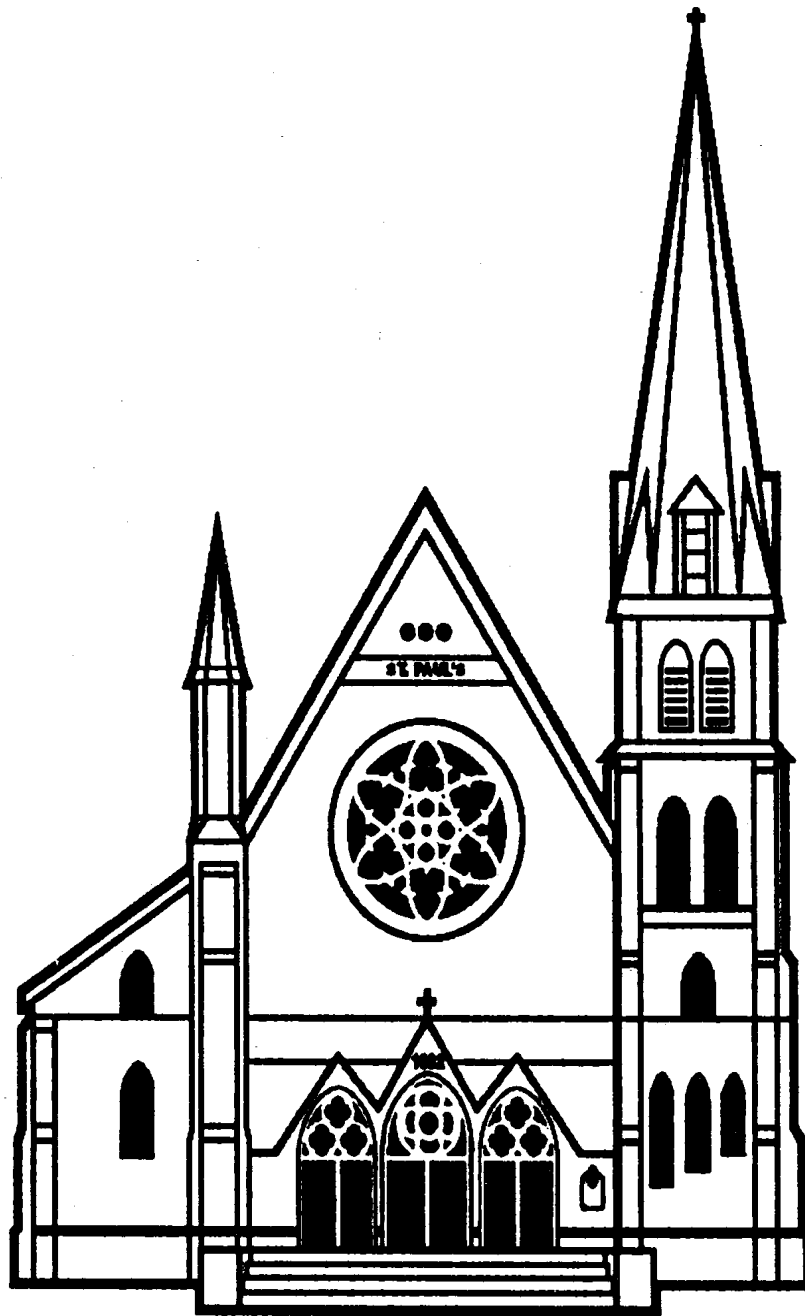


# St. Paul's United Church



## 2018 Annual Report

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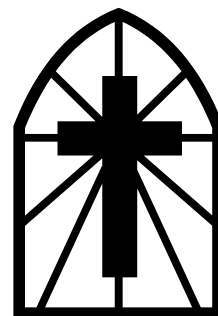
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Lauren Ryan

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# IN MEMORIAM 2018

MacLean,	Aileen Patricia	March 14
McNamara,	William Lester	March 15
Leonard,	Marion Elaine	April 20
Dingee,	Kathleen Marie	June 17
Walsh,	Helen Mildred Ruth	June 24
King,	Catherine Edith	June 25
Hamilton,	Marion Christina	June 29
Kingston,	Jean Agnes	September 14
Garland,	Marilyn Marie	September 22
Quigg,	Herbert Edward William	December 20
Jeffrey,	James Albert	December 31

*Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1*



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The verse above holds the opening words of chapter 4 from Paul's First letter to the people of Thessalonica. The whole letter, is like this, Paul praising God for the faith of the people, for the ways they live into service in the light of the Word and the Truth that had been revealed to them during those times when Paul would visit.

This verse and indeed many of the letters of Paul have been on my mind because his mission was to build faith in Jesus Christ; to spread the Good News of God's love for all. As I come to the end of my 5th year this coming summer I have been asking myself, have I been doing enough to build faith? I have eagerly shared the Good News, I have sat with people as we shared the presence of the Holy Spirit, and I feel that together we have walked a road of healing and growth. With this in mind, have I done all that I can to build faith in people so that who they are beyond the walls is inspired by the Holy Word they have heard within? This isn't an easy task, but lately I have seen glimpses of that kind of integrated faith taking shape.

Have I done enough in my 5 years? No, I am just getting started. I have always said that when I feel that I am no longer of use to God in a place, that I would seek the path to which I feel the Holy Spirit is calling. I continue to feel strongly, perhaps stronger than ever, the call to serve and shepherd in this place.

Over the last year alone we as a community have taken small and big steps towards living lives driven by deep faith. Early on in the year we began reaching out to those of our community who cannot easily attend by way of Retirement Home Service. What started as Rev. Michelle and myself leading worship once a month at Shannex (one at Governor Hall and the other at Frederick Hall) has blossomed into 3 services a month across 3 retirement communities including Shannex, Windsor Court, and St. Anne's Court. We also work in coordination with other Churches throughout the year to bring worship and communion to the residents of Pine Grove. We have also been joined by members of St. Paul's to remind residents there that they are still a part of the faith community they love. Within the community we have also seen opportunities to deepen our faith and explore the ways in which our Holy Scriptures speak to us and into our lives. We have seen this in study groups and Bible Studies. This journey has led us to some changes to make our space more welcoming as well as changing our marriage policy to make it more inclusive to reflect the love that we see revealed in Christ. Our faith has also driven us to reach beyond the walls in an effort to create a warm space on those cold winter nights by hosting our own "Out of the Cold" Program.

As we make our way into this new year I see opportunities not only to deepen faith but to become more comfortable in sharing it with one another, and thereby strengthening our community as a whole. May we heed the words of Paul and continue this journey, go deeper, and experience the Christ who stands at the center of our lives.

*God of the journey, walk with us as we seek a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Reveal to us the many ways, the simple ways, the complicated ways, the beautiful ways that you break into our lives and lead us on. Give us the strength that we need to support one another in the days ahead, and the courage to face whatever may come with the knowledge that you are ever beside us. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our brother and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Bowley". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

The Reverend Richard Bowley

January 1, 2018 marked the dawn of my first full year at St. Paul's and what a year it has been. As a congregation we have seen God at work making things 'new' all around us: decals on the walls, a new vision for the office, people stepping up to engage their passions (like our little band), new outreach programs, new opportunities to gather as community and grow our faith. Our church has been touched by the Holy Spirit this year in so many ways.



This year I was involved with the stewardship committee as they researched and introduced the congregation to a new way of thinking about our giving to the church and implemented the "Called to be Church" program. I was involved in bringing Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts officer for the Atlantic Region, to our congregation for two presentations.

In the area of Christian education I continued to organize and run our youth group which ranged from 5-10 youth in attendance at Friday night events and developed a Sunday morning program. The youth group met twice a month and we went away for a three day camping trip with Forest Hill youth focusing on experiencing God in creation. I worked with the youth to develop and lead two worship services. I had the opportunity to visit the children's Sunday school program twice during the year and provide resources on using Minute for Mission resources and Gifts with Vision as part of their outreach learning. In the first half of 2018 I a book study with our Spirit Sisters women's group weekly. While Rev. Richard was "Praying the Psalms" weekly on our Facebook page, during Lent I provided an opportunity for all ages to colour the psalms with large posters that helped us prepare together for Easter.

New initiates within worship included a fully intergenerational service during our outdoor picnic and a dramatic reading of Scripture on our welcome back Sunday. I have also added worship once a month at Shannex. In the wider church I was part of Joint Needs Committee for Kingsley-Birdton pastoral charge and a search committee for a joint minister between Kingsley-Birdton and Stanly Pastoral Charges. On behalf of the congregation I attended and was active with the interchurch refugee committee and the UNB Campus Ministry, which I currently chair.

My number one highlight for the year however was "Carol's by Glowstick". At this event we went through 8 liters of hot apple cider, 19 dozen cookies and over 200 glowsticks as we filled the sanctuary with Christmas Carols. A great time was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this an amazingly successful event.

This year above all has allowed me get to know you better as we worshiped together, learned more about God through study and service and talked about the challenges and joys of your lives. I have been blessed to see shifts in how we have engaged those who are entering our sanctuary for the first time and how we have cultivated opportunities for groups in our congregation to work together to strengthen our faith community. Truly it feels like we are catching God's dream for us and moving into new life.

As you read the rest of the reports contained within this report let us give thanks for the good works that have been done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are made new, and may His love and presence continue to call us on to the work of this new year.

Rev. Michelle Armstrong

*I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."  
- Revelation 21:3-5a*

Message from Cathy  
Office Administrator

As I enter into my retirement year, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out over the years in so many ways. Without the volunteers, I would never have been able to accomplish all the jobs that go along with this position.

Special thanks to Ron Naugler for all the assistance he has given me in the financial part of my job. Ron has helped with budgeting, year-end finances, investments, day-to-day inquiries, and any and all financial questions I have had. Thank you so much Ron.

Thank you to the congregation, my Ministry & Personnel representatives, the sextons, the ministers and to my family members for all your support and kindnesses that you have shown me and for the assistance you have given, for your patience, and for your guidance over the years. I will have many fond memories and happy thoughts about my time here.

I celebrated 25 years with St. Paul's in July of 2018 and have spent a total of 32 years in a church office position. Thank you for the recognition and for the beautiful bouquet of yellow roses.

I enjoyed my time here at St. Paul's very much and I am grateful to have had the work. There have been so many changes over this 25 year span and each day brings along different challenges and joyous occasions. I enjoyed working with all the groups of the church and especially working with the homeless and those less fortunate who come through the door needing assistance. I have had the opportunity to laugh with you, cry with you, and celebrate special occasions with you. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life.

I will retire on August 1, 2019, which will bring me to 26 years of service with St. Paul's.

My marble jar is quickly filling up - I have collected marbles from my mission trips, personal excursions, some from our childhood home, and some from you folks.

May God bless you all, as he has blessed me each and every day.

Cathy Simpson

## February Congregation Meeting Minutes missing from this report

**ANNUAL MEETING**, Sunday May 6, 2018

Rev Richard opened the meeting with prayer. Kelly Simpson filled in for Ann LeBlanc as secretary.

Derek moved an adjournment time of 1:00, seconded by Tammy Coughlan. Motion carried

Ron Naugler provided a financial update. Committee continues to monitor givings received vs expenses. Recent loan of \$25,000 required from Housing to meet expenses. A cheque was written. The offering budget to April 30 is \$93,000 and we have received \$78,000.

Committee reports:

**Worship:** The committee continues to work with Christian Ed to plan end of year service, outdoor at Wilmot with picnic to follow. Looking for new members, numbers are down. Flowers planned for Mothers Day service next week.

**Property Committee:**

Greg Morton advised that the Pantry has moved to new corner location and previous 2 rooms used by Pantry are available for rent.

**Christian Ed:**

The Spring 2018 Deep Blue Kids curriculum has 3 Units: March, Unit 1: In the Name of the Lord; April, Unit 2, Go and Tell; May, Unit 3, Change Your Hearts and Lives.

In addition to this subject matter, the Primary and Junior classes have worked together on two mission projects. The children toured the Pantry and learned how the Pantry exemplifies the third part of St. Paul's mission statement--serving others in Christ's name. They also learned about the national church's partnership with Treaty 5 First Nations in northern Manitoba and Ontario, through Gifts with Vision, Food for the North. With the generous support of the congregation for the food sale, \$454.35 was raised for these two projects (\$200 for Food for the North and \$254.35 for the Pantry. As well, the children have been working on decorating brown bags for the Brown Bag program. Marguerite MacAlpine is a special guest of the Sunday School for May 6 when they will work on a project for the church service May 13.

The closing Sunday will be marked by a worship service and picnic at Wilmot Park on June 10. The teaching staff of Donna Chauvin, Jennifer Sutherland Green and Bexie Simpson have been devoted and enthusiastic teachers all year. There are several other St. Paul's members who support the Sunday School in various ways throughout the year, giving the children a real sense of belonging to the community.

**UCW**-had reps from Canadian Cancer society come speak at a meeting in April. MCA Rep, Angela Greene will speak to the group on May 14th about the Family and Friends Program. Roll call will be toiletries and personal hygiene items for Chrysalis House. Bridge luncheon went well and guests were impressed with the event.

**M&P** have 4-5 members and very active but looking for additional members. Started more regular meetings and will be starting quarterly meetings for all staff.



**St. Paul's United Church  
ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday May 6, 2018  
(continued)

**Stewardship:**

Still receiving response cards, Rev Richard spoke of appreciation for their strong efforts over the last several hectic weeks of the giving campaign.

Rev Richard discussed UCC remits and changes & how they relate to our congregation and presbytery. Lynne Naugler expressed that at the UCW Spring Rally there was a lot of concern about the UCW being gone. Rev. Richard hasn't heard of any move in that direction but will contact David Hewitt to inquire on the future of the UCW.

Rev Richard's term as president of Maritime Conference is coming to an end and he expressed his thanks for being able to participate in this role. He will be on the commission for the changes coming with the remits but this will involve more virtual meetings and less travel.

Greg Morton discussed June 4-5 meetings will be held here in Fredericton for United Church of Canada foundation.

Letter received from Terry Fox Foundation regarding Rebecca J Jonah being an official canvasser for them.

Rev. Michelle gave a closing prayer.

Motion for adjournment by Donna Chauvin. Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

## Congregational Board 2018

Since the last annual meeting we have seen a number of changes in the Board as well as the wider community of St. Paul's United. Abdusalam left us which meant that we were on the search again for a custodian. We have been blessed to have Eric Hotte. Pastor Sarah also returned to finish her internship. All in all, we had a full staff and then some for the second half of 2018.

As a Board we saw a shift in membership and a change in the positions of Secretary and Chair. Our membership currently is:

*Ministry Personnel Members:* Rev. Michelle Armstrong                      Rev. Richard Bowley (**Chair**)

*Lay Members:*                      Ann Leblanc (**Secretary**) (**new 2018**)  
   Jennifer Petryshen                      Kelly Simpson  
   Frank Morrison                      Chris Walker  
   Blaine Irving                      Donna Chauvin (**new 2018**)  
   Alyson Gorrill (**new 2018**)

We said goodbye to both Derrick Grant our former chair, Anne Krause our former secretary, and Ron Naugler our Chair of Finance/Treasurer. We continue to be grateful for the work they did to get us started in 2018.

In an effort to keep Christ and God's inspiration and influence at the center of what we are doing as a Board, we have been intentional about dedicating the first 15-20 minutes of the meeting to worship and scriptural reflection. This focus at the beginning of the meeting sets the tone and drives the conversation that follows.

Some of the work that we have done as a Board in 2018 include:

- Support of a Stewardship campaign entitled "Loving Our Neighbour"
- Recommended Chris Walker to Woolastook Presbytery as an Inquirer moving towards ministry
- Supported ministry staff in the Summer with Flat Jesus initiative
- Received request from Worship Committee to include Acknowledgement of Land during worship services
- Conversation eventually led to the Board supporting Alanna in organizing and leading Educational opportunities in the coming year of 2019
- Explored and - with the work of Ministry Staff - implemented an Out of the Cold Overnight Warming Program. We have worked in partnership with Bishop's Court and have been blessed by the support of many volunteers from the community of Fredericton.
- Reviewed and updated Marriage Policy to make it inclusive

Some of the most important work done at a Board meeting is discerning our way forward and seeking a vision for the future. This work is a labour of love and comes as a result of a lot of questions and conversation, all rooted in prayerful discernment.

Though the position of Chair normally runs 3 years, I will be stepping back from the position during this year's annual meeting. It has been a blessing to lead in this way and I look forward to being a support to whomever takes up the chair after me.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Richard Bowley  
On Behalf of St. Paul's Congregational Board

**ST. PAUL'S  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
2018**

Our committee reports to the Congregational Board at each of the monthly board meetings and to the congregation by speaking at other meetings and church services. We are always available to discuss our finances and to receive your suggestions and recommendations, for a fact..... we encourage it!

We are presently in need of a new Chair of Finance and 1 more member for our committee.

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

We have the responsibility to review the current financial position monthly for all 5 operating funds. This review includes examining each general ledger (revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities) for accuracy and information. We continually compare the actual results with the budget and implement the necessary corrective action to increase revenue, control and reduce expenditures and monitor our assets and liabilities. We make monthly projections to determine the financial results for 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 weekly offerings.

We manage St. Paul's marketable securities for the housing, foundation and trust funds.

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

We review the draft and final financial statements prepared by EPR Daye Kelly & Associates and approve the figures and notes attached to these statements. It is our responsibility to sign the financial statement for the year on behalf of St Paul's United Church. We then present these financial statements for approval at the annual congregation meeting. We are pleased to say that we had a fairly successful year!

## Finance—continued

It is also our responsibility to prepare in cooperation with church committees the annual operating budget. It has been a challenge to present a balanced operating budget and will prove to be a greater challenge for 2019.

Please keep St. Paul's in mind when considering your annual donations budget and when preparing your will.

Many thanks to each committee member for your commitment and to the congregants for your continued financial support.

Committee Members: Alastair Lamont  
Greg Morton  
Mel McGuigan  
Ron Naugler  
Cathy Simpson  
Kelly Simpson (liaison on Board)

### **LET'S TALK PAR....**

The PAR program is a tremendous help in allowing us to budget our monthly/yearly income, if you are on PAR we can depend on your contributions each month whether you are sitting in one of our pews, on a beach, or playing a round of golf in a foreign country. This helps us to know how much we can afford to spend on projects throughout the year.

Won't you ***please*** consider helping us to grow and prosper in 2019 and the years beyond!

There is no set amount to donate monthly on PAR—it is whatever you wish to donate, \$10, \$50, \$300 ... the choice is yours and we are very grateful for any donations.

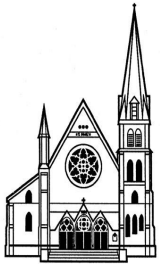
We would like to ask that you try it for a couple of months; if you do not feel comfortable with this system of donating we will remove you from the PAR program and you can go back to using envelopes, no questions asked.

Your donation can be deducted from your bank account or paid on your credit card (allowing you to collect air miles, PC points, cash back, etc.) on the amount you donate monthly. There is no service fee for you and it is very easy to set up.

We currently have approximately 35% of our congregation on PAR—some churches have a much higher percentage, as high as 95%. Let's try to catch up!!

Forms are available through the office or by calling Cathy Simpson at 458-1183.

## St. Paul's Trustees Report 2018



Trustees are responsible for the financial and physical assets of the Church including the sanctuary, hall and two rental properties.

The Trustees serving in 2018 were Noreen Barwise, Frank Goddard, Mary Dingee-Jacobs, Roland Krause, Royal MacDonald, Jean Street and Andrew Steeves. Jean Street retired from the Board in the autumn, leaving a vacancy.

The Trustees met three times during the year: February 7<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> (joint meeting with the Church Board) and September 18<sup>th</sup>. Minutes of these meetings have been submitted to the Church Office. During the year the Trustees focused attention on two priorities:

**Repairs to the steeple and bell tower of the sanctuary.** In June, following an inspection of the bell tower and steeple by Trustees Goddard, MacDonald and Steeves with representative of Springhill Construction, we contracted Springhill to repair elements of the timber structure. The work was concluded in June at an approximate cost of \$15,000. After an inspection of the exterior masonry in July by Trustees Goddard and MacDonald with mason Andrew Forrest the Trustees approved repairs to the masonry at a cost of approximately \$3,500. This work was completed in July. Special thanks to Frank Goddard for his leadership on these projects.

**Clarifying the status and purpose of St. Paul's Foundation.** For some time the Trustees have had the goal of establishing a pool of capital dedicated solely to the maintenance, repair and improvements of the St. Paul's sanctuary and hall. To date funds for capital projects have come from either the St. Paul's Foundation (bell tower repairs) or a special fund-raising campaign (audio-visual system). However, at present, the status of the Foundation is not clear as there is no legal wording defining its purpose. To rectify this situation the Trustees, with the knowledge and permission of the St. Paul's Board, have been working to put the St. Paul's Foundation (or a similar entity) on a solid legal base. We have hired a lawyer, Karen Stillwell, who has developed draft Letters, Patent and By-Laws for creating an entity which would meet the Trustees' goal of a dedicated pool of funds for capital projects. The Trustees have reviewed the documents and agreed with them in principle. This spring we will be presenting them to the Church Board for review and, following completion of the final draft, to the congregation.

### **Final thoughts.**

We will finish our report by quoting our report of last year: *"The Trustees congratulate the Church Board and staff on their stewardship of St. Paul's assets. We offer special thanks to our Property Committee for exceptional contributions. "Our church is run well and with love. However, the St. Paul's congregation faces a major expenditure – the repair and rehabilitation of the York Street façade of the sanctuary – and does not have the financial assets in the St. Paul's Foundation to pay for this project (estimated at \$700,000 plus). This work will likely be required within the next 20 years.*

*"The Trustees have a vision for our sanctuary and hall which foresees these buildings used for worship, gatherings, entertainment and other community activities 100 years from today. However, to achieve this vision we need to raise over \$1,000,000 to fund repairs and renovations to these assets on a sustainable basis. Raising these funds will be a priority for the Trustees over the next few years.*

*"Please remember St. Paul's in your prayers."*

Andrew Steeves, Acting Chair



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH  
PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
2018 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:

Walter Bidlake  
John Gaskin  
Derrick Grant  
Kyle Mathers (Vice Chair)  
Harold Raper  
Patty Trail  
Gregory Morton (Chair).

We are an active hands on Committee with several very skilled members whose input saves the Church significant expenses by completing projects in house. Our Repair and Maintenance budget for 2018 was \$12,000 and our Boiler Maintenance budget was \$6,500.

**Work Completed in 2018:**

- The Pantry was relocated to the kitchen opposite the basement gymnasium.
- Two of the former Pantry rooms were renovated, including sound proofing the walls installing new windows and door and have been rented with annual rentals of \$9,600. The neighboring room has been renovated and we are in the process of renting it for an annual rental of \$6,000.

For information purposes, we currently rent a room off the downstairs gym for an annual rental of \$8,160. We also rent the downstairs gym for one hour, three days a week for a rental of \$1,300, and as a benevolent gesture, we currently provide a downstairs room free of charge to the AA program. We also provide a room free of charge to the GED program (for older students who do not have a high school degree).

- We assisted the Office Revitalization group with the senior ministers office conversion into a conference room.
- The lines in the parking lots were repainted
- The window well covers in the George Street parking lot were repaired
- A roof leak (York St. side) was repaired
- We arranged for repairs to the York Street entrance door with an adjustment of the outdoor camera and a new remote door lock.
- The flat roof over the back door was repaired
- We hired a student for the summer covered by the Canada Summer Work Program
- In September, we welcomed the Church's new custodian Eric Hotte and we are enjoying a positive working relationship.

Greg Morton—Chair

**St. Paul's UCW**  
**January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018**

**Receipts**

Envelope Donations	\$ 1,488.55	
Bridge Luncheon	\$ 772.00	
Catering	\$ 5,100.00	
Casserole Sale	\$ 1,438.00	
Rummage Sale	706.70	
Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon	<u>\$ 4,329.20</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$13,834.45</b>

**Disbursements**

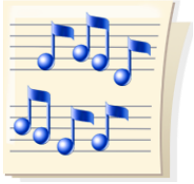
Least Coin	\$ 75.00	
Cost of Programs	\$ 10.00	
Cost of Catering	\$ 1,090.88	
Kitchen	\$ 252.82	
Gifts	\$ 952.30	
Casserole Costs	\$ 524.02	
Refugee Committee	\$ 200.00	
Youth Camp	\$ 210.00	
Flooring—Sunday School Room	\$ 500.00	
Mince Pie Costs	\$ 880.40	
Flood Relief (local Red Cross)	\$ 200.00	
Donation to St Paul's	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,895.42</b>

**Bank Balance January 1, 2018** **\$3,317.28**

**Bank Balance December 31, 2018** **\$2,256.31**

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Grant, Treasurer



## Music Report 2018

We had a very successful year of music. The Children's Choir continues to grow under the direction of Cathy Davis. Not only do they sing, but they have added playing the bells to their talents.

The Adult Choir, under the skilled direction of Alexis Ervin, are a dedicated group who have fun and are an invaluable component of our music program. Several members have rejoined the choir this year, but we still need more men.

The Vocal Collective under the direction of Dr. Sharon Pond had a busy year. They shared a Lenten recital with me at St. Paul's and sang in the Fredericton Music Festival earning a mark of 88. In November, they sang at Trinity United Church in New Glasgow to help them celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In December they presented a Musical and Narrative concert with Tim Yerxa, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. They raised about \$300 for CBC Feed a Family. They also shared two advent Recitals with me and sang for the Y'smen and Kiwanis Club Christmas parties.

I received a Canada Council Grant, a grant from St. Paul's United Church and an Oxford Fund Grant from The United Church of Canada to attend the International Organ Academy in Haarlem, Netherlands in July. It was a fantastic experience to play with and learn from the best organists in the world. I gave recitals at Trinity United in New Glasgow, N.S., Christ Church Parish Church, and several recitals at St. Paul's.

We brought many people into the church for our musical events. Our Lenten Recital Series had two recitals: Krystyna Higgins and Diane Roxborough Brown (Piano Duo) and Dr. Sharon Pond and the Vocal Collective (organ and vocal).

In October we hosted the second annual Silent Film. David Drinkel played an improvised accompaniment to the silent film "The General". We raised \$600 for the music program. The Youth Group sold popcorn and pop.

We had a very successful Advent Carol Festival. We raised about \$6000 for CBC Feed a Family.

We hosted three Advent Recitals (FHS Jazz Ensemble and I shared two recitals with the Vocal Collective).

Thank you to all the people who helped with these events. These events would not be possible without you.

Overall, it was a fantastic year of music at St. Paul's which brought many new people into the church and raised St. Paul's profile in the Fredericton music community.

Dr. Sharon Pond,  
Director of Music



**St Paul's United Church  
Christian Education Committee  
Annual Report 2018**

**Members:** Bob Miller  
Brad Green  
Cathy Davis  
Mary Staples  
Natalie Bowley ( secretary)  
Rev. Richard Bowley  
Rev. Michelle Armstrong  
Chris Walker (Board Liaison)  
Pastor Sarah Magie

The role of the Christian Education Committee is the coordination of the Sunday School curriculum and events, the engagement of the youth of the church through faith focused gatherings and the exploration of new opportunities to learn and grow in faith as a congregation through adult programs.

**The Year In Review**

**Sunday School** (For the 2018-2019 Sunday School year, class division/ages:)

Primary, children ages 4 to 6; Junior, ages 7 to 10; and Intermediate, ages 11 and up. Jennifer Sutherland Green teaches the Primary class with the assistance of Bexie Simpson. Donna Chauvin teaches the Juniors. In support of these teachers, Cathy Davis and Mary Staples assist by preparing the weekly lessons for their use. Rev. Michelle Armstrong organizes the curriculum and leadership for the Intermediates.

The Nursery (children up to age 4) is “staffed” by Mike Armstrong and Gracelyn Godin. In September of 2018 Mary Stickles retired after many years’ service in the Nursery. Her contribution was recognized at the Welcome Back Picnic in September. During December they were averaging 9 children.

Primary and Junior classes follow the Deep Blue One Room Sunday School curriculum. Lesson enhancing resources include DB Adventure DVD that tells the Bible story in 3-D and 2-D animation and music videos. The children gather in the Ladies Parlour for this opening and then go to their age appropriate classes where they learn the Bible stories and explore their commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

In the spring, the children learned of both our local church outreach and the national church outreach programs. They held a bake and craft sale which raised \$434 which was divided between The Pantry and the national Mission and Service Fund “Food for the North” project.

In September, 2018, individual postcards were mailed to all children on the congregational mail list. The postcards welcomed the child to Sunday School and gave pertinent information re time and place. Thank you to Beth Henderson for producing the specially designed cards with a picture of St. Paul’s Church and children on the front.

During the summer the Nursery and Primary classes were refreshed with a complete decluttering, new paint and flooring. Thanks go to many in the congregation who worked to make this happen. The UCW contributed \$500 to the flooring project. Several women worked through the hot August weather (sweat equity for sure) to clean and paint. Funds from the Nellie MacKay Memorial Fund enabled the completion of this project.

## **Christian Education Committee (continued)**

The weekly church bulletins include an item summarizing the Sunday School lesson for that week.

### **Youth programs**

The St. Paul's youth group has been very active this year. During July the youth went on a joint 3 day camp with youth from Forest Hill United Church. On October 14th, they led a wonderful service at St. Paul's developed at the camp. They participated in several fundraising activities including, fall and winter Vesey's bulb sales, selling concessions at the silent movie night and glow sticks at Carols by glowstick to raise funds for youth programming. Youth group gatherings happened twice a month and activities included master chef cooking night, learning about Syrian food and refugees, movie night, prayer walk after flooding, participated in a pumpkin smash at Forest Hill United Church and a Christmas Party. Participation in the youth group ranged from 3-10 youth.

### **Adult programs**

A successful Men's breakfast was organized on November 3, 2018 with a guest speaker. Spirit Sisters is a women's group that meets monthly for discussion and fellowship. This year, the group explored the topic of spiritual practices, including art, yoga and prayer. Lectionary Divina : Rev Richard led a Lecture Divina bible study during advent. There were two sessions per week, 1) on Sunday mornings at St Paul's and 2) an online session on Monday nights. The feedback from participants was positive and another similar type of study is being planned for Lent. Campus ministry - Brad Green and Rev. Michelle Armstrong are active members of the committee that oversees the chaplain at UNB. Theology on Tap continues monthly in partnership with Forest Hills United.

### **Upcoming events, goals and initiatives**

A Lenten Bible Study (Lectio Divina) is being planned for Lent

The Christian Education Committee will be planning and coordinating the congregational Sunday School picnic to be held in June 2019.

The committee is looking at organizing family night events to engage the growing number of young families in the congregation.

# POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT

## 2018 Annual Report

We are a relatively new committee who got its start late in 2018. Rev Michelle pointed out to us that there wasn't a committee dedicated to "hospitality/welcome wagon" type activities. A few of us decided to work on getting more people excited about St Paul's, being more engaged with each other in our congregation, with our community and with visitors to our church. Our mission statement is to take small steps to positively engage the people of St Paul's and the greater community.

Our goal is to take on small projects throughout the year, ideally one per month. Our first informal PE task was to refresh the nursery upstairs. With new paint, new flooring and some wall art, it's fresh and bright!

Other projects have included:

- welcome folder & gift for new visitors to St Paul's
- welcome cards in the pews to give visitors an opportunity to share their contact info, request prayer/a call or visit
- Staff photo display in the narthex and at York Street entrance
- "welcome" sticker letters on interior door from Charlotte Street parking lot
- sandwich board sign for the sidewalk outside to advertise events/services
- helped organize Sarah Rodgers' farewell supper
- bought an additional change table for men's' washroom downstairs
- held family potluck in November
- put up colourful & decorative scripture decals to add more visual interest on a few bare spaces
- added rainbow letters in Fraser Memorial Hall above serving windows
- created "What's New" board in Fraser Memorial Hall for an information point/conversation piece
- put up "Meet the Board" display outside the office
- tidied up security desk, added poinsettia for holidays, organizer caddy
- added Pride Flag signs & Breastfeeding signs around the church to foster inclusiveness
- added directional signage for washrooms, hall, sanctuary
- assisted with Carols by Glowstick event
- actively updating the St Paul's Facebook page with news & events & graphics to promote St Paul's activities (our fans have more than doubled within the last year)

Members:	Beth Henderson	Julie Heslop	Claire MacIntyre
	Leah Murphy	Alanna Palmer	Kelly Simpson

Submitted by—Kelly Simpson

## **St Paul's United Church Worship Committee Annual Report 2018**

### **The Goals of the Worship Committee are:**

- To support the spiritual family of St. Paul's United Church in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrating the Holy Spirit among us, and sharing the love of God in services of worship.
- To create a worshipful atmosphere and plan for Sunday services, special worship services, music, and other events of the congregation.

### **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 and other members of the Congregation
- Responsible for Coffee Hour Schedule
- Preparing for Communion Services
- Purchase cakes for special occasions such as, Welcome Back Sunday, Pentecost, Anniversary, plus other happenings
- 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 service
- Supply small candles with paper 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
- Preparation for the Good Friday service, placing the Cross, which was draped in a shroud.

### **Worship Committee Members**

Reverend Richard Bowley  
Reverend Michelle Johnson-Armstrong  
Pastor Sarah Magie,  
Roger Miller( Chairperson  
Colleen Hanna -Miller (Vice Chairperson)  
Lynne Naugler (Secretary)  
Allison Gorrill (Board Liaison)  
Tammy Coughlan  
Ann Raper  
Bob Miller  
Florence Bartlett.

### **Members-at-large:**

All those who volunteer to serve as Greeters, Ushers, Scripture Readers, Communion Servers, Bell Ringers, Pot Luck helpers, and those who assist with special events and decorating.

### **Holy Communion**

Three ways of serving Communion were offered, including: Seated Communion (the congregation is served in the pews), Table or Come-forward Communion (the congregation comes to the Communion table), and Intinction (the congregation comes to the Communion table and the bread is torn and dipped in the wine). Care is taken in preparing Communion to meet the needs of people with sensitivities to gluten and/or red dye.

We celebrated six Communion services and all were well attended.

### **Bring a friend Sunday**

This was continued throughout the year and has resulted in a great amount of new members and their families.

**Downtown United** proved great fellowship and bonding between congregations

**Remembrance Day Sunday** was celebrated on Nov11, 2018

**Pentecost Sunday** featured bright colors throughout the congregation and each person was provided with a ribbon twirler, which were used joyfully ! **THANK YOU**

The Lord has blessed St Paul's with many wonderful people!!

A big thank you to Colleen Hanna-Miller for her awesome job as Worship Committee Chairperson for the past few years. Her great leadership and hard work were very much appreciated.

Thank you so very much to Doug Warman for the many hours of hard work in decorating our church for special services. You make our church look so beautiful!! And to Barb McGuigan who decorates seasonally with floral arrangements..

Also we want to express our gratitude to Michelle, Sarah and Richard for all the extra things they do to make our services an awesome experience. Your great attitude and enthusiasm are noticed and very much appreciated. What a team!!!

Thank you to the congregation for the work you do on behalf of the services and events held throughout the year. You are truly appreciated for your wonderful attitude and all that you do.

Throughout the year, with God's help, the Worship Committee will continue to strive to enrich worship at St Paul's

Respectfully submitted by Roger Miller  
Chairperson, Worship Committee

### **Church Statistics for 2018**

Baptisms:	Children	1
	Adults	0
Marriages:		3
Funerals:		10
Received by Confirmation:		0
Received by Profession of Faith		0
Received by Transfer of Membership		0
Removed by Death		21
Removed by Transfer of Membership		2
Number of households under Pastoral Care		246
Total Number of Resident Members		366
Total Number of Non-Resident Members		683

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PANTRY FOR 2018



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

The Pantry has moved twice this year due to rental spaces. We are now located in the basement in the former kitchen, just off the gym. It seems to be working well and easier for our clients since they have only one set of stairs to navigate.

At the end of December we have registered 26 single women, 33 single men, 22 single-parent families, 22 two-parent families, 13 couples for a total of 208 clients including 92 children. We receive a new client nearly every week.

Pantry Sunday is always the first Sunday of the month. A list of needed items is listed in the bulletin on the last Sunday of the previous month. We are open every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

This year several people donated their \$25.00 gift cards from the Super Store. This amounted to several hundred dollars. We are very thankful for their generous donations.

Our congregation is very kind and generous. They have kept our shelves well stocked. We thank everyone who has made this possible.

We have lost some workers but have gained 3 new volunteers to make a total of 14 along with 3 leaders.

Our clients are very appreciative for what they receive each month from The Pantry and always thank us when they leave.

On behalf of all workers in The Pantry I wish to thank the congregation for all their contributions over the past year. Also, we received food items and \$200.00 from the Cubs and Beavers for which we thank Helen and Joanne Craig for spearheading this. Food items from Bright Beginnings Kindergarten was also delivered to us. Notes of appreciation went to these two groups for their thoughtfulness. Most appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Walker, Chair, The Pantry.



### **“Brown Bag” Lunch Program**

The total number of bags made up and used for the year 2018 were 574. On average between 40-50 bags per month. The heaviest months are June with 95 bags and July with 66 bags.

We thank you and appreciate your continued support of this much needed program for our street folks. - 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 Interchurch  
Refugee Committee  
2018**

The Derir family from Somalia, a large family, that St. Paul's signed for in 2015 arrived in Canada and were immediately directed to Edmonton where their family members are presently living. Our commitment to this family will be completed August, 2019.

The commitment to the Alrihi family that many of you became familiar with was completed in July 2018. The family has adjusted well to life in Fredericton. The Mother works part time at a day care and the Father works part time at Sobeys. They work at different times so one parent is always home with the children. The baby that you saw last year cradled in my arms is now walking and is so full of energy and constantly smiling. His sister who is attending school is speaking English fluently and such a joy.

A very sincere thanks from the Refugee Committee is extended to St. Paul's for your commitment to refugee families for over forty years. Your assistance, financial, volunteering, furniture, clothing, is most appreciated.

Without your assistance we could not have accepted these families in to our community. They are all extremely grateful for your support.

Submitted by,  
Anna Dawn Goddard

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



## Scouting at St. Paul's -2018

The Beavers and Cubs meet in the gym every Tuesday evening from September to June. Their leaders have all had their police record checks and taken their required training. The Scouts meet at Christ Church Parish Church on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm.

Thirty years ago the Scouts of St Paul's merged with the Scouts of St. Anne's Parish, 3rd Fredericton . They met in the St. Anne's hall but have retained their respective identity with neckerchiefs and sponsorship. The leaders at the time were not always available for camps on weekends and in the summer so by meeting together there would be adequate leadership. This partnership continues to work to this day.

At times the Beavers and Cubs have met separately and on other times together. There have been 3 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops, a Venturer Company and a Rover Crew. One evening in the 1950's 45 Cubs signed up for Cubs and became 3 Packs. There were Scouting groups of a similar size in all the downtown -1st to 9th Fredericton inclusive.

Funds have been raised in many ways over the years. The first Apple Day was in Fredericton in 1932, Scout Toy Shop in 1927, parades, bottle drives, Christmas Tree Pick up , paper drives.

Jamborees and camping at Yoho and other places have been part of the program from the beginning.

In the Daily Gleaner of Dec. 14, 1927 page 10 a Wolf Cub Pack at St Paul's was organized with Stuart Sypher as Cubmaster. There were 17 Cubs and J.D. Palmer (Richard's father) was a member of the Group Committee along with Rev. George Telford. Professor John A Stiles (UNB) had been an elder at St. Paul's and went on to become Assistant Dominion Commissioner. Dr. J.A. Forbes was a member of the N.B. Council in the 1950's. Our Charter number is 48 to Scouting was at St. Paul's before or during WW1.

Our current fundraisers of Apple Day (\$528) and Parking(\$475) for the NBEX which we have done for 20 years has permitted us to assist with Registration fees (\$230) and make contributions to St. Paul's Pantry.

Scout Guide Service in 2018 Jo Craig Henry received her 35 year pin. On Scout Guide Sunday of 2019 our Leaders being recognized as the following Helen C Craig 65 years and Karoline (Craig) Barr 40 years. Carrie Yeamans has been appointed Group Commissioner. More members are needed for the Group Committee. In addition to Helen and Jo , parents Tammie Johnson and Joe Tattersall provide leadership for the Cubs and Beavers. The Scouters with the Troop are Karoline Barr and Rowan Hampton (and Kim Au until August of 2018).

Thank you for all of the refundable containers. It pays for all our crafts supplies, Kub Kar, Beaver Buggies, and Halloween Pumpkins that are carved. It has been fun and rewarding and this is why we continue along The Canadian Path (new Scouting Program 2014).

The scouts have a second Scouter- Rowan Hampton. We had a third Scouter Kim Au who was with the troop for a couple of years.





## Message from the Alcohol Anonymous Groups



I am including this report to let you know what we do in the AA meetings Monday through to Saturday in the room you graciously provide for our use.

As you can imagine, we come together as a group to help one another understand how to live one day at a time, sober and on life's terms. Some of us are learning this for the first time - how to be a responsible adult that can be trusted and counted on.

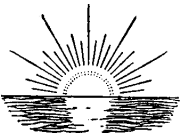
The meetings at St. Paul's are especially important because of the location and the amount of newcomers that attend them.

I believe it is because there are 9 different meetings held at St. Paul's through the week and it attracts the new members that are often going through many personal changes and struggles and looking for help and to fill their time.

These meetings and the people who attend them actually save lives, not only the ones that show up but also those closest to them, their families and their partners.

So with this note, I am hoping not to just show what happens in the meeting but also to show our gratitude to St. Paul's for allowing AA to have a room we can count on all year round.

On behalf of all the AA groups as a whole I say ***thank you so very much*** for everything, we appreciate it. Trevor Williston



## ADULT EDUCATION (GED Classes)

Each week from Monday to Friday, adult education classes are held at St. Paul's. Most of the learners are working on completing the requirements for their GED Certificate. Others are taking academic upgrading. The majority of the learners are referred to the program by an employment or social development counsellor; self referrals are also accepted. The classes are structured so that each person is given the help that he or she needs to succeed. Learners may attend full or part-time and they choose which subject areas they want to focus on. In order to successfully complete the program they must pass five GED tests: Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies. With their GED certificate, learners can continue their education at a community college or enter the work force.

Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for your support of this valuable program. By providing us a safe and welcoming space in which to learn, you are opening doors for others and for their futures.

Jennifer Booker  
GED Instructor

Please bring this  
report to the  
Annual Meeting  
February 17, 2019  
(11:45 a.m.)  
Fraser Memorial Hall