

# St. Paul's United Church

September 14th, 2014

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

## Prelude

## Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,  
**and also with you.**

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit** Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying (X2) VU 400  
**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

## Prayer of the Day (Responsive)

Sing praise to God who offers a hand when we fall!

**Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**  
Even though we fall, God lifts us and guides us on paths of peace.  
**Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.  
**Praise be to God, whose grace is over us all.**

**The Lord's Prayer** VU 959

**Time For All Ages** How Many Times?

## St. Paul's Contact Information

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in between Sundays!**  
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## Weekly Activities

**Monday-Friday** 11:30–1 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge  
**Tuesday & Thursday** 12–1 p.m. Exercise Group—Gym  
1-4 p.m. Quilting—Quilter's Parlour  
**Wednesday & Thursday** 5:30 - 8:30 KidSing-Youth Lounge/gym  
**Tuesday & Saturday** 8–9 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge  
**Tuesday** 6:30-8 p.m. Beavers & Cubs—gym  
7:00 p.m. Fredericton Choral Society  
**Wednesday** 9-11 a.m. The Pantry  
10 a.m. Wed. Morning Discussion  
**Thursday** 7 p.m. Senior Choir—Hall  
**Saturday** 10 - 2 p.m. KidSing-Youth Lounge/gym

## Scriptures

Romans 14:1-12

Barbara Cull

Wilby

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Richard

Bowley

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The next **GriefShare** session at Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be held on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM starting September 15 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is \$25 per person for the program and scholarships are available for people who cannot afford the fee. Register by calling the church office 458-8527 Mon to Fri.

**DivorceCare:** Are there those you know who are feeling the pain caused by marital estrangement, separation or divorce? They can find hope at **DivorceCare**. This 13 week program which features expert video segments and small group discussion provides practical suggestions for getting through and overcoming the results of marital breakup. A new session is beginning on Tuesday, September 16 at 6 pm in the Family Room at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. For more information contact the church office at 458-8348. There is no cost for this program.

## Health Information Session on "Dementia"

A presentation by Dr. Patrick Feltmate, MD, Geriatrician with Horizon Health will take place on Friday, September 19, at 2:00 pm in Christ Church Cathedral, corner of Church and Brunswick. There will be time for questions following his presentation. As most will know, this is a growing concern in our aging population. We are very pleased that Dr. Feltmate is able to be with us. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from the expert about the various "dementias" and how symptoms are treated. Please invite those in our church community and in the wider community to attend.

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## Special Congregational Blessing of the Children

*Almighty God, ...*

*you never stop calling us to learn, ...*

*you sent the prophets to teach us, ...*

*you sent your son into the world to teach us, ...*

*you send your spirit into us that we might learn. ...*

*Send your spirit upon us today ...*

*that we might be both teachers and students. ...*

*Bless us and bless these children gathered ...*

*Help us to follow your example ...*

*Help us through the year ...*

*as we learn and grow ...*

*into the disciples you call us to be.*

*Through our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

**Offertory Hymn**      Now Thank We All Our God      VU 236

## Offertory

**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 (Unison)

***Giving God, all we are and all we have come from you. We offer back to you what has always been yours. As you have entrusted your gifts to us, so we return these gifts to you, trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your kingdom on earth. We pray through Jesus who gave the all of his life for us. Amen***

**Anthem**

**Message** More Forgiveness! But how much more?

**Hymn** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

**Commissioning** (Responsive)

We seek the values of your kingdom as we leave this church:

**forgiveness, instead of vengeance,  
affirmation, instead of negativity,  
friendship, instead of turning away,  
Christian love, instead of hate.**

Christ lived out nothing less;  
**and we are his followers!**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*We invite you to please stay and enjoy  
the Postlude as part of our Worship service*

**Today's Greeters:** Shirley MacLeod & Sadie Miller

*Thank You* A word of appreciation is extended to all who served today in any way, giving life to our worship service. A special thank you to our Sunday School teachers as they head off with the fall curriculum in hand to teach and work with our children.

**Greetings and a Warm Welcome to One and All**

Thank you for worshipping here today. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration. To our visitors, a special welcome, please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. Everyone is welcome to come and join for conversation and refreshments in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service.

Tables are set up for the **Welcome Back festivities**, please take the time to browse, ask questions and join any groups that might interest you. We are an active church with many outreach projects

**The Christian Education committee** needs more members, we could use your help in organizing special events and helping out in the Sunday School. Please contact Rev. Lori Beth or Rev. Richard if you are able to help.

**Wednesday Morning Play Group** We are looking to start up our play group once again for parents and young children. We need some volunteers to help get this program running. If you are able to help please contact Rev. Lori Beth or Rev. Richard.

The **UCW** will meet in the Ladies Parlour at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16th. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join. Please answer Roll Call with perk coffee, juice boxes, pudding or fruit cups. Donna Chauvin 458-5885

Do you have an apple tree with apples you will not be using? The **UCW are looking for a source of apples** for their mince meat. Please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885

There will be a **workshop** for all **current and potential committee members of St. Paul's** on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 12 in Fraser Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited. We will be following up on our workshop in April and discussing plans for the 2014-15 church year. Hope to see you there!

**Financial Contributions for September 7, 2014**

2014 Weekly Budget		\$4000.00
Envelopes	\$3701.00	
Loose	104.50	
PAR	<u>1692.87</u>	
	5498.37	= +\$1498.37

***Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts***