

St. Paul's United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday - October 8th, 2017

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

John 6:51 - 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Thanks Be to God Handel

* 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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Introit: MV 122

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** All Who Hunger Gather Gladly VU 460

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Gladly we gather, those who are chosen and called,

Chosen as stewards, called to care.

Gladly we gather, to pray, to praise, to give thanks.

Thanks for life we've been given, and for each moment that shapes the turning of creation.

Gladly we gather, O Great Provider, to seek the bread that sustains our soul.

As you turned dew to manna, turn our hearts to you. Guide us in this time as we discern our path forward. Gladly we gather, people of the Way, rocky though it might be, that leads to your embrace.

Prayer of the Day

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: Come, You Thankful People VU 516 (vs 1)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Today's Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18 Julian Walker
Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Greeters:		Sadie Miller & Shirley MacLeod
Ushers:	Left Side:	John Gaskin & Dow Johnston
	Center:	Roger Miller
	Right Side:	Sadie Miller & Noreen Barwise
	Upstairs:	Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee:		Pantry
Coffee:	October 15	Senior Choir

Today in Sunday School: October unit: From Shepherd to King. Anchor Point: We can love and serve God. Bible Verse for the month: "The Lord sees into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7. Bible Story: David and Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:1-51a. After David won the victory over Goliath, the people of Israel began to praise David and compare him to Saul making Saul jealous and angry. He began to devise a plan to kill David.

The **INTERCHURCH REFUGEE COMMITTEE** is having an informal reception for our newest refugee family, to welcome them to Fredericton. Reception is Sunday October 15th 2-4pm. All members of St. Paul's are invited to attend and meet the family. Family consists of mother, father, 3 adult girls and a 4yr.old boy.

The **UCW** will be making **MINCE MEAT** in the kitchen on Thursday October 12th at 9 AM. We would appreciate some help peeling 100 pounds of apples. Bring along a sharp knife. On Thursday October 19th at 9 AM we will be making **pies**. Again, please bring your rolling pin. There will be a sheet on the bulletin board for pie orders, large \$12.00 and small \$6.00. Please contact Donna Chauvin for information 458-5885.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour, Chris Grant will lead this group. **Spirit Sisters** will be exploring what does it look like to follow Jesus using the book ***Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus***. We meet on Mondays from 7-8 pm. All women of the congregation and community are invited to join us as we explore what a Christian life looks like through 6 markers - spiritual practices, worship, community, serving, giving and sharing Christ.

Men's Conversation Group: Wednesdays at 7 pm in the **Ladies' Parlour**. Our focus for the fall will be *Bullseye*, a study resource that maps out six markers, including spiritual practices, serving, giving, and sharing, that are signs of a Christian life. Men of the congregation, wherever you are on your faith journey, are invited to join in this study and conversation time.

Monday, October 30 at 7 PM will be a very different 'night out' for concert goers at St. Paul's United Church! A unique cinema experience with a twist is offered when we show one of the greatest silent films ever made, the classic 1925 film version of **The Phantom of the Opera**, starring Lon Chaney, together with live, improvised organ accompaniment from international recitalist David Drinkell. This was cinema as it used to be with a musician trying to capture the mood as the silent movie's images flash across the silver screen. Free will offering. Produced

by Dr. Sharon Pond, "A Silent Haunting" it is a unique event as St. Paul's United Church transforms itself into the world of silent film and, accompanied by David on our 70-year-old Casavant organ, provides a heady and exhilarating evening's entertainment.

St Paul's currently has **space for rent**, that being the room (14' x 27'=348 sq. ft.) off the lower level gym. This includes access to the gym, the lower level kitchen and the washrooms. The area would appeal to a Daycare operation (pre-school or after school), exercise class, dance class, etc. If you know of potential tenants please contact Greg Morton at 455-8179.

- 5 -

Youth Group will meet on the first and third Fridays from 6:30-9pm. The next gathering is Oct. 20th. Youth are also invited to join the new Sunday morning class for grade 5 and up where the program will be exploring a variety of topics including why do we do what we do in church, how do we respond to world events around us, and practices that help us deepen our practices of God.

St. Paul's will be ringing our bells at noon this coming Wednesday and Friday in support of the **Red Shawl Campaign** which seeks to raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous Women. During the week of Oct 10-13 there are a variety of events that you can take part in. Check out our Facebook page, bulletin board for an event poster. And when you hear the bells, please take a moment to stop and pray.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers invites you to join us on October 19th at 7pm at Westminster Books for the official launch of "Powered By Love": A Grandmother's Movement to End AIDS in Africa, by Joanna Henry and Ilana Landsberg-Lewis. Joanna and special African guests will be there to talk about the book and share their stories. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at this event. All royalties from the sales of Powered by Love will be directed to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support organizations run by and for African grandmothers who are raising children orphaned by AIDS www.grandmotherspoweredbylove.com

We welcome two newcomers to our congregation, Mariano & Filemon! They have come to us from Oaxaca, Mexico! These gentlemen are interested in making Fredericton their home and are looking for information on becoming permanent residents. In the meantime, they would appreciate any odd jobs you might have to help them with their expenses as they get settled. They have experience in farming, landscaping, hotel customer service and teaching Spanish or English as a second language. If you are able to assist them with any advice or know anyone who could use a hand with fall clean up etc, contact Kelly Simpson 455-8365, or cell 476-365 as they don't have a local phone number yet. Thanks!!