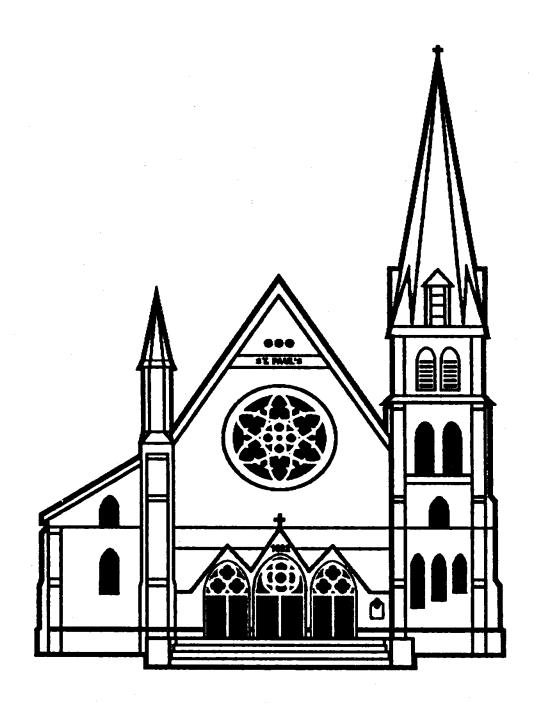
# St. Paul's United Church



# **2014 Annual Report**

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# **Church Staff** 2014

**MINISTER** 

Reverend Richard Bowley Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles (January—September)

PASTORAL CARE MINISTER Rev. Bob Jones

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR Alexis Ervin

PIANO ACCOMPANIST Iris Kim

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Cathy Simpson

CHURCH SEXTON Joe Robicheau

SECURITY PERSONNEL Rusty Blakely

Katie Brewer-Bruce

Lauren Ryan Clara Simpson Jack Simpson Patrick Simpson

# IN MEMORIAM



Cumberland,	Phyllis Bernice	January 18
Hoyt,	Vera Augusta	March 8
Whelpley,	Joan Emily	May 7
Dickson,	David Masterton	June 18
Gullison,	Darrel Wayne	June 26
Cull,	Merlyn Edward	July 2
VanWart,	Anna Clarice	August 29
Findlay,	Constance Marie	October 16
McGuigan,	Jeffrey Charles	December 9

# In My Heart

I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too,
I think of you in silence
I often speak you name
now all I have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping,
but I have you in my heart.

- Anonymous

## Message from Reverend Richard Bowley

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning."

-Psalm 130:5-6

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's been almost 6 months since I have joined this faith community as its minister. In that short time my family and I already feel very at home here and in the city, like we've been here for years, looking forward to years more.

During my first month here in September I had the privilege of working alongside a colleague and friend, the Rev. Lori-Beth Sheffield-Bowles. It was a joy to share in worship leadership with her, and it reminded me of what we can accomplish when we work together as a team. Though the Rev. Sheffield-Bowles has begun a new call, my passion for working in a team ministry has not wavered. To this end I have been working closely with the Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and the Rev. Ellen Beairsto from Wilmot United to find ways in which we can build a united community, acknowledging our separate identities.

This cooperation has borne fruit in the form of joint worship services for the Longest night service; a time where we recognize that the Christmas season isn't the easiest for everyone, and the first Sunday after Christmas. This service, which normally boasts the lowest attendance across the country, had a strong presence from both the Wilmot United and St. Paul's United churches. As we move forward in the new year, we will continue to work together find new ways to discover the Christ together.

Speaking of new things, the worship committee and I, as you are more than likely aware, have instituted a new way of doing communion. Well new for St. Paul's perhaps. As we enter the approach of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada, it is important that we acknowledge that we are a diverse people born of a diverse people. To that end, we have been celebrating a modified form of communion that harkens back to our Methodist roots. This does not mean the "Presbyterian" way is gone, we're just mixing it up, and seeing where the Spirit takes us.

As we move together into the new year, I'm eager to see where the Holy Spirit leads us as a faith community. What new things will we try together? What old things can be discovered anew? What shape will the church take by the Spirit's prompting, and in our answering? Not everything will always work, but most of the joy comes in building something together.

So as we make this journey together let us watch for where the Holy Spirit calls us, let us seek God in unexpected places, and let us listen for the call of Christ from those around us who need our support, who are hungry and in need of healing. In building each other up, we are all made stronger.

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

## "... And now a word from Bob"

The latest issue of "Our Canada" has a headline which reads "Every Canadian Has A Story To Tell."

As I have circulated among the members of St. Paul's I have understood the truth of that statement. I have enjoyed hearing about your lives. It is a privilege that I appreciate.

I have been blessed with associates—Richard, Lori Beth, Cathy, Joe, Alexis and the choir and the wider circle of organizations and committees who make ours a vibrant Christian community.

In addition to my weekday presence I like to be here every Sunday so that I can be available for updates on your situations and circumstances. Especially of those in hospital(s), seniors' homes and special care facilities.

Many years ago, while in the Middle East, separated from family and friends—my daily prayer was "sustain me with your bountiful spirit." (Psalm 51)

Make that your prayer for 2015!



### St. Paul's United Church Annual Meeting March 2 2014

- Call to order
- Opening devotions led by Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles
- Moved by Alan Rayner, seconded by Derrick Grant that the agenda as presented be adopted. Carried
- Minute of silence by Rev Lori Beth "In Memorial"
- Motion for time of adjournment moved by David Thorne, seconded by Tammy Coughlin that the meeting adjourn by 1 pm. Carried.
- Jane Blakely stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provision of the Manual, Section 5.8.3 of the Basis of Union and Section 110 of the By -laws (Non Temporal)
- A motion to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2013 meeting was moved by Marilyn Brewer
- and seconded by Ann Raper. Carried.
- Adoption of annual report was moved by Carole Peacock and seconded by Bill Paterson. Carried
- The Financial Statements for December 31, 2013 were presented by Ron Naugler. Ron moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Bill McNamara. Carried
- The Joint Search Committee report was presented by Ralph Simpson. Currently the committee has one candidate in mind for a full time minister. The JSC has interviewed 24 candidates and will keep the congregation informed.
- Nominated for chair of the congregation; Jane Blakely and secretary for the congregation; Lynne Naugler. Both were acclaimed elected.
- The following vacancies were filled:

Board of Directors Debbie Allison Frank Morrison Jack Simpson M & P Joe Wilby Trustees Jean Street Noreen Barwise

Slate adopted by acclimation

Delegates to Presbytery David Thorne Kevin Bouraue

Marguerite MacAlpine Isabel Green

Alternate to Presbytery

Slate adopted by acclamation.



#### Question and answer period for committee chairs:

- Worship to look after decorating for all special occasions
- Trustees acting chair Andrew Steeves reported on the condition of the sanctuary building which needs up to \$700,000 for restoration
- Andrew Steeves moved and Ron Naugler seconded spending on the hall roof and other restoration projects of up to \$100,000 be approved. Carried
- Budget for 2014 was presented by Chair of Finance Ron Naugler
  - Revenue in the draft budget is \$293,000 and Expenses are \$315,336
  - Ron moved we increase the revenue in out budget by \$10,000 for our annual offering and \$15,000 for a special campaign. Derrick Grant seconded the motion.
  - Ron moved we appoint EPR Daye Kelly and Associates to do a financial review of our financial records for 2014. Alan Rayner seconded the motion. Carried
- It was moved that the meeting adjourn.

Lynne Naugler Secretary

# St. Paul's United Church Congregational Meeting 16th March, 2014

Jane Blakely (Congregational Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and introduced Rev. Ali Smith, Woolastook Presbytery representative and Chairperson.

Ralph Simpson, Joint Search Committee Chair (JSC), opened the meeting with a prayer of discernment.

The Chair introduced the issue to be considered at the meeting: a call to a full time minister pursuant to the instructions given to the JSC by the congregation. This completes the mandate of 1.75 FTE ministerial staffing with Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles at .75 FTE.

Ralph Simpson introduced the members of the JSC: Marilyn Brewer (recording secretary), Sadie Miller (corresponding secretary), Ann LeBlanc, Ron Naugler, Bill Paterson, Janis Violette, Rev. Kay Clowater and Rev. Ali Smith. The committee received 25 applications.

Moved by Ralph Simpson and seconded by Alanna Palmer that the congregation of St. Paul's United Church approve a call to Reverend Richard Bowley as follows:

Full time

Starting 25 August 2014

Salary	\$39,428.00
Housing allowance	\$14,400.00
Telephone allowance	\$ 1,200.00
Education allowance	\$ 1,400.00
	\$56,428,00

Four weeks (five Sundays) vacation

Following discussion, the motion carried.

Moved by Ralph Simpson and seconded by Ann Krause that Woolastook Presbytery be asked to approve this call. The motion carried.

Moved by Ralph Simpson and seconded by Ann LeBlanc that the Joint Search Committee be disbanded following Reverend Bowley's covenanting service. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Blakely

#### Congregational Meeting St. Paul's United Church OCTOBER 19, 2014

- Opening remarks and purpose of the meeting given by chair Jane Blakely.
- The purpose being to form a Joint Needs Assessment Committee.
- Rev. Brian DeLong reported on how a JNAC committee works. This is a joint undertaking between Woolastook Presbytery and St. Paul's. The committee may have 4-10 members.
- Rev. DeLong reported on the process to be followed. The process can be viewed on line.
- Discussion as to how long this process will take.
- Members were asked to consider going on this committee.
- Ron Naugler gave a financial update. Presently there is a deficit of \$35,000
- Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Lynne Naugler Secretary

#### ST.PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2014

- Purpose of the meeting was to form a Joint Needs Assessment Committee.
- Rev. Brian DeLong explained how the process works.
- Names submitted: John Gaskin

Ann LeBlanc Jane Blakely Derrick Grant Larry Buick

Moved by David Thorne, seconded by Bill McNamara these names be accepted.
 Carried

Lynne Naugler Secretary

#### **Congregational Board 2014**

Another year of has flown by and your Board is yet again grateful to each and every member of the congregation for your energy, enthusiasm and call to mission.

In August we wished Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles all the best as she moved to new challenges at Oromocto United Church. We simultaneously and joyously welcomed Rev. Richard Bowley into our church family. Rev. Richard has hit the ground running! It is fabulous to have Richard, Natalie, Aimee & Jacob here at St. Paul's.

The past year would not have been possible without the patience and flexibility of Rev. Bob Jones. We are so fortunate to have the benefit of his many years of experience as he helps support members of the congregation, fills in at the pulpit and bolsters the choir. Bob always has the right thing to say and he says it in his own inimitable way. Thank you Rev. Bob for the joy you bring with you everywhere you go!

Our many committees and groups forged ahead with Christ's work all year and we saw their impact in our church community and throughout our City.

- The Pantry continued to minister to families in need.
- Our Stewardship committee reached out to all members of the congregation with a comprehensive visitation program.
- The Sunday school continued to grow and we all benefited from the children's energy in our services and our lives.
- The Building committee "redid" the quilting and ladies' parlours, among other important projects. They turned tired rooms into lovely spaces that are a joy to occupy.
- The Worship committee was busy as well, providing the congregation with uplifting services that showed no sign of the hard (and occasionally last minute!) work that went on behind the scenes.

All this activity needs to be shared and the Board has identified "communication" as a priority for 2015. To all our committees and groups, thank you and keep up the good work!

St. Paul's is a very busy building in addition to being our spiritual gathering place, and it plays an important part in the health and vitality of Fredericton's enviable downtown core.

We were reminded of the heritage and intentional grandeur of our magnificent space by anniversary speaker John Leroux. Being the stewards of a national historic site is not easy and sometimes we are overwhelmed by the burden. We need to trust in God and each other to reach a shared vision of the future of St. Paul's as a building and a congregation. We are not alone on this voyage and at its end, we will find the means to fulfill our mission in Fredericton and the world in the 20-teens and beyond.

Many thanks to Alexis Ervin and Iris Kim for the wonderful music we share; to Joe Robicheau for keeping up with the endless demands of a busy old building; and to Cathy Simpson who somehow manages the mayhem, looks after the money and keeps us all organized. And especially to you.

As in any family, each and every member brings unlimited value to our St. Paul's church family and each one of us is incomplete without the other. In 2015, let us hold each other up in the love of Christ, our brother, Saviour and friend.

As I finish my term as chair of the Board, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the other retiring members, Lynne Naugler and Bill McNamara. The service and leadership each of these individuals has given St. Paul's is humbling in its scope and duration, to say the least. You can rest assured that your continuing Board members, along with the new members you will elect at the Annual Meeting, will build on the long tradition of dedicated, engaged governance here at St. Paul's. Thank you for the privilege and honour of allowing us to serve on your Congregational Board.

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

# **Annual Report of the Trustees Committee 2014**

**Members of the Trustees**: Andrew Steeves (acting Chair)

Noreen Barwise Frank Goddard Jean Street

Mary Dingee-Jacobs Roland Krause Malcolm MacFadyen Royal MacDonald

William McNamara is the Church Board representative.

**Responsibilities.** The Board of Trustees holds all of the property of the congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church. Because the property is owned by the members of the 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 properties include the Sanctuary, the Church Hall and the two rental properties (former Manse and Turner houses) and related furnishings. There may also be a few miscellaneous shared holdings (Church camps, for example)

**Trustee Activities in 2014.** The Trustees held two meetings (May 14<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>) and had three joint events with other St. Paul's committees.

The other events were:

**The Official Opening of the affordable housing project** in the former Church Manse at 242 York Street on February 18<sup>th</sup>. This event was hosted by the Church and included representatives from both the Federal and Provincial Governments (Ministers Dubé and Ashfield).

An inspection tour of the sanctuary floor structure on February 12<sup>th</sup> which was organized by Frank Goddard. Included in this tour were Trustees Steeves, Goddard, MacDonald and former Trustees Rayner and Paterson along with a representative of the Properties Committee, Kyle Mathers and Tom Morrison, an expert in historic buildings. After the tour Trustee Goddard submitted a revised assessment report of the floor structure.

A joint meeting of representatives of the Board, Trustees and Property Committee on May 28th to discuss "St. Paul's As a Landlord". This discussion had been identified as a priority of the Trustees in the 2013 Annual Report. Attendees were Jane Blakely, Ron Naugler, Alan Rayner, Greg Morton, Cathy Davis and Ross Mathers

#### What were important accomplishments in 2014?

The Official Opening of the Manse affordable housing project, which was the culmination of work by several members of the congregation.

## **2014 Trustees Report**

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The Trustees approved the expenditures for the facilities committee to tackle two important capital projects:

- Repairs to brickwork on the south (kitchen) wall of the church hall about \$10k
- Repairs of the hall roof completed for a cost of approximately \$100k, below the budget of \$110k.
- The Trustees identified the need for an ongoing programme of repairs to the sanctuary floor structure. The consensus opinion was that there was no urgency to the repairs but that it would be prudent to sub-divide the project and tackle it as a series of projects.

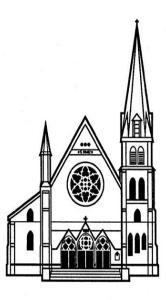
The Board, Property Committee and Trustees determined that the current team of volunteers and staff can manage operations and ongoing repairs at the various church properties in the short term. However, as time progresses we will need either to expand the pool of volunteers or hire expertise to assist with property management duties.

#### What are objectives for the Trustees in 2015?

- The Trustees will develop a plan for ongoing upgrades and repairs to the sanctuary floor structure.
- The Trustees with the Property Committee will continue to monitor the demands on our volunteer and staff for managing our four properties.
- The Trustees will work with the Board to develop a fundraising plan to raise the funds required to fix the north (York Street) wall of the sanctuary \$700k.

I want to end my report on an inspirational note. I ask you all to look at this wonderful facility, the windows, the woodwork, the organ and the Hall. It needs work and it is expensive work. However, if we tried to build this church today from scratch it would cost millions of dollars. Be thankful to our founders: they believed in quality, built well and treated the church with love. St Paul's was intended to last. Our job is simple: all we have to do is to keep this church in good repair.

Andrew Steeves Vice-Chair



#### ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH 2014 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our committee coordinates with the chair of the Operating Committee, Trustees, Property, Ministry and Personnel and all other committees where there are financial items which affect St. Paul's.

We are responsible to establish and implement policies and procedures which ensure the control and safety of our assets, revenue and expenditures.

St. Paul's has 5 general ledgers in which financial information is recorded, maintained and interpreted to the congregation in an appropriate manner.

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

We coordinate with Cathy in the preparation of the annual financial statements for presentation to EPR Daye Kelly & Associates for their financial review. We review with EPR Daye Kelly & Associates the draft financial statement for year end and approve the final statement for presentation to the congregation at our annual congregation meeting.

We review all expenditures before signing cheques to reimburse our suppliers of goods and services. We also perform appropriate procedures to ensure all revenue is received and recorded.

At the end of each month we review the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, review applicable general ledger accounts and compare actual revenue and expenditures with the budget figures.

It is our responsibility to manage all marketable investments held by St Paul's.

Our committee prepares the Annual Operating Budget for presentation to the congregation at the annual congregation meeting.

Thanks to all committee members for performing their duties in a professional and dedicated manner.

Committee members: Greg Morton Glen Sheppard Cathy Simpson Ron Naugler -Chair



#### ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH PROPERTY COMMITTEE



### 2014 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 Gregory Morton (Chair)

#### Work completed in 2014

The Hall roof was repaired (major project)

• The heating system received continued maintenance and work (high priority)

- The Hall exterior East wall masonry was repaired (high priority). One of the large exterior kitchen fans was removed due to non-use
- New windows in the ladies parlour were installed by Harold Raper and John Gaskin along with a professional helper with a savings of approximately \$6,000 compared to outside quotes received
- The quilters parlour was painted and new flooring was installed by Committee members thereby keeping costs to a minimum
- A new ceiling panel was installed in the Upper Room and the bordering area was painted
- The exterior panel around the Charlotte Street door was painted
- A company was hired to remove the graffiti on the exterior Church walls after vandals left their mark
- The Hall exterior walls were painted to cover the graffiti. In regard to the graffiti, we met with National Alarms and with Pro Data Company to consider lighting, cameras, signage, etc.as a deterrent. These items are very costly and do not guarantee success. After discussion with police and others, it is felt the best deterrent is to quickly remove the unsightly work
- The railings and lamp posts outside the Church entrance were painted
- Additional railings were installed in the Church balcony and the entrance to the choir loft
- The East wall in the Hall gym was painted
- The Church Sound System was reviewed in conjunction with John Davis. We had the system inspected and a new pulpit microphone was purchased
- The main floor ladies washroom was painted
- The lower level washrooms were renovated
- Touch up painting was done to the Sanctuary lower ceiling York Street side
- The foundation walls of the Turner House and the Manse were given badly needed repair by masonry workers

#### **Projects for 2015**

- Repair the Hall roof soffit (high priority)
- In conjunction with the Trustees and the Restoration Committee, review the recent report concerning the status of the Sanctuary floor structure and take any necessary action
- Repair and/or replace the exterior windows of the Church and Hall as the budget permits (on going)
- Remove the radiators (no longer in use) in the ladies parlour
- Consideration will be given to making renovations to the Narthex
- The ramp and entrance to the Church will be repaired in the spring (this could be a major project), , a temporary repair was completed in October
- Touch up the fire escape paint
- Paint the room next to the Choir loft (low priority)
- 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 ideas or suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Church or Fraser Memorial Hall.

# WORHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Members for 2014: Reverend Richard Bowley

Larry Buick – Chairperson Roger Miller – Co-chair Jan Buick - Secretary Florence Bartlett Tammy Coughlan

**Bob Miller** 

#### Duties of the Worship Committee are as follows:

- \* Obtain greeters, ushers, scripture readers and Supply Ministers
- \* Also responsible for decorating the Sanctuary for special occasions (i.e. Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas) under the direction of Doug Warman, Patty Trail and Barb McGuigan, along with other members of the congregation
- \* Responsible for coffee hour schedule
- Communion Services.
- \* Get cakes for special occasions, i.e. Welcome Back Sunday, Good Luck to Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, Appreciation Day for Bob Jones, Welcome to Richard and Natalie Bowley, July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration
- \* To obtain bell ringers for services.
- \* Responsible for getting people for the sound system for special occasions
- Prepare the advent wreath and candles for the advent services
- Supply small candles and paper holders for Christmas Eve services
- Ensure there is a new Christ candle for the first Sunday after Christmas and a new one for Easter Sunday

#### **COMMUNION REPORT:**

April 20 Easter Sunday 136
October 5 World Wide Communion Sunday 122
December 21 163
December 24 Late service Christmas Eve 57



#### SCOUTS DAY:

February 23, 2014, Long-Service Awards in the Scouts presented to Helen Craig and Karoline Barr.

#### **EASTER SERVICE:**

Wilmot led the Sunrise Easter Service and St. Paul's served breakfast.

#### CANADA DAY SERVICE:

June 29, 2014, the Scouts brought the flags to the front and did the collection. After the service, they took the flags up to Fraser Hall and Helen Craig cut the cake.

#### **JOINT SUMMER SERVICE:**

From July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, joint worship at St. Paul's; from August 10<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, joint worship at Wilmot.

#### **MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S:**

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, Reverend Richard Bowley did his first service at St. Paul's. On Sunday, September 28, 2014, Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles had her End of Covenanting Service.

On September 28, 2014, Covenanting Service was held for Reverend Richard Bowley.

#### WORHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014 (continued)

#### **ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:**

Sunday, November 2, we celebrated the 182<sup>nd</sup> anniversary service. John Leroux was our speaker for this special occasion. He gave an excellent talk on the history of St. Paul's.

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

Sunday, November 9, the church was decorated by Doug Warman. Flags and stands were and wreaths were laid. Alexis Ervin arranged for a bugler, Kassy Axhami, for last post and le. Bob Miller read names. Frank Lawrence read the poem "In Flanders Fields". The Act of membrance was read by Roger Miller.

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#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

Two services were held on Christmas Eve; one at 7:00 p.m. (family service) and one at 11:00 p.m. (Communion service).

#### **AFTER-CHRISTMAS SERVICE:**

On December 28, a joint service was held at Wilmot United.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

Reverend Bob Jones Reverend Gil MacKenzie Reverend Ellen Bearisto John Leroux

On behalf of the Worship Committee, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles who has taken a position at Oromocto United Church in October, Reverend Richard Bowley, who came to St. Paul's in August, 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 past members Gary Llewellyn, Kelly Watson, Jean Street and Lois Walker for their dedicated service on the Worship Committee over the past years.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Buick Chair, Worship Committee

### The following statistics were recorded for the year of 2014

Baptisms:	children	05
•	adults	01
Marriages		03
Funerals		09
Received by Confirm	ation	00
Received by Profess		00
Received by Transfe	r of Membership	06
Removed by Death	·	23
Removed by Transfe	er of Membership	00
	ds under Pastoral Care	292
Total Number of Res	ident Members	349
Total Number of Non	-Resident Members	565







# St. Paul's Senior Choir 2014 Annual Report

The choir members enjoyed another successful year under the direction of Organist and Music Director Alexis Ervin and Accompanist Iris Kim. Alexis was able to enjoy a visit to China in June, while Iris and Cathy Davis assumed her duties.

Above and beyond the routine of church services and funerals, the choir performed in a fundraiser for the Bible Society and at the Advent Carol Festival we have organized for the past 25 years. The latter event raised in the neighborhood of \$4500 for the Fredericton Food Bank – Greener Village.

Additional funds were raised at a plant sale and a donation was made to Wilmot United's choir gown fund. The Janis Kalnins scholarship was awarded as part of the Fredericton Music Festival and the choir supported the brown bag lunch program at St. Paul's.

Socially, we celebrated in June at the home of Lynne and Ron Naugler and at Christmas at Doug Warman's. It's always appreciated when someone opens their home to us and our guests.

2014 was the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of Bill McNamara's membership in the choir. While he started as a tenor, he matured into a bass and has now decided to sing from the pew. He has made many contributions to St. Paul's, and the choir is especially grateful for those he made to the musical life of St. Paul's.

We rehearse regularly on Thursday evenings in the hall and are ALWAYS happy to have new voices join us.

Respectfully submitted St Paul's Senior Choir



# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

The Stewardship Committee was formed in the fall of 2013. We have devised a Terms of Reference for this committee. It has been a time of organization for us.

Our first undertaking was a Visitation of all our church families. We held workshops to teach our volunteer visitors what was required of them. The Campaign started on May 25<sup>th</sup> and it was hoped we could complete it in two weeks, however, with many people away this was not possible. Visits and phone calls were continued into the summer and fall by the committee members. Pamphlets containing church information and happenings were left with each family to read after the visitor left. There were 34 visitors plus the committee members making the visits. All information collected was passed on to the office to up-date family records.

We published three congregational newsletters. The first one was last Easter followed by one at Thanks-giving and the last was just before Christmas. They were picked up at church and those left were hand delivered or mailed out.

The congregation was up-dated by Sunday morning reports on three occasions during Minute for Community.

The members of the Stewardship Committee are:

John Gaskin Roland Krause Marguerite MacAlpine Ron Naugler Harold Raper David Thorne Lois Walker

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Walker, Chair Stewardship Committee



# "Brown Bags" Program

During the year of 2014 we filled over 350 bags, between January and December. Many thanks to the senior Choir and the congregation for keeping our brown bags full, which in turn allows us to reach out to those who are hungry.

- 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



### THE PANTRY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014



#### Our Mission Statement:

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

As of the end of December, 2014 we are providing assistance to 75 families and a few single women (at our discretion).

If a family has not visited within a year we move their name to a reserve list. They may have moved away or do not require our services any more.

We have changed our method for soliciting this year. The first Sunday in the month is now called Pantry Sunday. A reminder is noted in the bulletin the previous Sunday with a list of most needed items.

We have reduced the number of volunteer workers to four, one leader and three to attend to the clients. Five of our volunteers have been unable to work due to illnesses.

Most every week we receive donations of food in the Food Box in the Narthex. We, and our clients, are very appreciative of the support provided by the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Walker, Chair, The Pantry

## The Interchurch Refugee Committee 2014

The application accepted in Nairobi which was mentioned in our Annual Report 2013 for a Ugandan family has to date not reached the stage of an interview.

Presently, we are in the process of acquiring support for a family living in a refugee camp in Syria. The family consists of a mother and her seven children. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has recognized the mother as a woman at risk.

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

## **Wednesday Morning Discussion Group**

Curiosity about the early history of this group led me to talk to Doreen Kissick who was a member of the group when it began. She said it had it's beginning in the early 1960's when Rev. Alan Reynolds was the minister. Clergy and other staff associates assisted from time to time with members of the group taking turns with the weekly program.

This year we continued to take turns providing a program worship and a sweet for our cup of perked coffee. \Once in a while we took a break for a picnic at Killarney Lake, coffee at Tim Horton's, church suppers, (strawberry and blueberry) and the 100 Poppy paintings at Government House.

Occasional guests and new members are always welcome.—Helen Craig



## **Archivist**

There was participation in the city of Fredericton's "Open Doors Fredericton" with the Sanctuary open for tours on Sunday afternoon, September 21.

Please feel free to contact me as to look or begin to research the early or more recent history of St. Paul's, e.g. Provincial Archives for early records and St. Paul's library for annual reports. Other records of possible interest are in a locked room off the gym, e.g. Church bulletins, recordings of church services, photographs and records waiting for transfer and or organization.

Minutes of congregation and trustees meetings and vital records (baptisms, marriages and deaths) are require to be kept and are transferred to Provincial Archives periodically. Hopefully committees and groups are keeping minutes and reports of their activities and will pass them on to be kept as part of our church history.

The church office has the current books for baptisms, marriages and deaths.



- Helen Craig

#### Scouting 2014

The Scouting program sponsored by Saint Paul's United Church has been part of their youth program since the 1940's. It is supervised by a Group Committee with Roland Krause as Group Commissioner, Jacquelyn Groves as Registrar and Brandon LeBlanc as a member. Their fundraising project continues to be the week-long parking for the New Brunswick Exhibition. Dr, Lubbe- D'Arcy donates the use of her parking lot on Argyle Street.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton registration numbers for this year was Beavers 2, Cubs 4, Scouts 6 and leaders (B-C-3) S-2.

The highlight of the year was the recognition of 60 years of service to Helen Craig at the Scout-Guide service on February 23. The presentation was made by Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Boyles representing St. Paul's as the sponsor with the assistance of 3 Scouts (Kieran LeBlanc, Gregory Reid and Jenna McGee who had been Beavers and Cubs). John Boyne, Deputy Council Commissioner for Recognition presented Scouter Karoline Barr with her recognition for 35 years of service. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts act as ushers, welcomers, and flag carriers for the service.

Participation in Area events took place by all youth members as follows- Apple Day, Popcorn Sales and Remembrance Day Parade.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Fredericton Venturer Company with Peter Jacobs as advisor continued to meet on the third floor of Fraser Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening.

The Beavers and Cubs meet together on Tuesday evening. Families had a member in each one. Some of their program activities varied e.g. Cubs made and raced Kub Kars while Beavers made and raced Beaver Buggies. One Cub moved on to Scouts and received a plaque for earning her six stars (in one year). At the end of April the Beavers had a sleep over (1 night) and the Cubs stayed 2 nights at the Youth Camp at Greer Creek on the Mactaquac head pond. There was still some ice and snow but no mosquitoes. We explored the downtown (trees, churches, and other historic buildings) and picked up litter. Our Pack and Colony fundraising project was processing the containers (cans, bottles, and cartons) donated by St. Paul's members. On July 1, the Beavers and Cubs provided a colour party with flags and enjoyed a celebration cake with the congregation.

The leaders were Helen Craig, Jo Craig Henry and Adam Tattersall.

The Scouts of 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton continue to meet with the Scouts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Fredericton at the Parish Church on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm. About once a month the Scouts have an out of hall meeting; bowling, archery, or a hike to the Dairy Queen. They participated in a weekend camp at Yoho in February and in December. Their two camping adventures were a very wet and windy canoe trip Victoria Day weekend and a beautiful warm, sunny 4 day trip in June to Mount Carleton to hike Sagamook and Mount Carleton.

Community service projects included Christmas Tree pickup, playground cleanup, Scoutrees, recycling at Run for the Cure, and assisting with the Christmas Carol Service. Fundraising projects consisted of Scout Popcorn and selling pails of frozen cookie dough. The profits will go toward the Scouts attending jamborees in Nova Scotia and the World Jamboree in Japan in the summer of 2015.

The Troop said good bye to Scouter Ian Dupuis in August as he was transferred back to Ottawa by the military. We welcomed Rowan Hampton (a former Scout with the troop) to the leadership team along with Troop Scouter Karoline Barr.







# **St. Paul's Quilters**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014

ON HAND January 1, 2014 \$ **1509.70** 

**RECEIPTS** 

Quilts Quilted \$ 672.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 2181.70

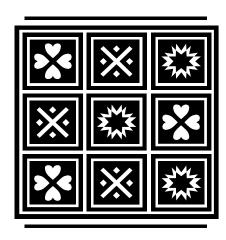
**EXPENSES** 

Redecorating Quilter's Parlour \$1582.21 BANK CHARGES \$31.50

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1613.71

**BANK BALANCE DEC 31/13** \$ 567.99

JEAN KINGSTON, TREASURER



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# United Church Women Annual Report 2014

# 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 include :

- Catered to Woolastook Presbytery meeting in February.
- Attended the annual UCW spring rally at Forrest Hill United.
- Attended World Day of Prayer service.
- Held a successful bridge luncheon.
- Catered to several funeral receptions during the year.
- Purchased and had new venetian blinds installed in the parlor.
- Held a fashion show.
- Made and sold mincemeat pies at the annual Christmas tea and sale.
- Made donations of \$10,000.00 to St. Paul's Operating Fund and donations to
- Transition House, Chimo, Canadian Red Cross and Least Coin
- Supported fellowship dinners during the year.

Thanks to all UCW members for their dedication and continued support!

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

Lynne Naugler Secretary

# St. Paul's UCW January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

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Envelope Donations	\$ 1,802.00
Revenue Projects	\$ 2,936.50
Least Coin	\$ 47.35
Catering	\$ 5,147.20
Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon	\$ 4,205.95
Cook Books	\$ 45.00
Mince Pies	\$ 634.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$.07</u>

TOTAL \$14,818.07

## **Disbursements**

\$ 50.00
\$ 10.00
\$ 1,149.32
\$ 375.55
\$10,837.49
\$ 190.40
\$ 423.21
<u>\$ 366.40</u>

TOTAL \$13,402.37

Bank Statement Balance at December 31, 2014 \$ 2,758.40

Outstanding Cheques:

Solve 100.00

John Davis for coffee pot \$ 104.20

\$ 2,554.20

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Grant, Treasurer

Please bring this
report to the
Annual Meeting
February 22, 2015
(11:45 a.m.)
Fraser Memorial Hall

## Report of Nominating Committee St. Paul's United Church February 22, 2015

#### **BOARD**

Out-going members: Jane Blakely

Lynne Naugler Bill McNamara

Nominations: Kelly Simpson

Julian Walker Ron Naugler

### MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P) COMMITTEE

Out-going members: Elaine Hart

Nomination: Norman Ralston

**TRUSTEES** no changes at this time

#### **DELEGATES TO PRESBYTERY**

David Thorne

Marguerite MacAlpine

Isabel Green

Blaine Irving, Alternate

Respectfully submitted: Blaine Irving and Sadie Miller

February, 2015