

St. Paul's United Church

March 3, 2013
3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Prelude Soul of My Savior Englert

Greeting May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Don't Be Afraid MV 90

*Don't be afraid. My Love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 63)

God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you,
as drought-stricken land wilts

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Keep up to date on upcoming activities
and stay in touch in between Sundays!

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Minister: Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles
Organist & Director of Music: Alexis Ervin
Choir Accompanist: Iris Kim
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 & Thursday 1-4 Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday 8–9 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study—(Thursday's in Lent)
10:00 a.m. Play Group—Gym
2:30–3:15 p.m. Love Yoga—Hall
6:30–8:00 p.m. Cubs—Gym (March Break)
7:30–9:30 p.m. Fredericton Choral Society

Wednesday, March 6

9:00–11:00 a.m. The Pantry
10:00 a.m. Wed. Discussion Group—Quilter's Parlour
6:30–7:30 p.m. Beavers—Gym (March Break)

Thursday, March 7

12:00 p.m. Thursdays in Lent: **"Heaven"**
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice—Hall

St. Paul's ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, March 17, 11:45 am

VOLUNTEER TAX PROGRAM: Again this year Brunswick Street Baptist Church is offering the "Community Volunteer Income Tax Program" which sees volunteers, trained by Revenue Canada, preparing and e-filing income tax returns, free of charge for seniors, students and low income individuals (singles under \$25,000/year or families under \$35,000/year). This service will be offered each Tuesday in March and April from 1 to 6 pm at the Barnabas Centre, 359 George Street. First come/first served - no appointments. For more information contact Brunswick Street Baptist Church (458-8348).

The Greenwood Drive Baptist Church Clothing Bank is looking for donations of clothing of all sizes, towels and bedding.

Penny Drive: The Community Kitchen will be collecting pennies (and other spare change) until the end of March. Please drop yours off into the collection container anytime at 65 Brunswick Street. Any donations are gratefully appreciated.

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a **"Labyrinth Seminar and Day of Meditation"**, Saturday, March 9th, 2013; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please call Rev. Cora at 457-1951 or email her at revcoragibson@nb.aibn.com for more info and to preregister.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a **"Jigs Dinner"** on Wednesday, March 13th, 4:15 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$12 and Child: \$3. Please reserve your tickets by calling 457-

EASTER

Easter this year is Sunday, March 31. As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (March 20). The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

where there is no water. Yet in the sanctuary I looked upon you and saw your power and your glory.

My mouth is full of praise, for your steadfast love is better than life.

I will bless you as long as I live, I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Day and night I meditate on you, O God, filled to overflowing with joy and praise.

I sing for joy and cling to you, my help and my strength.

O God, you are our God, for you we long.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and merciful God, we fill our bodies with rich food and sweet drinks yet we still hunger and thirst for more - for you. And so we praise you for taking the initiative to replenish and renew our lives. You established a new and everlasting covenant of grace in the person of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Through him we seek you and find you, O God. Through him we call on you and know that we are heard. For, through him, the distance between your thoughts and our thoughts, your ways and our ways, is spanned by your divine love. We praise and adore you, O God, as we offer this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord and our Saviour. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time For All Ages

The Good Fruit

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

VU 602

Offertory

With Thankful Hearts

Paxton

Dedication Verse

VU 543 (vs. 1)

*We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Offertory Prayer

Scriptures 1 Corinthians 10:1–13 Malcolm MacFadyen
Luke 13:1–9

Anthem All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice
Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

Sermon Gardening: Growing and Pruning

Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Commissioning and Benediction

~~**Postlude** Come, Christian, Join To Sing Englert~~



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Richard & Maureen Bilerman and family in the death of Maureen’s father, Earl Leonard Banks of Fredericton.

Sympathy and prayers are also extended to Joe Wilby, Barbara Cull-Wilby and their family in the death of Joe’s mother, Delice Esther Wilby.

Today is **Pantry Sunday** and we thank you so much for your contributions to this very worthwhile outreach project of our

Celebrating “**Our Cup Overflowing**” Luncheon
The purpose of Lent is to become aware, in a new way, of the Gift of Life! As we journey towards Easter, let us celebrate together **the Gift that God has given to us in our dear Rev. Lori Beth and her husband, James**. Please come for Lunch and share in honouring our new Couple! **March 10th after Service**. Those whose last names begin with A-M, please bring sandwiches and those N-Z, please bring sweets/fruit. Just drop it off in the kitchen before Church. Praise God!!!

Come join us to Celebrate God's Presence at St. Paul's!
Thursdays in Lent, 12 – 1 pm, Bring your Lunch and share in Fellowship for your/our Journey through Lent.

Love Yoga

The ultimate goal of yoga is to contemplate the Divine. Our greatest Commandment in the Hebrew / Christian faith is to Love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Integrating the Yoga Align approach from Hawaii, we will practice loving, breathing, laughing, stretching, posture and muscle toning. We meet on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. In the Hall. Free Will Offering – donated to The Pantry. Everyone is welcome: all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities! Facilitated by Barbara Cull-Wilby (455-0877). Followed by afternoon tea and crumpets!

BROWN BAG PROGRAM

We are (almost always) in need of the following items—whatever you can donate would be much appreciated. Please keep in mind that all cans must have a flip top lid.

- Desserts
- Juice
- Snacks
- Proteins (chef boy-r-dee, sardines, cheese snacks, ravioli, wieners, chicken snacks, tuna snacks, etc.)