

# St. Paul's United Church

March 17h 2013  
5th 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** Green Pastures Scarmolin

**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** When I Survey The Wondrous Cross VU 149

**Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 216

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

***we were like those who dream.***

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

***We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."***

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

***come home with joy, carrying their sheaves. Amen***

## St. Paul's Contact Information

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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 19

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 20

9:00–11:00 a.m. The Pantry  
10:00 a.m. Wed. Discussion Group—Quilter's Parlour  
5:30 p.m. UCW Pot-Luck—Hall  
6:30–7:30 p.m. Beavers—Gym

### Thursday, March 21

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

### Ste. Anne's Point Chapter IODE

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### "Step Into Spring"

Please join the IODE on March 23 at noon hour for a Luncheon 'Fashion Show at the Holy Family Parish Church on Hanwell Road. Cost of the tickets are \$12. Please contact Anne Keiver for tickets or for further details at 454-2397.

### 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.

**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: 1-800-218-2220 or www.tatacentre.ca

### Prayer of the Day

*We praise and adore you, O God, for giving us reason to sing aloud with joy. The Psalmist wrote about a joyous future and the prophet Isaiah beseeches us not to dwell on things past, but to concentrate on the new thing that you have planned for us. A new thing greater than any could imagine, when you entered our history in the person of Jesus Christ. A costly act which transformed the future forever. As we draw nearer to the events which led up to the death of Jesus, we marvel that through even that dreadful act you turn our weeping into shouts of joy and point us toward a new future through the glory of the resurrection. Accept our prayers and praises we pray, for we utter them in joyful thanksgiving for all the great things you have done for us -especially for the great gift of Jesus, our Lord and our Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen*

### The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

### Time For All Age

### Prayers of the People

#### Offertory Hymn

Said Judas to Mary

VU 129

#### Offertory

Andantino

Schubert

#### 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

Philippians 3:4b-14

Gary Llewellyn

John 12:1-8

### Anthem

Lamb of God

Angerman & Barrett

**Sermon** Extravagant Love

**Hymn** Take My Life VU 506

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** With Sounding Timbrel Nordman

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**Please be reminded that we will hold our Annual Meeting in Fraser Hall after the service this morning.**

**2012 Financial & Annual Reports** are ready for pick up this morning in the Narthex.

**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 to sign up for PAR (pre-authorized remittance) please contact Cathy Simpson in the office at 458-1183. Many thanks.



**Donations of flowers** would be very much appreciated for our Easter Service. If you would like to place flowers or a plant in memory of a loved one please contact

**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 will be given for all donations.

**UCW News**

The Morning and Evening UCW Units will be hosting a POTLUCK SUPPER on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30 PM. The congregation is welcome to join them. Our guest speakers will be Jean Street and Kelly Watson to tell us about their trip to India with the Rotary Club.

**St. Paul's EASTER SERVICES**

March 24---Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
 March 28---Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows at 7 p.m.  
 March 29---Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
 March 31---Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on the banks of the St. John River ---Rev Ellen Bearisto to lead the Sunrise Service with refreshments at Wilmot United following the Sunrise Service; Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m.

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**Recent Financial Results at St Paul's**

The following is a summary of the Net Financial Operating results of our CHURCH OPERATIONS

Revenue in excess of Expenses in 2010 was **\$18,978**  
 Revenue in excess of Expenses in 2011 was **\$13,915**  
 Revenue in excess of Expenses in 2012 was **\$20,567**

In 2009 our Expenses **exceeded** Revenue by \$41,146.

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**SUMMARY** of all contributions as per Income Tax Receipts sent out to the congregation.

Amount of donation in	2012	2011
Under \$500. each	65	61
\$501-\$2,000	85	98
\$2,001 -\$4,000	34	31
Over \$4,001	20	13