

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. May 1st, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude I Need Jesus Thygerson

Introit Behold! (X2) 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): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Welcoming the Light and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

God is calling us into new and sometimes uncomfortable places.
Once there, we find hospitality and friends.

Jesus has brought the love of God and given us Christ's peace.

**The Holy Spirit is giving us the strength to go forth and
do our work.**

The Son has laid out our tasks and given us legs to walk again.

**May we drink from the waters of your river of life today.
Let us worship our Lord.**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 Greg Morton

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: We Are One VU 402

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

**Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our
darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We
dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been
disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are
not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord,
come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light**

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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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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
	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	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

May 1: **JOHN SANDS** in concert at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey - 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 are available by calling Marlene in Wilmot's Church Office (458-1066). This promises to be a relaxing, enjoyable evening of music followed by delicious refreshments!

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. Please contact Sharon at 458-5246 to reserve your table."

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers **Spring Bling Jewelry Sale, Friday May 6th**, 4 - 7 pm at The Station on York Street. A large inventory of beautifully restored bling for every taste. Most items priced \$1-\$10. Just in time for Mother's Day. Cash or cheques. Come on out for a fun afternoon and assist in our support of the **Stephen Lewis Foundation** and **Help Lesotho**. These outstanding organizations help some of the millions of grandmothers in Africa who are raising grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

There will be a **Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale** at Forest Hill United Church, Kimble Court, Fredericton, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 May. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 to 12, and under 6, free. Forest Hill U. C. is wheelchair accessible.

Spring Turkey Supper: Oromocto United, 144 Winnabago St May 7th 2016, 4.00--6.00 pm. Adults \$14.00, Children under 12-\$6.00, Preschoolers- Free Everyone welcome - Tickets at the door

YARD/BAKE SALE - Come to the Brunswick Street Baptist Church gym on Saturday, May 7 between 8 AM and noon for a great yard sale and opportunity to purchase fresh baked goods, jams/jellies and crafts! Proceeds from the sale go to support the church's 2016 summer mission team going to minister with vulnerable children in Kenya! Invite your family and friends and come find that special treasure!

Mother's Day Marathon: "With approval from City Council the marathon will be utilizing city streets in the downtown area requiring street closures from approx 7:30 am to 9:30 am on Sunday morning May 8th. The streets involved are Regent, York, Smythe, Odell, Brunswick and Church."

There will be a **fund raiser breakfast** at Grace Memorial Church, corner of Northumberland and Connaught, on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00-10:30 AM. Proceeds will help cover medical and personal expenses related to a diagnosis of Stage 4 cancer for Stacy Monteith. The breakfast is by voluntary donation.

of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Assurance of God's Love

Lord's Prayer VU 959

Tweens: Part of the Plan Sleeth

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

***Hymn:** *Shall We Gather at the River* VU 710

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Offertory on "Melita" arr. 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):**

Gracious God, may these offerings before you be like the leaves of your tree of life and be for the healing of the nations and those in them. May we use them to love you and keep your word. AMEN

Scripture Reading: *John 5:1-9* Pastor Sarah

Anthem With Every Breath Medema

Message *Jesus Says the Darndest Things*

***Hymn:** *Spirit Open My Heart* MV 79

***Commissioning (Responsive):**

Beloved of God,
we get up, and go to be a blessing.
Bring the good news
***of forgiveness, of healing, of life to this hurting, this dark,
this lonely world.***
Bring hope to all,
for God's love is poured out for all God's people. 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 Rejoice The Lord is King arr. Ritter

We invite you to stay and enjoy the postlude

Greeters: May 1: Isabel Green

Coffee Hour: May 8: UCW

Ushers: Left Side: Gail Simmons & Dorothy Dauphinee
Middle: Larry Buick
Right Side: Greg Morton & Bob Miller
Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Graham & Laura Steeves

Bulletin covers for this Sunday's service have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.

Volunteer help needed: Cathy is in need of approximately 4 bulletin folders. It is a 1 hour task once a month on a Friday morning or afternoon (with the summer months off!). Please call Cathy if you are able to assist 458-1183.

Bible Study today at 2 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour: Readings for today are: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

Stewardship Committee: Monday, May 2 at noon, Ladies Parlour

Men's Discussion Group: Monday, May 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Because of the **Maritime Conference Annual Meeting** taking place May 26-29, most ministers of the United Church of Canada will be away from their churches. For worship on May 29th, we are once again coming together as Downtown United at Wilmot United Church. Worship is at 11 a.m. and will be led in partnership between congregants of St. Paul's and Wilmot. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and praise!

Children's Sunday School



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 May 4 – 13: a reading aloud of the entire Bible over 10 days, 14 hours/day. The goal is to proclaim God's message across Canada. Held at Christ Church Parish Church, Westmorland St. All neighbouring Christian churches are invited to participate. Barbara Cull-Wilby is coordinating the readings for St. Paul's. We are responsible for Tuesday, May 10th; 7 am – 12 noon. Please contact Barbara 455-0877 (barbara@wholecare.ca) if you would like to help, either with the Reading or the Hospitality.

Financial Contributions for April 24, 2016

2016 Weekly Budget for April		\$ 5,000.00
Envelopes	2,853.12	
Loose	16.60	
PAR	<u>2,017.48</u>	
	\$ 6,086.85	+ \$ 1,086.85

Monthly PAR contributions:

Operating	\$ 8,742.40
Mission & Service	\$ 508.50
Restoration	\$ 50.00
Benevolent	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
	\$ 9,320.90

For 12 months \$111,850.80

Please come join the PAR team.....

You can help increase this figure by joining the “**Par Team**” or increase your monthly PAR contributions, let’s try to increase the total for the year to \$125,000. Cathy has the forms in the office and it is very easy to join and contribute by PAR (pre-authorized remittance).

Lenten Envelope Challenge:

\$9,008.00 to date

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply our gifts