

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. September 27th, 2015

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

Prelude Come, Come Ye Saints arr. Kellner

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**
Lord of Light, shine on you, Lord of Peace, dwell in you, Lord of
Love, enfold you and bless you all,
and you also.

Welcoming the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)
Who is on our side? God pours out God's Spirit to protect us all,
blessed be the Lord, who helps us and keeps us safe.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Blessed be God's Holy Name!
Let us worship God together.

Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Tammy Coughlan

Opening Prayer

***Hymn** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)
Holy God, you give us strength. You know our transgressions. You
know our faults and our sins. We constantly grasp at your power,
and stumble into evil. We look out only for ourselves. Forgive us,
lead us into your Holy ways of living, love and peace, for the sake of
our Lord and saviour Jesus the Christ. 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

Brown bag needs: (flip top lids for cans please)

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| Proteins | flaked chicken, ham or turkey beans, soups, ravioli, |
| Juice Boxes | small please (tetra boxes) |
| Snacks | cheese/crackers, individually packed cookies small chocolate bars. granola bars |
| Puddings | vanilla, chocolate, tapioca, fudge..... |
| Fruit Cups/sauce | apple, mixed berry, fruit cocktail |

PANTRY NEEDS

(Pantry Sunday: Oct. 11—Thanksgiving Sunday)

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| toilet paper | soap detergent | laundry detergent |
| cereal | instant coffee | pancake mix |
| flour | white sugar | brown sugar |
| cake mixes | frosting | cheese whiz |
| Kraft Dinner | ketchup | juice boxes |
| soda crackers | baking supplies | rice |
| canned milk | Mr. Clean | Comet |

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 please

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

TODAY at noon, you are invited to join Forest Hill United for a **Letter Writing Circle for Syrian Refugees**. We will share a potluck lunch together, educate ourselves on the issue, and write letters to government to urge them to change their approach and welcome more refugees to Canada in this time of crisis.

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** *We Are Pilgrims* VU 595

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Andante Con Mito* Schubert arr. Williams

***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)

*O God, your gift of life is more precious than gold. Lord, take these gifts of our lives and let them be a sign of your goodness and your grace. May these gifts be used for the work of your world we pray through Jesus our brother and our saviour.
AMEN*

Reading: Mark 9 38-50 Rev. Yvette Swan

Anthem *Take It To The Lord In Prayer* arr. Koertz

Message Rev. Yvette Swan

Hymn *Go, Make a Difference* MV 209

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

Leader: Do not be a stumbling block.

All: *We will be at peace with one another*

***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 Allegro Energico Cappelen
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 Greeters: Mary & Earl Staples
Coffee Hour Oct. 4 **We will be joining Wilmot United**
Coffee Hour Oct. 11 Trustees - Andrew Steeves

Today we are having our second pulpit exchange. The **Rev. Yvette Swan** from the Nashwaak Pastoral Charge has traded pulpits with **Rev. Richard**. A special thank you to Rev. Swan, we appreciate your taking part in allowing us to get to know you a little better and becoming more "united" with our sister churches.

Joint World Wide Communion Sunday, October 4th. As was mentioned in previous services, former senator and Moderator The Very Rev. Lois M. Wilson 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. There will be Sunday School at Wilmot for all the children.



A donation has been made to the Screen/Sound System in memory of Molly Trail by the St. Paul Quilters.
 A donation has been made to the Foundation in memory of Molly Trail by Carole Peacock.
 A donation to the Screen/Sound System has been made in memory of Molly Trail and Barbara Jeffrey by the U.C.W.

Doors Open Fredericton - TODAY, 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. Many thanks to Helen Craig for being St. Paul's guide for this event.

Open Bible Study: Sunday's 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!

Today: Job 1:1, 2: 1-10 Psalm 26
 Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16
Oct. 4: Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126
 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Matthew 6: 25-33

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. 20, 2015

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| 2015 Weekly Budget | \$5,250.00 |
| Envelopes | 2,202.25 |
| Loose | 20.00 |
| PAR | <u>1,842.09</u> |
| | 4,064.34 |
| | - \$1,185.66 |

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

We currently have 63 contributors using the PAR system. Following is the breakdown of monies contributed through PAR on a monthly basis:

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

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

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But what about a vision? When we look ahead 10-20-50 years, where do we see St. Paul's in the work of God in Fredericton and the world?

Each one of us has a vision of our future and they range across a broad spectrum:

"Just see me out"

"Let's tread water"

"Maybe we can do more"

"Let's be great"

"We are called to step up and lead"

"Bleep" the torpedoes and full speed ahead!"

Resources include money, volunteers, time, space, staff and in the JNAC context, ministry leadership. Each answer to "what are we supposed to do?" brings with it the demand for some of each resource. Getting the combination of resources right is critical to reaching our vision. And we won't know what that ideal combination is until we know "what are we supposed to be doing?"

When Jesus called 12 disciples to carry the miracle of his love forward to us, he knew what he needed. We don't know the future so we pursue our vision in faith, believing that God has chosen this path for us. We choose our leadership, supported by our money, our time, our networks and our knowledge – to achieve that vision. At St. Paul's, we do that as a community.

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That leaves each one of us almost a month to prayerfully ponder our vision of the role of St. Paul's in Christ's ministry in our city, our country and the world. We need to talk about it too. It is a vision, not a dictate; it is a spectrum, not an absolute; it is a loving conversation, not a debate. Talk about it a lot! Because the decision we make next month, like Jesus' decision to choose his 12 disciples, should and will change the future. With God's help we will get it right.

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