

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. April 10th, 2016

Third Sunday in Easter

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

Prelude My Jesus, I Love Thee Birchwood

Introit Behold! MV 115

**Behold! Behold! I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold! Behold! I make all things new,
my promise is true for I am Christ the way!**

Greeting (Responsive):

When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free,
it was Easter day!

When Peter's three "yes's" to Jesus finished his three denials,
it was Easter day!

When Mary, ready to embalm the dead, ran in fear from the empty tomb,
it was Easter day!

When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach,
it was Easter day

When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and the breaking of bread with strangers,
it was Easter day!

When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice niggling in his head,
it was Easter day!

When the hungry are fed at the table, the same table as the rich,
it is Easter day!

When weapons are beaten to ploughshares and peace is a word to be shouted,
it is Easter day!

When the stranger is welcomed in community and the lonely are restored to relationship,
it is Easter day! Happy Easter!

Welcoming the Light and Announcements

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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: 8:30—Noon, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:30—Noon
Wednesday: By appointment

Thursday: 8:30—Noon

Pastor Sarah

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

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

Regular Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	12:00 - 1 pm	AA - Youth Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12:10 -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 & Tween's Choir
	2 pm	Bible Study

Financial Contributions for April 3, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for April		\$ 5,000.00
Envelopes	2,180.10	
Loose	14.00	
PAR	<u>1989.78</u>	
	\$ 4,183.88	- \$ 816.12

Lenten Envelope Challenge: \$8,674.00 to date

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts



*To our many
volunteers
a heartfelt*

*Thank
You*

The **UCW** will meet on Wednesday, April 13th at 10 am in the Ladies Parlour. Our guest speaker will be from “Partners for Youth”. Please answer Roll Call with fruit cups or pudding cups for the Pantry. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us.

Bible Study: today at 2 pm in the Ladies Parlour: Readings for today are: Acts 9:36–43 Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9–17 John 10:22–30

Men’s Discussion Group will resume tomorrow, Monday, April 11th, at 6:45 p.m.

*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.*

*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.*

Proclamation: *The Word of the Lord* is an event to encourage the reading of the Scriptures so people become aware of the values and principles proclaimed in God’s Word. It is the reading aloud of the entire Bible over 10 days, 14 hours/day. The goal is to proclaim God’s message in as many communities as possible across Canada. Proclamation will be held from May 4 – May 13 at Christ Church Parish Church, Chapel of Ease, on Westmorland St. All neighbouring Christian churches are invited to participate. Barbara Cull-Wilby is coordinating the Readings for St. Paul’s. We will be responsible for Tuesday, May 10th – 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Come and share in the Joy of Reading. Please contact Barbara 455-0877 barbara@wholecare.ca if you would like to help, either with the Reading or the Hospitality.

On Thursday, May 5th, Nashwaaksis United UCW, Unit 6, will host a **SPRING LUNCHEON & BRIDGE** at 12 noon at the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium, 46 Main Street, Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives.

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

We’ll cast it out again into Christ’s abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

We’ll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, sisters and brothers!

We come to give blessing and honour and glory to God!

Scripture Reading: *John 21:1-19*

Emma Heslop

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. AMEN

***Hymn:**

We Have This Ministry

VU 510

Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):

You break in, O God, on the road. You break in, O God, in exactly the way we do not believe. You break in, O God, and change everything.

Why are your stories never mundane? Why can you not just leave us alone and go and transform somewhere else, that is not as certain and sure of you? You just disrupt us and cause anxiety. We are not people of change.

You break in, O God, with a call. You break in, O God, with an invitation. You break in, O God, with the truth.

Why do you wait for us to respond and never give up? Why do you speak into our souls the truth of how we live? Why do you keep goading us, provoking us, disturbing us with the truth?

You break in, O God, with a new realm. You break in, O God, with a new world. You break in, O God, with your intent for the future.

You are always a challenge to us and we dream of that realm of yours we speak of so often, but what disturbs us most is how you want to get the - Through us, your partners and companions, with space enough for everyone even those who persecute you by doing nothing.

God, break in again, and call us to be your workers. God, break in again, and use the gifts we have to build your realm. God, break in again and change our world once more. So be it.

AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Children's Verse: *Come, Children, Join to Sing* VU 345
Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant-King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
Now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community St. Paul's Visioning Team

***Hymn:** *Lord You Give the Great Commission* VU 512

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *New Day, New Hope* Scott

Offering Verse: *In Gratitude* VU 544 (tune VU 530)

In gratitude and humble Trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

The holy One has given us fish and bread for a lifetime. We now share from our bounty, that through our gifts, God's will may be done. Accept these offerings, given with joy as a token of our praise, that they may be used in service to Christ. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Scripture Reading: *Acts 9:1-20* Rev. Richard Angerman
Anthem *Saviour of My Heart*

Message *Our Road to Damascus*
***Hymn:** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU 509

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

We are people of the Resurrection!
We know the powerful love of God!
Go into God's world proclaiming hope, peace, and joy, in the name of the Risen Lord.
AMEN

***Benediction**

Choral Closing: *Because He Lives*
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
because He lives, all fear is gone,
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just because He lives!

Postlude *My God and King* arr. Wilson

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: April 10: Florence Bartlett & Anne Keiver
Coffee Hour: April 17: Pantry
Ushers: Left Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Barbara Cull Wilby & Joe Wilby
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

Celebrating Our History
Week 2

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A story about something that happened at St. Paul's that was spiritually moving for you.

A story about something that happened at St. Paul's that was hilariously funny.

A story about something that happened at St. Paul's that defined what our church is about.

A story about an organization that you belonged to at St. Paul's.

So start thinking! **The theme for the first week is "Something that was hilariously funny."** Think of a story, write it down on the back of this insert, and bring it back next week! We'll have a special place to post them in the hall after church!

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