

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. September 13th, 2015

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

Prelude Pass Me Not Kendall

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)

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

Let us worship the God of life and wisdom

whose words guide our life on the right paths.

Reading: Mark 8:27-38 Rev. Richard

Opening Prayer

*Hymn It's a Song of Praise MV 30

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

**Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand.
You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to
get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains
do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your
word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted
by words and sounds Forgive us when we are quick to speak
and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your
wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Lead us back to the
path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. 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 pm	Fredericton Choral Society
	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	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

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

Women Who Worship invites you to "An evening for **HER** - Healing, Encouragement & Relationships" our first ever regional women's evening in Fredericton, NB! Join us at Cornerstone Worship Centre in Fredericton for a powerful evening of worship, prayer, and the Word. Cornerstone Worship artists Naomi Knoll, Stephanie Israelson, and Marquelle Piers will lead a powerful time of worship and Evangeline Inman will bring a word of encouragement that challenges all present to chase after the fullness of what God has for them. We're believing that each woman who attends will be encouraged in their ability to fulfill the calling of God for their lives as they are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. You don't want to miss this impactful night, Monday, September 28th at 7 PM. Tickets are only \$20 each and include a free copy of Evangeline's book, "The Divine Heart Mender." Register now at www.evangelineinman.com/HER before tickets sell out!

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.



Assurance of God's Love
The Lord's Prayer VU 959
Time for the Young and Young at Heart: Baptism (see *insert*)

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** *God of the Sparrow* VU 229

Invitation to Offering
Offertory *Delight in the Lord* Sewell

***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)
God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves - our words, our thoughts, our actions - be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. AMEN

Reading: *Proverbs 1:20-33* Cathy Simpson

Anthem *As the Deer* Nystrom, arr. Wilson
Message *Seeking Identity*

***Hymn** *Walk With Me* VU 649

***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 Immortal, Invisible St. Demo, arr. Kendall

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Postlude

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

Today's Greeter: Kathy White

Coffee Hour for Sept. 20: Congregational Board

Today we welcome **Henry George Cooper**, son of Jeffery & Nicole Cooper and brother to Charles into St. Paul's Church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

Beavers start at kindergarten and **Cubs** start at Grade 3 for both girls and boys. Meeting time is 6:30 to 8:00 pm beginning September 16th on Tuesday evenings. Come learn and have fun. Parents are to come and register this night as well.

On **September 14th** at **7 p.m.** in the **Parlour**, the **Men's Conversation Group** will be starting up again. Our focus will be on Thom Rainer's **Autopsy of a Deceased Church**. Men of all ages are welcome. Come and share your views on where the church was, is, and is going as we forge a future together.

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!

Doors Open Fredericton - On Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1-4 pm approximately 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.

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

Volunteers Needed! The church lives and thrives on the work of it's volunteers. Unfortunately, for things like Sunday School teachers and ushers, we're having trouble finding volunteers. If you would like to offer your time for a Sunday a month, or perhaps for a month at a time for any task that happens during worship: greeters, ushers, readers, Sunday School teachers, please let **Rev. Bowley** know as soon as possible or call and leave your name with Cathy at 458-1183. We don't want to tire people out, and rotation ensures everyone gets a break.

Bulletin Folders: I am in need of two or three bulletin folders on Fridays each month. Time commitment is only 1 hour per month, if you are able to assist please call Cathy in the office at 458-1183. Many thanks for your consideration.

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