

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. September 20th, 2015

* Please stand as you are able or sit as you prefer *

Prelude Holy Is the Lord Schubert, arr. Leatherman

Introit *Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary* MV 18
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

*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.

Welcoming the Light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Who is wise and understanding among us?

Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.

Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

Reading: Mark 9:30-37 Rev. Richard

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *Make me a Channel of Your Peace* VU 684

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. AMEN

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

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Rev. Richards's Office Hours

Sunday: *Afternoon By Appointment*
Monday: *8:00—Noon, 1:00-4:00*
Tuesday: *8:00—Noon*
Wednesday: *1:00—4:00*
Thursday: *By Appointment*

Regular Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Monday	6-8 pm	Shoe Box Dance - Gym
	7 p.m.	Men's Conversation Group
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society
	7 pm	Barber Shoppers-Sanctuary
Wednesday	9-11 am	The Pantry
	9:30-11:30 am	Play Group - Gym
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
Sunday	2 pm	Open Bible Study

Gil MacKenzie is celebrating his 90th birthday! There will be a gathering to celebrate this milestone at the home of his daughter at 3 Thatch Road, Lincoln (1 km past the airport) on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 p.m. Friends are welcome. Best wishes only



If there are any young women who might be interested in an evening Bible Study/Discussion Group please let Cathy Simpson in the office know by calling 458-1183 or cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

New to the congregation? We would love to meet you and keep you informed of our activities. If you could call me (Cathy, Office Administrator) at 458-1183 and give me your name, address, telephone numbers and email address we will see you are kept up to date and included in our church family and informed of all that is going on. If you are in need of offering envelopes or would like to join the PAR (Pre Authorized Donation) program, I would be pleased to assist you with that as well. cathysimpson@nb.aibn.com

Anyone with announcements for the weekly bulletin are asked to please inform Cathy by 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at 458-1183.

On Thursday, October 22, Nashwaaksis United Church UCW, Unit 6, will host a fall luncheon bridge at 12 noon at Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium, 46 Main Street, Fredericton. Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. Please contact Connie at 472-4744 to reserve your table.

The Fredericton Chapter of the Order of St. Luke invites you to a special Service of Celebration and Praise at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to give thanks and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing personal testimonies of miraculous healing and wonderful answers to prayers. Holy Communion will be offered by the Rev. Canon Kevin M. Stockall. Anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing will be carried out by members of the Order of St. Luke. This will conclude the Chapter's ministry to the greater Fredericton area. Do you know someone who needs healing and prayer? Please invite them.

Assurance of God's Love
The Lord's Prayer VU 959
Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn *Take, O Take Me As I Am (x2)* MV 85
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** *When Hands Reach Out* VU 169
Invitation to Offering
Offertory *Prayer* R. Schumann

***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.

Dedication Prayer (Unison)
You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. AMEN

Reading: *James 3:13-18* Natalie Bowley

Anthem *I Was Glad When They Said* Pethel

Message *True Greatness*

Gift of Music *Dreaming Mary* MV 134
(solo with piano & choir support)

***Commissioning (Responsive)**
Go forth with the words of wisdom crying in your ears.
We go with songs of hope singing in our hearts.
Know that you are called to be faithful followers of the One who will always be near you,
Who will always guide and encourage us to walk the path of life.

***Benediction**

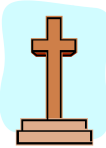
***Choral Closing** May the Grace of Christ VU 419
*May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and our Maker's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.*

Postlude Trumpet Tune Giamanco
We invite you to stay and enjoy the Postlude

Happy Birthday Rev. Richard

Coffee and Conversation will be held in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service. We invite you to come and join us.

Today's Greeters: Sydney Henderson & John Davis
Coffee Hour for Sept. 27: Worship Committee

 Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to friends and family of Molly Trail who passed away last Tuesday and whose funeral was held here on Friday afternoon.

A donation has been made to the Screen/Sound Project in memory of Robert Davis by Dow Johnston.

A donation has been made to the Benevolent Fund in memory of Barbara Jeffery by Murph & Marg Allen

A donation has been made to the Screen/Sound Project in memory of Molly Trail by Gil & Gladys Jeffery.

Open Bible Study: Beginning on **Sunday, September 20th at 2 p.m.** Rev. Richard will be leading a Bible study **open to all**. For the first while, the focus will be on the weekly readings, how we interpret them, and how they inform our lives. **All ages, theologies and Biblical proficiencies** are welcome, so even if you've never read a verse, come journey with us!

PLAY GROUP: From 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a Wednesday morning play group will be held at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know has young children and an open Wednesday morning, come play at St. Paul's.

Doors Open Fredericton - On Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1-4 pm nineteen Fredericton buildings will be open to the public for visits and tours. St. Paul's will be taking part again this year, please contact Helen Craig at 472-4886 for more information or to assist.

Also on September 27th, we will be having our second pulpit exchange. The **Rev. Yvette Swan** from the Nashwaak Pastoral Charge will be trading spaces with **Rev. Richard Bowley**. Come and hear her offer the Good News as we continue to get to know our United neighbours better.

Joint World Wide Communion Sunday October 4th. As was mentioned in previous services, former senator and Moderator The Very Rev. Lois M. Walker will be the guest speaker at Wilmot United Church on October 4th. As we did in the summer, we will come together in celebration of the Holy Feast. Worship will be at 11a.m. on October 4th at Wilmot United. All are encouraged to attend.

Fall Rummage Sale: We will be holding a Rummage Sale this fall, the date is yet to be decided. We are asking for donations of fall and winter clothing and small household items. So, if you are able please set these aside as you prepare your fall/winter closets!

Financial Contributions for Sept. 13, 2015

2015 Weekly Budget		\$5,250.00
Envelopes	1,938.40	
Loose	69.00	
PAR	<u>1,842.09</u>	
	3,849.49	

- \$1,400.51

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

We currently have 63 contributors using the PAR system.

Following is the monthly breakdown of monies contributed through PAR

Operating	\$7,982.40	Mission & Service	\$ 528.50
Foundation	\$ 80.00	Benevolent	\$ 20.00