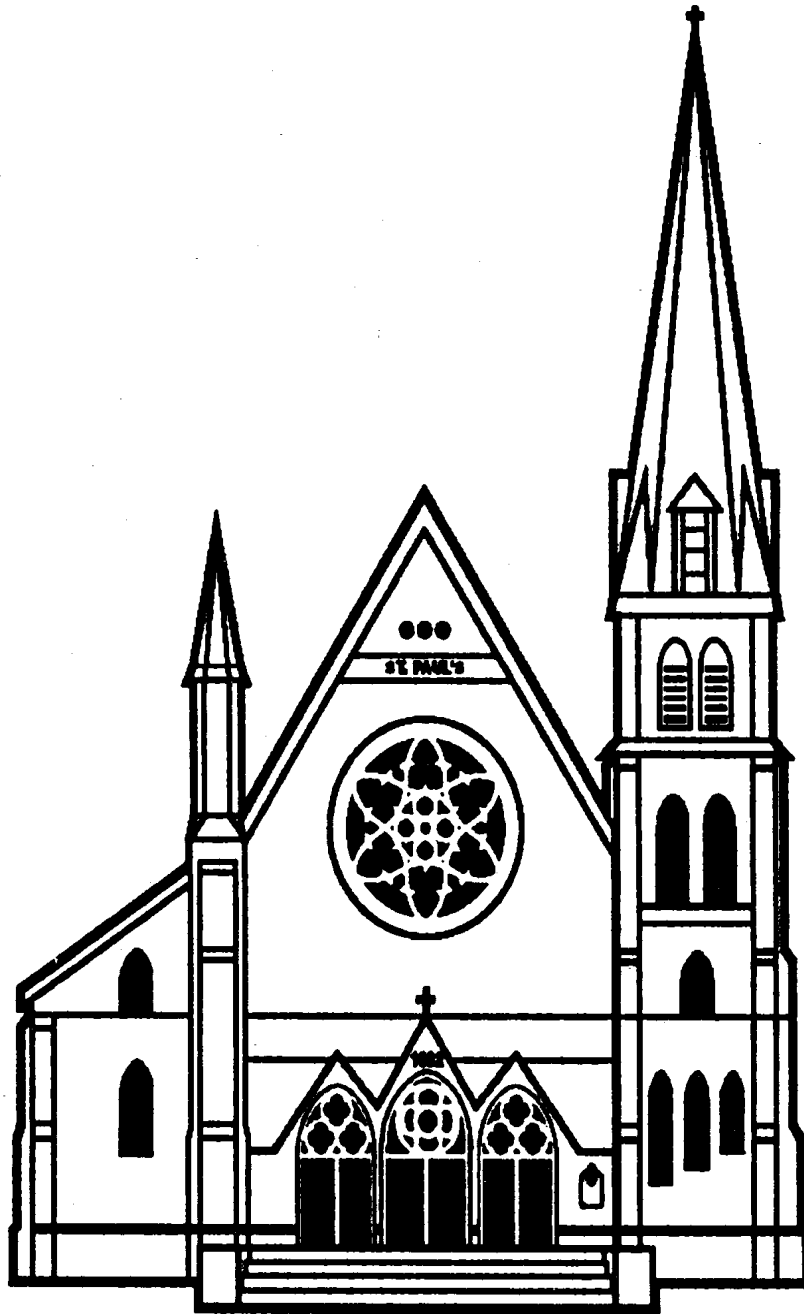


# St. Paul's United Church



## 2015 Annual Report

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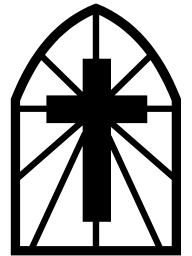
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# Church Staff 2015

MINISTER	Reverend Richard Bowley
VISITATION MINISTER	Reverend Bob Jones
ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR	Alexis Ervin
PIANO ACCOMPANIST	Iris Kim, Vivian Ni
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  
2015



Jewett,	Marie Anne	December 18, 2014
Morrison,	James Cameron	January 21
Asprey,	Ellen Anne	January 23
Simpson,	Gordon	February 15
Hiscott,	Ernie	February 23
Sewell,	Mildred	February 25
Stafford,	Ronald Osborne	May 14
Lowe,	Jeffrey	June 5
Davis,	Robert Clarence Edwin	June 8
Montgomery,	Mary Louise	July 1
Palmer,	Marven Fraser	July 9
Lamb,	Cissie	July 13
MacDonald,	Margaret L.	July 14
Jeffrey,	Barbara Mary	September 2
Trail,	Mary Ann (Molly)	September 15
Jarvis,	Hugh Stuart	October 6
Semple,	Lorna Wanda Annie	November 20
Kerr,	Kenneth	December 24

*Message from Reverend Richard Bowley*

*“Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”* -Romans 5:5



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The above words are written by Paul to the church in Rome and are meant to remind the people that in their struggles, through the hard times, they are called to have hope in the one they follow, because hope in God does not disappoint, especially when we open ourselves fully to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.

Over the last year I have seen us living into being a people of hope. We have our past struggles, and we have striven to make sure that they have shaped us for the better. We have also acknowledged our present struggles, but we have not allowed them to become a stumbling block on our path following Christ. Indeed where many communities become insular, gathering around to protect failing embers of a fire that's going out, we have found ways to open ourselves to new possibilities, partnerships, and programs.

The first of these that I want to highlight as a personal joy is the birth of “Downtown United”. During the summer of 2015 when St. Paul’s and Wilmot normally come together, something beautiful happened. Where the banner on a bulletin would normally read, “Combined Worship at St. Paul’s United with Wilmot United”, we simply called it, “Downtown United”. This name reflects more than just what we’re doing, but who we are! We are the people of the United Church of Canada doing ministry together in the downtown. Clergy from Wilmot were as much a presence in worship at St. Paul’s as clergy of St. Paul’s were at Wilmot. And the unity wasn’t just reflected in the clergy, but we saw all of you coming together regardless of community, united in Christ, praising God, and moving with the Holy Spirit. This spirit of togetherness continued as we came together again to share in the Holy feast of Communion on World Wide Communion Sunday at Wilmot and to hear the wise words of former Moderator, the Very Rev. Dr. Lois Wilson. And again, after only a month of being apart, we were brought back together for St. Paul’s anniversary Sunday to hear the wisdom of another former Moderator and someone familiar to both communities, the Very Rev. Dr. Peter Short. This unity and community that we have been fostering together has filled me with such joy as it reflects both Christ’s call and the United Church’s moto, that all might be one (even if it’s just every now and again). We have plans to continue to build on this relationship as we move forward into Lent and beyond.

*Rev. Richard's message ...continued*

The second opportunity we saw is actually a two-parter. The Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) finished their work, and we the people of St. Paul's decided that in order to build a growing community, we need a second minister. This is bold, and reminds me of the prophet Jeremiah who bought land in the midst of a siege, when his home was under attack from Babylonians. In hope he bought land because he believed fully that the siege would end. In a way we're doing much the same thing. In a time when many churches are cutting back on programs, staff, and outreach, we are instead building towards and living into a future that we believe in: a vibrant St. Paul's where the Gospel shines brightly. The other part of this is that almost immediately after we voted on this bold move, we were offered the opportunity to welcome an intern into our midst for a two year program. Again, we felt the movement of the Spirit and embraced Sarah Magie as a member of the family.

When we allow hope to be the dominant emotion in our hearts and minds, amazing things can happen. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, what once seemed like a mountain can seem like a stepping stone to the future. We have been a people of hope, people filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and as we forge a path into the future, we will not be disappointed.

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*



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
February 22, 2015

Constitution of Court ---- Jane Blakely, Congregational Chair

Opening Devotions by Rev. Richard Bowley

Adoption of Agenda, moved by Marilyn Brewer, seconded by Sadie Miller. Carried

Minute of Silence – Rev. Richard Bowley read the “In Memoriam” list.

Moved by Roger Miller, seconded by Larry Buick that the meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m.  
Carried

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 Shirley McLeod, seconded by Tammy Coughlin that the minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Moved by Marilyn Brewer, seconded by Sadie Miller that the 2014 Annual Report be adopted as circulated. Carried

Review of 2014 Year End Finances given by Ron Naugler, Chair of Finance. Ron moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Roger Miller. Carried

**Nominating Report - Sadie Miller**

Congregational Board Nominations: Kelly Simpson  
Julian Walker  
Ron Naugler

Ministry & Personnel: Norman Ralston

Delegates to Presbytery : David Thorne  
Marguerite MacAlpine  
Isabel Green  
Blaine Irving - Alternate

Sadie moved adoption of Report, seconded by Lois Walker. Carried

Moved by David Thorne, seconded by Debbie Allison that Derrick Grant be appointed the New Board Chair. Carried

Moved by Ron Naugler, seconded by Bill Paterson that the proposed budget for 2015 be adopted. Carried

Jane Blakely gave an update on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC)

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Annual Meeting  
February 22, 2015  
(continued)

Moved by Kelly Simpson, seconded by Jane Blakely that EPR Daye Kelly & Associates do the 2015 Financial Review. Carried

Moved by Ron Naugler, seconded by David Thorne that the church should have 3 signing officers; the Chair of Finance, Chair of the Board and Office Administrator. Carried.

Moved by Ron Naugler, seconded by David Torne that the congregation have another meeting by May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to update the congregation on the church's financial position, consider a review and an update of our governing structure and any other business that may be requested at the meeting.

Adjournment followed by the Benediction given by Rev. Richard Bowley.

Lynne Naugler, Secretary

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**St. Paul's Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2015**  
(SANCTUARY)

Derrick Grant (Chair) called the meeting to order; the agenda was distributed before the meeting got underway.

Attendance: Approximately 45 people attended this meeting  
Rev. Richard Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Screens for the Sanctuary**

- John Gaskin made a presentation regarding screens for the Sanctuary; the research completed by the Property Committee members was shared with the Congregation. A number of questions from the Congregation and members of the Property Committee answered the various questions.  
Motion: "I move that we as a Congregation continue the investigation and implementation of screens for our Sanctuary." (David Thorne, Tammy Coughlan)  
MOTION CARRIED

**Joint Needs Assessment Committee**

- Derrick Grant updated the Congregation regarding the work of JNAC; results of the questionnaire have been gathered and reviewed by the members of JNAC. The next step is to schedule a meeting with Rev. Richard Bowley to discuss his ideas and vision for St. Paul's United Church. When all information and data has been gathered and considered, a recommendation will be presented to St. Paul's Congregation for their consideration and approval.



**St. Paul's Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2015**  
(continued)

**United Church of Canada Restructuring**

- Rev. Richard Bowley gave a brief presentation on changes being considered by the United Church of Canada; Rev. Richard will send the links for us to read the proposals for change being considered and voted upon in August, 2015. The Congregation is urged to read these proposals so that we can all provide feedback to our Minister regarding these major changes for our church.

**Update from the Finance Committee:**

- Ron Naugler presented an update regarding our finances to the Congregation; the importance of maintaining our givings to St. Paul's during the summer months was emphasized.
- The Finance Committee would like 1 or 2 more members to assist with the very important work of this committee; please submit a resume to this committee if you are interested in joining.
- For your convenience, a summer envelope was included with the bulletin today. Please consider placing it in the collection plate or dropping it off at the Church Office.
- The importance of getting more members on PAR was emphasized and encouraged...regardless of the amount per month.
- Finance Committees from other United Churches in the area have had a meeting to share strategies and build relationships among sister churches in Fredericton and outlying areas. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25/15.

Motion to Adjourn: Marilyn Brewer

Closing Prayer: Rev. Richard Bowley

## Congregational Board 2015 Report



The year 2015 has come and gone, and your Congregational Board was very busy throughout.

In January 2016 we officially welcomed Pastor Sarah Magie to St. Paul's United Church. Sarah will work with Rev. Richard Bowley in a team ministry for the next two years. The Board is looking forward to seeing these talented individuals work together in Ministry at St. Paul's and in the community at large. The Board would also like to recognize the services of Rev. Bob Jones, who finished his service to us in December 2015.

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 Stewardship and Outreach Committee continued to minister to families in need.
- Our Stewardship and Outreach committee oversaw the formation of a Pastoral Care Team
- The Christian Education Committee continued to provide a quality program for our youth
- The Property committee installed screens in the sanctuary to use with a projector and video camera
- The Worship committee was busy as well, providing the congregation with inspiring services
- The Joint Needs Assessment Committee, or JNAC submitted a report and recommendation to the Congregation to search for a full time minister. The congregation voted to accept the recommendations
- A newly formed Joint Search Committee began to meet and to work towards finding a second minister
- UCW continued to raise funds and awareness through various sales
- Finance Committee was very busy looking at our budget and potential impact from new ministerial staff
- Ministry and Personnel wrote contracts and met with staff throughout the year

Thanks to the many committees, and to those who serve on them, for adding so much to the life of our church!

St. Paul's continues to serve as a multipurpose gathering center. The YMCA and AA and the Scouts continue to offer programs in our building. As well, St. Paul's continues to serve the community by offering low cost housing through our properties.

The staff at St Paul's is something that we are truly grateful for and proud of. Many thanks to Alexis Ervin, for her contribution to the wonderful music at St. Paul's. This year, we said goodbye to Iris Kim, who contributed her musical talents for several years, and leaves us to pursue her university education.

Many thanks to Joe Robicheau who keeps our Church building in fine form. Many thanks to Cathy Simpson, who continues to keep us organized, and is the face of St. Paul's to the many who come to our doors looking for help and assistance.

On behalf of the Board, it is our pleasure, to serve you, the Congregation of St. Paul's. We endeavor to represent you in all matters that come before us, and to keep you informed and involved.

As I begin my second year as chair of the Board, I look forward to serving with my fellow Board members, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Respectfully submitted, Derrick Grant  
On behalf of St. Paul's Board



ST PAULS'UNITED CHURCH  
2015—FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



It is an honour to present our report for 2015 to the congregation of St. Paul's!

Our committee reports to the Congregational Board at each board meeting and to the congregation at other meetings! We are always available to discuss our finances and to receive your suggestions and comments! We also wish to have 2 more members for our committee!

We perform our duties in cooperation with Cathy Simpson, our very efficient Office Administrator!

We have the opportunity to review the current financial position monthly for all 5 operating areas in our financial records! This review includes examining each general ledger account (revenue, expenditure, asset and liability accounts) for accuracy and interpretation!

We continually compare the actual results with the budget and implement the necessary corrective action! We then accordingly make projections for the financial results of the year!

We are responsible to establish and implement policies and procedures which help to ensure proper control of our revenue, expenditures and assets including the weekly offering!

We also manage our marketable securities and 2 rental houses!

We coordinate with Cathy in the preparation of the annual financial statements for financial review by EPR Daye Kelly & Associates. This is a major function for Cathy and our committee! There is a considerable amount of work involved in the preparation of the financial information and statements!

We review the draft and final financial statements prepared by EPR Daye Kelly & Associates and agree with the figures and notes attached to the financial statements! It is our responsibility to approve the financial statement for the year! We then present these statements for approval to the annual congregational meeting!

It is also our responsibility to prepare in cooperation with church committees the annual budget! This has been a challenge in the last few years to present an appropriate budget!

The budget for the year 2016 is being prepared! We face a challenge to have a balanced Operating Budget for 2016!

Our regular offering for 2015 was less than our budget!

The congregation has approved the search for a second full time minister!

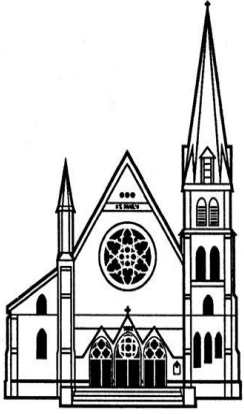
Please keep St Paul's in mind when preparing your will or selling securities! We must have a solid financial position!

Accordingly, we should find ways to increase our income from offerings and other sources of income, reduce some expenditures or a combination of both!

Many thanks to everyone for your contributions to our successful financial operations!

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

Committee Members: Greg Morton, Cathy Simpson, Ron Naugler -Chair



## Annual Report of the Trustee's Committee

2015

The St. Paul's Trustees are:

Frank Goddard  
Royal MacDonald  
Andrew Steeves

Jean Street  
Mary Dingee Jacobs

Roland Krause  
Noreen Barwise

The Trustees met four times in the last 15 months: in person on November 5, 2014, April 28, 2015 and July 29, 2015 and through email in late November 2015. We are currently scheduling a meeting for the first quarter of 2016.

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.

The properties include the Sanctuary, the Church Hall and the two rental properties (former Manse and Turner houses) and related furnishings.

The good news for the St. Paul's family is that our facilities are currently in good repair. During a recent visit an insurance inspector spoke highly of the condition of the St. Paul's properties.

There are no major projects necessary in the short term but, following their practise of prudence and good stewardship, our Property Committee will continue to propose ongoing repairs and upgrades for Trustee's review. Examples in 2015 included window repairs and replacement of the ramp at the front of the Sanctuary.

**Annual Report  
of the  
Trustee's Committee**  
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With the current situation being so positive, the main focus of the Trustees is the maintenance of our properties in the long term. Our Number One question is: how will we finance the repairs to the York Street façade and bell tower of our Sanctuary? The estimated cost in today's dollars is over \$700, 000. We know that the repairs will be required eventually, perhaps within the next ten years.

The current level of the St. Paul's Foundation is just over \$100, 000. So we have a shortfall of \$600,000 which we may have to address in as quickly as 10 years. How will we raise \$60,000 per year? Church dinners and rummage sales help but the fastest means would be through donations and bequests.

The Trustees have started to analyze this matter and will continue the process over the next year. We need more information about members' intentions and bequests. To date we have learned of two significant donations but the picture remains incomplete.

Where this matter affects all the congregation, old and young, is on our ongoing programmes of ministry and outreach. With a fully funded St. Paul's Foundation we can devote almost all of our weekly offering to church activity, facing a capital shortfall of \$60,000 per year then church programmes become constrained.

In conclusion: the Trustees are pleased to report that St. Paul's assets are in good shape. However, we need the help of the congregation to determine how we should plan for future needs. Please help us. If you have included St. Paul's in your will or in your donation plans let us know. The Church will be able to reach more people and serve our community better.

**Andrew Steeves**

**Acting Chair**



**ST. PAUL'S  
PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
2015 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 and Gregory Morton (Chair).

We are an active/hands on Committee with several very skilled members whose input saves the Church money by completing projects in house. Our repair and maintenance budget for 2015 was \$18,000 with \$17,400 spent and boiler maintenance \$6,000 with only \$1,400 spent as projects were delayed due to budget constraints.

Work completed in 2015

Renovated the Narthex

- ◆ The Church front ramp was demolished and replaced and other masonry work was completed
- ◆ The Sanctuary heating pumps were repaired and a new heating procedure was introduced
- ◆ The fire escape was painted
- ◆ A screen system was purchased for the Sanctuary and this was a major project which demanded much time and included a money raising program
- ◆ Encumbering branches were removed from the Fraser Memorial Hall east side driveway
- ◆ The Sexton's office was renovated and placed in order
- ◆ New windows were installed in the Quilters room and the library by Harold Raper and John Gaskin along with a professional helper resulting in considerable savings compared to outside quotes received
- ◆ Tree planting and landscaping were completed around the 242 York Street property ( former Manse). Also some new parking curbs were purchased and installed
- ◆ New signs were ordered and installed in the front of the Church on George Street and the outside door on York Street leading to the office
- ◆ The Hall roof fascia/soffit and eavesdrop were repaired a much needed project
- ◆ A defibrillator was purchased and training sessions were completed by the sexton and the security staff. We applied for a grant to cover the cost.

Property Committee  
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Projects for consideration in 2016

In conjunction with the Trustees and the Restoration Committee, we will review the 2014 report regarding the status of the Sanctuary floor structure and take any necessary action (annually).

Repair and paint the exterior windows of the Church and Hall as the budget permits as this is a costly project (\$10,000 +).

Remove the radiators (no longer in use) in the Ladies Parlour.

Sand and varnish the Fraser Memorial Hall floor.

Consider cleaning and insulating the steam pipes in the room next to the Choir loft (high priority).

Consider installing a heat trace above the fire escape to prevent ice buildup.

Paint the room next to the Choir loft (low priority).

Clean up the Church basement (low priority).

We were very pleased with a report submitted by an inspector from our Insurance Company who praised us for the fine condition in which he found our properties.

Excess equipment: we have a small pump organ 48 x 45 x 21 which we will give away as long as a professional mover is hired to move it.

We work closely with the Church Sexton and we thank Joe Robicheau for his support.

Members of the Congregation are encouraged to inform us of items that require our attention or if you have ideas or suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Church and/or Fraser Memorial Hall.

We are always in need of additional members for the Property Committee and we invite anyone interested to try us out. The work is very rewarding.

Gregory Morton, Chair



**WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2015**



Members for 2015; Reverend Richard Bowley  
Larry Buick – Chairperson  
Roger Miller – Co-chair  
Jan Buick - Secretary  
Florence Bartlett  
Tammy Coughlan  
Bob Miller  
Colleen Hanna  
Dorothy Dauphinee

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, Remembrance Day, and Christmas) under the direction of Doug Warman, Patty Trail and Barb McGuigan, and other members of the congregation.
- The Worship Committee purchased a Nativity set for Christmas.
- Responsible for coffee hour schedule.
- Preparing for Communion Services.
- Purchase cakes for special occasions, i.e. Welcome Back Sunday, Pentecost, Iris Kim farewell; 183<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; Happy First Anniversary for Rev. Bowley.
- Obtain bell ringers for church 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 drip holders for Christmas Eve services.
- Ensure a new Christ candle was provided for the Christmas Eve Service.
- Seven candles were provided in the Sanctuary to mark lent in preparation for Easter.
- On Palm Sunday, palms were purchased and placed on the floor for the choir procession.
- Arranged for a pot luck supper for the congregation on Maundy/Thursday with communion.
- Twelve white candles, symbolizing the apostles and one black candle symbolizing Jesus, were provided for the service. Harold Raper made a wooden chalice for communion.
- Preparation for a Good Friday service at 2:30; placing the cross, which was draped with a black shroud, and hammering of the nail.



**WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT  
2014 (continued)**

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

Baptisms:	Children	4
	Adults	0
Marriages:		6
Funerals:		10
Received by Confirmation:		0
Received by Profession of Faith		3
Received by Transfer of Membership		3
Removed by Death		27
Removed by Transfer of Membership		4
Number of households under Pastoral Car		250
Total Number of Resident Members		399
Total Number of Non-Resident Members		713



**COMMUNION REPORT:**

April 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	- 180
May 10 <sup>th</sup> Mother's Day	- 127
June 21 <sup>st</sup> Father's Day	- 105
August 23 <sup>rd</sup> Joint Service with Wilmot	- 124
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	- 204
December 24 <sup>th</sup> , late service Christmas Eve	- 47



**SCOUTS DAY:**

April 19, 2015 - Awards were presented.

**EASTER SERVICE:**

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

**JOINT SUMMER SERVICE:**

From June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, joint worship at Wilmot; from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>, joint worship at St. Paul's.

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

On Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Bob Jones; Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Alli Smith (pulpit exchange); Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Bob Miller; Sundays in August were a combined service with Wilmot with Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin & Rev. Ellen Bearisto; Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Yvette Swan (pulpit exchange); Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Brett Anningson; December 27<sup>th</sup>, combined service with Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and Rev. Ellen Bearisto.

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:**

Sunday, November 1, 2015, we celebrated the 183rd anniversary service of St. Paul's. The Most Honourable Reverend Dr. Peter Short was our guest speaker for this special occasion. Wilmot joined us for the celebration.

Worship Committee  
Annual Report  
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**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:**

Sunday, November 8, 2015, the church was decorated by Doug Warman. Flags and stands were put up. Bob Miller read names. A video was shown with Rev. Reg Miller reading the poem "On Flanders Fields". Alexis Erwin arranged for trumpeter, Kassy Axhami, for last post and reveille. Larry Buick arranged for Piper, Ian MacDonald to play the Lament. The Act of Remembrance was read by Roger Miller. Laying of wreaths was done by Roger Miller, Joe Wilby and Larry Buick.

**LONGEST DAY SERVICE:**

A joint Longest Day Service with Wilmot was held on Sunday, December 21, 2015.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

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

**AFTER-CHRISTMAS SERVICE:**

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, a joint service with Wilmot United was held at St. Paul's.

**GUEST SPEAKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

The Very Reverend Dr. Peter Short

Throughout the year, with the help of our Lord, the Worship Committee endeavours to continue to enrich worship at St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Buick  
Secretary, Worship Committee

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 2015 Annual Report**

**MANDATE:** The care and consideration of all members and adherents of St. Paul's United Church.

The Committee drew up a 'Terms of Reference' for itself this year, as follows:

Maintain effective contact with the congregation including the preparation of regular reports and up-dates on the progress of the Committee.

Review and maintain family lists and records in conjunction with the church office and others including Partnerships, as required.

Publish three newsletters per year (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) in conjunction with the minister and other committees as required.

To promote the Mission and Service Fund in the congregation (Minute for Mission and Minute for Community) in cooperation with the minister.

Encourage responsible stewardship in church bulletins and newsletters.

Review givings of the congregation annually and publish general information in the church bulletin related to annual givings, working with the Finance Committee.

Arrange for Stewardship campaigns (i.e. Family Visitations) and maintain effective follow-up.

Promote Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) in church and newsletters.

Up-date PAR brochure and distribute to the congregation in the bulletin and in the narthex.

Promote increased utilization of Church facilities (church hall, basement gym, meeting rooms, parking lot, etc.) which will generate additional revenue for the church.

Each member of the committee will serve a two-year term. Terms shall be staggered so there will always be experienced members as well as new members on the Committee.

Visitation cards have been made up for Pastoral Care and Stewardship Committee visitors which they can leave with the person visited. These visitors will deliver bulletins and the congregational letters to the folks living in seniors' homes and to those still living in their own homes but are not able to get to Sunday services.

We are sending cards of welcome or congratulations to all who have recently joined St. Paul's family – new members, transfers, and baptisms as well as for significant birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments, etc.

The Stewardship Committee has prepared three newsletters this year, for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. To save mailing costs we decided to send them by e-mail and entered on the St. Paul's web-site. Hard copies were made for those not using e-mail and for those not able to come to church.

Stewardship Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at noon in the parlour.

The Pantry, Pastoral Care and the Inter-church Refugee committees are all sub-committees of the Stewardship Committee.

## **Members of the Stewardship Committee**

Lois Walker, Chair  
Roland Krause, Vice-Chair  
David Thorne, Secretary  
Rev. Richard Bowley  
Lynne Naugler, Pastoral Care and Refugee Committees  
John Gaskin  
Harold Raper  
Dow Johnston  
Marguerite MacAlpine

## **Members of The Pastoral Care Team**

Lynne Naugler, liaison with Stewardship Committee,  
Rev. Richard Bowley  
Jean Brown  
Marilyn Garland  
Florence Bartlett  
Barb McGuigan  
Bob Miller  
Ralph Simpson

Respectfully submitted, Lois Walker, Chair, Stewardship Committee

## THE PANTRY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

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

As of the end of 2015 we are serving 69 clients. We keep records of those using our service. If they haven't visited us in the past year we place their information card at the back of our record box. They may not have to come back for assistance. We have new clients nearly every week, however, we accept anyone who needs our service.

There are four volunteers in The Pantry every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 to assist our clients.

The congregation have kept us well supplied with their donations. The first Sunday of each month is Pantry Sunday. We, in The Pantry, appreciate all your donations. Our clients, especially, appreciate what you provide for them. Thank you sincerely for all your kindness.

Volunteers are: Leaders – Ivy Boujold, Sheila Baird, Lois Walker

Workers: -- Marg Allen, Etta Davis, Chris Grant, John Hanson, Dow Johnston, Anne Keiver, Linda Lamont, Barb MacBean, Nancy MacGarvie, Joyce MacIntosh, Carolyn McMullen, Sadie Miller, Lynne Naugler, Debbie West.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Walker, Chair

## “Brown Bags” Program



On the average, 40-50 bags a month have been given out.

A lower number during the spring and warmer months, 20-30 bags, and starting in the fall months, 40-50 bags are made up.

- 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*



### Message from the Alcohol Anonymous Groups

On behalf of AA, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to St. Paul’s United Church for it’s continued support.

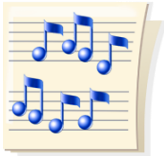
For the past 10 years we have been the benefactor of St. Paul’s generosity.

You have made us feel a part of the St. Paul’s community and it is very much appreciated. - T. Dupuis

### Wednesday Morning Discussion Group

We continued to meet with a variety of programs provided by the members. A cup of coffee and a cookie concluded the weekly gathering in the Quilter’s Parlour.

The weather cancelled several meetings and there were fewer trips out of town this year.



## St. Paul's Senior Choir 2015 Annual Report

The Senior Choir has enjoyed another active year within the life of St. Paul's.

Alexis Ervin continued to lead the Choir through a year of hymns and anthems as part of St. Paul's weekly worship. Additionally, she organized the annual Advent Carol Service that saw 9 area choirs raise \$4600 for the local food bank. Alexis also directed us at an Ebola Relief concert. And during August, she arranged for special music during the Downtown United services at St. Paul's.

Our accompanist, Iris Kim, graduated from high school and moved on to McGill University. Without missing a beat, Vivian Ni, a grade 11 student at École Ste. Anne, took over at the pianos for practices and performances. Vivian did miss a couple of occasions with us to perform violin and piano at Carnegie Hall. St. Paul's is blessed to have her with us.

Each section of the choir added a new voice. The Sopranos welcomed Clare MacIntyre, Altos celebrated the return of Kelly Simpson, Tenors recruited Sean Bower and the Bass section added Patrick Simpson's powerful voice.

Our choir did more than just sing this year! We gathered at parties to celebrate summer and Christmas, we organized a rummage sale raising \$1100 for the music fund, contributed to the Dr. Janis Kalnins Memorial Prize for a Performance of a Canadian Composition at the Fredericton Music Festival, helped in decorating the church for Christmas, and we also supported the brown Bag Lunch Program at St. Paul's.

All voices are welcome, so please feel free to join us – we gather on Thursday evenings at 7 in the Fraser Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted  
St. Paul's Senior Choir



# St. Paul's Quilters

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

ON HAND January 1, 2015 **\$ 567.99**

### RECEIPTS

Quilts Quilted & Sold \$ 815.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 1382.99**

### EXPENSES

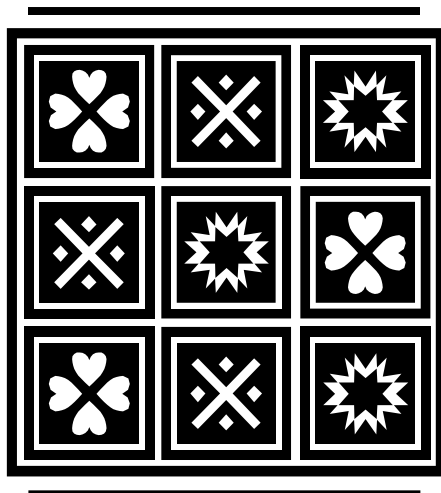
Donations for new windows \$ 600.00

Memorials 100.00

Donation to St. Paul's 500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,200.00

**BANK BALANCE DEC 31/15 \$ 182.99**



## *United Church Women Annual Report 2015*

Another year has come and gone. We will continue to serve our Church and it's members into 2016.

The Executive is as follows:

President	Donna Chauvin
Secretary	Jan Buick
Unit Treasurer	Anne Keiver (Cathy Davis for 2016)
Executive Secretary	Chris Grant
Telephone Committee	Jean Cull & Anna Marie Dougherty
Kitchen & Hall	Mary Stickles
Women's Inter-church Council (WICC)	Ann Raper
Cards and Visitation	Lois Walker

The Unit meets monthly, usually on the second Wednesday, at 10 AM in the Ladies' Parlour. We have answered Roll Call with items and have donated over the past year to the Soup Kitchen, the Men's Shelter, the Pantry, the Brown Bag Lunches, Bibles For Missions. We try to invite interesting speakers and programs from events happening in the community. In 2015 they included : Hendrica Drost from Bibles for Missions, Lois Walker, Bev Harper from Reliable Personal Support and Home Support Services, and Judith Tompkins from Hospice House.

We have had many fund raisers and activities in 2015: the Frozen Casserole Sale in January, we hosted the World Day of Prayer Service and Luncheon in March, led the Devotional at the Spring Rally in Woodstock in April, hosted Bridge luncheons in March and May, the Wreath Sale and Brunch in October, and the Christmas Bizarre and luncheon in December. Our Unit was able to donate \$8,000.00 to the General Church funds.

At this time, we would like to remember our deceased members:

Ellen Asprey                  Barbara Jeffrey                  Molly Trail                  Lorna Semple

Respectfully submitted Donna Chauvin. President

### *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**  
**January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

**Receipts**

Envelope Donations	\$ 1,320.00	
Least Coin	\$ 59.41	
Revenue Projects	\$ 3,567.20	
Catering	\$ 3,402.50	
Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon	\$ <u>4,272.75</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,621.86</b>

**Disbursements**

Least Coin	\$ 75.00	
Cost of Catering	\$ 1,298.46	
Kitchen	\$ 79.05	
Casserole Costs	\$ 390.80	
St. Paul's United	\$ 8,000.00	
Gifts, donations & misc.	\$ <u>1,958.18</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,801.49</b>

**Receipts in excess of disbursements**                     **\$ 820.37**

**Bank Balance January 1, 2015**                             **\$2,554.20**

**Bank Balance December 31, 2015**                       **\$3,374.57**

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Grant, Treasurer



## 7th Fredericton Scout Troop Annual report 2015

7th Fredericton Scouts and leaders participated in a variety of activities over the past year - Scout Christmas Tree pickup, fencing , all section camp at Yoho , building Scout 18 wheeler trucks, Area Food Drive, church parade, Jamboree on the Trail, canoe trip Victoria Day weekend, Scoutrees, June camp at Grand Lake, Area Dusk to Dawn, Apple Day, Jamboree on the Air-Skying with a troop in England , Scout popcorn, a day at Odell park, Remembrance Day parade, disk golf, and Christmas camp at Yoho. The winter and spring months were busy for the Scouts and leaders with a variety of fundraising activities leading up to attending ScotiaJamb '15. The Scouts and leaders had 3 bottle drives, and a spaghetti supper and silent auction. On Saturday July 11th , 8 Scouts and 3 leaders departed Fredericton for Camp Ne-dooae in Nova Scotia . The two patrols had a great week. Some of the activities that the patrols did included : horseback riding, an afternoon at the beach, rappelling , building a boat with duct

tape and cardboard, pretending to be shipwrecked and visiting Halifax for the day. Thank you to all who assisted with our fundraising activities. One of our senior Scouts , Sierra Mackin , joined some other senior Scouts, Venturers and leaders from the Fredericton area and attended the World Jamboree in Japan . A very memorable trip for all. In June we said goodbye to two Scouts who moved on to 3rd Fredericton Venturers. In September we welcomed a new Scout from the Cub Pack. This fall our Troop consists of 5 Scouts and two Leaders( Karoline Barr and Rowan Hampton )

### Beaver Colony & Cub Pack



Our total number remained at 6 with one Cub moving on to the Scout Troop with the appropriate Going-Up Ceremony. A Beaver 'swam-up' to Cubs and a new Cub joined the pack. With 3 storms a week, several meetings were cancelled. There were 2 cookie baking mornings in 2015—March and December. KubKars and Beaver Buggies were built, painted and raced including racing with other Rivorton Area Cubs at Brookside Mall. Walks around the downtown provided an opportunity to take part in Scouting activities—Jamboree on the Trail and Scoutrees.

Thanks are extended to the people at St. Paul's for donating their refundable bottles and cans. The money purchases pumpkins, replaces supplies and pays for purchases from the Scouts Canada shop in Saint John.



### Group Committee

Roland Krause is continuing to act as Group Commissioner while Brandon LeBlanc, a former Cub leader and parent has assumed the responsibilities of Registrar for the 7th Fredericton groups sponsored by St. Paul's. Apple Day (\$438,90) and parking for the Exhibition (\$957.75) provided funds to assist youth (\$190/year) with annual registration fees and also assisted leaders and youth who attended Scotiajam. Expenses for the reception on Scout-Guide Sunday (March this year due to a storm) were also covered. A Cub, Victoria Tattersall took part in the Remembrance Day service.

Please bring this  
report to the  
Annual Meeting  
February 21, 2016  
(11:45 a.m.)  
Fraser Memorial Hall