

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. January 31st, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Prelude Meditation on Mendon arr. Ritter

Introit Don't Be Afraid MV 90
**Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

*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 and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

God is at work in our world!

***In the guiding of peacemakers, in the support and care of
the oppressed and downtrodden, God is at work!***

God is at work in this place!

***In the building up of the community, in the spreading of
the Good News, God is at work!***

God is at work in us!

***Guiding our feet, inspiring us to speak, calling us to
action, God is at work. Let us praise the one who shapes,
guides and embraces this world.***

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5 Chris Walker

Opening Prayer

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

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

***Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning
confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people.
When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and
complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people
around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge***

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

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Office Hours

Rev. Richard

Sunday: By appointment

Monday: 8:00—Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00—Noon

Wednesday: 1:00—4:00

Thursday: By appointment

These hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings and other church business elsewhere.

Pastor Sarah

By appointment

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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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
Monday	6:45 pm	Men's Book Study - Ladies Parlour
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	Fredericton Choral Society-Hall
	7 pm	River Valley Chorus-Sanctuary
Wednesday	9-11 am	The Pantry
	6:30 pm	Joint Search Committee—L Parlour
Thursday	7 pm	Senior Choir - Hall
Sunday	11:45am-12:15pm	Children's Choir & Teen's Choir
	2 pm	Bible Study

Men's Conversation Group continues again on Monday, January 25th. Note the gathering time is **6:45** with prayer starting the time at **7 p.m.** As usual, the group meets in the Ladies Parlour.

The Board has called for 2016 to be a year of visioning at St. Paul's. Are you **passionate about growing the church**? Ever wondered what our Mission Statement really means? Are you on a committee? Come to church and have some great ideas? **We want to hear from you!** Please prayerfully consider whether a visioning process for our church might be something God is calling you to, and come talk to us about it. We will meet for initial discussion **Sunday, February 7th after church in the Quilter's Parlour.**

Confirmation through Lent: Are you or do you know someone who is a youth 13+ who is looking to join the church? Beginning on **Wednesday, February 10th (Ash Wednesday)** and continuing through Lent on Thursday evenings, Rev. Richard Bowley will be holding **Confirmation classes.** Confirmation itself will take place on Easter Sunday during the service. If you are interested in being a part of these classes or if you would like more information, please contact Rev. Richard either by phone at **458-1183** or by email at **rev.bowley@outlook.com.**

Pantry needs: toilet tissue, regular ground coffee, instant coffee, cereal, peanut butter, cheese whiz, pancake mix (made with water), table syrup, granola bars, ketchup, canned fruit, fruit cups, pudding cups, juice boxes, baked beans, Kraft dinner, jam/ marmalade, waxed paper, aluminum foil, laundry soap, dish soap, pasta and sauces, canned vegetables, flour, sugars, soda, baking powder, salt, shortening, cake mixes and frostings, oatmeal, paper towels, garbage bags, canned meats and fish, hearty soups (we have a good supply of tomato soup at present), body soap, tooth paste and brushes (for children, especially), canned milk, cookies, soda crackers, miracle whip, canned vegetables, cleaning supplies, litre-size juice, orange and apple

Brown Bag Needs: flip top lids of chicken, ham or turkey, beans, soups, small juices, cheese/crackers, individually wrapped cookies, small chocolate bars, granola bars, puddings, fruit cups or sauce Many thanks for your consideration.

instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving, love-filling waters pour over us. Restore our souls. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love
Sung Lord's Prayer (VU 959)

Story Time

Story Time Verse: *Jesus Bids Us Shine (vs 1)*
VU 585

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community: Pantry

***Hymn:** *Let Us Build a House (vs 1-2, 4-5)* MV 1

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Andante Con Moto Shubert, arr. Williams

Offering Verse: MV 191

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Gracious God, these gifts come from our hands and our hearts. They represent the products of our labours; they symbolize our commitment to your church; they show our willingness to do your will here on earth. Bless their use. Encourage our abilities and focus our actions, so that we may be a blessing to others. This we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 1: 1-11*

Pastor Sarah

Anthem Sheltered in the Arms of God (with Precious Lord)

arr. Hart

Message *God is up to Something*

Pastor Sarah

*Hymn: *Go Make a Difference* MV 209

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

We have been gathered together for this service of worship and praise, we are sent out now with a renewed sense of commitment

We have been called to lives of service, caring for others as Christ's people. We go forth from this place into the uncertainty of the future, confident in our identity as God's people.

***Benediction**

Choral Closing: *"Peace be with you"* MV 215

***Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace. Peace. Peace.***

*Postlude Rondo Purcell

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Coffee Hour:	February 7:	Pantry
Ushers:	Left Side:	Dow Johnston & Murray Simpson
	Right Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Middle:	Roger Miller
	Upstairs:	Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Norman Ralston in the death of his mother, Margaret "Meg" Ralston, aged 97 of N.S. who passed away on January 20.

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in memory of Kevin Ervin by the St. Paul's Senior Choir.

THANK YOU to everyone for your great financial and personal contributions to St. Paul's in 2015 and prior years ! The financial books have been closed for 2015 and have been given to EPR Daye Kelly & Associates for their financial review and preparation of our financial statements.

The Stewardship Committee will meet on February 1 at noon in the Ladies Parlour.

Bible Study begins this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour. The readings for today are:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99



Youth Event: ***Fun With Frosting***

Middleschoolers and highschoolers are invited to come learn basic cake decorating techniques. This event will be held on Fridays after dismissal Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 in Fraser Memorial Hall. We will prep and have a snack, then get to work at 4pm. Sign up or get more info from Kelly Simpson kelmurandco@gmail.com or 455-8365 There is no charge for the event but you will need your own supplies, contact the above for more details. This event is limited to 10 participants.

The UCW will be hosting a **FROZEN CASSEROLE SALE** on Saturday, February 6th from 10 to 11 am. Choose from lasagna, baked beans, cabbage rolls, chicken, turkey, meatballs, salmon, tuna, hash browns, turnip, squash, and some Gluten free. Bring your grocery and cloth bags. Mark the date Saturday, April 2nd for a **BRIDGE Luncheon**. More information to follow.

Saturday Night Family Potluck SocialAll young families are invited to attend a social event and scavenger hunt on Saturday, Feb.,6th in Fraser Hall from 4-6 pm. Please sign up in the hall that you will be attending and what potluck item you will be bringing. Please arrive for 4 so we can set up and be ready to dine from 4:30 to 5. Afterwards we will partake in a church wide scavenger hunt followed by dessert, coffee, tea and conversation. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th! You may RSVP to Kelly at 455-8365 or kelmurandco@gmail.com



Beginning Feb. 14, the first Sunday in Lent, the Worship Committee will be implementing a new collection procedure for the balcony (as a trial run for the season of Lent). Because safety is important to us, it has been decided that instead of having collectors, collection plates will be placed at the balcony entrances. You are invited to place your offering in these plates at your convenience (on the way in or out of worship). A member of the Committee will be present to ensure the security of your offering. Feedback is welcome, and indeed encouraged.

St. Paul's Tween Singers: Boys and girls aged 8-13 who like to sing are invited to join a youth choir. Rehearsals will be held from 11:45 am -12:15 pm. in the Youth Lounge.