

A New Year Is Beginning

The heavenly holiday of Christmas is over
it was a White Christmas
but now it is mid-January
and raining cats and dogs.

My prettily decorated tree is still up;
but I've put away my gifts.

How like life are the seasons of the year
majestic like a snow covered field.

Trees, rooftops and lawns
depressing like drizzly rain
slippery ice sidewalks
Traacherous.

But sunny summer days
fields of buttercups and daisies
to dream of

So in life we admire God's creation
especially humankind
people—old, young, middle aged
friends, family, neighbours.

With a new year beginning
we pray for strength and courage
to meet the challenges we face
and mostly we thank God
for another year on His Beautiful Earth

Marguerite MacAlpine

St. Paul's United Church

January 19th, 2014
2nd 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 Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance" arr. Lau

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 This is the Day VU 412

Prayer of the Day

One: Loving God, you are light in our darkness.

All: *When we doubt our ability to affect change in the world, show us the way.*

One: Help us to experience the joy of others.

All: *In the celebration of life, may our laughter be heard, O God.*

One: Help us to sense the loneliness of others.

All: *In the hard places of life, may our friendship be felt, O God.*

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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

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Sunday Night Meditation and Prayer Service, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Ron Hovey Music Room. It will be a service centering on Lectio Divina, a sacred reading. Everyone is welcome.

The Fredericton Choral Society is happy to greet new/returning members at St. Paul's United. We will begin rehearsing at 7.20 pm. on Tuesday evenings. Registration will continue for one more week. Under the direction of Heather Dunham, we will be learning Haydn's Creation for performance with the Fredericton Chamber Orchestra on April 5th and 6th. For more information, e-mail frederictonchoralsociety@gmail.com.

GriefShare will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm beginning January 20. Fee \$25 per person. For more information, interested persons may contact the church office at 458-8527 or check www.grace.nb.ca.

Nashwaaksis United "YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER"

February 8, 4-6 pm

Potluck Supper of Salads, Casseroles, Meats, Pizza and more, Fancy Desserts. Adults \$10 Children under 10 \$5, Family \$25 Tickets available from Ruth Kennedy (472-5941), Rev Elaine (206-0621), or the church office (458-9452). People with pre sold tickets will be seated on a first come first served basis, left over tickets will be available at the door.

Other Services being held during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** include a Breakfast at Nashwaaksis United Church on Monday, January 20 at 7:00am; and Soup and Scripture at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church on Friday, January 24, at noon. All are welcome. To be confirmed with details later, Rev. Cora Krommenhoek announced that there will be a Church Service on Sunday, January 26, 2014.

International Christian Unity week program will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday, January 23 at 1:30pm. Theme: A Time to Share Our Faith Together. Participants will be: Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes, Rev. Dr. Basil Lowrey, Retired Bishop Bill Hockin, Pastor Bill Brennan and others.

One: Help us to feel the hurt of others.

All: *In the testing situations of life, may we stand with the troubled ones, O God.*

One: Help us to bring hope to others.

All: *When the outlook is bleak, may we witness to the Risen Christ, O God. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time for All Ages Letting Our Light Shine

Moment for Community

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn Spirit of The Living God VU 376

Offertory Open My Eyes That I May See arr. Johnson

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

Isaiah 49:1-7 Joe Wilby
John 1:29-42 Rev. Lori Beth

Anthem Take It To The Lord in Prayer Koertz

Message Believe

Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU 326

Commissioning

Sung Benediction Choral Amen

Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude Postlude in G minor - Sergisson

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

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.



A donation has been made to the Outreach Committee in memory of Andrea J. West (13 December 1962–19 January 2012) by Caroline & Ralph Simpson.

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.

2013 Tax Receipts and **2014 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Hall this morning following the worship service.

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER - Its time to consider your annual subscriptions to the church’s informative monthly magazine. For this year ONLY the cost is reduced to \$10. Please submit your payment to Cathy during office hours or preferably by envelope (identified by name and address) in Sunday’s offering no later than January 26. We encourage both renewals and new sub-

UCW Frozen Casserole & Cookie Sale: Saturday, February 1st from 9—11 a.m. in the Hall. First Come, First Served! They tend to sell out very quickly, so try not to miss out!

Annual Meeting: February 16th following Worship Service Please have your reports in the office by **Monday, January 20th**. Please email your reports to cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com Many thanks—Cathy

The **Youth Group** at St. Paul’s United is evolving. So far: We have defined “Youth” as the Spirit that lives within us; so its age-less really. The Youth in Middle School and High School are the Group’s reason for being because “Kids are where it’s at!” And since as Christians: We are Family – the Group naturally must include everyone! So far, our age range has been 2 years to 87 years. We had a lovely Christmas Party. We have a Proposal before the Board regarding passively teaching the whole Congregation how to sign the Lord’s Prayer! Amen. There’s talk of a Skating Party. There’s more talk of teaching cooking, eating, using the stage and the open mike. We are donating \$100 to the Sunrise Rotary Club to facilitate “Water for India.” We need your help / your ideas. **How would you like to enjoy creating your dreams come true!?** We have unlimited resources of every kind. Please call Barb & Joe with your ideas and encouragement. 455-0877

Love Yoga happens every **Tuesday** January 28—June 24
Where: St. Paul’s Church, in The Hall
When: **2:30 – 3:15** pm
Mint Tea and Conversation after—Bring your mat if you have one
Open to all ages & abilities—Free Will Donation for The Pantry

Yoga helps us worship the Lord our God. It renews our awareness of Breath and its healing properties. “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holi-