

St. Paul's United Church

March 10th 2013
4th 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 Prelude on "Converse" arr. Ritter

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 Morning has Broken VU 409

Call to Worship

Gracious God, seeker of the lost:
draw your children back to your loving embrace,
***restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons,
and reconcile our hearts to you,***
that we may become ambassadors
of your reconciling love to all the world.
Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.

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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

Monday, March 11

10:00 a.m. UCW Executive—Ladies |Parlour
10:00 a.m. Worship Committee—Quilter's Parlour

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Porridge for Parkinson's Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 8:30—11 a.m.

Brunswick Street Baptist Church

It is estimated that 100,000 Canadians live with Parkinson's, and some of them could be your neighbours, your friends or someone who sits beside you in Church. Please give generously.

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 at 65 Brunswick Street anytime.

"Jigs Dinner" Gibson Memorial, 183 Gibson Street on Wednesday, March 13, from 4:15 to 6 p.m. Reserve your tickets at 457-1951. (No tickets available at the door).

VOLUNTEER TAX PROGRAM: Brunswick St. Baptist 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 is offered each Tuesday in March and April from 1 to 6 pm at the Barnabas Centre, 359 George. First come/first served - no appointments. For information (458-8348).

Atlantic Jubilee Program in Spiritual Deepening and Spiritual Guidance 2013-2015 Cycle

This extension program, which includes residencies at Tatamagouche Centre and work at home, is for people of diverse spiritual backgrounds who seek to follow a contemplative way of life, and for those who wish to discern more clearly the gift and practice of spiritual guidance with others. First residency of the 2013-2015 Cycle will begin June 21-28. Application deadline: March 31, 2013 Contact Tatamagouche Centre for an Enquirer's Packet:

Prayer of the Day

God of steadfast love, you give us so many reasons to rejoice the best reason of all is having been brought so close to you in Jesus . Through him you enable us to be new people - part of your new creation. And you have entrusted us with the task of continuing to give shape to this new creation by commissioning us as ambassadors of Christ. By aligning our hearts with yours, we can speak the words to others which you have spoken to us in Christ: "You are loved. You are forgiven. You are saved." We praise you and adore you, O God, as we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time For All Age

Lost and Found

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn

O God, How We Have Wandered VU 112

Offertory

The Spirit Sings Curtis

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

2 Corinthians 5:16–21 Sue Short
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Anthem

God, Our God, Your Glorious Name Psalm 8

Sermon	God's Child	
Hymn	I Heard The Voice of Jesus	VU 626
Commissioning and Benediction		
Postlude	The Festive Trumpet	Glyncanhon

Come join us to celebrate Easter and God's Presence in our lives!

Thursdays in Lent 12 – 1 p.m.
Bring your Lunch and share in fellowship for your/our Journey through Lent.

Maundy Thursday Service please watch for details

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. St. John River

Easter Service 10:30 a.m.

“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 Rev. Lori Beth and her husband, James.** Please come for Lunch today after the Worship Service and share in honouring our new Couple!

Please be reminded that next Sunday we will hold our Annual Meeting in Fraser Hall after the service.

2012 Financial & Annual Reports are ready for pick up this morning in the Narthex. To ensure that you have a copy at the Annual Meeting please remember to bring yours back with you.

2013 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up as well, you will find them in the Narthex. If you are new to the congregation and would like to have a set of envelopes or would like

Let's Get Frank About Homelessness

Good news: members of the St. Paul's choir have purchased a table for the community dinner on March 20th. Thank you! The dinner is part of a city-wide project to end homelessness and Frank McKenna will give the keynote address. Our congregation now has three tickets toward a second table of eight. Five more to go. We can help out by buying a ticket or by making a donation according to our means. Tickets cost \$175 so our goal for five tickets is \$875. Tickets can also be donated to enable those of limited means to attend. This is a community effort. All donations great and small are appreciated. Thank you! Tax receipts

The **UCW Executive** Meeting will be held in the Ladies Parlour on Monday, March 11th at 10 a.m.

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** evaluation meeting is set for tomorrow, Monday, March 11 at 11 am at Nashwaaksis United Church. Our meeting will be followed by a very sociable pot luck lunch. Invitation is extended to ladies of the congregation to attend. Hope to see many of you there so we can have an interesting discussion with regards to our World Day of Prayer Services.

Message From the Pantry

Thank you so very much for the tremendous response we received last week in goods for the Pantry. You may not be able to see it and perhaps you don't always hear about it, but you touch many lives with your generosity and trust us when we say **“You really do make a difference”!**

BROWN BAG PROGRAM

We are 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.