experience (both paid and volunteer) in work with marginalized people such as those living in poverty, people with mental health illnesses, and women and children who have experienced abuse.

Rev. Christina is understandably very proud of her two daughters, Lauren (age 22) who attends the University of Guelph and Gwen (age 20)

who is a massage therapist in Woodstock. As a mom of young children, she was an active volunteer at their preschool and public schools, while becoming increasingly involved in a wide variety of ministries as a member of Dundas St. United in Woodstock. Continuing to respond to God's call to pursue a deeper commitment, she became a Licensed Lay Worship Leader, a Spiritual Director, and then was led to enter the Diaconal Ministry Program at the

Centre for Christian

Studies, (graduating from CCS in April 2020). Rev.

Christina will also receive a Bachelor of

Theology in

Diaconal Ministry this

coming

November,

as she

completes the

final

requirements for her

degree.



Enrollment in the exciting new two-

year diploma program, "Missional Leadership",

at the Atlantic School of Theology is just the

most recent venture for this avid student. Rev.

Christina has participated in a profusion of

workshops, on such subjects as Addiction,

Mental Health and Domestic Abuse, Palliative

Care, Bereavement, and Truth and

Reconciliation Calls to Action, to name only a

few. She has training in natural healing

techniques and Reiki and was recently certified

to teach Yoga. As someone who likes hiking and

bicycle riding, Rev. Christina is looking forward to exploring the natural beauty of the Milton area. Some final “fun facts”: she follows a vegetarian diet (with the occasional addition of fish), she enjoys watching the sunrises and sunsets on Lake Huron and decorating and her favorite Netflix series is “The Office”!

When Rev. Christina was asked what encouraged her to respond to our Search Team’s invitation to apply for the position of minister here, she replied that, “the way the Spirit is moving at St. Paul’s comes through in

your Living Faith Story”. During an in-person interview, she used a picture of St. Paul’s historic James Street door to illustrate that one of the missions of a diaconal minister is to “welcome in and send out”. Describing herself as “a committed and passionate servant leader” she is excited about the opportunity to grow together as a congregation. We are excited also, Rev. Christina, and we eagerly look forward to sharing ministry with you at St. Paul’s!

By Sharon Pyle

Welcome Rev. Christina Crawford!!

St. Paul's Receives Federal Grant

St. Paul's United Church received notification on June 2, 2022, that it has been approved for funding by the Government of Canada's Community Revitalization Fund to purchase assisted hearing technology.

John Challinor II, Chairman, Church Council, received written confirmation of the grant from the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

While the specific amount of money has yet to be announced, the funding will be used to purchase and install assisted hearing technology in the Community Hall, Lower Level and Sanctuary.

Special thanks to Mr. Challinor, Don Clements, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, and Brent Tyrer, Chairman, Property Committee, for their work in preparing the submission documentation almost a year ago.



The UCW June luncheon was held at Symposium. Many laughs were had by all!

All are welcome to gather with St. Paul's UCW on Wednesday, September 14 at 1:30 pm in the lower level hall.

Enjoy cake and ice cream as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the United Church Women!



A Date With Judy

On October 2, at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church, Judy Hunter will present an hour of 'easy listening' piano arrangements based on tunes from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

Judy has been involved in Milton's music community for over 50 years and is founder of the Milton Chansonettes, Milton Choristers and Milton Music Teachers Association. She taught music at Milton District High School, Mohawk College and McMaster University as well as teaching private students through the Royal Conservatory of Music and was organist/choir director at St. Paul's for 30 years.

Judy's father, Glen Wicks, played professionally in dance bands and Judy grew up loving to dance, play and listen to music from the 20s, 30s and 40s. She looks forward to sharing and playing some of the wonderful tunes from that era.

Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase at St. Paul's United Church Administrative Office from 10:00 am to 2 pm or at the door the day of the concert.

For an additional \$10 donation made before September 25, ticket buyers can submit a request for a song of their choice from this era.

Humanitarian Drive for Ukraine

When Carol Hyde led the worship service at St. Paul's on May 22, she shared information about Faith United's initiative to collect medical supplies and toiletries to be sent to Ukraine. Contributions from friends and neighbors, members of St. Paul's, Zak's and Superstore Pharmacies were received over a two-week period at four different drop off points. Items were stored in Verne and Mavis O'Neil's garage, then packed and transported by convoy in early June to Stratford Mission Depot (a humanitarian organization which has existed for 27 years and is run completely by volunteers, many of whom are retired medical folk). The donations were estimated to be worth approximately \$10 000 and included a wheel chair, a stethoscope, 9 pairs of crutches, canes, plastic boots, lots of over the counter pain medications, diapers of all sizes and toiletries. A truckload destined for Ukraine began its journey the next day. Faith's Outreach team expresses their gratitude to all who contributed, for enabling them to "have had the privilege of being the hands and feet of the Christ through this act of love."



Many of the medical supplies and toiletries were stored in Mavis and Verne O'Neil's garage.

St. Paul's Applies For Anti-Hate Security Measures Grant

St. Paul's recently applied to the Government of Ontario's Anti-Hate Security Measures For Faith-based and Cultural Organizations grant program.

The church made a \$10 000 grant submission in mid-August that, if successful, would enable it to replace its current key-based door system with an electronic digital security door system, possibly with remote access capability.

The system would greatly improve security at the church as well as additional peace of mind for the four faiths who use St. Paul's each week

of the year. They include Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Milton East, the Church of Christ,

Milton Seventh Day Adventist Church and St. Paul's United Church.

The church will know the fate of its submission later this fall.

Special thanks to Brent Tyrer for procuring a quote for the proposed work to be done, Andrea Boyke for reaching out to the various faiths currently operating at St. Paul's for letters of support and Don Clements for his wise counsel to John Challinor II on the submission.

A group of well-wishers from St. Paul's were on hand to celebrate Jackie Gowland's 100th birthday.



St. Paul's welcomed back Rev. John Ambrose, pictured here with Glenda Calara and Sharon Pyle, as guest minister on August 14.



Coffee and conversation were enjoyed at the August 19 Coffee Hour.



Graham Troake, a tenor in our choir for 43 years, celebrated his 90th birthday on June 26.





During Rev. Ken's last regular service on June 26, Elijah Calara sang, and Kaitlyn Viveiros and Stephen Hurley presented him with gifts from the Annex. This was followed by cake in the Community Hall. Rev. Ken is shown here with current and past chairs of Council, John Challinor and Bev Wright.



On July 17 and 24, Stephen Hurley provided very interesting and thought-provoking reflections on lectionary passages from Colossians 1:17 "in whom all things come together" and Luke 11:1 "Lord, teach us to pray."



Jo McDuffe, Wendy Hodgkins, Carol Wilson, Sue Paul and Patricia Bilau (not in photo) attended the morning service at Knox Presbyterian on July 31.

A Date With Judy

Featuring piano arrangements of well-loved tunes and
Broadway hits of the 20s, 30s, and 40s

Performed at the piano by

Judy Hunter

Sunday, October 2, 2022

3:00 PM

\$10.00 per person

St. Paul's United Church

123 Main Street East

Milton, Ontario

Special requests (deadline September 25) \$10.00 each

A chance to play a duet with Judy *free!*

Tickets available at the church office Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Or at the door on the day of the concert





JIMMIE'S BBQ CHICKEN

Date: Saturday, October 15th, 2022

Time: Serving 5:00 – 6:00 pm
[Takeouts available, pickup for 5:00 pm]

Place: St. Paul's United Church
123 Main St. E Milton

Tickets: \$20.00 [Only 100 seats available due to social distancing]

**Dinner Includes: ½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green
Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert & Beverage**

EVERYONE WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS

**Tickets will be available at St. Paul's Church
call the church office 905-878-8895**