

St. Paul's United Church

May 18th, 2014

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

Prelude Holy is the Lord Schubert, arr. Leatherman

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Let Us Build a House Together MV 1 (Vs 1)
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

Hymn Three Things I Promise VU 176

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, worship God who is our refuge and our strength.

We come, trusting God to lead and guide us always.

We come, confident to commit our spirit into your hands, O God.

We come, knowing you deliver us from our enemies.

Let your face shine upon us, O God, and your steadfast love surround us.

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

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

There will be a Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Car Wash at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland Street, on Saturday, May 31 starting at 8:00 AM. Everything is by donation with proceeds going towards the 2015 Bolivia Mission Tour.



The Power of Not Knowing



Hazel Arbon, Program Staff for Mission and Education at Saskatchewan Conference, recounts this story of changing the world through her gifts for Mission and Service:

Several years ago, I was at a United Church workshop where one of the speakers was a man from one of the Central American countries. As he introduced himself, he said that The United Church of Canada had always had a very close connection to his heart.

At one point several years previously, the two sides in the civil war in his country were ready to sit down to some peace talks. Both sides were willing. Everything was set up—but they needed \$3,000 to make it happen, and they just did not have it. They approached the United Church, asking if we could help them in this way. The speaker said, “We had the money the next day.”

My eyes immediately filled with tears, and it took all of my willpower not to sob out loud. He was talking about the generosity of my church, my people—actually, maybe even me.

It is nice to be able to direct my money toward a project I pick out. That makes me feel good from the moment I write the cheque. But in that moment of listening to the speaker, I realized the power of also donating without knowing where my money might go. Maybe, just maybe, a tiny portion of *my* money helped end a civil war.

It still brings tears to my eyes to consider the many other ways my money and yours come together to make things better in this world of ours.

Mighty and tender God, our gifts to M&S help your church to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.



Time For All Ages Finding the Way to Go

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Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn The Church's One Foundation VU 332

Offertory All Things Bright and Beautiful arr, Harris

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 Reading 1 Peter 2:2–10 Cathy Rankin
John 14:1–14 Rev. Lori Beth

Anthem Come, Christians, Join to Sing Mueller

Message Living Stones Instead of Dead Weight

Hymn How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds VU 344

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Englert

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

Today's Greeter: Dorothy Dauphinee

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.

Visitation 2014

A special Workshop for all volunteers involved with the Visitation of the Congregation will be held in Fraser Memorial Hall, May 20th at 7 p.m. The Stewardship Committee of St. Paul's has confirmed that the **Visitation of the Congregation** will begin on May 25th and extend to June 8th. 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.

Adult Membership Classes (June)

Any individuals interested in becoming members of St Paul's are invited to contact Rev. Lori Beth at 458-1183 for more information.

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!

Women's Inter-Church Council

Our Lt. Governor, Graydon Nicholas has invited members of the Women's Inter-Church Council to his annual Strawberry festival party at which time he would recognize our place in Fredericton during the past 50 years. The date is Tuesday, June 24th at 2pm at the Lt. Governor's Residence on Woodstock Road. Please let me know if you are wish to attend as they need to have a number. We would love to see those who have represented St. Paul's or taken part in World Day of Prayer services especially. I hope for a good representation from this church. Ann Raper, your WIIC representative, 457-0164 or email (harann@nb.sympatico.ca)

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.

Financial Contributions for May 11, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget		\$3800.00
Operating (received)	2892.25	
Loose	82.00	
PAR	<u>1657.48</u>	
	4631.73	+ 831.73

Foundation donations for 2014 = \$8,347.18

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

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 Centre on Bishop Drive; Read's Newsstand Books & Café on King Street; and the Marysville Pharmasave on Canada Street. Light refreshments to follow. Get your tickets early - don't