

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Fredericton, N.B.

June 18th, 2023

3rd after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Rondo ~ Marais

GREETING: (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
Inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
Inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
Calling us by name,
Calling us to grow in faith,
Calling us to be made new.

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Amen

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

God, you touch our lives
With mystery and hope.
We come to this place today,
Ready to see your power working through us.
Help us to be open to your Word,
And to answer your call among us.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: *Three Things I Promise*

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*Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and to listen for the Spirit's breath.*

*Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.*

*I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.*

*Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.*

*If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and working is done.*

*Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-30

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

MESSAGE: A Simple Glass of Water

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison)

Gracious God, you have called us to be your own.

We long to respond to your call: openly, fully, lovingly.

Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray.

Reveal yourself in Spirit and in truth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

LORD'S PRAYER:

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSIONING:

BENEDICTION: (In Unison)

May the blessing of God,
the giver of every good and perfect gift;
and of Christ, who summons us to service;
and of the Holy Spirit, who inspired generosity and love,
be with us all.

POSTLUDE: Rigaudon ~ Campra

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Barbara Cull-Wilby, Jesus – Andrew Steeves, Woman – Jane Banks
Greeter: Mary Stickles *Audio Visual:* John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 18TH, 2023

Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.

CANADAHELPS CHARITABLE GIVING CHALLENGE!

Be a part of something amazing at St. Paul's and donate to our #GivingChallengeCA campaign in June! Every dollar counts and can help us win \$20,000. Click here to make an online donation:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/90413> Please Share our campaign widely and thank you for your support!

THANK YOU!!

The volunteers from the Pantry and Brown Bag Lunch programs would like to extend a huge THANK YOU! for your continued generosity to these very important community outreach programs. So far this year, the Pantry has served 102 families: 24 single women, 35 single men, 11 couples, 7 single parents, 25 families and 119 children. The Brown Bag Lunch program has disbursed 299 lunches to 76 individuals. Without your donations, both monetary and in-kind, we would not be able to meet the increasing demand for these programs by those in need. Please continue to help with food security issues in our community and keep this program open.



DOWNTOWN UNITED + SUMMER SCHEDULE 2023

Services at 10:30 am from June 25th to September 3rd, 2023

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH & Via YouTube

473 King St. Fredericton | 458-1066

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch?app=desktop>

June 25th ~ Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary Leading

July 2nd ~ Service at Wilmot with Bev Sharpe from St. Paul's Leading

July 9th ~ Service at Wilmot with Rev. Darryl from St. Andrew's Leading

July 16th ~ Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary Leading

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom

224 York St. Fredericton NB | Tel. 458-1183

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740> Passcode 657067

View later: "https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's

July 23rd ~ Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot Leading Passcode 657067

July 30th ~ Service at St. Paul's with Bev Sharpe Leading

August 6th ~ Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Darryl from St. Andrew's Leading

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & Via Zoom

512 Charlotte St. Fredericton | Tel.455-8220

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdiQT09> Meeting ID:

[836 7375 6287](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287?pwd=RFhERHZiU0hHbVpYcjYxRFFNZWdiQT09) Passcode: 839092

August 13th ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Darryl Leading

August 20th ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot Leading

August 27th ~ Service at St. Andrew's with Bev Sharpe from St. Paul's Leading

September 3rd ~ Service at Wilmot with Rev. Darryl from Leading

ST. PAUL'S SUMMER FUNDRAISING

Over the summer months, we hope that St. Paul's will be close to your heart, even if you are away traveling or enjoying some cottage time. For the next 3 months, we would like to highlight certain committees within the Church that generally require "extra" attention. In June, please think about the Property Committee, in July - The Pantry, and in August, when it can be very warm, consider the Boiler! In the Bulletin each month, a special envelope will be inserted, giving you an opportunity to contribute to that committee. The life and work of St. Paul's is ongoing. We hope you will remain an important part of the Church Family.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

St. Paul's serves many school aged children and youth through our church outreach programs. We will be collecting donations of school supplies in an effort to provide for those who can't otherwise purchase these necessities. Required items include: back packs, lunch kits, reusable water bottles, lined paper, coil note books, large zippered binders, dividers, pencil case, markers, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers, math set, etc. If you would like to donate items to support these families, please reach out to Meghan in the church office. Items can be dropped off to the office Monday through Friday between 8am and 3pm. A donation tax receipt will be issued for items with a receipt. Cash donations are also welcomed. Collection will take place from now until August 11th and then distributed mid-August. If you know of someone in need of school supplies, please let Meghan know so they can be added to the list.



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program is in **desperate need of proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items: sugar, jam, Miracle Whip, Large orange & apple juice, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, granola bars, instant coffee, pancake mix, salt, soda, canned peaches, cookies, flour, dish detergent. Thank you for your continued support!



PAR (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)

As we approach a great summer, being a member of PAR is a great method of giving regularly towards the operation of our wonderful church. We encourage you to sign up today for your first time or to increase your present PAR contributions. Every dollar is important! Please call Meghan today at 506-458-1183 or pick up a form at the church entrance Sunday!

FREDERICTON'S ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE

Mark your calendars, the date for this year's pride parade will be **Sunday, July 23, 2023**, with the parade leaving from the marshalling grounds at 3:30pm! The Downtown United Youth Group is invited to attend as well as anyone else interested in going. Wilmot United will have a group attending and we are more than welcome to join them in this celebration. Please contact Amy Foster-McAllister for more details at amyefoster123@gmail.com."



WARK/ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at [scholarships-bursaries](#). Applications must be received on or before **July 31st**.



PASTORAL CARE

Starting Tuesday, June 6th all emergency pastoral care calls are to be directed to Bev Sharpe who will be covering while Michelle is on Sabbatical. Her contact information is 506-471-4326.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 5+ are welcome to attend Sunday School at St. Paul’s United. We will be following the Living the Word (Narrative Lectionary) curriculum. Summer programming will be available for services held at St. Paul’s United in July 2023. Weekly Sunday School will start back on **September 10th** for the 2023-2024 year. Contact Erin Hayes (hayes.erin11@gmail.com) to sign up for Sunday School for 2023-2024!

DOWNTOWN UNITED YOUTH GROUP

Children ages 9-10+ are welcome to attend Youth Group on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Location and start dates in September 2023 are TBA, stay tuned for more details
Contact Erin Hayes (hayes.erin11@gmail.com) to sign up for Youth Group for 2023-2024!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 18th** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Christian Education
- June 25th** ~ Downtown United Summer Service with Rev. Mary at Wilmot at 10:30
- July 23rd** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Choir
- July 30th** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Worship Committee
- August 6th** ~ Fellowship Hour Hosted by the Trustees

SUPPORTING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

The MegaBike peddle power from St. Paul’s and Wilmot United, in support of the BBBS MegaBike fundraiser that supports local youth. The proceeds from this event will help the Mentoring program support youth in our community who face many challenges. This program helps reveal the full potential of young people and equip them for the future and empowers them to fully embrace their unique selves, find their sparks, and ignite the power and potential within them to achieve all that they dream of. The fundraising continues.



PICNIC SUPPER

Forest Hill United Church Picnic Supper on **June 16th** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Eat in or take home supper at 45 Kimble Court. Menu is: Sliced ham or beet burger (v), salads, roll and cake. Adult \$15 Child \$8. Reservations required! To reserve call or email by noon, June 13 to foresth.office@bellaliant.com 506-455-0988.

YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Cleaning up around the house? We can help! Donate your good condition, previously loved items and Christ Church Cathedral will sell them at an upcoming indoor yard sale. All proceeds will go towards high school tuition for Belize scholarship students. Wanted: household items, decor, toys, games, books, craft supplies, electronics, tools, etc. No clothing or furniture please. Deliver items to Cathedral Memorial Hall between June 19-23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Due to storage limitations, items cannot be accepted before June 19. Thank you for your generosity! Mark your calendar and shop the pay-as-you-wish yard sale on Saturday, June 24, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon! Learn more at christchurchcathedral.com.



INDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE

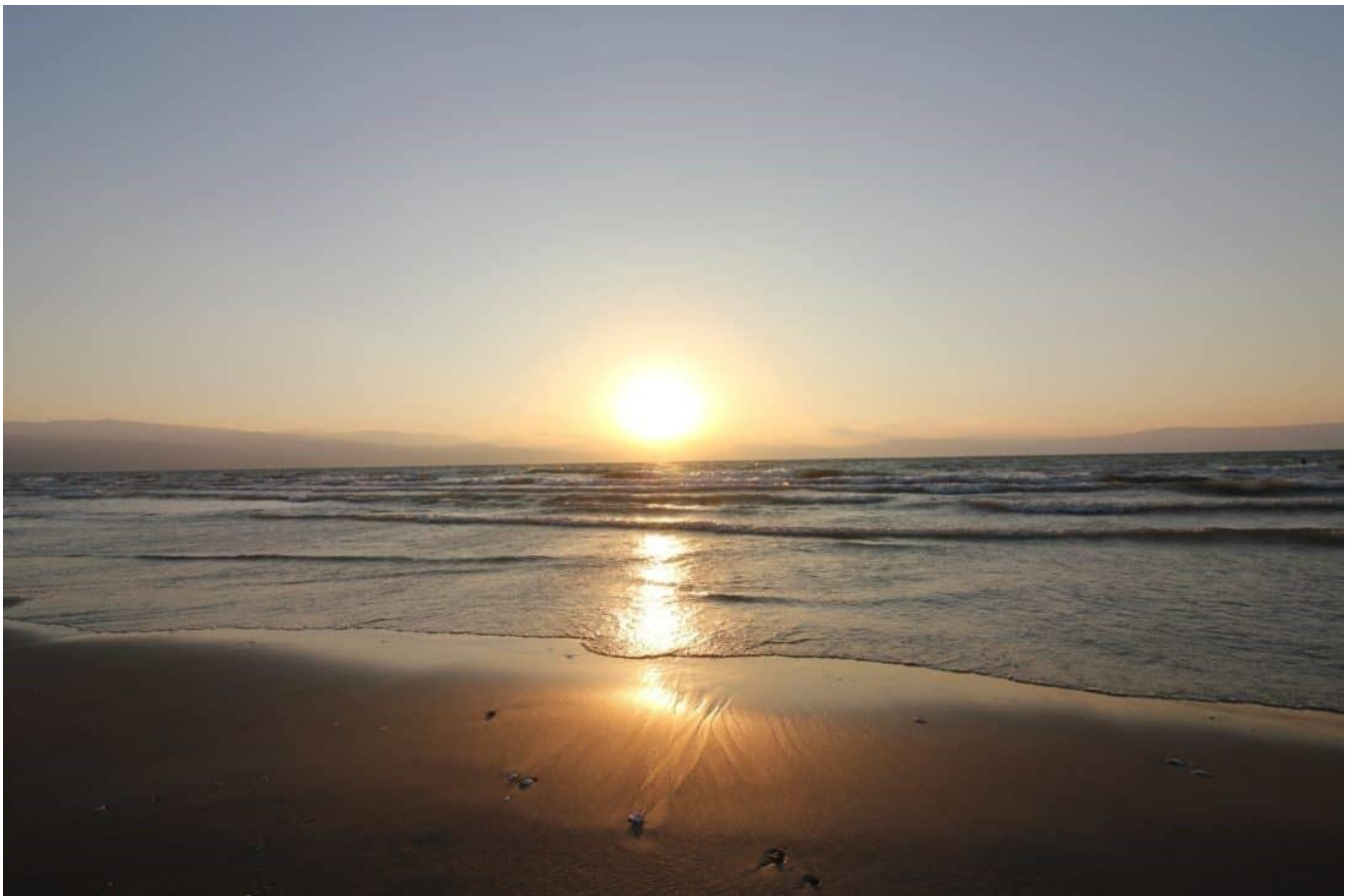
Saturday, **June 24th**, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at Cathedral Memorial Hall, 168 Church Street, Fredericton. Pay as you wish. All proceeds will go towards high school tuition for Belize scholarship students. We appreciate your generosity! Remember to bring a reusable bag to carry away your treasures!

GRADUATION CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S

Graduation Recognition and Celebration for Jacqueline Howie Cleland will be held in the Church Hall at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, **June 26** from 6:30 - 8:00pm with presentations and remarks at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join in congratulating Jacqueline on receiving her Master of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology and as she begins her career in ministry. Please join us for good wishes, lemonade and cake and a time of fellowship together.

BBQ AT GIBSON MEMORIAL

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Steak or Chicken BBQ on **June 28th**, 4 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets. Menu: Steak or chicken, potatoes, vegetables, gravy, coleslaw, pickles, rolls, & pie!



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190 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and Serving Others in Christ's name

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