

Fall/Winter
November, 2013



ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Minister's Desk

It is amazing how time can pass so quickly. Summer has passed and now we are facing the Fall and Winter months ahead. It is a time when life can get busy for some of us as we become preoccupied with the preparations for Christmas which is only a few weeks away.

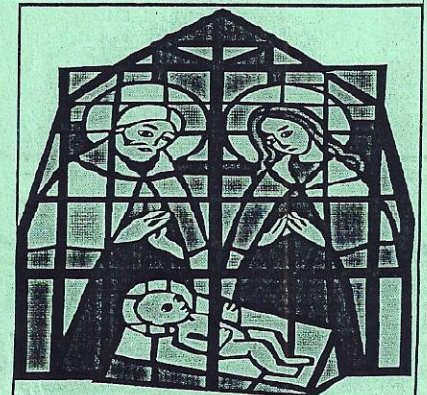
Sometimes we can get so busy that we easily forget the real meaning of Christmas; that the love of God came to us in Christ. As John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This is a time to remember the love of God for us; the time when God came in the flesh to be with us and to draw us to Himself. It is a time when we can get a glimpse of this love in our family and friends as we gather to share special times together.

This time of year can also be a hard time for some. As time has gone on, there are not as many loved ones and friends around to celebrate with. Sometimes this time of year is a time of remembering the good times and wishing that they would come again. For those of you who may feel this way there is good news. You have a family, a church family that cares for you. As you read this newsletter, don't be afraid to ask if you need something done or if you need someone to spend some time with. That is what family is for and St. Paul's is a great church family to belong to.

This time of year can also be a challenge for those of us who are busy. It is a time, not only to remember to keep Christ at the heart of all we do, but it is also a time to remember those who need an extra visit, an extra call to see how they are doing or the invitation to share a meal or church service. This is the time of year that we remember God's great love for us and it is also a time when we are called to share that love with others; our family, our friends and those who need to hear that they are still important to us.

May God richly bless each and every one of you at this special time; the time when we remember and put into practice the old saying that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Jonathan



ANNUAL REPORT

Reports and Financial Statements
for the Annual Report should reach the office no
later than January 3rd.
It would be much appreciated if these can be
sent in Word format by email to
elaine@stpaulspeterborough.ca

From the Treasurer's Desk Report to end of Oct. 2013

Total Income:	\$162,882.42
Expenses:	\$150,684.28

Giving's	
Envelopes & Par:	\$57,657.72
Loose Offering:	2,888.43
Received From the Trustees:	\$39,318.00

Just to let you know folks that the Giving's are up
from last year by \$19,000, year to date. :)

Again this year we would encourage you to give a
special donation at Christmas to increase our giving's
for this year.

From my family to yours all the best of
the Festive Season!

Graham Lewis,
Treasurer



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. Nov. 23 10 am - 1 pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR Join us in making this the best Christmas Fair yet!
Sun., Nov. 24 10:00 am	SCOTTISH SERVICE Celebrating our Scottish heritage,
Sun., Dec. 1 10 am	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, December 8 10 am 2:30 pm	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE Here in St. Paul's
Sat/Sun Dec. 14 & 15 6, 7 & 8 pm.	BETHLEHEM 'LIVE in Victoria Park Preceded by carol singing
Tuesday December 24 7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE A family service
Sunday February 9	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING For St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

PRESBYTERIAN RECORD

It is time to renew the Presbyterian Record for 2014. If you would like to renew your subscription (\$22.95 + 2.98 = \$25.93) and we hope that you will—or order a new subscription, please give your name, together with the amount due, to the office on or before December 4th 2013.

HARRY AND THELMA WARD BEQUEST

The Board of Trustees wish to acknowledge and thank Harry and Thelma Ward and their estates for their generosity in giving to St. Paul's a Charitable Joint Life Gift Annuity amounting to \$18,805. Harry and Thelma were long time members of St. Paul's and contributed significantly to the life and mission of our church. Harry passed away several years ago and Thelma passed away this year on May 16th. They had purchased an annuity many years ago from the Presbyterian Church's Planned Giving Office, which, on their passing was designated to be given to St. Paul's. This is an excellent example of long term vision and concern for St. Paul's well-being that the Wards practised. Their gift is gratefully received and will be faithfully applied. Thank you Harry and Thelma.

Frank Lucas, Treasurer,
St. Paul's Board of Trustees.

Board of Managers

This past fall has been a busy one, with renovations continuing in the Old Sunday School / COIN space. The maple floors have been stripped and refinished over the course of two October weekends, to beautiful effect. New magnetic interior storm windows have been ordered so that the spaces can retain the heat, and should be installed later in November. All these repairs are part of the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, Community Futures grant that we applied for, and for which we will receive \$8500 when we present the bills. Without this federal government programme we would not have been able to complete this work. COIN is now able to rent out the spaces to other non-profit or start-up entrepreneurs and we are renegotiating the rent that COIN pays us at the same time.

The Church Archives have been moved over to the second floor of the Christian Education wing where an unused double room has been converted. The new space is more suitable for archival use, as it has no natural sunlight (it is the room that used to overlook the hall and stage) and also is more fire proof. At the same time, new wiring and plumbing have been done so that the room now contains a vanity-style sink with hot and cold water, and can house an air conditioner in summer. The former Men's bathroom at the top of the stairs has been upgraded with a new sink and other plumbing improvements and will now be a unisex washroom. Frank Lucas and Ray McFadyen have done a great deal of work in the Archives Room and I thank them for the many hours they have volunteered to see this space transformed. Rod and David Smith (HRH Plumbing and Heating) have also given a great deal of time to this project – thanks guys!

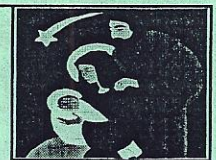
The next renovation we will be starting harks back to the anonymous bequest we received a couple of years ago, directing us to upgrade the minister's office, sound system etc. The Board has approved moving the PA system and sound board console to an area mid-way along the main east aisle. Work will involve removing a pew to make room for a new, larger console. From this location, anyone running the sound system will be able to see and hear the minister or other speakers more clearly and there will be more room to add components to the console in future, such as video inputs, a digital projector, and so on.

As this is the last newsletter before the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our two staff people, Shawn Blackwood and Elaine Kempt, for their work on behalf of St. Paul's in 2013. I also want to salute the dedicated members of the Board of Managers for their help and support. We have made some very forward-looking decisions this year that I am confident will serve us well. Increased revenue and better used spaces are just two of the benefits. This will be my last Board of Managers report for a newsletter. I have announced my intention to resign as Chair of the Board after more than 10 years. My term will end at the Annual Meeting in February 2014. I intend to remain on the Board for at least one more term and hope that my experience will be of assistance to the next Chair.

Yours in Christ's Service

Sheryl Smith

BETHLEHEM 'LIVE 2013



Once again this year, the members of St. Paul's congregation will be presenting "Bethlehem Live" in Victoria Park on Sat. Dec. 14 and Sun. Dec. 15. with three performances each night at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers from the congregational members are required to fill the 20 villager and 6 angel roles for the three performances. Cast members are requested to be at the church each night by 5 p.m. for costuming. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Guild Room next week. If we do not fill the number of required roles, we will be extending an open invitation to the other Presbyterian congregations in Peterborough to join with us.

Donations of squares, loaves or cookies for cast and crew refreshments for each of the two nights would be greatly appreciated!

For further information or to volunteer for a specific date, please contact Elaine Flett-Hurst at 292-5062 or the church office 745-1411.

Please come and join with us as we celebrate the true spiritual meaning of Christmas with our production of "Bethlehem 'Live".

Elaine Flett-Hurst & Don Giles

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

This committee is beginning the search for funding to install an elevator in the present CE wing church corridor which will service both the church and the CE wing to give us access to four levels from this central point. We have planning renderings from the architect and will shortly have the cost estimate for the work we plan to undertake. A fuller presentation will be available to the congregation at our annual meeting in February, 2014.

We are pleased with the progress we have seen in the increase of revenues for rentals of the church space in 2013. This revenue takes some of the pressure off from other sources of funding and provides a predictable and sustainable income which is helping us to narrow the fiscal gap in our finances and enabling us to undertake such projects as the elevator and the buttress foundation repairs

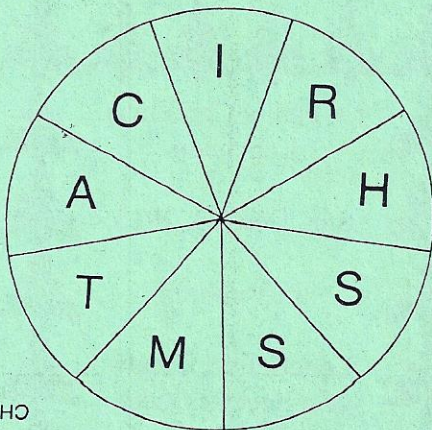
We are keeping a stern eye on the balance in the trustee funds so that we do not draw these down to concerning levels. While that money was meant to be put to work for God's glory, we must also be prudent in assuring our own survival as a church, so that God's work will not fail. If you are coming to the end of this year and would like to make a gift to the church as part of your giving during the Christmas season, you might consider the various options we administer of planned giving. We would be happy to discuss the various options with you if this is something pressing on your mind..

God Bless,
Eric Prugh, Chair

WORD CIRCLE

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the circle? No proper names can be used and no plurals. When you have found as many as you can, try and make one word of nine letters using all the letters.

This word is a very special time of year.



CHRISTMAS

OUR CANADA

Land of great lake
Rustic river
Tall tree
Great blue heron
Polar bear
Chickadee

Land of freedom
The press
Arts and theater
Opinions voice
Belief choice
God, Jehovah, Creator.

Land of all seasons
Flight of fall
Birth of spring
Sleet and snow
Sun and sand
Goose on the wing.

Land of flag flying free
Rich of red
Pure of white
Representation?
Strong, solid nation
God given right

Land of love, liberty
Choice to do
Say, and care
Give us the wisdom
To protect our freedom?
Hear this our prayer.

by Joan Melbye-Hansen

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

ANGELS
BETHLEHEM
INN
JESUS
JOSEPH
KINGS
MARY
SHEPHERDS
STABLE
STAR

A	T	U	Q	V	X	Y	R	U	O
J	E	S	U	S	T	H	R	E	J
S	F	H	S	B	P	P	D	A	N
P	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M
K	D	P	G	O	C	S	N	I	S
Q	L	H	E	M	T	O	H	L	V
F	R	E	L	A	W	J	E	I	Z
K	C	R	R	W	S	G	N	I	K
M	X	D	B	I	N	N	Y	A	Y
G	B	S	T	A	B	L	E	H	J



**ITALIAN
DINNER**

FEB 15, 2014

Mark your
Calendar

Stay tuned
for more
information



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES



There are 10 differences.



'We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him' (Matthew 2:2)

WORD SEARCH

Luke 2:8-12

S	B	D	E	R	A	E	P	P	A
A	A	T	S	I	R	H	C	S	P
V	B	A	F	B	N	C	D	F	E
I	Y	O	J	I	D	R	O	L	O
O	D	E	G	A	E	F	G	O	P
U	J	H	V	H	N	L	K	C	L
R	T	I	P	L	O	E	D	K	E
M	D	E	N	R	H	G	O	S	P
Q	H	R	Y	T	S	N	G	I	S
S	U	R	E	G	N	A	M	V	W

Find the underlined words:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy

that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born for you: he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.'



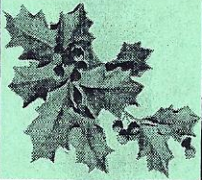
St. Paul's Christmas Luncheon

Sun. Dec. 22, 2013

after church

Lunch, Fun, Treats & a Special Guest

Hosted by Fellowship & Pastoral Care



Mission and Outreach Message

We are planning to send a work team to Haiti in October 2014 on a mission project. Pastor Baird has connections in Jacmel, on the south coast and he and Penny have been there several times in the past on other mission trips. We are hoping to take as many as 12 to 14 people on this mission trip.

Through e-mail communications, we have determined two projects that the community would like us to undertake. The first project is to repaint their church, which is still not repaired from the earthquake. Also, they need inverters installed in the mission house. We are hoping to raise a total of \$10,000 to pay for the materials for both of these projects. But, at a minimum, we wish to complete the church painting project, which requires \$6000 for materials and local labor to help. We are open to accept contributions to this project now. Your contributions can be included in your regular envelopes, or a separate cheque, marked Haiti.

As part of our fund raising for the Haiti mission trip, we are organizing a four-day bus trip May 12th to 16th, 2014 to Lancaster County, in Pennsylvania. Janet Halstead is heading this event and can be contacted for further details, and to book your seat on the bus. It should be a wonderful excursion, including theater, museums, shopping and Amish cooking.

We, from Mission and Outreach Committee, have had a very active 2013. As it draws to a close with the approach of the Christmas season, we are thankful for the unselfish support this congregation has shown to the projects we have brought forward to you this year. God created us as giving beings, and Jesus, in his parables and direct commands called us to not only love God, but also, to love one another. Jesus was thinking of the universal family of God, not just those close at hand. We at St Paul's have demonstrated in 2013 that we understand and practise this love.

God bless you, and your families,
Eric Prugh, Chair
Mission and Outreach



PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Sunday, December 8th, 2013

2:30 to 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music, led by choir and band,
to sing Traditional Carols of the Season

Special Guests: Graham Hart; Tyler Calver

Teresa Kaszuba of Chex TV & Hannah Abrahamse from TASSS

Andrew Burditt from Salvation Army

Peterborough Salvation Army Band—Ron Reid, Band Master

Choirs from Local Churches

Director Giles Bryant—Organist Douglas Schalin



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Since our last newsletter in September your Christian Education Committee has been very busy completing projects for 2013 and planning for 2014. Here are some of them.

Our new "Gifts for Change" project, started this year to replace the former "Eggs for India" project, has been very successful. We have signed up for three PWS&D projects: Fresh Water Renewal, a goat and feed, and baby chicks and supplies for raising chickens. We have already sent in \$500 for the Fresh Water project. Mid year the children selected 3 little pigs and a fish farm kit from a catalog of World Vision projects. Finally since the projects were going so well and were so well supported our generous congregation the children have chosen 3 more: Warm winter clothing, classroom supplies and 6 soccer balls. The total value of these 8 projects is \$1300. The children have collected so far this year, on the first Sunday of every month, a total of \$1160. So to meet our goal for 2013, we need to again be generous on December 1 and the children are asking for \$140 this last time in 2013. In October the children collected \$208.15 and in November \$122.00, bringing out total Gifts for Change offerings, year-to-date, of \$1160.85. Only \$140 to go in December and we will have reached our goal for the year. Elaine will send the rest of the money in to PWS&D and to World Vision before year end. Thank you St. Paul's for your ongoing generosity. The children will select new projects for 2014 as they are excited about helping young people and families in far-off lands of Africa, Honduras, Romania and Mauritania to provide food for today, skills to improve crops, conserve resources, reduce vulnerability and earn income in poorer countries around the world.

Our Foster Child sponsorship in Burkina Faso, West Africa, has again been quite successful this past year. You will remember the children run 4 Sunday School lunches after church during the year. We have run those 4 already and have realized about \$1430 from free will offerings at the door. After expenses we have about \$1160 available to sponsor our foster child. We will have sent in \$456 by the time you read this which, at about \$30 per month per child, will provide for between 1 and 2 children. We want to branch out this year and, with Rev. Baird's connections in Haiti, we will be sending the remaining \$700 to an Orphanage in the village of Jacmel, Haiti. We are sure that since the funds will be sent directly to the orphanage director that there will be no administration fees to reduce the effectiveness of our donations. Please look at the Missions bulletin board to see pictures of the village and orphanage where Rev. Baird has visited and knows the real need for financial assistance to look after young children whose parents can no longer look after them. Thank you again St. Paul's for your exceptional generosity to the Foster child program this past year. We will continue with the same projects in Burkina Faso and Haiti in 2014. The children will be sponsoring a "kickoff" luncheon early in the new year to get our children's' sponsorship program off to a good start in 2014. More details in the bulletin for date and time.

While on the subject of Sunday School, our youth contingent is steadily growing. Maggie Goldsmith has consulted our youth members and they have come up with a wide-ranging list of ideas where they can participate in Sunday services, take part in Maundy Thursday service at Easter, do painting and other artwork, use social media, further study the bible stories in depth, participate in a communicant's class, go on field trips; many wide ranging and thoughtful ideas from these bright young people. Graham Lewis is even looking into acquiring a laptop computer for them to connect with the internet and Maggie, our newest member on Christian Education, will lead the planning and execution of these youth programs.

Finally, Jonathan's Prayer Hour and Bible Study has been well attended every Wednesday evening from 6:30 until 8 pm. There has been an average of 12 people attending and we all find the ½ hour prayer time most helpful and inspiring. We are part way through studying the book of ACTS and will continue into the New Year until finished. We are taking a Christmas break between December 11, our last bible study session for 2013, and will resume again on Wednesday January 8. We have room for a few more participants who are interested in furthering their biblical knowledge. Come join us in the Guild room at 6:30 for prayer time and 7 to 8 pm for bible study.

Bless you all at Christmas time and may the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

Sincerely,
Frank Lucas, Chair.





St Paul's WMS and Ladies Aid Report

WMS and LA have changed their meeting day to the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. We can park on Water St. and Murray St. on that day so it makes parking at the church easier.

We invite all ladies interested in missions and in assisting in the refurbish-

ing of the church to attend.

Ladies Aid have had new drapes made to hang behind the cross in the sanctuary. The cross is being refurbished with new lights and both the newly lit cross and drapes will be hung in time for Christmas.

Our November meeting was very interesting with Mercy Prugh as our guest speaker, talking about life and food in Zambia.

Our Christmas meeting will be on December 10th at 1:30 pm. Come and join us on this happy occasion!

Joan Lucas

President.

St Paul's Archives Report

The Archives have moved into the old projection room on the second floor of the Christian Education wing. It is a work still in progress but the move has been made. Many thanks to Ray McFadyen and Frank Lucas for all the work done by them particularly the painting, hanging cupboards, reassembling of shelves, new wiring, and many small jobs to get us settled in our new home. We also thank Rod Smith and HRH for the new plumbing and suggestions on placement of equipment. As well, Wayne Morris and son are completed the wiring that Ray and Frank could not do. Our sincere thanks to all, particularly the Board of Managers who have facilitated the move. A special thanks to Maxine Cummings for the donation of a portable air conditioner.

The Archives are looking for new members. If you are interested please speak to Margaret Jane Turner, Ray McFadyen or myself.

Please keep the archives in mind as you sort through your memorabilia. We are always looking for people and events in the life and history of St Paul's. Before you throw out, bring it to us, all newspaper clippings, pictures, and programs of events. We will be happy to receive them and care for them.

Joan Lucas, Sec.

On behalf of the Archives Committee



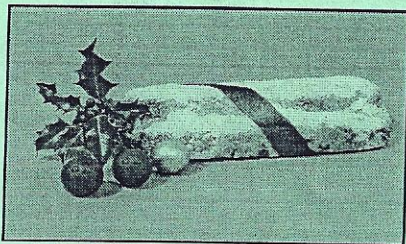
CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, November 23

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**MEAT & CHICKEN PIES
CHRISTMAS GOODIES
JAMS & PICKLES
BAKE & CANDY TABLE
JEWELLERY TABLE**

*Morning & Lunch items available
for purchase*



St Paul's Worship Committee

World Wide Communion on Oct 6th was observed at St Paul's with 72 persons being served. Next communion is on December 1st at 10am. Please plan to attend.

The Director of Music, Douglas Schalin, has the Christmas music well in hand and the lighting of the candles will begin on December 1st, the first Sunday in Advent.

On December 8th will be the Lessons and Carols service at 10 am and at 3pm will be the Community Carol service.

Bethlehem 'Live will be held Dec. 14 and 15 at 6, 7 & 8pm in Victoria Park. All are welcome as we present our 26th Pageant-in-the-Park. Many people tell us that this performance of the birth of Jesus is the start of the Christmas holiday season for them. Come and bring your children and grandchildren to see the pageant, with the angels singing, the three wise men coming to visit the Christ child, and the shepherds and sheep with their lambs frolicking beside them. Then, afterwards visit the sheep and lambs in the crèche. Plan to take in these happy events in our church life.

Joan Lucas

Chair

