

# St. Paul's United Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - June 24th, 2018

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.

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*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

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*Luke 9:46-48 - An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Pastorale Vierne

### \*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 the Christ Candle

\* **Introit:** Dance With the Spirit MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,  
work and hope for a new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

## Welcome & Announcements

\***Gathering Hymn:** Morning Has Broken VU 409

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive):

We are not the greatest,  
**and some of us are the least and the lowest.**  
And yet we are all here,  
**here because Christ calls to us,  
here because Christ invites us.  
here because Christ names us as his own.**

## St. Paul's Contact Information

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**Keep up to date on upcoming activities  
and stay in touch in-between Sundays!**

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**Ministers:** Rev. Richard Bowley rev.bowley@outlook.com  
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## Office Hours

	<b>Rev. Richard</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	By Appointment	By Appointment
<b>Monday:</b>	8:30—12	9:30-12:30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:30—12	10:30-2:00
<b>Wednesday:</b>	By Appointment	9:30-12:30
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:30—12	10:30-2:00

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

## Upcoming Weekly Activities

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	11:30-1 pm	AA - AA Lounge
<b>Mon., Wed., Friday</b>	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Mon., Tues. &amp; Sat.</b>	7-9 pm	AA - AA Lounge
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 am	Pantry (closed in July)
	10 am	Parlour Prayers

**The Brown Bag program is in need of the following items:**

protein (flip lids please) such as wieners, canned meat, canned fish, puddings, fruit cups, snacks. We have passed out more than the usual amount of bags for this time of year and we get quickly depleted—please donate a few of the above items if you are able. Many thanks

**Flat Jesus**

Going on a trip this summer? Camping? Fishing? To a beach near or far? Take **Flat Jesus** with you! Throughout the month of June, we invite you to pick up your **Flat Jesus** from the front door as you come or go, or from the office through the week. Our hope is that you will take Christ with you where you go, snap a picture and send the picture to this address: [flatjesus.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:flatjesus.stpauls@gmail.com). During the Worship and BBQ in the fall, we'll have a slide show of all the places where we took Christ through the summer.



The summer is an amazing time to get out and experience the wonder of creation. We hope that you travel safe, and when you are in town we hope to see you at the joint worship services. Know that the work of your faith community, **St. Paul's United Church**, will continue through the summer months with ministers visiting, the office busy through the week, and youth events happening. We hope that even if you travel or can't be with us on the joint worship Sundays that you continue to support this United Church of ours. A great way to do that is through PAR. If PAR is new to you, maybe give it a try for the summer. See the form enclosed in the bulletin for more information.

**New to the Congregation?** Please let Cathy Simpson in the office know (458-1183) so you can be added to our email send outs and to our family records.. Should you need envelopes or wish to go on PAR please inform Cathy at the time of your call. Tracking your donations allows for a tax receipt of your yearly givings to St. Paul's.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Please ensure that all announcements reach Cathy's office (458-1183) by 10 a.m. on Wednesday to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. If you wish to **donate the bulletin covers** for a Sunday service in memory of a loved one please contact Cathy at 458-1183. A form has been placed on the bulletin board indicating which dates are left

And so we celebrate that love,  
**in prayer,  
in song,  
in praise of the Most High.**  
Let us hear the Good News.  
**Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of Approach**

**Family Hymn:** Jesus Loves Me VU 365

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**How can we be like Paul, O God? In prison, off-course, far from where he thought he would be, yet exactly where you need him to be. We make plans, prepare for what may come, and when you call us somewhere unexpected we are often frustrated and angry with you. Help us to see where we are as an opportunity to share the light of your love and the glory of your grace. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your light, welcoming darkness. Forgive us the prisons we create for ourselves when you come to set us free. This we pray in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Anthem**

**Today's Scripture:** Philippians 1:1-18a  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** I Am The Dream MV 106

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory Music** Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

\* **Dedication Verse:** Praise God VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & Sung Lord's Prayer** VU 959

**Affirmation of Faith** VU 918

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** For All the Saints VU 705

\* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**

Wherever the roads of life and faith take us,  
**may we carry the light of Christ with us, offering it to all  
we meet on our journey.**

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the peace of Christ in  
your hands, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share  
the Good News you have heard this day.

**AMEN**

**Choral Closing:** Eagle's Wings VU 807


**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.**

**Ministry of Music:** Fanfare Ascher

*Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude*

**Greeters:** Emma Robinson & Jay Best

**Coffee Hour:** Trustees

 Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to  
Mary Dingee Jacobs and her children Michael & Melinda  
Jacobs in the passing of Mary's mum Kaye Dingee.

Donations have been made to St. Paul's Foundation in memory of  
Kaye Dingee by the following people:  
Lois Walker Ralph & Caroline Simpson Carole Peacock

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in memory of Kaye  
Dingee by the Senior Choir.

**Congratulations to our graduates!**

Isaac Grant Joel LeBlanc Jordan Pond



**Happy 50th Anniversary** to Roger and Brenda Miller. Their  
family will be celebrating this milestone with them on July 1st in  
Fraser Hall from 5-7 pm. The congregation are invited to come  
along and wish them well.

**Downtown United** come together for summer services once  
again this year. During the month of **July** we will be worshipping at  
**Wilmot United** at **10:30 am** and during the month of August we  
will be worshipping here at St. Paul's United at the same time.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Mark you Calendars now Joint Wilmot and St. Paul's **Vacation  
Bible School** will be the mornings of August 27-31. Don't miss  
out on this free morning program for children ages 4 and up.

July 16-20th **Go Adventure Camp** is open to youth 7-12. This  
camp helps youth have fun and engage their faith and confidence to  
change the world one step at a time. Led by trained staff. This  
camp helps youth explore outreach and social justice in a high  
energy and highly interactive way. Cost: \$125 for 5 full days of  
programming, (covers snacks/lunch). Space is limited so register  
today so your youth can Go Make a difference in the world.

Financial assistance available. Contact Rev. Michelle at 458-1183.  
- Not a kid but want to help out: Rev Michelle is looking for 2-3  
volunteers to help with prep of lunch snacks.

**Sumer Office Hours**

Please be advised that Cathy will be away from the church office on  
Fridays for the month of July & August. Summer office hours will be  
Monday to Thursday from 9-4.

## **Community News**

**Samaritan's Purse's Disaster Response Unit** is urgently looking for volunteers to help with the flood victims in our area and their properties. Please call 1-800-663-6500 for further information.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MORNINGS** - The congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist will be sharing a week of morning children's programming with the greater Fredericton community from Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29 from 9 am to noon each day. It's an "island" theme of being 'shipwrecked' and rescued by Jesus. Children are encouraged to find strength in times of loneliness, struggle, fear, etc. This message is shared in fun games, snacks, stories, crafts and so much more. There is no cost. To preregister visit [www.bsbc.nb.ca](http://www.bsbc.nb.ca) and click on the "shipwrecked" logo or call the church office (458-8348). This VBS program is offered to children who this fall will be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5.

**SUMMER HYMN SINGS** - Do you enjoy lively hymn singing? Why not join us for our series of summer hymn sings to be offered on the third Tuesdays of June (19), July (17) and August (21) at 7 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. We sing your choices accompanied by organist, David Steeves and pianist, Leah Steeves. After an hour of singing join us for an ice cream sandwich and conversation. All are welcome.

***Hope to see you next Sunday as we begin our shared worship services with Wilmot (at Wilmot United for the month of July), service begins at 10:30 a.m.***