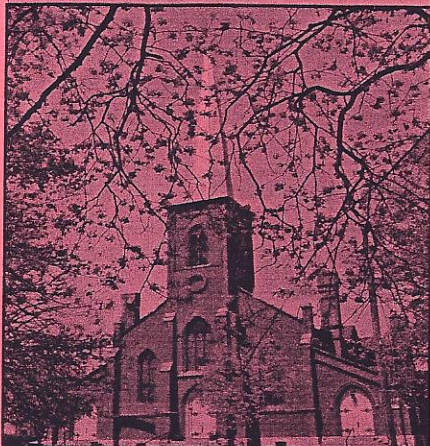


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ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

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Notes From Your Interim Moderator

While we were away on our recent holiday, I saw a billboard by the side of the highway with this message; "Eats flies, dates a pig, a Hollywood movie star." There was also a picture of Kermit the frog on the billboard. The message was that pretty much anything is possible.

For Christians this is particularly true. The Bible makes is very clear that with God nothing is impossible. Over and over again in both the Old and New Testaments we have stories where faithful men and women witness the impossible being done. A giant is killed by one smooth stone fired from the sling shot of a teenager, an army of 300 defeats an army described as "thick as locusts" (Judges 7:12), a disobedient prophet is saved by a whale, a wall 20 feet thick and 30 to 40 feet high around a city is totally destroyed by the sound of trumpets and the shouts of God's people. Then there are the blind who see, the deaf who hear and the lame who walk. But all of this is nothing compared to the dead who come back to life. The grave is empty. That which was dead is now alive. We serve and worship a living Saviour, not an historical memory.

St. Paul's stands at the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in its life. The possibilities far outweigh the impossibilities. Go forward in faith. Go forward grounded in the word of God. Go forward in partnership with Jonathan Baird and together link arms with God. Go forward in God's power, His grace, His love and in His Spirit.

I celebrate with you this amazing, awesome moment at St. Paul's. The page has been turned, a new chapter awaits.

Thank-you for affording me the privilege of serving as your interim moderator. You will always be in my prayers.

To God be the Glory.

Tom Cunningham



**SACRAMENT OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

will be celebrated on
Sunday,
June, 2 2013
at 10 am

*"O taste and see that
the Lord is good"*

BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT

We have entered into a partnership with COIN (Community Opportunity & Innovation Network) to make use of part of our 1885 Sunday School, which except for the Archives Room, has not been much used in recent years. COIN is renting four alcoves and the large common gathering space for the time being. COIN's mandate supports development of new enterprises that create economic advantages for unemployed and underemployed people, and encourages entrepreneurs. It also trains and supports unemployed and underemployed people to qualify for identified skill-shortage occupations in our regional labour market. Some of its enterprises are Peterborough EATS at the public library and reBOOT which refurbishes computers while training technicians. COIN is launching a new initiative called the Peterborough Centre for Social Innovation (PCSI), and hopes to use our space as the launch pad for this project.

The Board, with the support of the Sustainability Committee, made application in February to the federal government's Eastern Ontario Development Program in the Business Innovation category, to renovate some of the space. We were the recipients of a \$2,500 grant which assisted us to repair plaster, upgrade wiring and install energy efficient lighting in some alcoves. Volunteers primed and painted the finished alcoves so that COIN could move in for May 1st.

The grant we received covered just over 25 % of the total cost, and we gratefully acknowledge this support. We have applied for a second grant to continue the upgrades to the other spaces and if successful, will work over the summer to finish all the alcoves, refinish the floors, and have the wooden windows repaired.

SHARE THE WARMTH

Share the Warmth, our campaign to pay back the cost of the new boilers, is still in play and we still gratefully receive and bless each and every donation that comes in. This is an excellent way to remember a loved one and each donor's name will be acknowledged in the Annual Report, with thanks.

FUNDRAISING

April was a busy month for fundraising dinners, with both the Canadian Bible Society and the Scout Leaders Dinner being held. Many volunteers made the work easy, and all those donated desserts helped hold up St. Paul's reputation for excellent meals. Altogether, \$1400 was raised with these two events. The Plant Sale and the Muffin Party were held the same day (May 11), with the big Indoor Yard Sale on June 1st. Your help and support are so gratefully accepted for all these events. Thank you!

OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

The Board of Managers gratefully acknowledges the support of the Eastern Ontario Development Program in the Business Innovations category, towards our renovations. We received a \$2,500 grant from EODP which helped fund both plastering and electrical upgrades.

"FIRM FOUNDATIONS"

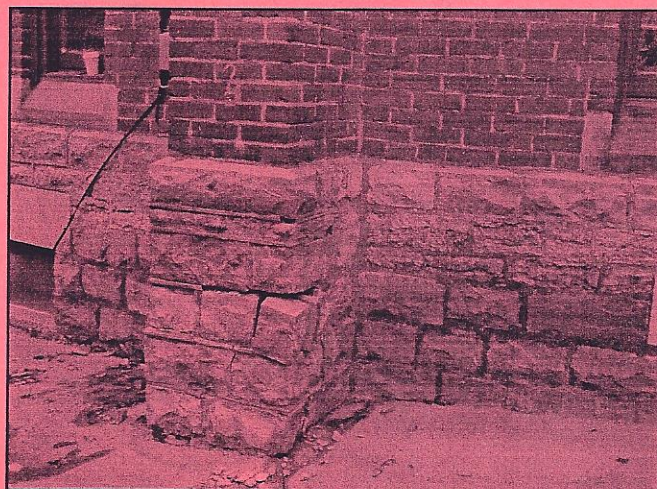
A NEW FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Recent visitors to the church will have seen heritage stone masons John Laundry, Carol Jackson and labourer Tim Trantau, working on the foundations at the north end of the church, from the gardens around to the Water St. door. The work began on April 29th and will wrap up by early June.

All the old mortar has been chipped out and loose stones are being held in place with wooden shims. Where needed, John has taken out cracked stones and will replace them with new limestone quarried in Buckhorn. This stone is a very close match to the original type of limestone used for the foundation. John will be cutting and dressing these stones on site to make them the same dimensions as the originals.

The next step is to back point deep inside the buttresses where voids have built up over time because of failing mortar and freeze/thaw action. After the most damaged buttress bases have been rebuilt, they and the foundation wall will be finish pointed so the water runs off properly and doesn't enter the buttresses any more, especially in winter.

As we discussed at our Annual Meeting in February, the work on our foundations is being done in three phases; this years work will cost about \$38,000. While Trust funds have been made available to us so work could proceed, we did commit to holding a fundraising campaign to pay the money back to the Trustees as quickly as possible. All donations towards the FIRM FOUNDATIONS campaign will be tax deductible and pledge forms are attached to this newsletter. As in the past, we will publish a list of donors in our Annual Report. Thank you for your continuing support of our church and its basic needs! Without our "firm foundations", we cannot grow and prosper.



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL SUNDAY, JUNE, 23RD



After the service

*Join us for a light lunch, followed by
strawberries and ice cream*

Cost – donation at the door.
Proceeds after expenses will go towards our
foster child in Burkina Faso

Clerk of Session Report

What an exciting time at St Paul's!

Doors Open – Saturday, May 4:

St Paul's was invited to participate in the "Doors Open All Stars" event, because of our previous Doors Open tours and the positive feedback received about our historical building and the knowledgeable friendly faces encountered during previous tours. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful old building. This past year, we were able to refresh the paint in the sanctuary where it was so badly needed. We also have been doing major renovations on the old Sunday School upstairs and bringing it to life again. We have a partner (COIN – Community Opportunity & Innovation Network – a social services group) who have moved in and will rent most of the old Sunday School space. We've had success with applying for grants, and have completed much needed electrical work and plastering. Many volunteer hands have painted, scrubbed, cleaned out old accumulations (perfect timing for our annual yard sale in June), shredded paper and hauled garbage away. What a difference! A huge thank you to the volunteers who have been working so hard to prepare this space on short notice. Wonderful timing for our Doors Open on May 4.

We prepared information to hand out during the tours – "Fast Facts about St Paul's", updated the information on the stained glass windows, shortlisted our "Wish List" so that others know the projects we are hoping to finance and have had great media coverage for the tour.

Thank you to Sheryl Smith for researching and providing so much of this information, speaking with media and arranging the many chores required to prepare for the day. We had volunteers in the Bell Tower, tours of the basement, Douglas provided music throughout the day, we showed the Old Sunday School Hall and the Archives Committee filled the Guild Room with displays of historical memorabilia.

180th Anniversary – Church Service:

Sunday, May 5, Rev. Terry Ingram was our guest at our Anniversary service. What a legacy we are living – 180 years in the midst of our community!

New Minister:

More exciting news! Jonathan Baird will be our new minister. His induction and ordination will take place at St Paul's on Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 pm. Jonathan was voted to be our new minister, by 90.4% of our congregation. He preached for the call on Palm Sunday March 24, and we had over 180 people in the congregation that Sunday. You could feel the electricity in the air! The congregational meeting/voting was complete in about an hour. Easter Sunday, March 31, we had another 125 people out to church! We are all so excited about having Jonathan start at St Paul's. His first conducted service will be Communion Sunday, June 2. He has started to move into his office, and is getting to know people at the church.

Anniversary Dinner – Saturday, May 4

We had a sit down dinner catered, so that all of the people (ladies and gentlemen) normally on kitchen duty could enjoy dinner as well. Thanks to Dave Graham and his committee for arranging the dinner and entertainment, including a very special guest – John Morrice Roger, St. Paul's 1st minister, who appeared in costume, complete with dialect, to deliver a message from the past. Special guests were Rev. Blaine Dunnett and his wife Cathy, representing Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery.

General Update:

All of the committees at St Paul's deserve a huge thank you – Session, Board of Managers, Sustainability, Douglas and the choir, Ladies Aid/WMS. Since Rev. Turner retired in February 2012, everyone has continued to work hard for the betterment of St Paul's. Thank you to Rev. Tom Cunningham for his support as our Interim Moderator during this time. We have been provided with a variety of types of ministry during this time.

In the past 55 years, we have had 2 full-time ministers – not a lot of change. We are so fortunate to have so many strong leaders in our congregation – it’s a long time to have been without a minister, but we have learned so much as a congregation. Throughout the Search Process we had to identify our congregational short term and long term goals; things we would like to see continue and new ideas we wanted to incorporate; and most importantly, the type of ministry we wanted to lead us. This is all good information to have identified to grow into this next chapter in the life of St Paul’s, with a new leader at the helm.

We have created a process in the office, so that our congregational members who need extra attention/visits due to health/family issues will receive the support they need. Anyone in need of a visit, or a family member who needs a visit, should call the office and speak with Elaine Kempt. She will make sure your request is met. This has been identified as a gap, and we are working hard to fix it.

We have new faces in our congregation, and we all need to act as good will ambassadors and welcome all of our guests.

So much is happening, and happening quickly. We are blessed to have talented, hard-working people who give generously of their time. We host a number of events that help raise funds for the “Wish List”, as well as ongoing administration bills. The yard sale (June 1) is the next event, and we are always looking for volunteers. Please do not be shy – step up and offer to take a shift, serve coffee, whatever you would like to do.

We all benefit from the events that we host, the elbow grease that we use to improve our facilities and the ideas that come out of some of the chat sessions where people are gathered.

We are all blessed – to be able attend and listen to the word of God in such a beautiful old facility at such an exciting time of change.

Blessings,

Janet Halstead.

St Paul’s WMS and Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid, begun in 1959, still exists although the membership is now small. We still visit the sick and shut-in and elderly members of our congregation, taking flowers and other small gifts to them. We still hold a yearly muffin party (May 11th) and help in the replenishing of equipment and linens in the kitchens and in other areas. Our main project this year is to replace the fall behind the cross in the sanctuary.

The Women’s Missionary Society, that will be one hundred years old in 2014, grew out of the Women’s Foreign Missions Society started in 1886. We are completing the study of the Cariboo House Church Mission in B.C. As well we have raised just over \$1400 for PCC missions, have supported the St Paul’s Sunday School and the Community Kitchen.

With just 12 women in these two groups, we would welcome all others who would like to join in our cause of supporting world, national and local missions.

In his service

Joan Lucas
President

Coming
Soon!



YARD SALE

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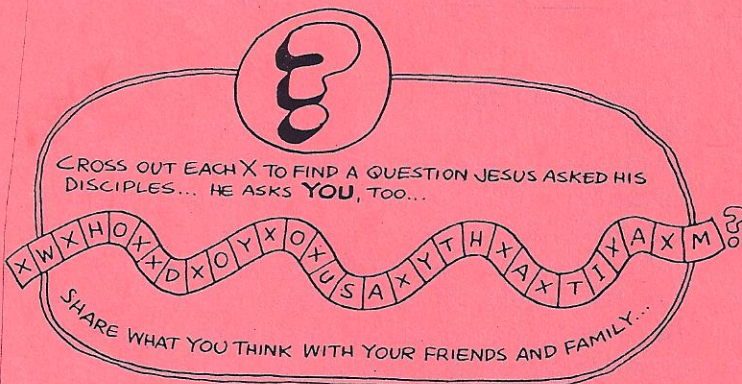
St. Paul’s

Saturday, June 1st, 2013

7 a.m.—noon

Last summer’s yard sale was such a success that we will be holding another one this year. Please gather any unwanted articles **in good condition** (no clothes) and bring them to the church before June 1st. We raised over \$1200.00 last year – let’s work towards more this year.

We also need a lot of help to set up, price and sell on the actual day. Please speak to Pat & Bruce Mills or call the office. Thanks for all your support!



DEAR FRIENDS

Evelyn and I want to let you know how delighted we are that Jonathan Baird has been called to be the Minister of St. Paul's. We know that he will be a fine spiritual leader for our church and we look forward to him being our minister. We are confident that, with God's strength, he will lead our congregation in new and exciting ways in coming times. Evelyn and I will certainly be giving him every support possible and we would encourage everyone to do likewise – not just at the beginning of his time at St. Paul's but right throughout his ministry.

Over the past 26 years I have enjoyed serving you in many different ways as your minister. Also, during the interim period since my retirement I have been pleased to continue to serve those who, on a few occasions, have asked me to conduct a wedding, a funeral, a baptism or a pastoral visit. I realise how well we have known each other and how meaningful it is to have a long time minister and friend conduct a special service.

However, now that we have a new minister, may I kindly remind you that I will no longer be available to conduct any further weddings, funerals, baptisms or make pastoral visits for members or adherents of St. Paul's. All requests must go to Mr. (soon to be Rev.) Jonathan Baird whose responsibility it will be to conduct these services.

This is a great time for St. Paul's. With the coming of our 12th minister, we are embarking on a new era for our church. We look forward to celebrating Jonathan's ordination and induction on Sunday, 26th May and to joining with you all in asking God's blessing upon him, his family and our congregation.

George & Evelyn Turner

TREASURER'S REPORT

Being Treasurer of St. Paul's, I like to look for positives in our financial life. All giving's are up slightly and that should make us all feel good. Expenses are down a bit but, we must remember that being without a minister for the past year has helped our expenses. So we need to be ever cautious as we move toward the remainder of this year. As you can see from the board report, we are seeking grants to help us fix our building up. We are also working hard at fundraising to help defray costs. What we all need to do is stay positive and do the best we can financially to make St. Paul's succeed as our home in Peterborough. I am sure with everyone praying and working together we will be successful.

Graham Lewis

ST PAUL'S ARCHIVES

The archives committee continues to collect and treasure all early church history, of the church itself, the church groups and events in the life of the church. Pictures, newspaper clippings, and all memorabilia are truly valued and preserved. If you have some memories or memorabilia of St Paul's and would like to donate them to the archives, we would be delighted to receive them.

In particular we are looking for items, pictures and pins relating to the St Paul's Goforth C.G.I.T., Scouts and St Paul's hockey teams. We would love to have a short history of each group as well.

We are also collecting the history of early families of St Paul's. Did you know that the grandfather of David, Jean and George Hamilton, David Hamilton, the first, was in the first group of elders chosen for the first Presbyterian Church in Peterborough?

Did you know that the Rev John Morrice Roger, our first minister, always had a two-point charge with Peterborough and Springville churches? He also conducted two other Sunday Schools in Peterborough, one in the Auburn district and one in the south end that would become Knox Presbyterian Church. He held weekly bible study and prayer meetings, travelled to other communities to encourage the formation of other Presbyterian churches, such as in Lakefield, Warsaw, Norwood, Keene, and Centreville. He never missed an appointment come rain or shine, snow, sleet or ice storm! In 1833 when he decided that God had called him to Peterborough, and that it would be his home, he purchase 250 acres of forest between Park and Jackson Creek, hired stone masons and built his home and named it "Cordach" after a forest near Aberdeen Scotland. It was to this home that he brought his bride, Elizabeth Morrice, in 1835.

Your family will be interesting too and the archives committee would be delighted to learn about them....one sentence, a paragraph or a page or two, tell us what St Paul's meant to your family and how they served.

Joan Lucas, Secretary
The St Paul's Archives Committee

	This Year 2013	Last Year 2012	Received from Trustees
Revenue to May 16	\$67,976	\$69,723	\$20,000 (2012)
Expenses to May 16	\$53,063	\$55,006	\$20,000 (2013)

