

St. Paul's United Church

SONG OF FAITH - WE SING OF GOD THE SPIRIT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #375 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.

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We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

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: VU # 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

OPENING PRAYER (SAID IN UNISON)

Holy Spirit, you who breathe life into the most distant star and every atom of our being, we open ourselves to you, asking that you would fill us to overflowing with your presence. In stillness and silence, envelop us with your peace. Blow through us, that we may be your people!

*HYMN #380 *She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (SAID IN UNISON)

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to remember that the fullness of life includes moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out, experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness, blessings of seeds and harvest, friendship and family, intellect and sexuality, the reconciliation of persons through justice and communities living in righteousness, and the articulation of meaning. Forgive us when we distort these values, placing money and things over fullness of life. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

(An assortment of verses on the Holy Spirit)

Genesis 1: 1-2

In the beginning...the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Psalm 139: 1-12

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me....
Where can I go from your Spirit?*

Acts 2: 1-4

Suddenly....a sound like the rush of a violent wind.

Romans 8: 6b

To set the mind on the Spirit if life and peace.

Galatians 5: 25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

INSERT – We Sing of God the Spirit (you may follow along with the insert in the bulletin)

ANTHEM Beneath the Shadow (of Almighty God) Tom Fettke

SERMON- “Song of Faith – WE SING OF GOD THE SPIRIT!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GOOD AND GIFTS

HYMN #378 Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

△ HYMN VU#382 *Breathe on Me Breath of God.*

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*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

* SUNG BLESSING

Go in love; have no fear.

God will guide you, He is always near.

Go in Love; take His hand.

God will hear you, He will understand.

May His light forever shine upon you.

May His peace be always in your heart.

Go in love; face each day.

God will lead you, He will show the way.

Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

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POSTLUDE Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

Ministers: All the People of God with the
Lay Reader
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Office hours Monday thru Friday 9-12, 1-4pm

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A special welcome to all new friends as we gather to celebrate God's presence in our lives. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer, please make yourself known to us. If you have any questions, our greeters would be delighted to help you. Please put your name, mailing address and email address in our guest book so we may have a record of your visit. **Due to the Annual meeting which follows the service today there will be no coffee, but we will resume next week!**

Today immediately following the service is our Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stay to participate in the life of your church. **Tax receipts are ready for pick up in the parlour.**

Name Tags: if you do not yet have a name tag or you are still wearing the Dove tags and would like a regular name tag please check in the alphabetic boxes on the bookcase near the mailboxes. If your name tag is not there, please call, email or write out your name on a piece of paper and put through the office door and a name tag will be made for you for the following week and put on the shelves near the mailboxes for you to pickup. Thank You!



Happy Birthday from your family at St. Paul's

February 1	Damian Peabody
February 3	David Blane-Smith
February 4	Sandy Rourke
February 6	Betty Ann Hornsby
February 7	Judy McConnell
February 9	Bob McVean
February 10	Jack Bell
	Lorraine Sanford
February 12	Sharon Foster
February 14	Velma Bertram
February 15	Marilyn Broome
	Doreen Thompson
February 22	Linda Edwards
	Arlene French
February 24	Richard Godsmark
	Allan MacDiarmid
February 26	Tom Barber
February 29	Jordan Moreau

(Did we forget your name, it's not on purpose, let the office know if we missed your birthday so we can have it there next year!)

We Sing of God the Spirit – Sunday, January 29, 2012

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

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 (Spring & Fall)
1 st Monday	M&P	7:00 pm	Parlour
3 rd Monday	The Circle	7:00 – 9:00	Parlour
Monday	Girl Guides Executive	7:00 – 9:00	Chapel (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr)
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	9:30 a.m.	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	11am	Minister office

2 nd Tuesday	Communication Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Parlour
2 nd Tuesday	Property Committee	7:00 - p.m.	Chapel
2 nd Tuesday	Scout Executive	7pm	Upstairs
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- 1:00	Parlour

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	Rm #10
Thursday	Pathfinders	6:30-8:30pm	SS Rm#1
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
2,3 rd & ,4 th Thursday	Guides	6:30 – 8:30pm	Gym
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

Saturday	7 th Day Adventist	9:00 am-1pm	Chapel
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1st Sunday	Faith Formation-Education	11:30-1:00pm	Upstairs Sunday School Room
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If you are interested in more information on any of these Committees and groups, or see changes that need to be made, please call the church office at 705-526-6077.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY YOU MAY CALL KAREN AT HOME AT 705-355-0224 OTHERWISE PLEASE CALL CHURCH AT 705-526-6077. KAREN NOW HAS HER OWN EMAIL ADDRESS: MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM. YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Milne Dick at home, Ofelia Fullerton in GBHB, Norma Graham at home, Amara Van der Zwan, Doug Mosley at home, Frank Mustard at home, Joan Doolittle and Evelyn Banks in Hillcrest in your prayers and anyone else who may need our support by prayer at this time.

There will be a celebration of **Fred McConkey's** life at the Wye Marsh in the back classroom on Saturday Feb 11th from 12-3 with ceremonies between 1-2.

Katimavik need billet families: become a host family and open your home for 9 days to a Katimavik volunteer who is currently volunteering in our community. It's a great opportunity to get to know a young person aged 17 to 21 from another part of the country. If you are interested in hosting a Katimavik volunteer call us or visit our Website www.katimavik.org. Lena Phillips, Midland Project Leader at 705-527-0943.

Bible Study is on Wednesday at 11:30am to 1pm in the parlour, come join us! Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided, all are welcome! We are studying the "Song of Faith" which we start in church today.

Par & Giving Envelopes: If you have not received a set of envelopes or you would like to go on PAR (your donation deducted automatically from your bank account each month) please contact the church office at **705-526-6077**. **We encourage anyone giving on a regular basis to use envelopes or PAR so they can receive a tax receipt at the end of the year!!!**

See posters showing the line-up of talent Brookside music is bringing to the church in February and March:

- Feb 8 – TorQ-Percussion Ensemble – Tickets \$20
- March 7 – Jelena Milojevic – Accordion – Tickets \$20
- March 24 – Carmen – Tickets \$40 – Students \$25

Tickets can be purchased from Johnstone's Musicland. See poster for more information.



Mission & Service Results to Date

As of January 13, 2012, Mission & Service have received \$26,463,335 or 84% of this year's financial objective of \$31,663.00. Each year the general Council Office receives many gifts for Mission and Service from congregations in January, as Treasurers finalize their year end accounting. As you can see in the graph below, we receive as much as 42% (over \$7 million)

RESULTS BY CONFERENCE	Prior Years Totals			Year Average	This YTD 2011	Difference from Avg
	2008	2009	2010			
Alberta and Northwest Conference	2,766,017	2,714,219	3,594,657	3,024,964	2,207,313	-817,651
All Native Circle Conference	7,012	5,549	5,649	6,070	2,959	-3,112
Bay of Quinte Conference	2,920,066	2,851,586	2,853,116	2,874,923	2,606,923	-268,000
British Columbia Conference	2,357,528	2,318,134	2,226,800	2,300,821	2,019,938	-280,882
Hamilton Conference	3,832,467	3,661,637	3,517,319	3,670,474	2,871,110	-799,364
London Conference	2,925,456	2,851,943	2,814,870	2,864,090	2,446,384	-417,706
Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference	1,860,035	1,848,413	1,784,999	1,831,149	1,483,400	-347,749
Manitou Conference	446,922	417,817	401,497	422,079	295,227	-126,852
Maritime Conference	3,302,987	3,288,040	3,253,865	3,281,631	2,706,796	-574,835
Montreal and Ottawa Conference	1,854,385	1,762,301	1,663,056	1,759,914	1,443,865	-316,049
Newfoundland and Labrador Conference	731,760	724,126	716,465	724,117	524,109	-200,009
Saskatchewan Conference	1,561,044	1,459,766	1,452,627	1,491,145	1,215,941	-275,204
Toronto Conference	4,229,552	3,960,833	4,119,309	4,103,231	3,346,353	-756,878
Bequest Gifts Allocated in the Year	2,491,000	1,918,000	2,378,000	2,262,333	2,360,000	97,667
Direct Gifts	914,875	1,054,408	1,328,379	1,099,221	933,016	-166,204
Grand Total	32,201,106	30,836,774	32,110,608	31,716,163	26,463,335	-5,252,828

St. Paul's pledged in 2011 \$23,000 from congregation, \$1560.00 for World Development and \$4900 from our UCW ladies total of \$29,460.
We collected in 2011:

Congregation	\$24,579
World Dev	\$ 1,560
UCW	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	<u>\$31,139</u>

We hope to pledge for 2012:

Congregation	\$30,000
World Dev	\$ 1,500
UCW	<u>\$ 4,900</u>
Total	\$36,400