

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. February 14th, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude Soul of My Saviour Englert
Introit Listen, God is Calling (X3) MV 97
*Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

*Greeting

Welcoming the Light and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

In a world rife with temptations, with stress and upheaval that test
and try our faith,

***God calls us to find security not in our own strength, but
in relationship with God.***

In worship we renew and strengthen the sinews and muscles of that
relationship,

***that in times of testing, we will stand firm in the power of
his love.***

Let us worship God!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Anne Krause

Opening Prayer

Anthem My Song Doth Bless the Lord J. M. Martin

Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):

We come before you, O God, as we embark on our Lenten journey.

***Do not abandon us as we venture out into the unknown,
into our future.***

Strengthen us with a vision from you.

Hold us in your compassion, and feed us with your love.

And Loving One, we know the trip will be difficult and offensive,

***we know we will stumble and fall over our desires and
our pride,***

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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

Pastor Sarah

By appointment
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
a.m. by appointment,
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
By appointment

Thursday: By appointment

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

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 |
| 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 | 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. 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.

THANK YOU for your great financial and personal contributions to St. Paul's! The 2015 financial statements are available this morning in the Narthex.

Financial Contributions for February 7, 2016

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| 2016 Weekly Budget for January | \$3,400.00 |
| Envelopes | 2,167.75 |
| Loose | 94.00 |
| PAR | <u>1982.86</u> |
| | \$ 4,244.61 |
| | +\$ 844.61 |
| Year to Date Budget | +\$2,989.97 |

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

Envelope users: 135 PAR contributors: 65

The following schedule indicates DONATIONS by various level of dollars for 2015:

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| Over \$10,000 | 2 |
| Over \$ 5,001 less than 10,000 | 10 |
| Over \$ 3,001 less than 5,000 | 17 |
| Over \$ 2,001 less than 3,000 | 22 |
| Over \$ 1,001 less than 2,000 | 40 |
| Over \$ 500 less than 1,000 | 37 |
| Less than 500 | 58 |

Join ECMA-winner, **Becka DeHaan** (Rebekah Thiessen) for a concert on Sunday, February 28, 7 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church offered in support of her third full-length studio album, "Calming Trust and Coming King," slated for release in late May. A freewill offering will be received toward production costs. For more about Becka visit her website (www.beckadehaan.com).

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 on Sunday from 11:45 am -12:15 pm. in the Youth Lounge.

for we are your human children and we come to you with our human failings.

Forgive us now and prepare us to move forward in your loving forgiveness, through all the wandering ahead.
AMEN

Assurance of God's Love (Responsive):

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Children's Choir All Night, All Day John Paradowski

Story Time

Story Time Verse: One More Step VU 639

***One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.***

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Peace Englert

Offering Verse: VU 542

***We give you but your own.
What e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is yours alone.
We give it gratefully.***

*Dedication Prayer (Responsive):

Not what we can take, ***but what we can give.***
Not what we can possess, ***but what we can share.***
Not what we can attain, ***but what we can achieve.***
Not what we can secure, ***but what we can give up.***

All: ***This is how we will travel in Lent***

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Richard

***Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth VU 226
Message *It's So Tempting!* Rev. Richard

***Hymn:** Bless Now, O God, The Journey VU 633

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

The journey has begun. God is with us as we go forth to learn, to teach, to serve.

We go bringing peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Benediction**

Choral Closing: I Am Walking a Path (X2) MV 221

I am walking a path of grace.

I am walking a path of grace.

I am walking a path of grace.

Lead me home. Lead me home.

***Postlude** Go Forth in Praise Englert

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Coffee Hour: February 21: Senior Choir

Greeters: February 7/14 Winston & Marilyn Keirstead

Ushers: Left Side: Derrick Grant & Murray Simpson

Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones

Middle: Larry Buick

Upstairs: Please place your donation in the basket at the door as you enter

Bible Study will not be held today. Enjoy Valentines with the people you love! The readings for next week are:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

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

Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to come learn basic cake decorating techniques. This event will be held on Fridays after dismissal Feb. 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.



Lenten Envelope Challenge: Can we meet this challenge? Get your envelope (one or more), numbered 1-150, and through the season of Lent, we'll be **raising money for St. Paul's!** On Easter Morning, bring the envelope back with the number amount in dollars, and together we'll raise over **\$11,000!** The envelopes can be found in the **Narthex prior to worship** and in **Fraser Memorial Hall following worship.** The top two numbers; 149 and 150 have been taken by Rev. Richard and Pastor Sarah to set by example. If you wish a tax receipt please ensure that either your name or envelope number is on the outside of the envelope.

Starting today, the Worship Committee is implementing a trial run for a **new collection method in the balcony.** Because safety is important to us, 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.** If there is concern about forgetting one's offering, PAR forms are available in the Hall, from the office, or in the Narthex for your convenience.

Monday, Feb. 15 at 10am, **World Day of Prayer Bible Study** will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Written by the women of CUBA and based on the theme "Receive children, Receive Me". All are welcome to this study given by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton. Info from Ann Raper 457-0164.

The UCW will be having their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb 17th 10 AM at Ste. Anne's Court. All are welcome to join us. We will be watching the video for the World Day of Prayer. Please answer Roll Call with laundry detergent for Grace House. If you wish to carpool, please telephone Donna Chauvin 458-5885

Lenten Calendar

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| March 19th | Afternoon Movie—Son of God | 2 p.m. |
| March 20th | Palm Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| March 24th | Maundy Thursday Potluck (St. Paul's) | 6 p.m. |
| March 25th | Good Friday Service (Wilmot) | 11 a.m. |
| March 27th | Sunrise Service (Pedway) | 7 a.m. |
| March 27th | Easter Service | 10:30 a.m. |