

St. Paul's United Church

May 26th, 2013
1st after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Greeting: (The Gathering)

One: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

All: we begin our worship.

One: In the hope of meeting God and drawing close to God's heart,

All: we continue our worship.

One: In the confident prayer that we shall be transformed, day by day, into the image of Christ our redeemer,

All: we lift up our worship to God, three in one. Alleluia!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair.

Introit This is the Day VU 412

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues VU 326

Prayer of the Day

***You touch our lives, God, in many ways -
you raise us up when we feel discouraged,
you ground us when we are flighty and on edge,
you inspire us when we have lost a sense of who we are,
you accompany us in the many and varied journeys
we undertake day by day.
Be with us in this time of worship, and give us the direction
we need to face the future with hope and energy. Amen***

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

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Weekly Activities

Mon., Wed., Fri.	12–1 p.m.	Exercise Group—Gym/Hall
Monday-Friday	11:30–1 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Wednesday	6:30–8 p.m.	Turn It Loose Dance
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 p.m.	Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	8–9 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge

Tuesday, May 28

10:00 a.m.	Play Group—Gym
2:30–3:15 p.m.	Love Yoga —Hall
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Cubs—Gym

Wednesday, May 29

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

Today is Trinity Sunday,

COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES with Wilmot United
June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Wilmot
August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1 at St. Paul's

Are You On PAR?

If you have automatic debits going from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable TV, taxes, fuel, or mortgage, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year.

Many people use the PAR system for church offerings, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church month by month.

Your account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month and your congregation's account credited with the amount payable from all members who participate.

How to get involved:

- ◆ Decide the amount of your monthly offering
- ◆ Fill in the Authorization form and attach a sample cheque from your account marked "Void" or fill in the credit card information
- ◆ Give it to your treasurer, to Cathy at the church office or call Cathy for more information at 458-1183

Advantages to the contributor:

- ◆ Regular support of your church in the amount that you choose (no fees charged to you)
- ◆ Continual support of your home church when you are away
- ◆ Avoidance of "catch-up" periods

Advantages to the congregation:

- ◆ Regular, dependable flow of contributions
- ◆ Reduction of paper work and bookkeeping

St. Paul's Families Now On Par: 51

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Prayers of the People

Each time you hear "Lord, hear our prayer"
Please respond with "**and in your love answer.**"

Offertory Hymn In The Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

Offertory

Offertory Invitation

Dedication Verse VU 236 (vs.3)

*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.*

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-33 David Thorne

Responsive Reading Psalm 8 (VU 732)

Gospel Reading Mark 5: 21-43 Marlene Phillips

Anthem Unto Thee O Lord

Sermon Simple Faith - Amazing Power Marlene Phillips

Hymn O Master, Let Me Walk With The VU 560

Benediction:

(The Gathering)

One: Step out into the world.

All: We'll step out in faith, guided by the Holy Spirit.

One: Step out into this community.

All: We'll step out in love, following Jesus' teachings.

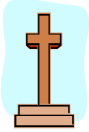
One: Step out into God's embrace.

All: We'll step out in hope, blessed by God's grace.

One: And now may the challenge of God be ours
as we leave this time and place of worship.

Postlude

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle



Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Charles Patterson in the death of his brother, John Patterson of Fredericton.

A special "thank you" to Marlene Philips for coming to be our guest speaker today. Marlene is a member of the Harvey Presbyterian church and is also the office administrator at Wilmot United.



Congratulations to Beth and Jamie Henderson on the birth of "Abigail Mae Henderson" born May 12, a sister for Sydney and another granddaughter for Cathy & John Davis.

Rev. Bob Jones will be covering off for Pastoral Care in Rev. Lori Beth's absence until May 31. Bob can be reached through the office at 458-1183 during office hours or on his cell after hours at 476-8020.

The bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole

If you would like to donate bulletin covers for a Sunday (2014) in memory of a loved one or would just like to donate them for a Sunday, a sign up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board just outside of Fraser Hall. Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's and give to Cathy Simpson in the office. (eligible for income tax receipts)

Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday

As many of you will be vacationing this summer and may not get here as often as you like, you may drop off items for the pantry in the office with Cathy. This will help cover any shortfalls we may have during the summer months. Many thanks for supporting this worthwhile outreach project.



** Our **Brown Bags** are short on all things. Soups, chef-boy-ar-dee, proteins, juices, snacks, desserts. (flip top lids please) Contributions to this outreach are very much appreciated. Over 400 individuals have been fed through this program so far this year.



Looking for some summer reading? We have lots of new and interesting books in the church library located next to the Quilter's Parlour on the 2nd floor. Feel free to come and browse. Many thanks to Debbie Seymour and Judy Thorne for keeping the shelves well stocked and organized.

Copies of Bob Jones' book "**Going and Coming: God's Promise to a Wanderer**" from which many of his sermon stories are taken, are available from Cathy at the church office. Cost is \$10 of which one half will go to St. Paul's.

Looking for donations of 1920'S—1950'S vintage suitcases. Needed as accessories for Kiwanis House at the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation. Please call Doug Warman at 472-4453 for more information or if you have one you would like to donate.