

St. Paul's United Church

February 17th, 2019 - Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

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.

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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

-Psalm 84:1-2

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Adagio in G Albinoni

* Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of the 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:** Come All You People (X2) MV 2

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** Come, You Thankful People Come VU 516

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

God, who is the great gardener, has planted seeds in all of us.

We come to nurture these good seeds.

Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

We come to learn and be shaped by the ways that Christ reigns.

The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

We come to root ourselves as we grow in the Spirit.

You have come, let us worship!

Prayer of the Day

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Sun.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Mon.:	9am - noon	10 am - noon
Tues.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Wed:	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	12-2 pm
Friday:	Day off	Day off

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

Upcoming Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Mon., Tues. & Sat.	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon-Thurs	6:30-8 pm	Taekwondo
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	F'ton Choral Society
	7 pm	Barber Shopper's Chorus
Wednesday	9 - 11am	Pantry
Thursday	7-8:15 pm	Senior Choir
Friday	7:30-9:30 pm	Youth Group (twice a month)
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study - Office

Greenwood Drive Baptist church is in need of **warm blankets** for their Clothing Bank and a **bassinet** for an expectant Syrian family. In case you didn't know, they have a free clothing bank every Wednesday morning from 9-11am. They have approximately 100 visitors every week that are in need. If people would like to donate, there is an orange donation box beside the building that they can drop items off at any time. If there are any questions, please call the office at 452-8593. Thank you

Mount Allison University Sharp Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Herbert S. Sharp, Class of 1890, and is awarded to a student born in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, who is Protestant, who is a non-smoker, and who has demonstrated financial need. Preference given to members of the United Church of Canada and to applicants from PEI. Deadline March 1.

- Submit an online admissions application to MtA and specify that you are a member of the United Church of Canada within Section IV Scholarship Donor Criteria located on the Entrance Scholarship tab of the online application. (mta.ca/apply)
 - Submit the following supporting documents:
 - o Entrance Bursary Application (available online within Connect@MtA once admitted)
 - o One letter of reference from a minister
- Value: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year – renewable upon maintaining 3.3 GPA on full course load)

Information: mta.ca/apply/money_matters/scholarships.html | financialaid@mta.ca | 506-364-2258
Herbert S. Sharp Scholarship
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Mental Health Awareness, Support and Action Group: On **Monday February 25 at 7pm in the Sanctuary of Nashwaaksis United Church**, you are invited to view the film *Compassion In Action*. This film invites the viewer into challenging conversations with vulnerable people and offers effective, heartfelt responses. There will be time following the film to for discussion on how to bring compassion into action in our diverse settings. Rev Priscilla Geisterfer will facilitate.

Family Hymn: I am the Light of the World (vs 1) VU 87
Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart
Family Hymn: I am the Light of the World (vs 4) VU 87

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, you are like the patient farmer waiting until the time is right to pick the harvest. You know how often we like to think of ourselves as a pure wheat field, growing only the finest produce in your name, but the reality is we fall far short from a perfect mono-crop. Along with the good golden grain, the fields of our hearts and lives are full of weeds. For the times when we have let these invading species choke our growth in you we are sorry. Patient farmer tend to us that we may be strengthened in your way and grow strong in your life. Amen

Assurance of God's Love

Anthem: How Beautiful Among the Mountains Stainer

Today's Scripture: Matthew 13:24-43 Bob Miller
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Beyond the Beauty and the Awe MV 80

* Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus Amos

* **Dedication Verse:** What can I do? MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!**

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** To Show By Touch and Word VU
427

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Go into God's world with confidence and joy.

The Holy Spirit will guide us as we go.

Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope.

From our tiny seeds sown with love Christ can make a big impact.

Live boldly the Kingdom values for the world is in such need.

We go to be like yeast spreading God's love and hope throughout the world.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Closing:** Go to the World (vs 2) VU 420

Go to the world! Go into every place;

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go McKechnie
Piano/Organ Duet

Greeter: Mary & Earl Staples, Claire & Kate Green

Ushers: Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont

Center: Isabel Green

Right Side: Florence Bartlett & Maude McNamara

Upstairs: Andrew, Hope, Laura & Graham Steeves

Announcements

Sunday School: *Today in Sunday School:* **Family Wisdom.**

Bible Verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength." (Deut. 6:5) **Bible Story:** A Family's Faith (Acts 16:1-5; Timothy 1:5-7). Timothy's name means "honouring God". From an early age Timothy was taught to have faith in God by his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. They became disciples of Jesus due to the ministry of Paul.

Annual Meeting: TODAY! Stay after service for this important meeting of our congregation!



A donation has been made to the Foundation in memory of Bob Forbes and Frank Lawrence by Anna & Frank Goddard.

Enbridge Gas has graciously donated \$500 in recognition of our work with the street folks in the "Out of the Cold" program.

Reflective Bible Study: Spend time with the word of God, think about what it is saying to you today and what God may be saying through the scripture. No bible experience needed. Join Eric Hotte at 9:15 am until 10am in the church office. Each week the focus on the scriptures for that day, participants say the service takes on a new meaning. Next Sunday Feb. 24th the reading will be Matthew 14:13-33 . Following the study, there will be a prayer group until 10:20am. Absolutely everyone welcome! Come to one or both of these exciting and faith building opportunities. .

Next **Youth Group** will be **February 22nd 7:30pm –9:30pm** gather in Fraser Memorial Hall. **Spiritual Practices Night.** Come and explore different ways that we can come to know God and learn what is Lent and why it matters.

New this year **Lenten Film Series** There will be three family friendly movies showing at 2pm March 3rd Prince of Egypt, March 24th Wall-E, April 7th Inside Out. And three Adult/mature audience showings at 7pm March 10 The Green Mile, March 31st Arrival and April 14th Calvary. Each film will be followed by discussion on the film.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up quickly. Mark your calendar for March 5th.

Ash Wednesday: Official start of Lent, a Reflective Ash Wednesday service will be held this year at St. Paul's on **March 6th at 7pm.** Join us as we join in traditional practices of reflection and marking with ashes.

Support the youth, Looking to buy bulbs or seeds through Vesey's the youth group will be raising funds to support their programing and the wider work of the church again this Spring. Catalogues will be here coming soon! Despite the rough start to the growing season that hurt many flowers, your support last year helped grow our youth program to bloom.

Please join us and thousands of other walkers across Canada on February 23rd for the annual Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) event. This non-competitive and family friendly walk does an amazing job raising awareness for the homeless, and has become a highlight in over 130 Canadian communities.

Here in Fredericton since 2015, Youth in Transition and John Howard Society of Fredericton co-host the event, with this year's goal of raising \$20,000.

The funds raised will go towards increasing housing options for some of the homeless in our community, as well as programming opportunities to foster independent living skills. Register at www.cnoy.org/location/fredericton

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** is having the World Day of Prayer Services for 2019 in the Fredericton Areas. The World Day of Prayers is being prepared by the Women of Slovenia. The Theme is "Come-Everything is Ready!" Open to the Public: Men, Women and Children.

Northside / Marysville: Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, Fredericton, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 2:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00PM. Rehearsal Date: Friday, February 22,2019 at 7:00 PM. It is Wheel-chair Accessible.

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Margaret's Anglican Church,775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton on Sunday, March 3,2019 at 2:00PM. No Storm Date. Rehearsal date: Monday, February 25,2019 at 10:00AM.

Hanwell/New Maryland: St. James's Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 7:00PM. Storm date: Friday, March 8,2019 at 7:00PM. No Rehearsal.

Southside: Christ Church Cathedral,115 Church Street, Fredericton on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00PM. Rehearsal Date, Thursday, February 28,2019 at 2:00PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 10,2019 at 2:00PM.

Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

Graduate student assigned to Fredericton for 12 week stage as of April 29th. Seeks accommodation (with hairless cat).

Please contact her mother at 450-465-3991 for additional information. Or you may contact Jennifer Kurtz , secretary of Saint Lambert United Church as well as Stephanie herself 438-881-7443. References on request.