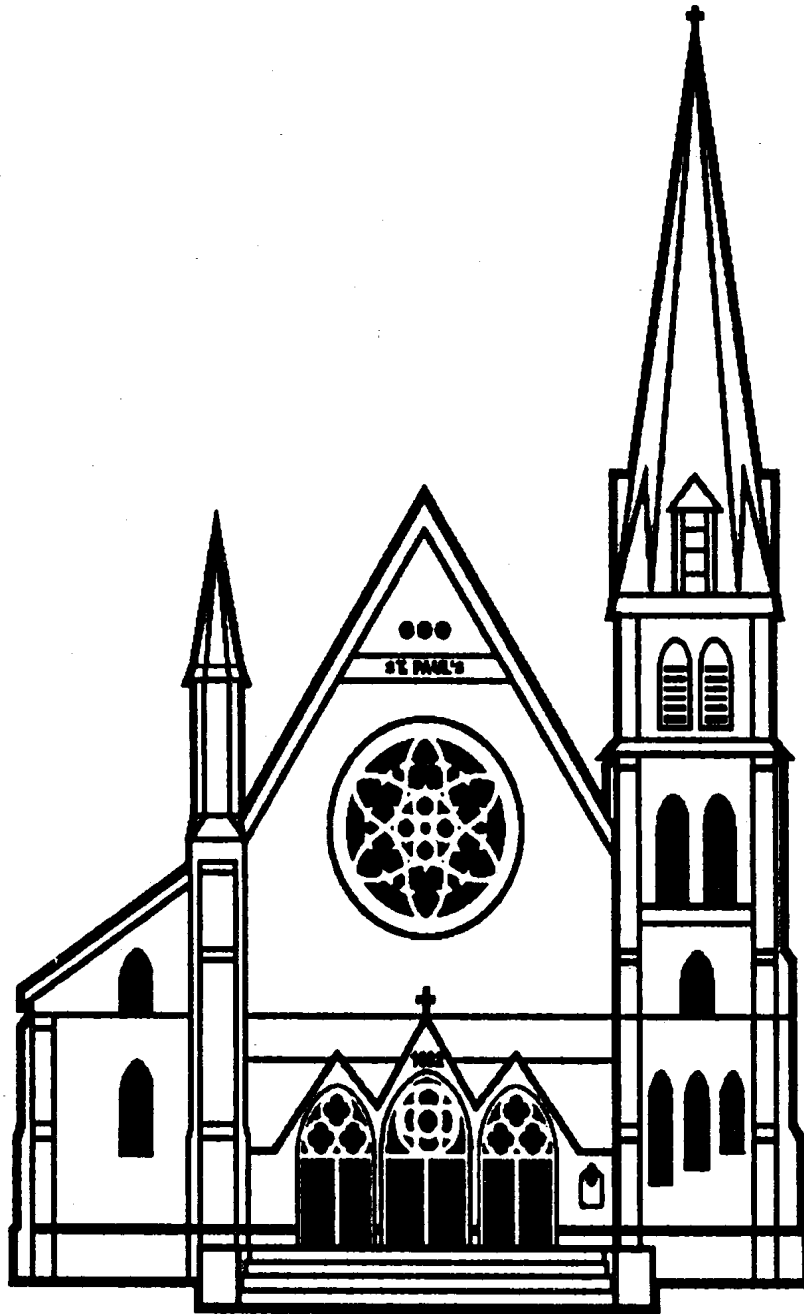


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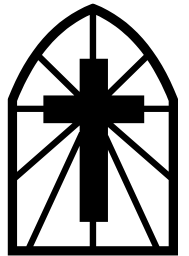
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Lauren Ryan

Patrick Simpson

IN
MEMORIAM
2016



Jones,	William Arthur	January 9
Mason,	Constance Sara	January 9
Bilensky,	Eleanor	February 4
VanWart,	John Mitchell	February 7
MacFarlane,	Joan Marie	March 12
Smith,	Alberta Y.	April 26
McGuire,	Audrey Lillian	May 3
Howell,	Vera Alberta	May 9
Grant,	Marvin Raymond	May 24
Cameron,	Edith Marion	July 2
Barr,	Joyce Pearl	July 8
Sutherland,	Gerald Thompson	July 24
Cann,	Colin Frederick	August 11
Duncan,	Ken	August 31
Gallagher,	Janice	October 18
Gunter,	Elizabeth J.	October 28
Bell,	Thomas Harold	November 10
Spinney,	Charles W.	November 12
Semple,	Harvey A.	November 26
Nelson,	Donald Kerr	November 20
Benn,	Robert L.	December 21

*"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Matthew 14:28-30*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sat to reflect on 2016, I felt drawn to the above passage. In the few verses before it we hear of the miracle of Jesus Christ walking on water, and not just any water, but the then troubled and stormy waters of the sea of Galilee. When we read of this miracle, we often forget of the second one, not performed by Christ, but by his disciple Peter. Seeing his teacher doing the impossible, he calls out and says that if only Christ would call him to do so, Peter would come to him on the water. And for a moment, brief as it is, with his eyes fixed on his Lord, Peter does walk on water. But then there is a gust of wind, Peter's fear overrides his faith and he starts to sink, calling out to his Lord for rescue.

I thought about this story because of the risk Peter took, and because of his faith, not his fear. In 2015 we took a risk and as a congregation agreed to seek another full-time minister. Throughout 2016, the search went on, and throughout the search there were gusts of wind, there were moments where we could have given in to fear. But even as you acknowledged the strength of the wind, you did not falter, and instead kept your eyes on Christ who had called you out.

Living in faith is all about living with risk. Christ doesn't call us to walk on soft carpet, or supple hardwood, indeed he calls us to walk on water! He calls us to see the impossible thing he is doing and follow him.

In 2016 we did a lot of things that others might find impossible or insurmountable.

We fed people in a way we never have before. A lot of this work happened through our pantry and brown bag programs, but we also started having free potluck lunches on the last Sunday of the month. These are open to all and to some, it meant a warm meal when there wouldn't have been one. We also had a Christmas supper, one that didn't work out as expected but, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, fed those who would otherwise go hungry on one of our most holy days of the year.

We also celebrated often and loudly with our brothers and sisters at Wilmot United Church. Where others might fear a loss of identity, we reveled in the unity and the gifts that each community brought to the worship and work we did together. We rediscovered that yes we are St. Paul's United Church, but that we are a party of a larger body of Christ that is alive in this city.

I'm very hopeful for 2017. Like the sea of Galilee, I see the winds picking up, and the rain falling, but at the center of it all I see Christ, a beacon of light and warmth, calling to us.

"Come," he says. Let's get walking!

Peace be with you all!

Rev. Richard Bowley

With God's grace in your heart, Christ's peace in your hands, and the winds of the Holy Spirit at your backs, go forth into this day to share the Good News of God's great love for all. AMEN



"You will see greater things than these . . ." John 1:50

Dear Friends in Christ,

God is ever making the church new. The Holy Spirit is always exceeding our expectations and imagination. Regardless of what we dream and envision for ourselves and our ministry, God's vision is always bigger and the blessings always more than we can imagine. Therefore, expecting great things becomes a part of the pace and hope of ministry.

The whole process of my coming to St. Paul's, and my ministry with and among you over the past year certainly live into this truth. In January, 2016, I came to St. Paul's to complete a two year experience requirement for ordination in the United Church of Canada, as well as for my occupational requirements for chaplaincy in the Canadian Armed Forces. During my first year here, I have had the privilege of working with my colleague and friend, Rev. Richard, and together we have sought to faithfully meet the religious and spiritual needs of St. Paul's.

There are a number of initiatives I've been involved in over the past year, from the Lenten Envelope Challenge (which raised over \$9,000!) to the joint ministry of Downtown United, which saw us partnering with our friends and colleagues Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and Rev. Ellen Bearis-to from Wilmot United. We enjoyed collaborations throughout Lent and Easter, leading into joint worship services in the summer and the initiation of Coffee Talk, a cafe style faith discussion group, to VBS and beyond. I sincerely hope to see this relationship grow and flourish over the coming year.

The fall saw the birth of Spirit Sisters, our weekly women's spirituality group, which I have been so humbled to be a part of. In October, we had a successful spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser, with the support of many from our community, raising another \$2,000+ for our operating budget. Advent and Christmas were perhaps the fullest season of the year. Rev. Richard and I, with much support from our Worship Committee, presided over three Christmas Eve services, each of which were unique and fulfilling to a variety of different groups of people. We also had our first (dare I say annual?!) Community Christmas Dinner in years, again with much support from our community.

The capacity and faithfulness of this congregation is unparalleled, in my experience. Your willingness to step forward in ministry and mission without fear is a testament to the work of the Spirit in our midst and to your dedication and faithfulness. Nowhere has this been more evident to me than in the hiring of another full-time minister to our ministry team at St. Paul's. Words cannot express how excited I am for this new addition to our team, and my hopes and anticipation for 2017 is that our team ministry here will grow even stronger.

God's vision always exceeds our expectations. I have been humbled and blessed by the vision, courage, strength, and grace of this congregation. My thanks to each of you for sharing your stories, your faith, and your courageous hope with me as we journey together in ministry. We do not know what God's future holds, but I am certain it will be far more than we can ask for or imagine. I look forward to discovering that future together.

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Sarah



St. Paul's United Church
ANNUAL MEETING, February 21, 2016

Constitution of Court; this meeting will be held in accordance with the provisions of the United Church of Canada Manual ---Derrick Grant, Congregational Chair

Opening Devotions by Rev. Richard Bowley

Adoption of Agenda; moved by Jane Blakely, seconded by Tammy Coughlan. Motion carried.

Minute of Silence---Rev. Richard Bowley read the "In Memoriam 2015"

Moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Carole Peacock that the meeting adjourn at 1 pm.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were adopted. (Marilyn Brewer, Barb Cull-Wilby) Motion carried

Adoption of the Annual Report as presented. (Ralph Simpson, Ann Raper) Motion carried.

Review of 2015 Year End Finances provided by Ron Naugler, Chair of Finance. Ron Naugler moved the adoption of this report and it was seconded by Roger Miller.

Derrick Grant was nominated as Chair of the Congregation. (Roger Miller, Ann Raper) Motion carried

Ann Krause was nominated as Secretary of the Congregation. (Bob Miller, Sadie Miller)

Congregational Board Nominations: Blaine Irving (Mel McGuigan, Bob Miller) Motion carried. Chris Walker (Ron Naugler, David Thorne) Motion carried.

Delegates to Presbytery: David Thorne, Marguerite MacAlpine, Isabel Green, Blaine Irving (Alternates: Lynne Naugler, Marilyn Reid) Motion carried.

It was moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Ralph Simpson that the proposed budget for 2016 be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mel McGuigan, seconded by Bill Paterson that EPR Daye Kelly & Associates (Chartered Professional Accountants) complete the 2016 Financial Review. Motion carried.

The Board was empowered to act on the Congregation's behalf. (Jane Blakely, Sadie Miller) Motion carried.

Jane Blakely provided a brief report of the Joint Search Committee. She also encouraged those present to provide names of individuals who could be considered for the 1.0 FTE vacancy at St. Paul's United Church. Pastor Sarah Magie spoke about the Visioning Exercise at St. Paul's. She encouraged more members to join the group working on visioning. So far 6 people have expressed an interest in this discussion.

Ron Naugler moved that the next Congregational Meeting at St. Paul's be held in June 2016. Dow Johnston seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Sarah Magie gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned. (Marilyn Reid).
Respectfully submitted by Ann Krause, Secretary

St Paul's Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 12, 2016

Derrick Grant opened the meeting and welcomed attendees!

Pastor Sarah Magie led the opening prayer

Derrick Grant added amendment to agenda item 4 b to add JSC update

Greg Morton moved to adopt the agenda, Bill Paterson seconded, motion passed.

Roger Miller nominated Graeme Smith to fill vacancy on the Congregational Board, seconded by Greg Morton, no other nominations. Motion passed

Cathy Davis nominated Debbie Allison to fill vacancy on the Ministry & Personnel Committee. Motion passed

Financial Update given by Ron Naugler who compared 2015 vs 2016 noting growth in PAR and decrease in other offerings. Require an additional \$154,000 for the rest of the year. Donations decrease in July and August while worship is held at Wilmot and people are on vacation.

Greg Morton requested a discussion on JSC & 2nd minister.

Cathy Davis mentioned the YMCA leaving and the impact on the budget. Beth Henderson suggested making rental facilities more well known for people looking to host events and parties as a way to potentially increase income.

Ron Naugler mentioned that people's givings would need to increase by 30% in order to add an additional 80,000 to the budget. With a 2nd full time minister, expenses would exceed income in 2017. Additional expenses of \$80,000 for the next 5 years could create a \$400,000 deficit.

Roger Miller-suggested checking how other churches are fundraising.

Greg Morton-expressed concern on the expense of adding 2nd minister with current financial situation and suggested a motion for the JSC to be disbanded. Derrick suggested waiting for JSC update later in the meeting to discuss making a motion.

Patty Trail noted the lack of growth and that volunteers are overworked stating that more people are needed. A brief discussion on amalgamation, mentioning that many churches are in financial trouble. It was suggested that we could be more aggressive in inviting people to church, with a lot of building happening downtown and perhaps it is time to invite people back who have left.

St Paul's Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 12, 2016 (continued)

It was recommended that increasing our online & social media presence (podcasts, video uploads of service) and taking a more high tech approach as other churches are reaching more people and growing with this approach. Rev Richard advised that audio files are already available online each week! It was suggested that having invitations and special Sundays for newcomers might help. Pastor Sarah noted that the board and worship committee are planning to start an invitational Sunday in September. The last Sunday of every month will be "bring a friend to church" Sunday with printed invitations in the bulletin a couple weeks in advance. Colleen Hannah mentioned a planning meeting on August 21, suggested members might like to attend and be part of the planning for "Bring A Friend Sundays".

Colleen Hannah commented that in meetings there are lots of questions in the room and the answers are also in the room. We are in 2 businesses, the business of faith which we're doing well but that we're not maximizing the bricks and mortar side. Recommended checking out the site "Messy Churches" it addresses making church accessible to young families.

Property: Greg Morton advised that the windows are at a point where they may fall out of the frames as this project has been postponed several times. Quotes for work ranged \$8000-\$9400. Contract awarded to Certa Painters. Greg recommends funds be taken from housing account which he says has an excess at the moment, Ron Naugler- recommended an amendment to the motion to have a maximum payable of \$10,000 from Housing Budget. Motion carried.

Joint Search Committee: Brad Green shared activities of committee to date, applications received, inquiries from interested applicants, letters of invitation, deadline for applications set for June 30. Next stage would be to conduct interviews. Kelly Simpson is the contact for applicants and has advised applicants of deadline. Greg Morton asked what the ramifications of asking the committee to withdraw, Brad Green said it was unknown. No motion to disband the JSC was brought forward.

Meeting adjourned.

**St. Paul's United Church
Congregational Meeting
September 18, 2016**

Derrick Grant (Chair) called the meeting to order; the minutes of the June 12, 2016 were distributed as well as the draft Agenda for this meeting.

Pastor Sarah opened with a prayer.

The draft Agenda was approved. (Greg Morton, Linda Lamont) Motion carried.

Ron Naugler, Chair of the Finance Committee provided a financial update.

Jane Blakeley provided us with a history lesson regarding the formation of the JSC (Joint Search Committee) and that on October 18, 2015, St. Paul's adopted the JNAC (Joint Needs Assessment Committee) Report which recommended an additional 1.0 FTE Minister for St. Paul's with a focus on youth, family and women's ministry. The JNAC understood that this would be a financial challenge and we would all need to step up our givings.

Blaine Irving, Chair of the JSC updated us regarding their committee's work to date: interest has been received from a number of candidates; the committee is moving ahead based on the vote of the congregation. The committee has been exploring a couple of candidates with interviews; at this point, no one has met the qualifications and requirements for the job. Several members of the congregation had questions or comments regarding the work of the JSC.

A robust discussion followed where many members expressed their opinions regarding the search for a second minister. Some of the ideas shared included the following:

- Fundraising should be an integral part of St. Paul's strategy to help raise funds
- Need to grow the congregation
- Strategic plan to make things happen
- Committee should be formed to amalgamate churches
- More communication needed
- Give it a try to handle the hiring of another minister...amalgamation is for later, not today
- Youth building necessary and very important...let's continue our search
- Need to have a plan...need a committee to work on this mission
- Stewardship, Heritage and Resources Committee is in "the works", ie. a new committee is just getting started.
- Let's stay tuned!

Pastor Sarah had a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Respectfully submitted, Ann Krause.

Congregational Board 2016



Another year has quickly gone by, and your Board is yet again grateful to each and every member of the congregation for your energy, enthusiasm and call to mission. This has been a very challenging year for members of St. Paul's, with many important decisions for members to make.

In January we welcomed Pastor Sarah Magie and her husband James and daughter Emma into our church family. Pastor Sarah was quick to get involved in various initiatives, such as the Visioning Process. She has also shared her talents in piano as well as her voice in the choir.

St. Paul's also welcomed Dr. Sharon Pond to provide St. Paul's with music on Sunday's and special occasions. Dr. Pond also works with a youth choir who have graced our sanctuary with their voices.

Some of the other committees and their work included:

- The Pantry continued to minister to families in need.
- Our Stewardship and Outreach committee reached out to all members of the congregation
- The Property committee ensured that the heating system continues to receive proper maintenance. They also oversaw work to the windows and fascia
- The Worship committee was busy as well, providing the congregation with memorable services
- The UCW continue to raise money through many fund raising events
- The visioning committee completed the first phase, 'History of St. Paul's'
- The Joint Search Committee found St. Paul's newest minister!

The Board of St. Paul's identified the year 2016 as a year of 'visioning'. This task is complex, and involves several phases. We were able to complete the first phase and look forward to continuing in the work

The Board would like to recognize the work of Joe Robicheau for keeping up with the challenging demands of a busy old building, and ensuring the safety of our church family and visitors. The Board also thanks Cathy Simpson who keeps us organized, and does so much that most do not see, but many benefit from.

As I finish my second year as chair of the Board, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the Board members here at St. Paul's: Ann Krause (secretary), Chris Walker, Blaine Irving Frank Morrison, Ron Naugler, Kelly Simpson, Pastor Sarah and Rev. Richard, many thanks!

Respectfully submitted
Derrick Grant
On behalf of St. Paul's Board

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
2016—FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is a pleasure to present our report for 2016 to the congregation of St Paul's!



Our committee reports to the Congregation Board at each board meeting and to the congregation at other meetings and church services. We are always available to discuss our finances and to receive your suggestions and recommendations. We also require a new Chair of Finance and 1 more member for our committee.

We perform our duties in cooperation with Cathy Simpson our very efficient office administrator.

We have the responsibility to review the current financial position monthly for all 5 operating areas in our financial records. This review includes examining each general ledger account (revenue, expenditure, asset and liability accounts) for accuracy and information. We continually compare the actual results with the budget and implement the necessary corrective action to increase revenue, control and reduce expenditures and monitor our assets and liabilities. We make monthly projections to determine the financial results for the 12 months.

We are responsible to establish and implement policies and procedures which help to ensure proper control of our revenue, expenditures and assets including weekly offering.

We manage our marketable securities for the housing, foundation and trust funds.

We coordinate with Cathy Simpson in the preparation of the annual financial statements for financial review by EPR Daye Kelly & Associates for their financial review. This is a major function for Cathy and our committee. There is considerable preparation work involved in assembling the financial information and statements for EPR Daye Kelly & Associates.

We review the draft and final financial statements prepared by EPR Daye Kelly & Associates and approve the figures and notes attached to the financial statements. It is our responsibility to sign the financial statement for the year on behalf of St Paul's United Church. We then present these financial statements for approval at the annual congregation meeting. We are pleased to say that we had a successful year financially!

It is also our responsibility to prepare in cooperation with church committees the annual operating budget. It has been a challenge to present a balanced operating budget and 2017 will not be an exception!

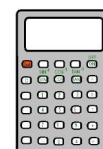
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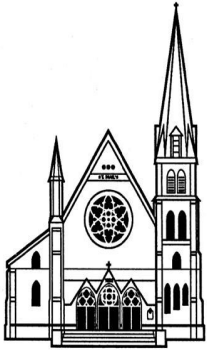
Many thanks to each committee member for your commitment and to the congregants for your continued financial support. It is very important that we stay in a good financial condition.

We were pleased to welcome Alastair Lamont as a new member to our committee in 2016!

Thanks to all committee members for performing their duties in a professional and dedicated manner! We need you as we go forward to 2017!

Committee Members: Alastair Lamont
Greg Morton
Cathy Simpson
Ron Naugler - Chair





St. Paul's Trustees Report 2016

The Trustees serving in 2016 were:

Noreen Barwise	Frank Goddard
Mary Jacobs	Roland Krause
Royal MacDonald	Jean Street
Andrew Steeves	

The Trustees met four times during the year: April 19th, August 3rd, October 13th and December 14th. Minutes of these meetings have been submitted to the Church Office.

The Trustees congratulate the Church Board and staff on their stewardship of the St. Paul's assets including the sanctuary, hall and two rental properties.

Our church is run well and with love. However, the St. Paul's congregation faces a major expenditure – the repair and rehabilitation of the bell tower and York Street façade of the sanctuary – and do not have the financial assets in the St. Paul's Foundation to pay for this project (estimated at \$700,000 plus). This work will likely be required within the next 20 years.

The Trustees have a vision for our sanctuary and hall which sees them used for worship, entertainment and other community activities 100 years from today. However, to achieve this vision we need to raise over \$500, 000 to address future renovations and repairs. Raising these funds will be a priority for the Trustees over the next few years.

Please remember St. Paul's in your bequests and wills.

Andrew Steeves, Acting Chair



ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
PROPERTY COMMITTEE
2016 Annual Report

The Property Committee's mandate is to maintain, upgrade and protect the Church's physical plant and assets. Examples are: a) Property Maintenance, b) Property upgrades, c) Boiler and ground repairs, d) Security, e) Organ.

Members are: John Gaskin, Derrick Grant (Vice Chair), Kyle Mathers (Vice Chair), Harold Raper, Patty Trail and Gregory Morton (Chair).

We are an active, hands on Committee with several very skilled members whose input saves the Church money by completing projects in house. Our Repair and Maintenance budget for 2016 was \$18,000 with \$12,307 spent. Boiler Maintenance Budget was \$6,000 with \$3,435 spent (some heating system repairs were completed in December but will only be paid for in January 2017).

Work completed in 2016

- Repaired and painted the exterior window frames of the Church and Hall at a cost of \$9,400
- An inspection of the heating system was performed and extensive work was done including: new damper actuator, insulation of stem lines, air bleeders, repair leak in the heating coils, steam lines capped and a new iron radiator will be installed in the Sanctuary in early 2017. Total cost \$8,795 with part paid in 2016 and the balance in 2017
- Exterior painting was completed on certain areas of the back wall of the Hall, the sand box and the basement door near the fire escape
- The Hall South side basement windows were repaired and painted to correct leaking problems
- The Church steeple was inspected to ensure it was still in sound condition
- The lip near the Hall outside door (Charlotte St) was repaired
- Painted the exterior foundation around the front and west side of the Church
- Painted the downstairs ladies washroom
- Painted the downstairs men's washroom
- The toilet in the downstairs men's washroom was repaired
- The cloak room between the Choir room and the gym was cleaned up and the coat rack was extended
- The former YMCA room (off the downstairs gym) was renovated and painted
- A new screen cover and box was installed on the vent on the back exterior Hall wall (venting the kitchen)
- A serious crack was discovered on the outer South West Hall wall and workmen were hired to make the masonry repairs. The cost of over \$2,000 was covered by the Renovation Fund
- We reviewed with the Trustees and the Restoration Committee the 2013 report regarding the Sanctuary Floor structure and no action was deemed necessary

Projects for consideration in 2017

- In conjunction with the Trustees and the Restoration Committee, we will review the 2013 report regarding the status of the Sanctuary floor structure and take any necessary action (annually)
- Repair the floor in the downstairs Men's washroom
- Paint the upper floor Men's washroom
- A contract has been awarded for the sanding and varnishing of the Fraser Memorial Hall floor scheduled for early August (the UCW is graciously contributing \$5,000 for this work).
- Paint the wall nearest the kitchen in Fraser Memorial Hall
- Repair and paint (touch up) the walls of the Church stairwells
- Replace the window well cover on the east side of the Church
- Repair a crack in the masonry in the North East Hall exterior wall
- Consider renovating the front of the Sanctuary (pulpit, choir loft, removal of pews, etc.) in order to build a stage to accommodate groups (i.e. Choirs, Bands, actors, etc.) Major project but could bring in revenue
- Attempt to rent the former YMCA room off the downstairs gym as the Y terminated their rental
- Consider installing a heat trace above the fire escape to prevent ice buildup
- In the spring make arrangements for the annual Church grounds cleanup
- In the spring conduct a Church evacuation procedure review with the ushers and Ministers and review the Emergency Evacuation Procedures with the Congregation on a given Sunday
- Remind the Congregation that we have a defibrillator located near the Security desk and there are persons in the Congregation who have taken the course to operate it
- Consider hiring a student under the Canada Summer Jobs Program
- Paint the room next to the Choir loft (low priority)
- Clean up the Church basement (low priority)
- The Grand Piano in the Hall is in bad condition and we will place periodic notices looking for a donation of a used Grand or Baby Grand piano.

Excess equipment: we have a small pump organ 48 x 45 x 21 which we will give away as long as a professional mover is hired to move it

We work closely with the Church Sexton and we thank Joe Robichaud for his support.

Members of the Congregation are encouraged to inform us of items that require our attention or if you have ideas or suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Church and/or Fraser Memorial Hall.

The Property Committee is always in need of additional members and we invite anyone interested to try us out. The work is very rewarding.

Gregory Morton (Chair)



WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The goals of the Worship Committee are:

- 1) *To support the spiritual family of St. Paul's United Church in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrating the Holy Spirit among us, and sharing the love of God in services of worship.*
- 2) *To create a worshipful atmosphere and plan for Sunday services, special worship services, music, and other events of the Congregation.*

MEMBERS: Reverend Richard Bowley, Pastor Sarah Magie, Colleen Hanna (Chairperson), Roger Miller (Vice-chairperson), Bob Miller (Secretary), Florence Bartlett, Tammy Coughlan, Lynne Naugler. Retired members: Larry Buick, Jan Buick, Dorothy Dauphinee.

Members-at-large: All those who volunteer to serve as Greeters, Ushers, Communion Servers, Scripture Readers, Bell Ringers, Pot-luck Helpers, and who assist with special events and decorating.

Decorators of the Sanctuary and Narthex: Doug Warman, Patty Trail, and Barb McGuigan.

Advertising and Promotion: Carole Peacock.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

It cannot be denied that 2016 was a busy and exciting year at St. Paul's! Here are some of the highlights from the Worship Committee's perspective.



Holy Communion:

Three ways of serving Communion were offered including:

- Seated Communion (the congregation is served where they are sitting),
 - Table or Come-forward Communion (the congregation comes to the Communion table),
 - Intinction (the Congregation comes to the Communion table and the bread is torn and dipped in the wine). Care was taken in preparing Communion to meet the needs of people with sensitivities to gluten and/or red dye.
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- EASTER: Mar. 24 - Maundy Thursday - washing of hands and feet and Communion - Rev. Ellen Bearisto participated;
 - March 27 - Easter Sunday - Come-forward Communion
 - May 15 - Pentecost Sunday - Come-forward Communion - 128 served
 - August 28 - Visitor's Sunday - (St. Paul's, Wilmot, & Summer Camp participants) - Seated Communion - 179 served
 - First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 27 - Come-forward Communion - 121 served
 - December 21 - Blue Christmas - Longest Night - Intinction Communion - 12 served
 - December 24 - 11:00 p.m. service - Intinction Communion - 60 served

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016 (continued)

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAYS - AND POT LUCK LUNCH

At the committee's May meeting Rev. Richard and Pastor Sarah suggested that we have **Visitor Sunday** on the last Sunday of every month. Visitor Sunday would include printed invitations for members of the congregation to pass out; a welcome gift including a pen, bookmark, information inserts and welcome letters; and a pot-luck lunch following the service. Three Visitor Sundays and Pot Luck events were held in Sept., Oct., & Nov. Thanks to the congregation the tables were filled with delicious soups, sandwiches, deviled eggs, salads, and a great array of sweets. In 2017 St. Paul's will continue welcoming newcomers to enjoy the Visitor Sunday service followed by food and fellowship.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: the Sanctuary was saturated in red, yellow and orange thanks to the decorating efforts of Doug Warman and Pastor Sarah. The congregation were dressed in bright colours and each person was greeted with a ribbon twirler. It was a joyfully noisy service!

In honour of Mothers and Fathers white carnations were given out on **Mother's Day** and bookmarks on **Father's Day**.

DOWNTOWN UNITED created a bounty of collaborations in 2016.

EASTER:

On Maundy Thursday there was a service at St. Paul's and a Potluck supper. On Easter Sunday there was a Sunrise service led by Wilmot with a breakfast to follow at St. Paul's prepared by the UCW; Wilmot United held a Good Friday combined service



On Aug. 28th Wilmot United, Forest Hill United and the Summer Camp participants joined St. Paul's for Visitor's Sunday

On Oct. 2nd St. Paul's joined Wilmot to celebrate World Wide Communion with guest speaker the Right Reverend Jordan Kentwell, Moderator of the United Church of Canada

On Nov. 6th Wilmot joined St. Paul's for it's 184th Anniversary Celebration Service with guest speaker Rev. Ellen Bearisto

On Nov. 20th St. Paul's joined Wilmot for Wilmot's Anniversary Service with guest speaker Pastor Sarah Magie

On Dec. 21 Rev. Hannah and Rev. Bearisto participated in the Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service and Holy Communion.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY took place on November 6th with the participation of the Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party, Presidents of Branch #4, Frank Lawrence, Rev. Lisa Greenwood, Trumpeter Kassy Axhami and Piper Capt. Cam Fisher.



**WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2016 (continued)**

CHRISTMAS: St. Paul's held three Christmas Eve services: a family oriented service at 3:00 p.m.; the Traditional service at 7:00 p.m., and at 11:00 p.m. a more intimate service with the sacrament of Holy Communion. All of the Christmas Eve services had candle lighting during the hymn Silent Night and hot mulled cider was served to the congregation as it left the 11:00 p.m. service. Attendance was as follows: 3 p.m. 100, 7 p.m. 400+, 11 p.m. 60. Christmas Day service was a relaxed, family oriented service. Pajamas were the dress code. Attendance was small but the service was enjoyed by all - especially the children.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION:

Carole Peacock and Pastor Sarah worked on spreading the word about St. Paul's by revamping the newspaper advertising. Beginning in January there will be a special advertisement each month that will highlight upcoming programs and events at St. Paul's.

CANCELLATION POLICY: the policy was updated for 2016-17.


GRATEFUL - THANKFUL - BLESSED

Thank you to Past Worship Committee Chairperson Larry Buick, Past Secretary Jan Buick, and Member Dorothy Dauphinee for all of the work they have done with the Worship Committee.

Thank you to the congregation for the efforts you make on behalf of the services and events held throughout the year. You are truly appreciated for all you do.

Colleen Hanna
Chairperson

The following statistics were recorded for the year of 2016

Baptisms:	Children	2	
	Adults	0	
Marriages:		4	
Funerals:		12	
Received by Confirmation:		0	
Received by Profession of Faith		5	
Received by Transfer of Membership		0	
Removed by Death		36	
Removed by Transfer of Membership		1	(Mountain View United, Moncton)
Removed by Request		1	
Number of households under Pastoral Care		265	
Total Number of Resident Members		366	
Total Number of Non-Resident Members		707	



PARTNERSHIP 2016

The Pantry

MISSION STATEMENT: To assist needy families in our community by providing food and household items to augment services they receive elsewhere.

The Pantry is a major outreach source of St. Paul's Church. It depends completely on the goodness of the members through their donations of non-perishable food and household items to stock its shelves. It is located up-stairs in Fraser Memorial Hall in two small rooms originally used for Sunday School classes.

We keep records of those using our service. They can visit once a month on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11. Many come regularly; some not so often. If they haven't been back in a year their card is placed in the non-active file. If they do return their card can be up-dated and enjoy the same privilege as before. This past year has seen new clients nearly every week. At present we are helping approximately 82 clients.

We use a point system for purchasing items on the shelves. A single person receives 10 points; couple, 15 points. Each child gets 5 points. There is a maximum of 35 points per client. Each client must present a Medicare card for each member of the family every time they visit. No points are given for missing cards.

Most of our clients are un-employed. Most are on social assistance, old age security, or small pensions for physical or mental disabilities. Some do look for work and one or two have irregular part time jobs. We don't turn away anyone who seeks our help provided they follow our guide-lines.

A list of most needed items is placed in the bulletin on the last Sunday of the month. Members can choose from this list or bring whatever they wish. We appreciate everything that is donated. **Items must not have been opened or be out-dated.** Members may also wish to give a monetary donation. Cheques should be made out to St. Paul's United and sent to the office or placed on the offering plate, stating on the envelope that it is for the pantry for which a tax receipt will be issued at year-end.

Three volunteers and a leader work each week. Leaders: Ivy Bujold, Sheila Baird, Lois Walker
Workers: Marg Allen, Etta Davis, Chris Grant, John Hanson, Dow Johnston, Anne Keiver, Linda Lamont, Barb MacBean, Nancy MacGarvie, Barb McGuigan, Joyce McIntosh, Carolyn McMullen, Sadie Miller, Lynne Naugler, Debbie West.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Walker, Chair



“Brown Bag” Lunch Program

On average, 40-50 bags a month have been given out.

A lower number during the spring and warmer months, 20-30 bags, and starting in the fall months, 40-50 bags are made up.

- Maude McNamara

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25: 40



Message from the Alcohol Anonymous Groups

Well, another year has gone by with AA seeing many visitors find sobriety. The support that St. Paul's has shown to our fellowship has been without measure. AA at St. Paul's is now 10 years old and a plaque commemorating that anniversary was presented to the board of St. Paul's on Sun. Jan. 29th by Glen R. We look forward to the oncoming year and thank St. Paul's for it's continued love and support of our fellowship. Yours in service. Terry Dupuis.

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP

The Wednesday Morning Discussion Group had been meeting weekly for over 30 years. In March the 5 members agreed to cease to hold meetings. They still maintain contact with each other, go to the occasional church/ community suppers and have a cup of coffee together once in a while.

Helen Craig

ARCHIVIST

St. Paul's continues to participate by offering a tour of the sanctuary as part of Doors Open Fredericton held on the afternoon of September 25th.

Thank you for the donations of clippings, letters, pictures and other collectibles.

Please remember to keep minutes of committee meetings and other activities. They are part of our history.

- Helen Craig

The Interchurch Refugee Committee 2016

We welcomed the Ramadam family in July, 2016. They are from Syria and had been living in a refugee camp in Lebanon. The family consists of the mother and father and two children. The oldest child is enrolled at FHS and is learning English. The youngest child is pre school age and he and the parents attend English classes at the Multicultural Association. A language tutor, Nancy Bauer, visits the family twice weekly.

The family is very appreciative of the assistance they have received and will continue to receive until July 31st, 2017.

We are waiting to hear more about the three other families who have been approved but continue to live in refugee camps due to issues with their country of origin.

Signed, Anna Dawn Goddard
Representative from St. Paul's Church
for the Interchurch Refugee Committee

Organist's Report

I am very happy to be back at St. Paul's. My goal is to help raise the profile of St. Paul's in the community through its music program.

It has been a very busy fall. The Vocal Collective (a youth choir for age 14 plus youth) is now established. They are becoming known in the community and are being asked to sing at outside church functions. They will be singing in the Music Festival in April.

I taped a video of two of my organ recital pieces to be placed on YouTube and our website. I am waiting for it to be edited. I had a very successful recital tour in Toronto in November and have been asked back to play additional recitals.

It was also nice to again be part of the Advent Carol Service along with the Vocal Collective.

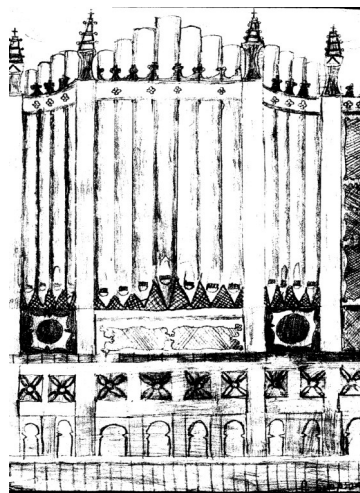
I established an Advent Organ Recital Series to draw more people into the church to experience what a wonderful organ we have. We had two recitals, one by David Drinkell from the Cathedral and one that I shared with the Vocal Collective. We raised over \$300 per recital for Hospice House.

With the support of the church and Board, I envision having a Lenten Recital Series for not only organ but with other artists.

I plan on starting an Organist Assistant Program for youth 11 and up who would help with pulling stops and turning pages during Sunday services.

I am also considering starting a two day Organ Academy in the summer to introduce piano students to the organ.

Respectively Submitted,
Dr. Sharon Pond - Organist

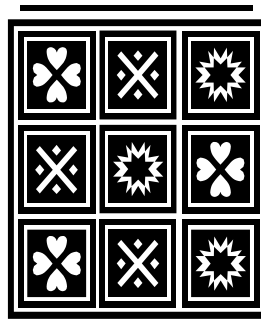


St. Paul's Quilters

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

		Income	Expense	
ON HAND	January 1, 2016			\$ 158.99
January	B. Sloan quilt	\$ 75.00		
	C. Davis quilt	235.00		\$ 468.99
February	B. Sloan quilt	30.00		\$ 498.99
April	C. Grant quilt	200.00		\$ 698.00
May	Donation received in memory of Molly Trail	25.00		\$ 723.99
August	Baby Quilt	40.00		
	B. MacBean quilt	235.00		\$ 998.99
October	C. Davis quilt	220.00		\$1,218.99
		<u>\$1,060.00</u>		
November	Donation made in memory of A. Grant		40.00	\$1,178.99
December	J. Street—Black Bias Tape		88.32	
	P. Trail—Fusing		18.60	
	St. Paul's Operating Fund		500.00	
	Bank Fees		<u>24.00</u>	
			\$670.92	
BANK BALANCE DEC 31/16				\$ 548.07

Submitted by
Cathy Davis



UCW ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The United Church Women met monthly during the year with an average attendance of 12 members.

Some of the activities in which we participated include:

- Interdenominational Week of Christian Unity
- World Day of Prayer
- Coffee after Church Service
- Easter Morning Breakfast
- Visitation of Shut-ins at Easter and Christmas
- UCW Spring Rally at Nashwaaksis United Church
- Proclamation
- Summer Go Project at Nashwaaksis United
- Vacation Bible School

We answered Roll Call during the year with supplies for the Pantry, Grace House, Brown Bag lunches, and Chrysalis House.

We donated \$200.00 to the Cape Breton Flood Relief Fund, and \$100.00 to the Red Cross in Fort McMurray.

For the Kitchen and Hall, we supplied a cart for the small tables, fatigue mats in the kitchen, and took down the drapes on the stage.

Our fund raising projects included the Casserole Sale, a Bridge Luncheon, the Wreath Sale, Mince-meat pies, the Christmas Luncheon/Craft and Bake Sale.

We catered funeral receptions for Jack VanWart, Audrey McGuire, Joan MacFarlane, Joyce Barr, Gerald Sutherland, and Colin Cann. Other deceased members were Edith Cameron.

At the end of the year we donated \$100 to Transition House, \$150 to the local Red Cross, \$150 to the Salvation Army, and \$8000 to St. Paul's Operating fund.

Executive: President Donna Chauvin, Past President Lynne Naugler, Secretary Jan Buick, General Treasurer Chris Grant, Unit Treasurer Anne Keiver/Cathy Davis, Kitchen & Hall Mary Stickles, Cards & Visitation Lois Walker, Women's Interchurch Council Ann Raper.

Respectfully submitted Donna D Chauvin

Statement of Purpose

To unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ through Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

St. Paul's UCW
January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Receipts

Envelope Donations	\$ 767.00	
Revenue Projects	\$ 3,231.65	
Catering	\$ 5,500.00	
Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon	<u>\$ 4,637.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$14,135.65

Disbursements

Least Coin	\$ 75.00	
Cost of Programs	\$ 10.00	
Cost of Catering	\$ 1,77.98	
Kitchen	\$ 154.62	
Casserole Costs	\$ 424.91	
Misc. (card table cart, furniture move)	\$ 508.18	
Gifts: St. Paul's United	\$ 8,000.00	
Charity	\$ 1,004.49	
Wreath Supplies	\$ 402.98	
Cards	\$ 56.90	
Mince Pie costs	<u>\$ 301.54</u>	
TOTAL		\$12,216.60

Bank Balance January 1, 2016 **\$3,374.57**

Bank Balance December 31, 2016 **\$5,293.62**

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Grant, Treasurer



7th FREDERICTON BEAVERS AND CUBS



During 2016 we continued to meet weekly on Tuesday in the gym from 6:30 to 8 pm. Since families have one child in each program we meet together sharing the following activities - playing pool, shuffle board, drop the glove, Akela's show and tell, making Kites, Beaver Buggies, Kub Kars, painting, and carving pumpkins for Halloween.

In the spring we went on hikes around downtown and went up to Greer Creek for a great spring weekend camp. The Cubs and Beavers enjoy coming to Church in February for Scout Guide Sunday to carry the flags and help with coffee hour.

We Participated in Riverton Area events including the city door to door food drive, Apple Day (fund raiser) and racing Kub Kars at Brookside Mall. Some of these are monthly, seasonal or annual events while others are part of a 3 year cycle of the Beaver and Cub Program. Three Cubs received their 6 Star plaques and one Cub visited a Scout meeting.

In October when there was no power at the Church we took an evening walk on the Walking Bridge. It was a first for all of the group to walk the bridge as the sun went down. It was a wonderful adventure with the sun going down and the moon coming up. In the fall we stopped collection dues instead the Beavers and Cubs brought food in for The Pantry. It was inspired by one of the Cubs who asked for food for the Pantry on his birthday instead of presents.

Thank you for supporting our fund raising events by donating refundable containers, Apple Day and parking at NBEX.

This fall we explored the new program- The Canadian Path on the Scouts Canada Web site and the Scouter Manual. The Cub program continues to be based on the Jungle Story. The Beaver program continues to be based on the Beaver Pond theme.

We celebrated the 100th anniversary of the publication of the Wolf Cub Handbook in December with cake. It was written by Lord Baden Powell for the younger boys who were too young for Scouts.

Our group is small giving us many advantages in planning the program. We would welcome new members as we have adequate leadership to support both boys and girls. Beaver ages are 5 to 7 and Cub ages are 8 to 10. Assistance with the annual registration fee of \$200 is available from Scouts Canada's No One Left Behind Fund. It is based on income. Jump Start program will assist with the cost of uniforms.

Akela (Helen Craig)	Bagheera (Jo Craig Henry)
Baloo (Adam Tattesall)	Hawkeye (Joe Tattersall)
Bubbles (Tammy Johnson-Billings)	Group Commissioner Roland Krause



7th Fredericton Scout Troop Annual Report 2016

The Scouts of 7th Fredericton joined the Scouts of 3rd Fredericton in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities during the past 12 months. They explored different parts of the city on snowshoes and on foot.

In February they went to Yoho for an all section camp, participated in the annual Church Parade and assisted with a pancake supper at the Parish Church.

Some of the Rovers came in and led a STEM evening of building bridges with popsicle sticks. Later in the winter they had an art night and another night invited other Scouting youth to a games and campfire night.

In the spring they collected food for the food bank and went to Yoho for a Survival camp weekend.

They participated in Jamboree on the Trail and hiked to Marysville for a snack at Tim Hortons.

Their annual canoe trip on Spednic Lake , Victoria Day weekend was memorable with the strong winds on the last day!

No summer program occurred and there were no jamborees or camps.

In the fall the Leadership team welcomed Kim Au , a Rover and university student. Rowan Hampton moved to Halifax but continues to be registered in case he comes home for a meeting.

The Scouts participated in Apple day and the Remembrance Day parade. They did not participate in the Scout popcorn campaign.

The troops started the transition to the new Scouts Canada Canadian Path which is more Youth led. The Journey continues with shared leadership and youth input.

The annual Christmas Camp was held at Greer Creek the second weekend of December .

Youth are welcome to visit at anytime and join the Scouting movement .

Yours in Scouting
Scouters Karoline Barr and Kim Au
Scouts Kieran, Emily, Josh and Colby

Please bring this
report to the
Annual Meeting
February 12, 2017
(11:45 a.m.)
Fraser Memorial Hall