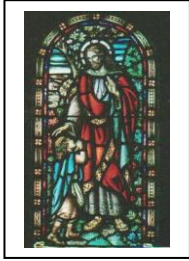


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With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

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Sunday August 25th, 2013

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *VU# 296 This Is God's Wondrous World*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: All who are bent over with worry,

All: this is a place of sanctuary.

One: All who are burdened with life,

All: this is a house of care.

One: All who are lost to community,

All: this is a company of welcome.

One: All who travel with questions,

All: this is a community of seekers.

One: All who reach out for God,

All: this is a sacred space of worship.

Come, let us worship.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ
is in us and in Our world.

INTROIT: **Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *VU# 567 Will You Come and Follow Me*

THEME CONVERSATION *Jesus Heals a Women on the Sabbath*

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF RESPONDING TO GODS CALL *(based on Jeremiah 1: 4-10)*

One: God of all people, you call us to be prophets, to proclaim your word in all places. Fill us with your spirit; empower and encourage us to believe in ourselves, and to be true disciples of Jesus. Guide us to challenge, within ourselves and our world, every tradition that binds freedom, every belief that limits imagination, every custom that refuses change.

All: Help us carry one another's burdens, O God, and set one another free.

One: God of love and eternity: we live in a world burdened with prejudice. People call one another names, people live in fear, people hide truths about themselves, people are hurting, people are bent over with loads of scorn, and oppression and hurt.

All: Help us carry one another's burdens, O God, and set one another free.

One: God of creation and justice, in a world of terrible imbalance between rich and power, between those who control and those who are controlled. Guide us to challenge the structures that keep one person strong and another weak, every idea that forces one to serve another, practices that destroy the earth, this fragile home you have given to all people.

All: Help us carry one another's burdens, O God, and set one another free. Amen

WE HEAR THE WISDOM OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

May we hear these ancient scriptures with trusting faith and gentle hope, with creative enthusiasm and honest doubt, rooted in the teachings of Jesus and grounded in your love. May we hear your call in scripture today. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13: 10-17

SPECIAL MUSIC: I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

**SPECIAL MUSIC: The Lord's Prayer*

***DOXOLOGY: #VU 541**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

** HYMN VU# 509 I, The Lord of Sea & Sky*

** COMMISSIONING*

** SUNG BLESSING*

**Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you,
God is always near. Go in Love; take God's hand.
God will hear you and will understand.
May God's light forever shine upon you.**

**May God's peace be always in your heart.
Go in love; face each day.
God will lead you, and will show the way.
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

Welcome!

Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more info about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Please join us for lemonade in the Great Hall after the service**
Hosted by Joy & Jacob Edwards.

Guest Musicians
Pre-Service Music
Administrator
Custodian

Arthur Sloan and Ian Sloan
Rick Taylor
Judy McConnell
Mary Ellen Petticrew

Lay Reader

Liz Rogers

Captain of the Greeters for August is Trudy & Bill Coveyduck
Max Wagg will be delivering DVD's.

Captain of the Counters for August is Tom Barber

We welcome our guest musicians today, Arthur Sloan and Ian Sloan, nephew and brother of Paul Sloan.

This **Fall Newsletter** is ready for pickup by the visitors. Thank you to everyone who contributed with their reports, and stories.

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING

On **Tuesday, September 3, the** Fellowship Club will get together – rain or shine-- for a potluck dinner and corn roast at the home of George and Louise Leck (90 Concession 8 East in Tiny Twp – between the airport and County Road 6; tel.705-525-6389). Come at **4:30 PM** for a visit, lawn darts and horseshoes before dinner begins at 5:30 PM. We will finalize plans and pick up tickets to sell for the beef dinner (Wed. September 25); September is also time for payment of membership dues (\$10 per person).

Please bring a main course or dessert dish for dinner and your own dishes and utensils. Corn, rolls and beverages will be provided. If you need a ride, please let us know when we call to remind you of the meeting. **Newcomers welcome!**

POT LUCK LUNCHEON – SUNDAY SEPT 8TH

Sunday September 8th immediately following church, will be our **Welcome Back Pot Luck luncheon.**

Hosted by our Faith Formation committee, everyone is invited to bring one of the following, appetizer, salad or main dish to share. Faith Formation will provide dessert and beverages.

Fellowship Club's Annual Beef Dinner is coming.....mark your calendar for Sept. 25th. That is the day of the ever popular Fellowship Club's delicious beef dinner accompanied by all your favourite pies for dessert. Tell your family, your neighbours, and your friends and get your tickets

early. Tickets are now available in the church office and will be available from Fellowship club members after Sept 4th. The cost is \$17 for adults and children under 12-\$12. There will be two seatings 5pm and 6:15pm.

Would you like to help out your church by being a **Communion Server**. The commitment is usually one Sunday a year. If interested please contact Bea Nayduk at 705-528-0959.

Bible Study will start up on Wednesday September 11th from 11:30 to 1pm in the parlour. All are welcome!

Welcome to your United Church!

Sunday School & Nursery

Our classes are for children 3 thru 14 with the children coming into the sanctuary for the beginning of the service. **Nursery:** We have facilities for younger children upstairs during our service for children newborn to 3yrs old.

Baptism: Baptism services are offered throughout the year. Contact Karen who will be glad to make arrangements for a Baptism service. **New Members:** Services to welcome new members, or members by transfer, are held throughout our year as required.

Communion: We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month (except during July and August) and at other special times throughout the year. We are always looking for new people to prepare the elements or serve communion. If you are interested call the church office.

Envelopes & Par Program: You can get a set of envelopes by calling the church office. You do not need to be a member of the church to receive envelopes, but when you use envelopes we are able to keep a record of your givings and issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year. The **Par Program** allows you to have your givings automatically taken from your bank account monthly, please contact the office for more information on this program.

Handicapped Parking, Chair Lift and Ramp for Wheelchairs: There is handicapped parking on the south side of the church off Easy St. A ramp is located in the same area to allow access to the sanctuary for wheelchairs. A chair lift, which goes to the basement area, is located outside the sanctuary doors on the north side. There is a seat on the lift or it will accommodate a wheelchair.

Hearing and Visual Aids: Head phones and large print bulletins are available at all services. Our greeters will be glad to help you find these.

Defibrillator on Site: We have a Heart Defibrillator which is mounted on the wall outside the minister's office. All staff as well as people in our congregation are trained to use the Defibrillator.

First Aid Kits: are mounted on the walls in the following areas: Outside the Administrator Office, outside the sanctuary near the stair lift, and are also located in the kitchen and kitchenette as well as in the large Sunday room area upstairs.

Kitchen Renovation - A very special thank you to the following volunteers who have worked hard on painting the kitchen this week. Jack & Edith Bell, Colin & Sharon Whiteside, Bruce Wilcox, Max Wagg and our custodian Mary Ellen Petticrew. Also a thank you to Brenda Fleming for helping get the kitchen ready for painting.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to everyone from your family at St. Paul's

September

4	Harry Sr. Campbell
	Joe Faragher
6	Mary Edwards
9	Joan Grigg
	Xavier Sagar
	Mu K'Trade
	David Todd
12	Fred Earl
20	Caitlin Hornsby
21	Iris Sagar
22	James Armstrong
	Neal Foot
24	Paw Roe Shee
26	Louise Leck
27	Jason Barker
28	Harold Heels
	Stephan Kramp
29	Danica Banman
30	Storm Michener

(If your birthday is not here and you would like to have it on the birthday list, please call the church office.)

If you see an omission or error, please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

**Legion Drumhead ceremony
Sept 15 at 2:00 pm at Lakeview Cemetery.**

Schedule by Room - Weekly and Monthly Activities at St. Paul's

DAY	GROUP/TIME	ROOM
Monday	Drop In Centre 8:00 – 10.30 p.m.	Gym
Monday	Beavers 6:00 – 7:00pm	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Cubs 7:00 - 8:30pm	Gym/Choir Rm
Monday	Vox Huronia 7:00 – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday	Yoga 5:00 to 8:00 pm	Rm # 10
3rd Monday	The Circle 7:00 – 9:00	Parlour
3rd Monday	Communication 7:00 – 9:00	Chapel
Tuesday	Co-op Nursery School 10:30-11:30	Gym
Tuesday(not 1 st)	Scouts 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Gym
1 st Tuesday	UCW Executive 9:30am	Parlour
1 st Tuesday	Fellowship Club 7:00 – p.m.	Gym
2 nd Tuesday	UCW 12:30-4:00pm	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Worship Committee 9 am	Minister office

2 nd Tuesday	Stewardship	5:00pm	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Property Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Chapel
3 rd Tuesday	M&P	2:00 pm	Parlour
4 th Tuesday (Sept, Nov, Feb, June)	Official Board	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30- 1:00pm	Parlour
Wednesday	Guides	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
Every other Wednesday	Cooking Club	4 – 8pm	Kitchen & Old choir room
2 nd Wednesday	Scout Executive	7pm	Chapel
Thursday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Thursday	Little Treble Makers	4-5pm	Rm #10
Thursday	Children's Comm Choir	6:30 – 8:30pm	Sanctuary/Rm #10
Thursday	Venturers/Rovers	6:00 – 9:00	Log Cabin
Thursday	Church Choir	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Chapel
1 st Thursday	Order of Eastern Star	4:00 – 11pm	Gym
Thursday 2, 3 rd & 4 th	Thursday Pathfinders	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym (not 1 st)
3 rd Thursday	Outreach Committee	2:00 – 4:00pm	Parlour
Friday	Co-op Nursery School	10:30-11:30	Gym
Last Friday mth	Faith Formation Family Night	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Gym
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Faith & Science Study	10:00 – 12:00pm	Old Choir Rm
Saturday	7 th Day Adventist	9:00 am-1pm	Chapel
4th Sunday	Faith Formation-Education	11:30-1:00pm	Upstairs Sunday School Room

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