# St. Paul's United Church

May 11th, 2014

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

Arioso J. S. Bach Prelude

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

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Let Us Build a House Together MV 1 Verse 1 Introit

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

#### Welcome and Announcements

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232 Hymn

**Prayer of the Day** 

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

**Time For All Ages** The Shepherd

## **Prayers of the People** (responsive)

Holy God, receive our prayers this morning: our prayers for others, prayers for ourselves, prayers for your world.

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## Weekly Activities

Mon., Wed., Fri.	12–1 p.m.	Exercise Group—Gym/Hall	
Monday	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	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	6:30—8:30 pm	B-Boying—gym	
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir—Hall	

#### Summary of the April 24th meeting of Woolastook Presbytery

The Presbytery met at Oromocto United Church and following meetings of committees the Court convened at 11:00am. The chair, Rev. Kelly Burke constituted the meeting and welcomed new members and visitors. Among the new members were Rev. David Luker, Keswick Ridge United Church and chaplains, Rev. Kent Horsman and Rev. Harold King.

Guest speaker, Rev. Dennis Sisco was also introduced.

Following approval of the minutes and agenda, Rev. Dennis Sisco conducted worship and spoke of his work. Rev. Sisco, chaplain at the Saint John Regional Correctional Centre, works with the organization called Bridges. Bridges provides transformative programs for people struggling with mental illness, and/or criminal behaviours. More information on their work can be found on the web site bridges of canada.com.

General Council has requested that delegates to the 2015 meeting be elected early and so an election was held for Presbytery to name delegates. The delegates elected for Woolastook Presbytery are Rev. Kelly Burke, alternate Rev. Rose Hannah Gaskin and lay delegate Heather Donnelly with alternate Karen Elliott.

At the last meeting of Presbytery, Rev. Jane Johnson had introduced the General Council tasks group paper on a Comprehensive Review, a conversation about who we are as The United Church of Canada, how we do things, and how we can continue to live faithfully in changing times. The Court was divided into sessional groups to discuss the 4 questions on property, oversight of communities of faith, oversight of ministers and connectional space. The results of the discussion groups will be forwarded to the Task Group. If anyone wishes further information on this study/paper please contact your clergy or delegate to presbytery.

Committee reports followed the lunch break. Heritage and Resources, Charles Stewart, requested approval for the Doaktown Pastoral Charge to sell the manse and informed the Court of the application for a grant by the New Maryland Pastoral Charge to assist with remodelling etc. of their facilities.

Education & Students, Wally Ellis, requested approval for student intern, Yvette Swan, to administer the sacraments in Nashwaak pastoral charge and for the Lake View pastoral charge to continue as a Learning site.

Mission and Support convenor, Merrill Slipp, requested support for grant applications from Lake View Pastoral Charge and the Christian Ministry on the UNB Campus.

Pastoral Care, Graham Powell, reported on the successful workshop led by Rev. Kendall Harrison on Ministry Personnel committees and recent triennial visits. Pastoral Care, Steve Longmoore, requested approval on Call to Greg Williams, to Canterbury-Richmond Pastoral Charge following his Ordination; for Rev. Richard Bowley to St. Paul's, Fredericton; for the approval that Rev. Lisa Greenwood be retained on the Roll of Presbytery and to Declare a Vacancy at the Oromocto Pastoral Charge.

Barbara Kelly, chair of Stewardship, gave an update on the status of givings in

## We pray on this Mother's Day with thanksgiving and compassion;

thankful to you for mothers who fully embrace their role—for mothers, step-mothers, adoptive mothers, and grandmothers who give of themselves fully to their children and grandchildren.

## We also pray for those who honour mothers who have died and left a beautiful legacy.

We pray for mothers who grieve for children, for women who struggle with fertility, for children who grew up with absent or unkind mothers, for mothers of missing children.

We pray, Lord God, lead us all in Jesus' Way, so that true healing and peace might come to your world and to all mothers and their children. Amen.

Elaine Bidgood Sveet, First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Offertory Hymn Offertory **Dedication Verse**  God is My Shepherd Delight in the Lord

**VIJ 748** Sewell 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 Reading** 

Acts 2:42-47 John 10:1–10 Laura Steeves

**Anthem** 

Speak, O Lord

Rev. Lori Beth Getty & Townsend

Message

The Shepherd and the Flock

Hymn

I Have Called You by Your Name

MV 161

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** Postlude in G minor Sergisson

Today's Greeters:

Frank & Lyla Lawrence

The bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.



Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed in loving memory of Peggy Bird by Bud and family.

A donation has been made to St. Paul's in loving memory of Letitia McIntosh by daughter, Joyce McIntosh.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Joan Whelpley who passed away last week.

St. Paul's Board will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour.

The Stewardship Committee of St. Paul's has confirmed that the **Visitation of the Congregation** will begin on May 25<sup>th</sup> and extend to June 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet for volunteers has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you for all the ways in which you continue to support our church.

#### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Saturday, May 31st, (8:30 to noon) has been chosen as our **annual spring clean up day** and we solicit your help to sweep, rake, weed, wash, etc. to tidy up and make our outdoor property attractive. Please bring brooms, rakes, shovels, etc. and your good humour to make this a successful day. The more volunteers we have the quicker the work will be done (bring a friend!!). We encourage those with gardening skills to bring some flowers to enhance our flower beds. Thank you and we hope to see YOU on the 31st!

**WE RENT SPACE:** Need a spot to have a birthday party, celebrate an anniversary? You can rent the Church Hall or gym at St. Paul's at very reasonable rates! Contact Cathy Simpson in the

office at 458-1183 or email her at cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com for more information or to book an event.

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The **UCW** will meet on Wednesday, May 14th at 10 AM in the Ladies' Parlor. Please answer Roll Call with diapers for baby girl, assorted sizes. Our guest speakers will be Madeline Gaudet from Stepping Stones and Cst. Lombard from the City Police to speak about telephone and computer scams. All members of the congregation are welcome to hear this informative presentation.

## Financial Contributions for May 4, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget			\$3800.00		
Operating (received)	2284.25				
Loose	56.00				
PAR	<u>1657.48</u>				
	3997.73	+	197.73		
Foundation donations f	or 2014 =	\$8	,067.18		

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

**CONCERT OF PRAYER** – Brunswick Street Baptist is hosting a interdenominational concert of prayer in Celebration of Life on Thursday, May 15, 9:45 am. Come for worship in song and times of prayer thanking God for His gift of life and praying for its preservation. The service will be led by local pastors and lay people.

Marysville United, 351 Canada St. invites you to an evening of music and song with John Campbelljohn and Stan Carew on Sunday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. Cape Breton singer/guitarist/songwriter, John Campbelljohn is a multiple award winner and Rolling Stone says "The string magic of the front man fascinates". He has been featured on recordings with Sting, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen and many others. Stan Carew is best known as the host of Weekend Mornings (CBC Radio One) started writing songs 10 years into his radio journey and has never stopped. John and Stan first got together to write songs for "Good to Go" which won them a nomination in the 2010 East Coast Music Awards for Blues Album of the year. Tickets: \$20 and available at the Lighthouse Family Resource Cen-