St. Paul's United Church

September 9, 2012

The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you. May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Englert

Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

and also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV 85

Welcome and Announcements

Hvmn Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

Prayer of the Day

One: Not one of us is worthy to approach you, O God, Creator of

the universe, holy and all-powerful.

All: Yet you have approached us and have shown us the human face of your love in Jesus, your Son, our Saviour. He revealed your love and mercy by living as he did - serving others and accepting them as people

made in your image and likeness.

One: He pointed us towards a world in which each and every person could realize his or her identity as a precious child of

yours.

All: He even gifted us with the Holy Spirit so that the very fabric of our existence is woven with the thread of his life. May this time of worship be a true reflection of our thanksgiving, wonder and praise over such blessings. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

St. Paul's Contact Information:

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Minister: Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles

Organist & Director of Music: Alexis Ervin
Children & Family Ministry: Julie Heslop
Office Administrator: Cathy Simpson
Sexton: Joe Robicheau

Weekly Activities

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12–1 p.m. Exercise Group - Gym/Hall Monday-Friday 11:30–1:00 p.m. AA - Youth Lounge

Tuesday & Saturday 8–9 p.m. AA - Youth Lounge

Tuesday, September 11

10:00 a.m. UCW Executive - Ladies Parlour

10:00 a.m. Play Group - Gym

1:00 p.m. Quilting - Quilter's Parlour

6:30-8:00 p.m. Cubs - Gym

7:00 p.m. Venturers - Upper Room

7:30-9:30 p.m. Fredericton Choral Society - Hall

Wednesday, September 12

9:00-11:00 The Pantry

10:00 a.m. UCW Morning Unit - St. Anne's Court 10:00 a.m. Discussion Group - Quilter's Parlour

6:30-7:30 p.m. Beavers - Gym

Thursday, September 13

1:00 p.m. Quilting - Quilter's Parlour 7:15 p.m. Sr. Choir Practice - Hall

Saturday, September 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Committee Workshop

October 7th is PANTRY SUNDAY

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St. Paul's **UCW executive** will meet on Tuesday morning, Sept. 11th at 10 in the Ladies Parlour. We will be planning activities for the upcoming season.

The **UCW Morning unit** will be holding their first fall meeting at St. Anne's Court on Wednesday, September 12th at 10 a.m. We will carpool from the Charlotte St. parking lot at 9:30. Our guest will be Rev. Lori Beth. If you would like to join us please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885.

Scouting Programs: **Cubs** will be registering and having their first meeting on Tuesday Sept 11, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Gym. **Beavers** will be registering and having their first meeting on Sept 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Gym. (Scouts register at Christ Church Parish, 7 pm, Sept 11) and **Venturers** are registering at 7 pm at St Paul's in Upper Room on Tuesday, September 11.

Fredericton Bel Canto Singers will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 10 at 7 pm. To schedule an audition or to find out more about the choir, please send an e-mail to frederictonbelcantosing-ers@gmail.com or online at http://belcantosingers.blogspot.com/

DOORS OPEN FREDERICTON: Sunday, September 23, 1 - 4 pm Start your Doors Open experience at any of the Historic locations, in any order for guided or self-guided tours. For more information please call Helen Craig at 472-4886.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is having a fish and chips dinner on Sat., Sept. 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Boyce Market. The food is by Rick Huskins and entertainment by One Acre Lot, a lively Fredericton Group (Celtic and Folk music). \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For tickets call Mary Jo at 459-7015, at Westminister Books or Huskins take-out window at the market.

Saturday, September 29th, 8:30 am - 1 pm a **fall flea market and indoor yard sale** at Forest Hill United, 45 Kimble Court. Tables may be rented for \$15. each. Call Mary Grant at 459-8525 or grantma@mcmaster.ca for more information and to book your table. Set up will be from 7 to 9 on Friday the 28th. Coffee and muffins will be available at a nominal fee. We will arrange for pick up of any items left at the end of the sale. Come and hunt for treasures!

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time For All Ages

Blessing of the Book Bags

Almighty God, ...

you never stop calling us to learn, you sent the prophets to teach us,

you sent your son into the world to teach us, you send your spirit into us that we might learn.

Send your spirit upon us today

that we might be both teachers and students.

Bless us and bless these bags.

Help us to follow your example as we enter into this new school year.

Help these bags to carry us through the year

as we learn and grow

into the disciples you call us to be.

Through our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of The People

Anthem Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Carter

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory The Spirit Sings Dedication Verse

Curtis VU 236

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, the Son, and Spirit Blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one Eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was is now and shall be evermore.

Readings Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Andrea Allen

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Hymn This is the day

VU 412

Sermon Being Worthy of God's Love

Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God VU 356

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Praise the Lord Hughes

A donation has been made to St. Paul's in loving memory of Eveline Dunlay and Ada McLaughlin by their sister Doris Moore.

After church, please join us in the hall for conversation, refreshments and a special treat for the children as well as a chance to find out about all the activities, committees and projects that are underway here at St. Paul's.

If you are ill, in hospital or would like a visit from Rev. Lori Beth please let the office know (458-1183), she would love to meet you!

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who volunteered for **VBS** and to those who donated money and supplies.

Sunday School Teachers are needed, please contact Julie Heslop at 454-1791 for more details.

Sign Up Today Ladies Books on display in the Hall

Tuesday Morning Bible Study led by Chris Grant will resume on September 18th from 10 to 11 am. The study this fall will be on the book of **Philippians** (\$10). Please let Chris (206-2857) know or Cathy (458-1183) in the office.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study led by Rev. Lori Beth will start up on October 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour. "The Girls Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Take a walk with **RUTH** and the God who rocked her world! Cost is \$15 This study is an opportunity for the young women, the working and stay at home moms in our congregation to nourish and energize their faith.

Fall Committee workshop: members and prospective members of all committees are asked to attend a workshop on September 15th from 10:00 – 12:00. The Agenda is not completed but will include discussions of the facilitation Committee report which highlights opportunities for more members of the congregation to get involved; terms of service; committee participation in the manse renovation project, the Pastoral care team and much more. If there are items you would like to see on the agenda please contact Jane Blakely at 451-9483 or jblakely88@gmail.com We're looking forward to a fun and productive time together.

Pastoral Care Team: You are invited to join St. Paul's Pastoral care team! Pastoral care is "reaching out"; it is a calling and an opportunity to make an important difference in the life of the Church. Our first team activity will be to attend a pastoral care workshop presented by Dr. Arlene Brewer on Saturday Sept 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Forest Hill United Church. Registration is \$25 and lunch will be available with a free will offering. If cost is an issue please let us know and it will be covered. To join the team, attend the workshop or both, please contact Rev. Sheffield-Bowles through the office or Dave Thorne at 458-8005.

Patty Trail and Carole Peacock of the **Facilitation Committee** would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who responded so positively to their phone calls over the last few months. Through this "recruitment drive" they have produced an extensive list of volunteers willing to become involved in the work and activities of our church. The list identifies by activity where people would like to help; greeting at Sunday services, reading scripture, taking up the offering, baking, spring clean-up, painting, etc. Copies of the list have been provided to members of St. Paul's Board, chairs of all committees and other interested parties to use in carrying out the work/mandate of their committees. If we missed calling you and you would like to offer your support, please get in touch with Patty (457-2273) or Carole (452-1016). Thank you all for your service and commitment to St. Paul's. Or join us at the Workshop on Sept. 15.