

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. February 21st, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent & Scout Guide Sunday

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

Prelude *My Story, My Song* arr. Mansfield

Parade of Colours & Introit *Listen, God is Calling (X2)* MV 97
*Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

*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):

Lord, you are our God.

We will praise you with joyful lips.

Lord, you are our God.

Our souls thirst for you.

Lord, you are our God.

We behold your power and majesty.

Lord, you are our God.

We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

Adapted from Psalm 63

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Debbie Seymour

Opening Prayer

***Hymn:** O Canada VU 524

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives toward God, to turn ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. We don't want to be like this -we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our brokenness. Embrace us in our brokenness. Heal us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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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: By appointment

Thursday: 8:00—Noon

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	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

The work of visioning for the church takes many hands and people working together to be creative about our future. If you have an interest in being a part of the **Visioning team** contact Pastor Sarah by phone, email, or in person.

World Day of Prayer - On March 6th at 2 p.m., there will be an ecumenical gathering at **St. Andrews Presbyterian** in recognition of this World Day of Prayer.

Downtown United Through Lent

As we make our way through this season of Lent to the cross, it can feel lonely. Fortunately, we aren't on this journey alone! Through Holy Week (March 20-27) there will be opportunities to come together in prayer and praise with our sisters and brother at Wilmot. On **Thursday, March 24th @ 6 p.m.** there will be a potluck supper and service at **St. Paul's United** to mark the occasion of the Last Supper. On **Friday, March 25th @ 11 a.m.** we gather at the feet of the cross at **Wilmot United**. Finally, **at sunrise on Easter Morning**, we gather at the pedway at the bottom of Carlton Street to greet the Risen Son.

PANTRY NEEDS:

As you know, the Pantry seeks to offer people those basic necessities that we often take for granted. Basic foods and household needs are always needed for this program. Below is a list of some of those items.

Toilet tissue, kraft dinner, canned beans, canned corn, pudding cups, juice boxes, canned fruit, cereal, coffee(small cans) instant coffee, dish detergent, laundry soap, paper towels, pasta sauce, baking supplies(flour, sugar, soda, baking powder, salt, molasses), ketchup, jam, soda crackers, cookies, granola bars, waxed paper, aluminum foil, vegetable soups, cake mixes and frosting.

We cannot use anything that has been opened.

Many thanks for your generous support of The Pantry.

**Assurance of God's Love
Lord's Prayer**

**Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts – Reaffirmation of Promises
St Paul's Tween Singers**

You and I

Sleeth

Story Time *More Than We Can Handle*

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:** *To show by touch and word*

VU 427

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Aria*

Scarlatti

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 (Unison):**

*We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith.
God of great gifts, you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your
abundant grace. Amen.*

Scripture Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*

Anthem *Nothing Left to Say*

Angerman & Martin

Message *When towers are a-tumblin'*

***Hymn:** *We shall go out with Hope*

VU 586

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

We go out as children of God, Beloved and nourished.

May we bear fruit in response to the care from the Gardener.

We go out to work in the soil of life, the dirty world in which we find ourselves.

May we help to enrich the soil around us so that all may grow to bear fruit in their own turn.

And remember, we are not growing of our own accord or power. We grow because we are held in the arms and care of the Gardener from germination to maturity.

Thanks be to God who gives us growth! Amen.

***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** *Postlude on Hiding Place* arr. Barchwood

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Coffee Hour: March 6: Stewardship Committee
Ushers: Scouts, Beavers, & Cubs

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Cubs. Congratulations to all who have journeyed through this program, and thanks to the leaders!

Bible Study will continue today at 2 p.m.. The readings for this afternoon are available below:

Joshua 5:9–12 Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16–21 Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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.

Men's Conversation Group continues together on Monday February 29. At **6:45 p.m.** the group will gather in the Ladies Parlour as we begin our next book: *I Am A Church Member*. Hope to see you there.

We still need **Sunday School Teachers!** It can be intimidating, but we have a great curriculum that lays out everything someone would need for a given day. **And you don't have to do it alone!** For the older group, we strive to have a team of two working together. So pick a Sunday, sign up (maybe even find a partner!), and be a part of building the future of St. Paul's United.

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 lead by example. If you wish a tax receipt please ensure that either your name or envelope number is on the outside of the envelope.

Lenten Calendar

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

Afternoon Movie—Son of God

On Saturday March 19th, there will be a showing of **Son of God** at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary with some conversation to follow. The life story of Jesus is told from his humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. This movie comes from the same people who created the History channel mini-series *The Bible*. Come and experience the story of Christ as we continue to journey through Lent together.