

# St. Paul's United Church

March 9th 2014

Lent 1

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

**Prelude** I Heard the Voice of Jesus arr. Englert

**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

**Hymn** Jesus, Tempted in the Desert VU 115

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: God invites us to come in and go out and find pasture:

**All: to come into the kingdom, into abundant life, into the  
light; to go out to serve, out to live our faith, out to be  
the Body of Christ.**

One: Christ calls us to hear his voice

**All: and so we come to listen and seek and follow.**

One: We stand at the threshold of God's future,

**All: the Spirit stands at the door and knocks.**

One: Come, let us worship.

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**The Lord's Prayer** VU 959

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



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## Weekly Activities

<b>Mon., Wed., Fri.</b>	12-1 p.m.	Exercise Group—Gym/Hall
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Ball Hockey—gym
<b>Monday</b>	7:30—9 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	11:30—1 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 p.m.	Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b>	8-9 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 a.m.	Chris' 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. Morning Discussion
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	6:30—8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir—Hall

**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!

Upcoming Women's Christian Retreat. This event is for women of all ages and all denominations who live in Atlantic Canada. This year we are marking the 30th anniversary of the **Atlantic Christian Women's Retreat**. The retreat will be in Stanley Bridge PEI, April 25-27. This year's keynote speaker is Connie Cavanaugh, an inspiring Christian speaker and author. Connie will share thoughts from her new book, "Following God one yes at a Time." A registration package is available through the church office (458-1183). Should you require further information, feel free to visit our website [www.apwretreat.org](http://www.apwretreat.org) or contact me with any questions. In Christian Friendship, Orlanda (902-675-4746) Registration is limited and closes on March 26. We would love to see women from your congregation.

If you are new to the congregation, wish to use envelopes or sign up for PAR, receive emails or have a new email address please contact the office at 458-1183, or fill in the following form and place in the collection plate or email Cathy at: [cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com](mailto:cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com). Thank you

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<b>Time for All Ages</b>	Lent	
<b>Children's Choir</b>	God Is Always With Me	
<b>Moment for Community</b>	Cathy Davis, Quilter's Group	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	Blessed Assurance	VU 337
<b>Offertory</b>	In the Stillness of This Hour	Davidson
<b>Dedication Verse</b>		VU 540
	<b><i>Grant us God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.</i></b>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7 Matthew 4:1-11	Brad Green Rev. Lori Beth
<b>Anthem</b>	Come and Be Joyful	Vivaldi, arr. Hopson
<b>Message</b>	Temptation	
<b>Hymn</b>	Bless Now, O God, the Journey	VU 633
<b>Commissioning</b>		
<b>Sung Benediction</b>	Choral Amen	
<b>Postlude</b>	The Festive Trumpet	Glyncannon

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 **Worship Committee** will meet today at 11:45, following church in the Ladies Parlour.

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting is being called for March 16th at 11:45 am to vote on hiring a full time minister pursuant to the directions given by the congregation to the Joint Search Committee.

**Unveiling Mary Magdalene** Bible Study will meet on March 10th at 7:30 pm in the Ladies Parlour. Please read chapters 1,2 & 9.

**“Girls Night Out”** a chance for the ladies of the congregation to gather together for faith, food and fellowship. On Wednesday March 12th at 7pm. Baker Keith Kingston will walk us through making Butter Tarts. If you are interested in joining in on our “Girl’s Night Out” please contact Rev. Lori Beth at 458-1183 or [reverend.loribeth@gmail.com](mailto:reverend.loribeth@gmail.com)

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** will take a break during Lent and are encouraged to attend ‘Thursday’s in Lent’ , the regular Bible Study will resume after Easter. Should you have any questions please speak with Chris Grant.

**Lent** is a season in which we pay attention to our lives. We alter the familiar pattern – by fasting or by changing something in our daily routine. The purpose is to become aware of the gift of life in a new way. Come and join us to Celebrate God’s Presence!

**Thursdays in Lent**, 12 – 1 pm, March 6th – April 10<sup>th</sup> Bring your Lunch and share in Fellowship for your/our journey through Lent. The themes we will be exploring are: Week 1–Grace, Week 2–Forgiveness, Week 3–Peace, Week 4–Faith, Week 5–Prayer of Gethsemane, Week 6–Easter Flowers. Questions: Rev. Lori Beth

**Youth Group Inspired:** “Sing a new song unto the Lord.” For the Sundays in Lent, we as a Congregation at St. Paul’s United Church have the opportunity to praise God in a new way ~ through **Signing the Lord’s Prayer**. The Choir will be leading us. Simply follow their actions or someone else whom you can see doing it. Experience the Awe - Barbara Cull Wilby

The **UCW** will be touring the Food Bank on Wednesday, March 12th at 10 am. We will car pool from the Charlotte Street parking lot at 9:30 am. We will have our meeting at the Food Bank. Please bring along a food donation. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us.

### **UCW Fashion Show & Luncheon**

Jockey Person to Person Fashions  
Saturday, March 29th, noon (\$10 admission)

### **“Upcoming Bible Study”**

The men of St Paul’s are invited to the **Men’s Study Group**, beginning in April. Watch the bulletin for further details or contact Derrick Grant at 454-8437.

**Brown Bag Needs:** (flip top lids please for easy opening)  
Juice boxes especially, but everything else will be needed soon:  
Protein, : chef-boy-ardee, canned beans, etc.  
Desserts: fruit cups, puddings, etc.  
Snacks: anything/everything (individually wrapped)  
Thank you so very much for your continued support of this much needed program in our city —this is one of the most important and most frequented ministries of St. Paul’s Outreach.

### **Financial Contributions for March 2, 2014**

2014 Weekly Budget	\$3700.00
Operating	2454.25
Loose	40.00
PAR	<u>1537.48</u>
	+ \$ 331.73