

St. Paul's United Church

April 6th, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Rev. Ellen Beirsto

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

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude How Many Are Thy Works, O God Hadyn

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

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95—Seasons of the Spirit)

One: When our faith is lifted high and we move firmly in
Your love,

All: You will be Our God and we will be Your people.

One: When the pilgrimage is long and so many of our paths
seem to lead to challenges,

All: You will be Our God and we will be Your people.

One: When the way ahead is clear and we are surrounded by
faithful community,

All: You will be Our God and we will be Your people.

One: O God, gather us, know us, lead us, write Your name
upon our hearts.

All: You will be Our God and we will be Your people.

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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	7:30—8:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	7—9 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7-9 pm	B-Boying—gym
Monday-Friday	11:30–1 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 p.m.	Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	8–9 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
Tuesday (April 15)	10 a.m.	Chris' Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	Love Yoga
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs—gym
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. Morning Discussion
Thursday	12—1 p.m.	Thursdays In Lent
	6:30—8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir—Hall

Haydn's "Creation"

The Fredericton Chamber Orchestra and Fredericton Choral Society, present this great oratorio on April 6, 7 pm at Wilmot United.

The Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry on Campus' Annual Meeting , Monday, April 7 at 7 pm at Forest Hill United (45 Kimble Court). We will begin with a dessert potluck and social time with the meeting to follow. Come and meet our **UNB Chaplain Kevin Bourque** and hear about the wonderful ministry that has taken place over the past year. All are most welcome.



Clara's Big Ride: Come out and welcome Clara Hughes as she arrives in Fredericton. We are one of the 95 communities chosen across Canada to be part of Clara's Big Ride! Clara will be at Government House, 51 Woodstock Road on Tuesday, April 7th from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Clara is a 6 time Olympic medalist and is pedaling across Canada in 110 days. She is doing all of this to help end the stigma surrounding mental illness. Come out and support her in this endeavor.

"I BELIEVE YOU" are three of the most powerful words that a woman of faith can hear when she tells someone that she is being abused by her husband. *"I Believe You: Faith's Response to Intimate Partner Violence"* is the title of an Emmy-nominated interfaith documentary that explores the stories of survivors of abuse and the response of faith groups to address their needs. On **Thursday April 10th, 6 pm** you are invited to view a free screening of "I Believe You" in **Tilley Hall Room 303, UNB**. Followed by a panel including local Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish leaders who will each respond to the film and engage in discussion with you. This event is hosted by the Religion and Violence E-Learning (RAVE) Project and part of the Fredericton Regional Resource Network's 10 workshops in 10 months series celebrating 10 years of community collaboration to end violence against women and girls. For further information, please contact Cathy Holtmann at [506 476-1080](tel:5064761080) cathy.holtmann@unb.ca

Opening Prayer:

Deep in our hearts, O God, we know we are known by You. Every crevice of our past, every heartbeat of our present, is known and loved by You. Inscribe in us the desire to know You too, and knowing You, may we live more fully as Your people. This we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Opening Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU326

Time for All Ages

Hymn Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (3X) VU 400
The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Moment for Community Roland Krause

Listening to God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Loving God, help us to hear Your Holy Word so that we may truly understand; that, in understanding, we may believe, and, in believing, we may follow in all faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 David Thorne
Psalm 130 (Refrain 2) VU 853
John 11:1-45 Rev. Ellen Beirsto

Anthem Let The Redeemed of the Lord Say So Parks

Reflection Breath of Hope Rev. Ellen Beirsto

Responding to the Word

Offertory Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God VU 382

Offertory Deep River arr. Scott
Dedication Verse VU 540

*Grant us God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

Offertory Prayer

Sending Forth in God's Name

Hymn We Shall Go out in Hope of Resurrection
VU 586

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Amen

Postlude "Postlude in C" Troutman

*We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude
as part of our worship service.*

An invitation is extended to all who are worshipping with us today to please join us for refreshments and conversation following the service in Fraser Memorial Hall.

The **Stewardship Committee** has prepared an Easter letter for the congregation. It is available for pick up this morning in the narthex before the service and after in the hall. We ask anyone if you would please deliver to your neighbours if you know they are not present for today's service. Our thanks.

Congregational Board will meet on Tuesday April 8, at 7 pm in the Ladies Parlour.

Thursdays in Lent

Come and join us to Celebrate God's Presence! 12 – 1 pm, Bring your lunch and share in fellowship for the journey through Lent. The last theme we will explore is:

Easter Flowers April 10th

Attention all Board and Committee members: Saturday April 12th from 9 - 12 we will be holding a workshop to help the Stewardship Committee prepare for a visitation blitz this spring. It will be an excellent opportunity to find out what everyone is up to and to exchange ideas and thoughts. Please plan to attend, even if you can only come for part of the time. See you there!

Children's Clothing Needed for 'Family Plus'

We are in need of used children's pants and sweatshirts sizes 4—6x. Items may be dropped off at the office. For more information on this please contact Cathy Simpson at 458-1183 or send an email to cathyesimpson@gmail.com.

Financial Contributions for March 30, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget \$3700.00

Operating (received)	1491.35
Loose	6.00
PAR	<u>1537.48</u>
	- \$ 665.17

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Pantry Needs:

soda crackers	toilet paper	paper towels
cereal	flour	mustard
mini sips	fruit cups/pudding	sugar (white & brown)