

St. Paul's United Church

February 9th, 2014
5th Sunday After Epiphany

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

Prelude

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

Lighting Of the Christ Candle

Introit Dance with the Spirit MV 156
*Dance with the Spirit early in the morning'
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Jesus Bid's Us Shine VU 585

Prayer of the Day (unison)

*We gather here, O God, to worship and glorify your name.
In Jesus, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your
glory is revealed. In him, the light of your love breaks into
our lives, and your glory is revealed in acts of healing and
wholeness. In him, the light of your righteousness breaks
into the world and your glory is revealed in acts of justice
and mercy. In him, the light of your peace is revealed as the
Way, the Truth, and the Life. Accept our prayers and our
praises for we offer them in Jesus' name. Amen*

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages A Dark and Stormy Night

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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	6:30 p.m.	Ball Hockey—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	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	Love Yoga
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs—gym
	7–9 p.m.	F'ton Choral Society—Hall
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. Morning Discussion
Wed & Thurs	6:30—8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir—Hall

2013 FINANCIAL REPORTS may be picked up this morning at the back of the church.

2013 Annual Report & Budget will be ready for pick up mid-week or you may pick up your copy next Sunday.

The following schedule indicates DONATIONS by levels of donations for 2013 in dollars!!

Over \$10,000	1 Donor
Over \$5,001 less than \$10,000	8 Donors
Over \$3,001 less than \$5,000	16 Donors
Over \$2,001 less than \$3,000	22 Donors
Over \$1,001 less than \$2,000	42 Donors
Over \$501 less than \$1,000	30 Donors
less than \$500	78 Donors

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS 197

Each month those on PAR contribute \$7,867.90! This includes money for Operations, Foundation, Mission and Service and Benevolent Fund (included in the above calculations).

The number of givers to PAR is 54! This is 27% of the 197 who make donations to St Paul's. Would you like to be #55?? Just call the office at 458-1183 and speak to Cathy or catch her after service in the Hall. We would like to get this to 50% by 2015!



St. Paul's Library: We have a host of books that are sure to enhance your reading pleasure.

The Library Ladies; Debbie Seymour and Judy Thorne are in on Tuesday afternoons to keep the shelves organized and to put out new books. Check it out, there is something there for all ages and all topics (well, maybe not all topics but a lot for sure!). Second floor, next to the Quilter's Parlour. A sign out box is in place for when you want to borrow a book—just put your name on the card, the date you borrowed it and place the card in the box. It's that easy folks!

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a "Jig's Dinner" on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 4 – 6 p.m. \$12 adult and \$3.00 child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

A **pancake supper** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church

Baptism (*Please see Insert*) **Abigail Mae Henderson**

Moment for Community AA

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus VU 626

Offertory Ave Verum Elgar

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

Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Jean Cull
Matthew 5:13-20 Rev. Lori Beth

Anthem O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Matheson & Martin

Message Shining through the Darkness

Hymn I am the Light of the World VU 87

Commissioning

Sung Benediction Choral Amen

Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude A Psalm of Trust Paxton

We invite you to stay and enjoy the

This morning we welcome **Abigail Mae Henderson**, daughter of Jamie & Beth and sister of Sydney into St. Paul's church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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. Today's reception is hosted by the Henderson's and the Davis' in celebration of Abigail's baptism.



**“Hearts for St. Paul’s”
Foundation Dinner
Friday, February 14th, 6:00 p.m.**

Dinner tickets are selling fast, please see Doug Warman or Cathy Simpson after church in the Hall to get yours or call the church office at 458-1183. Prices are \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100, receipts will be issued for amounts over \$25.00. Cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard.

Menu: Salad, Prime Roast Beef, Asparagus, Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Tea, Coffee and for dessert; Lemon Meringue Hearts,

Silent Auction: Donations of fine art, collectibles or services are being sought and may be left in the church office. Receipts will be issued for the selling price of the item. Take the time to look them over today and place your bid!

Congratulations to Lauren Ryan for achieving the Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and we extend our best

The **UCW** will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour. Our guest speaker will be Major Judy Goudie from the Salvation Army. She will tell us about her recent trip to Israel. Please answer Roll Call with juice boxes, granola bars, cheese & crackers, peanut butter & crackers, individually wrapped cookies, Wagon Wheels, Joe Louis, small bags of chips, or small chocolate bars for the Brown Bag lunches. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us. Donna Chauvin

Annual Meeting: February 16th following Worship Service **We are currently seeking candidates** to fill upcoming vacancies on St. Paul's Congregational Board (3 positions), Trustees (2) and Ministry and Personnel Committee (1). If you are interested in serving St. Paul's in this way or would like more information on what is involved, please contact Carole Peacock (452-1016), Patty Trail (457-2273) or David Thorne (459-8521) or speak with them at coffee time after the service.

The Women's Inter-Church Council is hosting a Bible Study on Monday, February 17 at 10 am at Brunswick Street Baptist to prepare for the World Day of Prayer. This year's program was written by the women of Egypt and based on the theme "Streams in the Desert". All women of the city are welcome.

The men of St Paul's are invited to the **Men's Study Group**, beginning Monday February 17 in the Quilters Parlour running from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The group will be using a DVD study entitled "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller. This study is based on the New York Times Bestseller book by the same title. The study presents video of discussions between various people who struggle with belief in God and faith. The discussions are hosted by Tim Keller, and they are frank and genuine. The study group will run for 6 weeks. The group will be facilitated by Derrick Grant. If you are interested, please join us.

Unveiling Mary Magdalene Bible Study (Liz Curtis Higgs) for the young women, working and stay at home moms in our congregation. Rev. Lori Beth will lead—to energize and nourish our faith. Starts Monday, Feb 24th at 7 pm in the Ladies Parlour, \$12

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Abigail Mae Henderson
daughter of
Jamie and Beth Henderson

Statement of Purpose

Galatians 3:27-28

Presentation of Candidates

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church I present **Abigail Mae Henderson**, daughter of Jamie and Beth, for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

We do

Will you share your faith with Abigail, growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

We will, God being our helper.

Congregational Commitment

The congregation stands, as they are able, and provides witness and support to the sacrament of baptism.

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the parents and the child about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

We do, by the grace of God.

Declaration of Faith: A New Creed

VU 918

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in
Creation,
to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Act of Baptism

Blessing

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Passing of the Light

Receive the light of Christ;
you have passed from darkness to light.

**You have been enlightened by Christ.
Walk always as children of the light.**

Welcoming