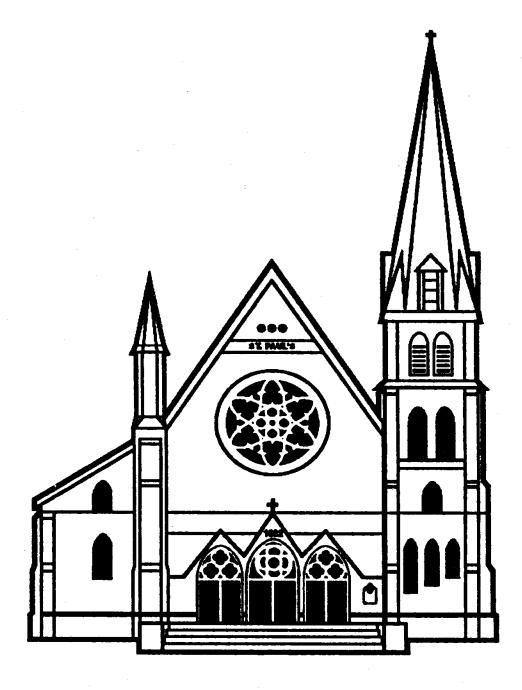
# **St. Paul's United Church**



# **2013 Annual Report**

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### Church Staff 2013

MINISTER

PASTORAL CARE MINISTER

CHURCH ORGANIST

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

PIANO ACCOMPANIST

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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SECURITY PERSONNEL

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Alexis Ervin

Iris Kim

Cathy Simpson

Joe Robicheau

Katie Brewer-Bruce William Howatt Clara Simpson Jack Simpson Graham Steeves

## IN MEMORIAM



McNeilly, Mansfield, MacPhail, Lavers, Watson, Embree, MacDonald, Baird, Murray, Watts, Bird, Wilson, Morrison, Hiltz, Davies, Kingston, Horsnell, Pledge, Hum,

Sandra Louise Dorothy Bethina Virginia Elizabeth A. Beryl Carolyn Anne Douglas Gordon Patricia Elizabeth Vera Lillian Donald MacLean Marion Pearl Margaret Robert Irma Hazel Patricia John Henry Henry Thomas Eric Reverend Harold D. Gary Donald Harold William Tommy

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#### Rev. Lori Beth's Message

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. Time passes quickly in a church that is filled with activities. Our church touches the lives of many each and every day. Throughout this past year you have welcomed me into your lives. I have listened to countless stories of how St. Paul's United Church has had an impact on the lives of many. We have been a beacon of Hope in downtown Fredericton for the past 182 years.

During this past year we have lost some beloved members due to illness and death. We have also celebrated with our new members joining through transfer and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. It has been a very busy year.

We are a church community that strives to follow the words of Micah "*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*" We have outreach programs such as the Brown Bag Lunch, the Pantry, operating eight affordable housing apartments and we strive to support other agencies such as the Fredericton food bank and community kitchen. We are a worship community that is striving to reach out to the wider community. It is amazing the work we can accomplish when we come together as a community of believers.

I have continued to represent St. Paul's at the General Council level, as the General Council was called to meet for a second sitting in October, 2013. This meeting was held over the internet with over 120 participants from across the country to discuss and vote on remits. It is a blessing to be involved with the United Church on a national level. At the presbytery level I have taken on the role of Chair of Church in Action. In the wider community I have been in attendance at events offered through the Women's Inter-church Council and Bridges of Canada.

During this past year we have continued to build up the community of Christ through events such as our Welcome Back Sunday Luncheon, Fellowship dinners and the Christmas Open Mic Night. Over this past year we have been blessed by our new Children's Choir who have added to our worship services. We have also been blessed by the addition of Reverend Bob Jones who has joined St. Paul's to help with Pastoral Visitation. All the work of the church would not be possible without your generosity and hard work. We have many things to celebrate and much work to do ahead of us, so that we will continue to live out the words of Micah. Thank you to all who have volunteered time and resources over the past year.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."- Philippians 1:3-4

Yours in Christ, Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles A Word From Bob...

Although I have never had the experience, I can imagine that moving from one family to another must be traumatic. But I have moved from one community to another, both in military and civilian life and I have found it to be demanding, emotional and confusing.

During the past year I had the unique experience of moving from one church to another and they are only 2 blocks apart! That happened when Wilmot United where I had been involved in Pastoral Care for 14 years shuffled the deck by combining my job with Christian Education and Youth work. At just about the same time St. Paul's recognized their need for some part-time Pastoral Care and I was available.

I can only say that becoming acquainted with your congregation has been a gratifying, satisfying experience.

I am glad to be working with Lori Beth; I am thankful for Cathy Simpson and her administrative guidance, and for Joe Robicheau who always seems "to be around" for all matters pertaining to the building—inside and out.

Since I always enjoy choir lofts, I am glad to be made welcome by Alexis Ervin and Iris Kim and the singers in the choir.

Most of all I'm thankful for the welcome extended by you, the members and adherents of St. Paul's.

#### Annual Meeting St. Paul's United Church March 17 2013 - 11:45 a.m.

Constitution of Court - Blaine Irving, Chair of the Congregation

Devotions - Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles

Adoption of Agenda (Temporal): Moved by Ann Krause and seconded by Bill Paterson that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Minute of Silence as Rev. Sheffield-Bowles reads "In Memoriam"

- Motion for Time of Adjournment Section 4(a) of the Rules of Debate (Temporal): Time for adjournment was set at 12:30
- Meeting held in Accordance with the provisions of the Manual Section 5.8.3 of the Basis of Union and Section 110 of the By Laws (Non-Temporal)
- Moved by Jane Blakely and seconded by Lynne Naugler that the Minutes of Annual Meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.
- Moved by Alan Rayner and seconded by Barbara Cull-Wilby that the Annual Report be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Jane Blakely read a letter from Isabel Green.

- Review of 2011 year end finances: Moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Glen Sheppard that the reviewed financial statements be adopted as presented. Motion carried.
- Joint Search Committee update: Ralph Simpson advised that the committee is continuing its work. He thanked the committee and particularly the Presbytery representatives, Mary Tingley and Kay Clowater.
- Motion to adopt Terms of Office for elected positions: Moved by Jane Blakely, seconded by Bill McNamara:

Be it resolved that:

- Members of elected committees at St. Paul's are elected for a 3 year term which can be renewed once for a total of 6 consecutive years.
- Each elected committee will, to the extent possible, replace 1/3 of committee members each year.
- On each elected committee a balance of gender and a range of ages will be achieved where possible. Motion carried.

#### Annual Meeting March 17 2013 - 11:45 a.m. (continued)

- Nominations and Elections for the Positions of Chairperson and Secretary: Jane Blakely was acclaimed as Chair. The Board will choose a secretary from among its members and advise the Congregation.
- Nomination and election for vacancy on Board: Blaine Irving, David Thorne and Mel McGuigan retired from the Board with the thanks of the congregation. New members were acclaimed: Ann Krause, Julian Walker and Derrick Grant.
- Nomination and election for vacancy on Trustees: Alan Rayner, Ron Naugler and Bill Paterson retired from Trustees with the thanks of the congregation. New members acclaimed to Trustees: Roland Krause and Andrew Steeves. The chair will be elected by the committee.
- Nomination and election for Presbytery representatives : Blaine Irving, Marguerite MacAlpine, Greg Morton and David Thorne were acclaimed as Presbytery representatives. Mel McGuigan, Isabel Green and John Hart were acclaimed as Alternates.

Committee reports Q & A:

- Adoption of Budget for the year: Moved by Glen Sheppard and seconded by Ron Naugler that the budget be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.
  - Ron Naugler noted that donations are down \$5000 YTD and rental revenues have also declined. Projected revenues for 2013 have been decreased from \$311,794 to \$300,000 in the budget that has been adopted.
  - Glen Sheppard noted that expenses are \$315,000 and there is really no room to move as most of the expenses are fixed, being salaries, utilities and maintenance and repairs. Hence a projected deficit of \$15,000.
- Appointment of EPR Daye Kelly & Associates. Moved by Ron Naugler seconded by Roland Krause that EPR Daye Kelly & Associates be appointed to review the finances. Motion carried.

#### Further Business:

Moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by David Thorne that a congregational meeting to discuss finances should be set up prior to June 16<sup>th</sup> 2013. Motion carried. Roland Krause requested that the board consider the projected deficit and make recommendations to prevent it prior to the congregational meeting.

Ron Naugler advised that the position of Treasurer doesn't exist in the new governance model as the Finance Committee looks after those duties. He thanked Glen Sheppard for his service over the last number of years.

Adjournment and Benediction - Reverend. Sheffield-Bowles

#### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION MEETING JUNE 15, 2013

Call to order by Jane Blakely at 12:00 p.m.

Opening devotions by Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles

#### **Business:**

Opening remarks by Jane Blakely

Finances: Ron Naugler, Chair of Finance

Ron stated that donations for the first 5 months of 2013 is a total in excess of \$35,000.

Ron Naugler also stated various methods of giving to the church. Harold Raper suggested an energy audit.

Bud Bird suggested to let the congregation know how much we have in the Foundation Fund and church Operating account.

Roland Krause suggested sending envelopes to members who do not attend church and to wipe out the deficit as soon as possible.

It was suggested that we have a visitation for all members in the fall. Bob Forbes suggested that we free up any funds as soon as possible.

Jane Blakely suggested we set up a stewardship committee and when members do visitation that we ask members where they wish their money to be placed.

It was moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Marguerite MacAlpine to create a financial stewardship committee. Motion carried.

It was agreed to have another congregation meeting in October to discuss future aspects of St Paul's.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn.

Lynne Naugler,

Secretary

#### Annual Report 2013 Congregational Board

If I could pick one phrase to describe 2013 for the Board at St. Paul's, it would be "try to keep up". Thanks to the enthusiastic support of all the members of our community, there is an amazing amount of wonderful activity in our church. We have instituted the "Moment for Community" during weekly services so all the various groups and committees can share their news. As we compiled the list to schedule folks to speak, it became apparent that it would take most of the year to give each group one time slot. That's how long the list is!

A highlight of this year was the opening of four beautiful rental units in the former manse. This was another important step in St. Paul's outreach to the community. It was also a huge project that was quietly and effectively managed by a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are so grateful.

At a Congregational meeting in June we created a Stewardship Committee to help us right-size and normalize our cash flow for routine operating expenses. Thank you to the people who stepped up and who are now reaching out to all members of the congregation for support. This is an important step in shifting our focus from survival to strength in God's mission for us.

The Board would like to give special thanks to the Sunday School teachers and all the other folks who work with, support and lead our children and youth. Strengthening our families and nurturing our children is one of the most rewarding investments we can make in our community. Kudos to those of you who take the lead.

In April we received a restoration report from masonry restoration expert Paul Jeffs. A good crowd came out to see Mr. Jeffs' presentation and to ask questions. We hope that 2014 is the year to get moving again on restoration of our National Historic site building, which is tenderly cared for on regular basis by our dedicated Property Committee.

We continue to be grateful for the support and talents of our staff; Cathy Simpson, Joe Robicheau, Alexis Ervin and Iris Kim. We are blessed by the ministry of Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles. In the spring, Rev. Lori Beth agreed to take on an additional .25 FTE contract with us pending the filling of the vacant ministry position. Rev. Bob Jones has also joined us on contract to help out with visitation. We are all eagerly awaiting the successful completion of the Joint Search Committee's work and thank the members of the committee for their ongoing efforts.

To all the other committees, project teams, leaders and to each and every member of the community, the Board thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. We have a wonderful church family, a beautiful church building and everything we need to do God's work here in Fredericton. It is inspiring to be able to serve you and, when we're lucky, keep up with you!

Respectfully submitted Jane Blakely, Chair On behalf of St. Paul's Board

# Property Committee 2013 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, f) Organ.

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

#### Work Completed in 2013

- We had a good turnout for our June 1 spring cleanup day and much work was accomplished; cleaning the grounds, cutting trees and bushes and planting flowers
- The Fraser Memorial Hall roof was repaired (patched up) as there was leaking in some rooms.
- Replacing the roof will be considered in 2014 as it is in poor condition
- Our most challenging project this past year was the refurbishing of the George Street fire escape by committee members and it was completed at a cost of less than \$1,500. We had received estimates in excess of \$10,000 from outside companies!
- Eaves troughs were installed on the fire escape roofs
- The roof of the George Street entrance to the gym was replaced by committee members, with an estimated savings of over \$5,000!
- The Sanctuary and Narthex were reorganized and placed in order with unnecessary items being removed
- The light bulbs in the Sanctuary were replaced with more efficient and higher density bulbs and electrical wiring was repaired where required
- Some of the pews in the Sanctuary were repaired
- The facia on the South side of the Hall roof was repaired and since then we have had no reports of squirrels or bats in the Church or Hall
- The entrance doors to the Hall were repaired with new sweeps and door seals
- Old and excess electronic equipment was rounded up and disposed (recycled)
- A new water softener was installed for the boiler and an acid cleaning was completed

#### Property Committee (continued)

- Painting included walls in the Charlotte Street entrance, the men's downstairs washroom, tables for the Cubs and the wood work above the Church entrance
- A new door buzzer and baseboard heaters (in the Y room) were installed for the YMCA
- The carpet in the Church balcony was replaced and the cost was covered mostly by a generous donation from a member of the Congregation
- Hand railings were installed on ramp to the Church balcony entrance
- A paper cup holder was installed near the upstairs ladies washroom
- The Turner House parking lot and the walkway between the George Street and Charlotte Street parking lots were asphalted at a reduced rate when the Manse project parking lot was completed
- The storage area in the "upper room" was reorganized and old obsolete Hymn books were classified and offered to the Choir and congregation and those left will be disposed of by recycling
- Built a stand box for the Church pulpit so shorter members can reach the microphone
- Assisted with the finishing touches of the Manse project when required

#### Work for consideration in 2014

- In conjunction with Trustees and the Restoration Committee, review the condition of the Hall roof and consider a new roof and insulation above the Hall ceiling (high priority)
- In conjunction with Trustees and the Restoration Committee review the report received regarding the Sanctuary floor structure
- Continued work on the heating system (high priority)
- Have the masonry of the Hall exterior East wall repaired (high priority)
- Repair and paint the exterior windows of the Church and Hall
- Renovate the Narthex
- Paint the room next to the Choir loft
- Clean up the Church basement (low priority)

We work closely with the Church Sexton and we thank Joe Robicheau for his support. Members of the Congregation are encouraged to advise us if there are items that require our attention or if you have some ideas or suggestions regarding the Church or Fraser Memorial Hall.

#### ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2013

Our committee coordinates our activities with the chair of the operating committee, trustees, property committee and other committees of our great church!

The finance committee is responsible to monitor all the financial affairs of St Paul's on a regular basis and in a professional manner. During the year we had 6 official meetings and many informal meetings!

St Paul's maintains and reviews 5 separate ledgers including the Operations (church and hall) ,Foundation (Restoration), Housing (2 rental buildings), Trust Funds and Capital Fund!

It is our responsibility to work in cooperation with our office administrator Cathy Simpson and to assist her with regular items and the preparation of our financial figures for review of our finances by EPR Daye Kelly and Associates.

Some financial information we wish to point out to you is that our offerings and contributions to the Operations of our church and hall continues to decline! We also wish to point out that in 2013 - 108 (55%) of our 197 who made offerings and contributions to our Operations contributed less than \$1,000 each!

We are pleased that a Stewardship Committee has been formed and has approved a mandate! We look forward to working with this new committee!

We do encourage enrollment in the **PAR** (one contribution on the 20th of each month) to support our church programs! We have 54 families on PAR with a total monthly contribution of \$7,867.90!

We also encourage contributions of **investments** and **marketable securities**! We had several contributions in 2013 to Operations and St Paul's Foundation from these sources!

It is our committees responsibility to invest and control investments in short term funds and to obtain the best results in secure funds.

It is also our responsibility to monitor and control expenses of our church operations!

The finance committee reviews the preliminary and final year end financial statements with EPR Daye Kelly and Associate's employees and partners.

Our committee prepares the **Annual Operating Budget** and prepares it for review and approval by the congregation.

Many thanks to all committee members for the dedication in performing their responsibilities! A particular thank you to Cathy Simpson for her dedication to performing the financial responsibilities of St Paul's!

<b>Committee members</b> :	Greg Morton, Glen Sheppard,
	Cathy Simpson and Ron Naugler - Chair of Finance

#### St. Paul's United Church 2013 Trustees Report

#### The Trustees: The 5 W's

#### What is a Trustee?

A Trustee is an individual who, along with the other members of the Board of Trustees for a congregation, holds all of the property of that congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church.

#### Why do we have Trustees?

Because the property is owned by the members of our congregation and will be passed on to the future members, it is important that there are individuals who have the responsibility of keeping the property in good repair for best usage today and in the future.

#### Where are these properties?

The property includes the Sanctuary, the Church Hall and the two rental properties and related furnishings. There are also a few miscellaneous shared holdings (Church camps, for example)

#### Who are the St. Paul's Trustees?

Roland Krause Mary Dingee Jacobs Frank Goddard Red MacFadyen Royal MacDonald

Bill McNamara is the Church Board representative on Trustees. We would like to have two more Trustees including a lay person who knows little about property but is eager to ask questions and learn.

#### When Do Trustees Meet?

Quarterly with Special Meetings as required.

#### What were important accomplishments in 2013?

- Conversion of the Manse into a four unit apartment building was successfully completed with spending at or below budget. Congratulations to Alan Rayner, Blaine Irving and others who spent many hours and devoted a lot of attention to this important project.
- Presentation by Paul Jeffs regarding restoration of the stonework of the Sanctuary (September 26<sup>th</sup>).

#### What are the key issues facing the Trustees presently?

The facilities committee has identified two immediate capital projects:

- Our church hall requires repairs to brickwork on the south (kitchen) wall – about \$10k and major repairs/replacement of the roof – about \$140k.
- Our Rental units need a facilities management plan for on going operations and maintenance. We own too many properties to rely on volunteers to fix plumbing and wiring problems.

In the intermediate to long-term we need to fix the north (York Street) wall of the sanctuary - \$700k and upgrade the foundation and floor structure.

Those issues are not urgent but, because of the size of repairs, the fundraising needs to start immediately.

As a final thought I ask you all to look at this wonderful facility, the windows, the organ and the Hall. It needs work and it is expensive work. However, if we tried to build it today from scratch it would cost millions of dollars. Be thankful to our founders: they believed in quality, built well and intended St Paul's to last.

Andrew Steeves, Vice-Chair

#### **ANNUAL REPORT 2013** ST. PAUL'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Members: Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, Minister Roger Miller – Chairperson Florence Bartlett – Secretary Larry Buick Gary Llewellyn Kelly Watson Lois Walker Tammy Coughlan Jean Street

Duties of the Worship Committee are as follows:

- Obtain greeters, ushers, scripture readers and part-time Ministers.
- Responsible for decorating the Sanctuary for special occasions (i.e. Easter, • Thanksgiving, Christmas) under the direction of Doug Warman, Patty Trail and Barb McGuigan and other members of the congregation
- Responsible for coffee hour schedule ٠
- **Communion Services** •
- Cakes for special occasions
- **Bell ringers** •
- Responsible for getting people for the sound system for special occasions
- Prepare the advent wreath and candles for the advent services •
- Supplying small candles and candle drip holders for Christmas Eve services

#### COMMUNION REPORT:

March 31, 2013, Easter Sunday October 6, 2013, World Wide Communion Sunday December 22, 2013 December 24, 2013, Christmas Eve (late service)

- 45 (snow storm)

- 94

- 91

- 67

#### ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:

On November 3 we celebrated the 181<sup>st</sup> anniversary service. The Very Reverend Dr. Peter Short was our quest speaker for this special occasion. Cake and coffee were served after the service.

#### **REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE:**

The church was decorated by Doug Warman. An essay was read by Lauren Ryan. Flags and stands were put up and wreaths were laid. Alexis Ervin arranged for a bugler, Jack Ball, for last post and reveille. The Act of Remembrance was read by the Honourable David Dickson.

#### ANNUAL REPORT 2013 ST. PAUL'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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#### **PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S PORTRAIT:**

October 13, 2013 - MLA Brian MacDonald

#### GUEST SPEAKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

The Very Reverend Dr. Peter Short Rev. Bob Jones The Honourable Brad Green Rev. Scott MacIsaac Marlene Phillips Kevin Bourque

On behalf of the Worship Committee, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles and Reverend Bob Jones, all the staff of St. Paul's as well as all the members of the Worship Committee for their much appreciated participation and support during the past year.

I would also like to thank Isabel Green, past chair, Ann Krause, past secretary, and Ed Bujold, past member, for their dedicated service over the past years.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Miller Chair, Worship Committee

#### The following statistics were recorded for the year of 2013

Baptisms:	children	07
-	adults	00
Marriages		03
Funerals		19
Received by Co	nfirmation	00
Received by Pro	ofession of Faith	04
Received by Tra	Insfer of Membership	03
Removed by De	ath	20
Removed by Tra	ansfer of Membership	03
Number of Hous	seholds under Pastoral Care	301
	Resident Members Non-Resident Members	352 759

#### St. Paul's Senior Choir 2013 Annual Report



The choir was very pleased that Lois Paterson decided to join our soprano section in the fall. Rev. Bob Jones is also a part-time member of our bass section. We are also delighted that the very talented Iris Kim has continued to be such a tremendous help accompanying the choir on piano during our Thursday rehearsals as well as on Sunday mornings.

Due to health issues, Alexis was forced to take a leave of absence for the month of April. The choir carried on under the capable direction of Cathy Davis, assisted by Iris who also played all the service music and hymns on the piano. Iris has lately begun taking pipe organ lessons at the Cathedral. Everyone was delighted when she made her debut on St. Paul's organ playing the postlude at the Carol Festival and also in church just before Christmas.

The choir has had its usual busy year with the regular Sunday services, occasional funerals and, to top things off, we organized and hosted the 24th annual Advent Carol Festival which raised \$5489.33 for the Fredericton Food Bank! Special thanks to Larry Buick, Patty Trail and Doug Warman for helping to make this event such a success.

In addition, some of our members enjoyed singing with choristers from Wilmot United for our combined summer and New Year's services.

In October, we organized a very successful rummage sale and raised approximately \$2200.for the purchase of choir music.

The choir always enjoys getting together socially and our potlucks are famous for their delicious food. We gathered at Mary Dingee-Jacobs' house in June, at Isabel Fraser's for a corn boil in late September and at Doug Warman's festively decorated home in December.

We rehearse regularly on Thursday evenings and are always happy to have new members join us.

Alexis Ervin, Organist, Choir/Music Director

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#### 2013 Partnership /Committee Financial Report

Donations were made to the following organizations:

Total	\$3350.
Canadian Legion	\$ 50.
Youth in Transition	\$ 300.
Neighbourhood Link	\$ 300.
Fredericton Community Kitchen	\$ 300.
Salvation Army	\$ 300.
Fredericton Emergency Shelter	\$ 300.
Canadian Red Cross	\$ 300.
Campus Ministry	<b>\$1500</b> .

#### "Brown Bags" Program

During the year of 2013 we filled 299 bags, between January and December, with the church being partially closed in July.

- Maude McNamara

#### The Pantry 2013 Annual Report

#### **Mission Statement for The Pantry**

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

Our shelves are stocked by donations from our congregation.

Our clients may visit The Pantry once a month. Points are given, depending on the size of the family, and are used to purchase their requirements.

One person from each family is allowed to shop. That person is not allowed to shop for another family. Each family must register all members/children of their family and show all their medicare cards as well as the ages of the children. Other pertinent information may be added.

Each adult receives 12 points and each child receives 5 points. All points must be used in each visit, i.e. no points can be carried over to the next visit. Their visit is recorded with the date and points used on the card for that family.

The registration must contain: Name and date of registration

Number of family members

Whether employed, on social security, or any other source of assistance. In the past year 69 families have registered and used The Pantry for assistance. There are 18 workers and 4 leaders who work in The Pantry, 4 workers and a leader each day.

Appeals for donations are noted in the Sunday bulletin. A food box located in the Narthex provides a collection receptacle for donations. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to our account may do so through the office, thus receiving a tax receipt. This money is used to purchase extra needed items.

The Pantry is a major outreach program at present of the Partnership Committee.

Lois Walker, Chair

## The Inter-Church Refugee Committee (Partnership Committee) 2013 Annual Report

Our sponsored families from Iraq and Ethiopia are doing well. They are all permanent residents of Canada and attend English language instruction as needed and most of the adults are employed.

The families are very appreciative of the assistance provided to them.

Another application has been accepted in Nairobi but it may be quite some time before it reaches the stage of an interview.

Signed Anna Dawn Goddard,

Representative from St. Paul's Church on the Interchurch Refugee Committee

#### Wednesday Morning Discussion Group

We meet every Wednesday morning in the Quilter's Parlour depending on the weather and our program interests. Coffee, conversation and worship are important to us. Members take turns providing a program. Visits to exhibits, tours, church suppers and a picnic at a cottage by the lake provide a variety during the year. Visitors and new members are always welcome. No special invitation is required.

Helen Craig, on behalf of the group.

#### Archivist

In the United Church of Canada, it is the responsibility of each pastoral charge to maintain the appropriate records—minutes of trustees, session/boards, Baptisms, marriages and deaths. These are examined periodically by a Presbytery member.

Many years ago, St. Paul's records were transferred to Provincial Archives on the UNB Campus. They are open to anyone who wants to consult hem. Most records for other pastoral charges are at the Maritime Conference Archives in Sackville.

Other records such as church bulletins, tapes, CDs, extra annual reports, newsletters, pictures, minute books of other groups, old and current have a home in a locked room off of the gym.

It was appreciated that Carole Peacock updated the pamphlet on St. Paul's history this year.

Helen Craig, Archivist for St. Paul's

#### Scouting Reports 2013 Sponsor & Group Committee

Every Scouts Canada group has to have a sponsor. The sponsor for the 7th Fredericton is St. Paul's United Church. The annual application for the renewal of our charter is usually signed by the current clergy person. A group of people called a group committee act as a liaison between the sponsoring body and the individual groups of youth and their leaders. All adult members must file a current police record check, take the required training and sign a code of conduct. The current members of our group committee are: Roland Krause—Group Commissioner, Jacqueline Arnold-Groves registrar and members Branden LeBlanc and Marsha Mackin.

Our annual fund raising project continues to be parking cars in a private parking lot for visitors to the Fredericton Exhibition. The funds are used to assist youth members with their registration of \$180. per year.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton Scout Troop

The Scouts and Leaders organized a variety of indoor and outdoor activities during the past 12 months. Regular meetings consisted of opening, inspection, active game, badge groups, quiet activity and closing. About every six weeks or so the Scouts did activities outside of the hall – archery, swimming, bowling, and hiking to the Dairy Queen for a treat. They had weekend camps at Yoho, Greer Creek and Mactaquac and participated in Area events – Christmas tree pick-up, Jamboree on the Trail, Scoutrees, Apple Day, Jamboree on the Air and the Remembrance Day Parade. They attempted to meet during the summer months even if the weather was not co-operative (rain and thunderstorms lead to plan "B" programming). Community service occurred at the Liverpool Street School playground, Run for the Cure and the Christmas Carol Service.

In the fall the troop grew from 3 Scouts to 7 Scouts (4 males and 3 females). The leadership team consists of Troop Scouter Karoline Barr and Scout Counsellor Ian Dupuis. The Scouting year 2013-14 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the combined Troops of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton (Saint Paul's and Saint Anne's). A variety of activities are in the works to mark the special year. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary crests have arrived for the Scouts and Leaders and extras are available for alumni.

The troop continues its World Scouting connections with a Scout Troop in Swindon England. We Skype a couple of times a year. In the fall we received "Lest We Forget" crests to wear on our uniforms in honour of Scouting Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Karoline Barr, Troop Scouter, 7th Fredericton Scout Troop

### Cub Pack

Our group numbers 6 (boys and girls).

Two Cubs went on to Scouts having earned all six stars and received a 6 star plaque.

They participated in apple day, enjoying good weather and parental assistance. They sold popcorn, learned about trees instead of planting them, built and raced Kub Kars, visited Wilmot United Church as part of their World Religions Badge, hiked in Odell Park for the Jamboree on Trail crest, appreciated Marguerite MacAlpine's visit for their Artist Badge and finished the year by baking cookies.

The leaders were: Akela—Helen Craig Baghera—Jo Craig Henry Baloo—Branden LeBlanc, January—June Adam Tattersol, September-December



**Beaver Colony** 

Our numbers remain stable at 4 with 2 swimming up to Cubs and 2 new Beavers joining in September. The Beaver program consists of games, crafts and stories. They joined the Cubs for Apple Day, Church Parade in February, sold popcorn ad enjoyed Rainbow's show and tell. They painted and raced their Beaver Buggies, played games and blew bubbles in the parking lot and explored the downtown streets. In September due to transportation from out-of-town, it was more appropriate for the Beavers and Cubs to meet together on the same evening with the Beavers meeting for an hour. The year finished with baking cookies on their own might.

The leaders were:

Rainbow—Helen Craig Sunshine—Jo Craig |Henry



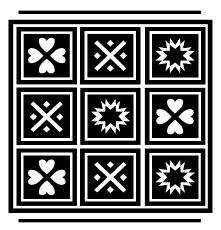
### **St. Paul's Quilters** FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013

ON HAND January 1, 2013		\$ 199.18
RECEIPTS		
9 Quilts Quilted	\$ 1350.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 1549.18
EXPENSES Bindings for quilts BANK CHARGES TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14.23 <u>\$ 25.25</u> \$ 39.48	¢1500 70
BANK BALANCE DEC 31/13		\$1509.70

JEAN KINGSTON, TREASURER

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#### United Church Women Annual Report 2013

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 has completed another busy and successful year. Activities of members during the past year:

- Took the National Food Training Program
- Made frozen casseroles for the annual Christmas sale.
- Supported the Women's Inter Church Council with meetings at St. Paul's
- Helped support the Pantry and brown bag program during the year.
- Attended the spring rally in Nackawic.
- Supplied lunch for a Youth Leadership Program.
- Made mincemeat pies for the Christmas Sale.
- Provided refreshments for the Advent Carol Service.
- Catered to funeral receptions during the year.
- Made donations to St. Paul's operating fund, Transition house, and Chimo.
- Catered to the University Women's bridge club.
- Supported Fellowship Dinners throughout the year.
- Members delivered small gifts to shut ins in December.
- Held general meetings at St. Anne's Court.
- St. Paul's UCW has amalgamated into one morning unit.

We would like to thank all those who have assisted us in the past year, with special thanks to Rev. Lori Beth, Cathy Simpson and Joe Robicheau.

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Lynne Naugler UCW President

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#### St. Paul's UCW January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

<b>Receipts</b> Envelope Donations Revenue Projects Least Coin Catering (5 Funerals, Bridge Luncheon, Fellowship Dinner) Christmas Bazaar Bank Interest	\$ 1,828.60 \$ 2,578.80 \$ 77.72 \$ 4,845.07 \$ 4,676.54 <u>\$ .59</u>
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Catering (5 Funerals, Bridge Luncheon, Fellowship Dinner) Christmas Bazaar	\$ 4,845.07 \$ 4,676.54

#### TOTAL

#### \$14,007.32

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### **Disbursements**

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Least Coin	\$ 75.00
Registration Fee	\$ 10.00
Cost of Catering	\$ 1,082.43
Cost of Bazaar	\$ 23.24
Kitchen	\$ 93.99
Gift	\$ 47.09
Trustees	\$12,000.00
Outreach	\$ 350.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Casserole Costs	\$ 269.99
Mince Pie Costs	<u>\$ 258.06</u>

#### TOTAL

#### Bank Balance at December 31, 2013

\$ 1,288.80

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Grant, Treasurer

Please bring this Report to the Annual Meeting February 16, 2014 (11:45 a.m.) Fraser Memorial Hall