

St. Paul's United Church

September 28th, 2014

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

Prelude: O My Father Darley

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 Like A Rock MV 92

***Like a Rock, like a Rock, God is under our feet.
Like the Starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.***

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn I Danced in the Morning VU 352

Prayer of the Day (Responsive):

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us.

We know that we are never alone, your mercies have been faithful and rich.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will.

***In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages The Ones Who Stick With Us

Hymn Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

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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
Tuesday & Saturday	8–9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
Tuesday	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	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
	6:30- 8 p.m.	KidSing - Gym
Thursday	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall
	5:30 - 7 p.m.	KidSing - Gym

Saturday 10-12:30pm KidSing - Gym

Ladies Bible Study: Chris Grant will be leading a women's study called "A Walk Through Luke" on Tuesday mornings at 10 in the Ladies Parlour. Come and join in for study, prayer, coffee and conversation. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our **Brown Bag Program** is in urgent need of everything. If you are able to help out please drop items off at the church office. Chicken/Tuna paks, beans, small hotdogs, Chef Boyardee (flip top cans please), juice, snacks, puddings, etc. Thanks - Maude.

"Pantry Sunday" Oct. 5th! (always 1st Sunday of the month). You will be reminded the previous Sunday and if you care to donate anything you may bring any non-perishable items and deposit in the Pantry box in the narthex. Suggestions for items we are always in need of are: Juice boxes, pudding/fruit cups, harvest crunch bars, bathroom tissue, paper towels, cereals, sugar, coffee, cake mixes, kraft dinner, spaghetti sauce, dish detergent, laundry detergent, cheese whiz, soda crackers, cookies, baking supplies, canned vegetables, pancake mix and syrup, garbage bags, cleaning supplies. The volunteers in the Pantry are grateful for all your donations. Our clients, as well, appreciate everything you provide for our shelves. Our sincere thanks. Lois Walker, Chair, Outreach Committee.

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

The Women's Inter-Church Council are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Monday, Oct. 27 at Brunswick Street Baptist. Service begins at 11 am followed by a Luncheon and the Annual General Meeting at 1:15 pm, all interested are invited. Contact Ann Raper at 457-0164 if you plan to attend or need more information. To all Members of the WICC the \$10 dues can be collected at the Annual General Meeting. Donations from the Fellowship of the Least

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Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn Pass it On VU 289
Offertory Offertory on Beatitudo arr. Peterson
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

You are the means, O God, through which our small offerings become powerful gifts.

***Bless those who receive, that they may know reassurance
and healing, freedom and inspiration, friendship and
renewed hope.***

May they return thanks to you.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptures Ruth 1:1-18 Ann LeBlanc
Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Rev. Lori Beth

Anthem Saviour of My Heart arr. Angerman

Message Shared Journey Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles

The End of A Covenant

Chair of Council: On January 20, 2013, a covenant was entered into with Woolastook Presbytery, St. Paul's United Church and with The Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles. Today we mark the end of that Covenant. Lori Beth, would you pray:

Prayer Rev. Lori Beth

Passing of the Symbols:

The Bible, Symbols of Sacrament, Books, Keys

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Chair Do we, members and friends of St. Paul's United Church, and you Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, as covenant partners in this ministry, and all of us on behalf of Woolastook Presbytery, release each other from this covenant?

We will, with God's help.

Will we respect the new relationship that now begins and offer encouragement and prayers for each other's continued ministry?

We will, with God's help.

Prayer Rev. Richard Bowley

Chair I declare the covenant to be finished. Thanks be to God.

Hymn You Shall Go Out With Joy VU 884

Commissioning and Benediction

We leave from this place of worship doing what God requires of us: to act justly, to love kindness and walking humbly with our Lord.

May the God who is always near bless and keep you on your journey. Glory, honor, and praise be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always. May you take the light of Christ wherever you go.

Postlude Rigaudon Campra

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



Today's Greeters: Gladys & Rev. Gil MacKenzie

A special welcome is extended to all who are joining us this morning for Worship Service, please come for conversation

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This afternoon at 3 there will be a **Service of Covenanting** to mark the beginning of the relationship between Rev. Richard Bowley, St. Paul's United and Woolastook Presbytery. All are encouraged to be present to sing, pray, praise, and celebrate the Spirit in calling us all together. Following the Covenanting there will Coffee, Conversation and Snacks. All are welcome.

Financial Contributions for September 21, 2014

2014 Weekly Budget		\$4000.00	
Envelopes	2,075.25		
Loose	125.55		
PAR	<u>1,692.87</u>		
	3,893.67	=	- \$106.33

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Are you new to the congregation or wish to change your method of donating. PAR and Offering Envelopes are available by contacting Cathy in the office at 458-1183. Please keep Cathy informed if you have a new email address, change of address or phone number. Also, if you are new to the congregation please forward the information to Cathy by email at cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com or by calling 458-1183. Many thanks—Cathy

Thank You to all who have caught up on their summer donations to the church, it is truly appreciated and much needed to get us through the fall when our operating costs are so much higher.

We are looking to start up our **Wednesday Morning 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. Richard at 458-1183.



Butter Tarts anyone? Keith Kingston (Navy Cook) has offered to come in and teach us how to make butter tarts. There is no fee for this, just a fun and yummy night out with some other bakers! Oct.