



St. Paul's is a family, commissioned by Christ, gathered together in faith to glorify God and nurture spiritual growth through worship and service.



Our Sunday Service begins at 10:45 AM. We are located at 319 Prescott Street at the corner of Mary Street in Kemptville, Ontario.

St. Paul's Matters

www.stpaulskemptville.ca

Summer - 2012

This Summer - Open Yourself to God's Presence

It's Summer time! Words of joy to a student and perhaps challenge to parents.

We are at that wonderful time of the year when everything is supposed to slow down a bit. We look forward to warm days and sunny skies, camping time, and lighter schedules.

Our church takes a turn at this time; with Sunday school and Bible Study taking a break at the beginning of July, and looking forward to seeing our brothers and sisters from the United Church

worshipping together in July and August.

We, however, continue to worship in Summer with the same energy and passion that we have at other times of the year. As God's children, we are called to invest in every situation we find ourselves in.

Every situation is an opportunity to

spread the Gospel, be a servant for Christ and make disciples for Christ.

This summer, I encourage you to open yourselves up to experience God's presence.

As you are relaxing on your boat, sitting at your cottage or your campsite, spend a few moments in prayer. Give thanks to God for the

blessings in your life and pay attention to what God might be saying to you. Listen deeply for that still, small voice that will guide you on your journey. Share your faith stories with other people, telling them how your relationship with God has changed your life and may God bless each



moment of your Summer time.

Have a safe and joyful summer.

In His Service,
Rev. Samer Kandalaft.

August at St. John's United Church

As is our tradition, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be closed in August and members are encouraged to worship across the street at St. John's United.

Enjoy being a guest at church for a change. Worship without worrying about ushering,

singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School or what needs to be fixed in the sanctuary.

Don't get too comfortable though. We want you back in September!

St. John's service starts at 10AM and your offering envelopes will still go to St. Paul's.

Bullying Has No Place in Society or at Church



A recent study showed that in Canada, bullying is a growing issue in our society and culture. Public Safety Canada – which is the government department responsible for protecting Canadians and helping to maintain a peaceful

and safe society - reported that “one in four children in Canada is bullied, one in five kids are the bully, and over 200,000 high school students are attacked every month nationally”.

Most people think bullying is something that only happens to children, but adults get bullied too, and the effects can be devastating. Adult bullying can cover a range of behaviours, from teasing which has got a bit out of control to serious criminal activity.

In society and work places, bullying tends to be a psychological attack, involving an ongoing bully who tries to enforce their poor self-image by dominating others. If someone is seen as a possible threat to their

dominance, the bully will systematically challenge that person's confidence and reputation until they are forced into obedience or to leave. Bullying can lead to serious psychiatric injury, depression, loss of self-confidence and self-esteem, job loss, family breakdown and even suicide.

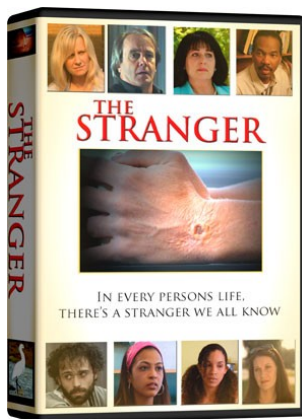
Bullies can be found everywhere even in the churches. When they are faced with their behaviour, in most cases they leave the church.

According to the “Leading with Care” policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Church should be a safe place for all people, those who are bullied and who bully. The Church can help them both to embrace with forgiveness, reconciliation, and establishing boundaries in their relationships. The Church, the Body of Christ, should be an example to the world on how to treat people with love, respect, dignity, compassion, patience, and acceptance. The church needs to deal with bullying, at the same time treating people with Christ-likeness.

May God give each of us the power to support the bullied brother or sister, the courage to correct the bully, and the grace to handle each in a way that is consistent with the church teaching and the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Shahrazad Kandalafi

New DVDs in Church Library- Submitted by Sharon Côté



THE STRANGER

This is a 7-episode mini-serial made for television that tells stories of a modern-day Jesus entering the lives of seven people.

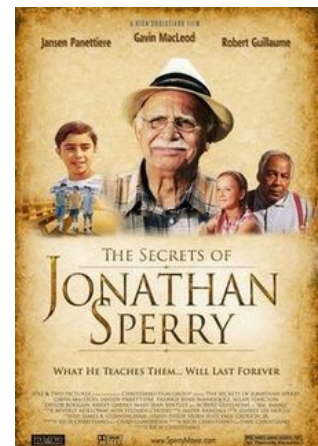
Jefferson Moore portrays a kind and caring Jesus who interacts naturally with the people he encounters.

16 reviewers on Christiancinema.com gave 5 star reviews and one a 4 star review. I would echo their ratings.

THE SECRETS OF JONATHAN SPERRY

Best buddies Dustin (Jansen Panettiere), Albert (Frankie Ryan Manriquez), and Mark (Allen Isaacson) are twelve year old boys looking forward to a summer of fun in 1970.

When Dustin mows the lawn of seventy-five year old Jonathan Sperry (Gavin MacLeod [of the 1970's/80's TV series The Love Boat]), a man he has seen at church, a unique friendship develops.



From the Car Wash, Plant and Bake Sale



Our car wash, plant and bake sale and luncheon went well considering that the street was blocked off in front of the church. About 55 people came to our buffet and close to 100 cars were washed by the intrepid car wash crew, so we raised about \$1,200. We had great bunch of volunteers and everyone had a good time. Even the little ones got involved. Next year we plan on having it on the first weekend in June to avoid conflict with the Dandelion Festival. Thanks to everyone for making it a success during what is for most a very busy season!



**DID YOU KNOW
THAT OUR WEB-
SITE AT ST.
PAUL'S IS UP-
DATED EVERY
WEEK? IT IS A
GREAT PLACE
TO LOOK FOR
PHOTOS AND
INFORMATION.
YOU CAN FIND
IT AT:**

**STPAULSKEMPTVILLE
.CA**

**IF YOU KNOW
OF FRIENDS OR
NEIGHBOURS
WHO WOULD
LIKE TO RECEIVE
OUR
NEWSLETTER BY
EMAIL,
CONTACT
JIM ARMOUR AT
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**HOLY
COMMUNION
WILL BE HELD
ON:**

October 7, 2012

December 2, 2012

March 24, 2013

The Great Easter Egg Hunt 2012



After church on Easter Sunday, the boys and girls of the Church School headed outside for an Easter Egg Hunt. Despite the best efforts of the people hiding the eggs, the kids found them all in record time.

Gracefield Christian Camp and Conference Centre

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Centre Chrétien de Camping et Retraite Gracefield



Gracefield Christian Camp and Conference Centre is owned and operated by the Presbyterian churches of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

Located about 90 minutes from Ottawa, Gracefield runs camp programming - including canoe trips - for all ages. They also offer

retreat accommodations and tenting facilities too. To learn more, visit www.gracefieldcamp.ca.

St. Paul's offers financial support to families who would like their children to attend Gracefield. Please speak to an Elder or the Minister if you are interested.

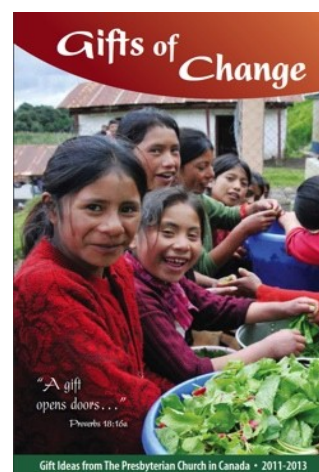
Looking for a Special Gift This Summer?

Summer is the season for weddings, anniversaries and other family celebrations. If you are stuck for a gift or just want to give something that is a little out of the ordinary, consider a "Gift of Change".

Gifts of Change is a series of special projects that congregations, church groups and individuals can support over and above their donations to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development.

Projects include - Welcoming refugees to Montreal; Dental care for the homeless in Toronto, Translating the Bible in Taiwan, Building a Christian camp in Guyana, Empowering people with disabilities in India, Helping vulnerable girls in Nicaragua and Buying a minister a bike in Malawi.

There are lots of worthwhile projects to choose from and you can download a catalogue or make a donation at www.presbyterian.ca/donate/giftsofchange.



Mission Luncheon for Katelyn's Cariboo Adventure



St. Paul's Youth Group and Church School did a five-week study session this year on the challenges facing the Presbyterian Church in the Cariboo region of British Columbia. At the end of the course, they had a lunch to raise money to help support the ministers there with their travel expenses. Thanks to your generosity, our young people were able to raise \$750.

Congratulations Chris and Sarah! - Submitted by Murdie & Louise Clark



We announce with great pleasure the recent marriage of Christopher William Clark to Sarah Danielle Jeffs. The ceremony took place on May 8, 2012 in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico. Sarah is the daughter of John Jeffs of Hampton and Paula Jeffs of Oshawa. The joyous occasion was attended by family members and friends from

Kemptville and the Toronto area.

Christopher works as an Assistant Manager, National Sales with TD Waterhouse Discount Brokerage and Sarah works as a Law Clerk for a Real Estate Lawyer. Chris and Sarah are presently residing in Toronto.

We wish Chris and Sarah a lifetime of happiness.

New Security System at St. Paul's - William is Now a Second Degree Black Belt

On the weekend of May 26-27, William Armour and 85 other karate students from Eastern Ontario went to the Nepean Sportsplex in Ottawa for two days of intensive testing for their black belts.

After hundreds of push-ups, many sets of detailed movements called "katas", and several rounds of sparring, William was awarded his second degree black belt or "Nidan". Quite an achievement for a 15 year-old.

William has been a member of Douvris Martial Arts in Kemptville since he was 6 years-old.

Congratulations William and a word of warning to the congregation - Make sure he sees you coming and don't startle him!



Earth Day 2012 - St. Paul's Youth Service

Our care for the world must reflect God's care. We are not owners, but stewards of God's good earth.

- Living Faith

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated in over 175 countries around the world. People of all ages and walks of life mark April 22 as a day to honour the gift that we have been given by our loving God.

2012 was no exception for St. Paul's youth, who were pleased and honoured to conduct a very special Sunday service that day.

Using music, multimedia and prayer, our young people reminded us all that God's creation is ours to care for: not just on Earth Day, but every day.

Each one of us has the responsibility – and ability – to ensure that our planet stays healthy for generations to come.

It's as easy as conserving water, reducing the amount of garbage we produce and keeping our landscape free from pollutants.

Together, we can take small steps every day to care for "God's good earth".

So... what can you do to make every day Earth Day?

Submitted by Margaret Armour



Poetry for Summer - Submitted by Jerry Anderson

THE VIOLET

Jane Taylor

Down in a green and shady bed,
A modest violet grew;
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head
As if to hide from view.
And yet it was a lovely flower,
Its colour bright and fair;
It might have graced a rosy bower,
Instead of hiding there.

Yet thus it was content to bloom,
In modest tints arrayed;
And there diffused a sweet perfume,
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go
This pretty flower to see;
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

THE VOICE OF GOD

Louise I Newman

I sought to hear the voice of God,

And climbed the topmost steeple.
But God declared: "go down again"
I dwell among the people

A CHILD'S PRAYER

John Bannister Tabb

Make me, dear Lord, polite and kind
To every one I pray.
And may I ask you how you find
Yourself dear Lord today?

TIS THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER

Thomas Moore 1779-1852

Tis the last rose of summer
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone;
No flower of her kindred,
No rosebud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes,
To give sigh for sigh.
I'll not leave thee, thou lone one!
To pine on the stem;

Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go, sleep thou with them.
Thus kindly I scatter,
Thy leaves o'er the bed,
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.
So soon may I follow,
When friendships decay,
From Love's shining circle
The gems drop away.
When true hearts lie withered
And fond ones are flown,
Oh! who would inhabit,
This bleak world alone

BEFORE SLEEPING

Anonymous

Mathew, Mark, Luke and John
Bless the bed that I lie on.
Four corners to my bed,
Four angels round my head,
One at head and one at feet,
And two to guard my soul asleep

