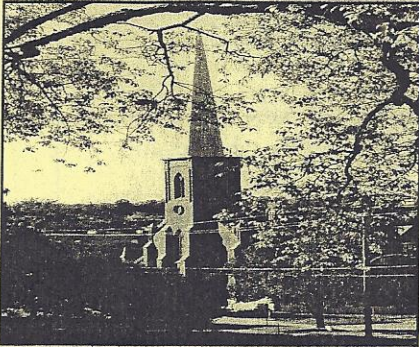


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ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Clerk of Session Report

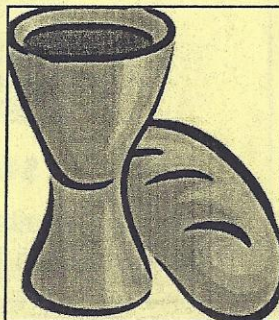
Here we are, almost one year since Rev. Turner retired, and we are all anxious to start fresh with a new minister. This is a most exciting time in the life of St. Paul's. Since February of last year, the Search Committee was formed, and has worked diligently over the months (including through the summer), hosting workshops, surveying the congregation, compiling the statistics, creating the Profile which PCC posted. In response, PCC sent us a number of Ministerial Profiles of those who applied to preach in our church, which were read and then used to create a possible list, and then a shorter list, and finally a short list. Initial interviews were held, and then second interviews were held for a very short list of applicants. References were checked, and the final decision has been made, and with the approval of Session, the Search Committee has recommended that St. Paul's invite Jonathan Baird to preach in our pulpit Palm Sunday, March 24 so the congregation can vote as to whether they approve of Jonathan as our new minister. Our elders will be very busy, delivering Newsletters and encouraging all who can, to attend Palm Sunday services to hear Jonathan preach, and take part in the voting process. Anyone unable to attend will have a personal visit from their elder and will need to sign, indicating whether or not they support Jonathan. Presbytery will administer the services for ordination and induction of Jonathan. We are SO close to the end, and hopefully, with all of the requirements and special services, we will have our new minister in place by early May.

During this past year, the congregation attendance has steadily improved, our choir has grown, our Sunday School average attendance has increased, and, most importantly, our financial statements are in the best condition they have been in for a number of years. Even though givings were slightly decreased, our rental incomes have helped make up for the shortfall.

All of these numbers, when pulled together in the annual statement, support the evidence that the Session, the Board of Managers, Sustainability, and the Trustees have all worked diligently over this past year for the betterment of St. Paul's, with very successful results. The congregation has continued to attend and support. Rev. Tom Cunningham has provided us with a changing rotation of ministers who have given us a broad range of ministry styles and continued to support the ministerial needs of our church.

Our Board of Managers made the timely decision to paint and repair in the sanctuary, and our sanctuary is again in condition to showcase. The work started as a volunteer project last summer, but was completed in January by professionals. Some of our showcase events since the fall:

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Will be celebrated on
Sunday, March 3, 2013
at 10 a.m.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good"

- We were privileged to host the African Children's Choir in November, which attracted approximately 500 people. The choir did so well financially that they plan to visit us again in the next couple of years.
- We hosted a city-wide, seven-choir Christmas Carol concert in December, which was televised and played again and again on TVCogeco over the Christmas season. The concert was attended by approximately 500 people.
- We lost a long time friend and colleague, John Turner, in January and were proud to host his memorial service and luncheon following for several hundreds of people.
- Doors Open 2013 is having an "All Star Tour" – the best of previous tours. St. Paul's, the only church on the tour, has been asked to host again, and we are all excited to be a part of this special community event on Saturday, May 4th, 2013, the day before we celebrate our 180th Anniversary on Sunday May 5th. St. Paul's continues to be a vibrant core-of-the-city meeting place, and the excitement can be seen, felt and heard.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support St Paul's during The Search, who have attended meetings when asked, who have served our congregation, and made this past year a year of growth. As a congregation, we know where we want to go, and are working on the "how" both financially and structurally.

Thank you all for your patience, and for your continued support.
Respectfully submitted,
Janet Halstead

Soup And Bread Lunch



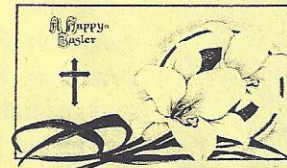
Sunday, April 7, 2013

following the service

Cost-Donation at the door

*All proceeds to the work of
Presbyterians Sharing*

EASTER LILIES



We will be putting memorial lilies in the church again this year on Easter Sunday. Please put the name or names of loved ones and \$2 per name in an envelope and either hand it into the office or place it on the offering plate before Sunday, March 24. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sun. Feb. 24, 2013

A light lunch will be served in the CE Hall, following the service.

Annual Meeting to begin after the lunch.

SCOUT LEADERS DINNER

Thursday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for helpers and pies/desserts for that day. The list of help needed is on the notice board outside the office.

ITALIAN DINNER

Sat. Feb. 23, 2013

6 p.m.

**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall
Corner of Murray & Water Streets**



\$15 per ticket

Tickets are available at the church office or from Catherine Thomas at 705-745-2198

Fellowship and Pastoral Care

New Visitation Plan

The committee of Fellowship and Pastoral Care would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the men and women of our congregation who have very quietly taken on the task of visiting those hospitalized or shut in at home while we are without a minister. This is such a vital part of ministry for this church and those who have filled this gap are to be commended for their dedication. You know who you are and I would ask that you give yourself a handshake.

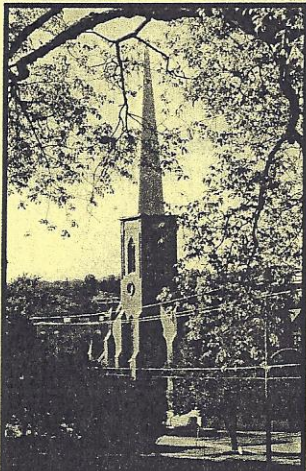
However, no matter how dedicated this group of people are, there is no way they can successfully complete their mission unless they are informed as to who needs a visit. Because of the Privacy Act, hospital visitors can no longer excess the patient registry to find out who is in the hospital so they are hampered in their quest; this is where YOU come in.

In order to assist with maintaining a hospital or home shut in list we are requesting that when YOU, the people of the congregation, hear of a member either hospitalized or house bound we ask you to inform the church secretary of this person's name. At that time the name will be written in a book and passed on to the Minister (when we have one) and the Elder responsible for that person. Privacy will be respected if requested, but with this information a visit or at least a phone call can be made to assure this person and their family their church is aware and concerned for their health.

As I said, this is a vital part of our church ministry and we need to be sure that visits and or phone contacts are completed. If we develop a line of communication that is effective now, when the new minister arrives, that person will have one less hurdle to deal with.

Thanks again to those caring and concerned persons who have responded to Christ's call of visitation and it is the prayer of this committee you may be fulfilled in your endeavors.

Chairperson,
Brenda Roxborough



180th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

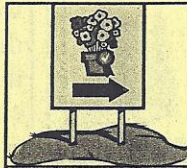
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*A lunch will follow the service in the
Christian Education Hall*

*Please help us celebrate this special oc-
casion when we look back with pride and
look to the future with hope*

*Stay tuned for other activities planned for
this great celebration!*



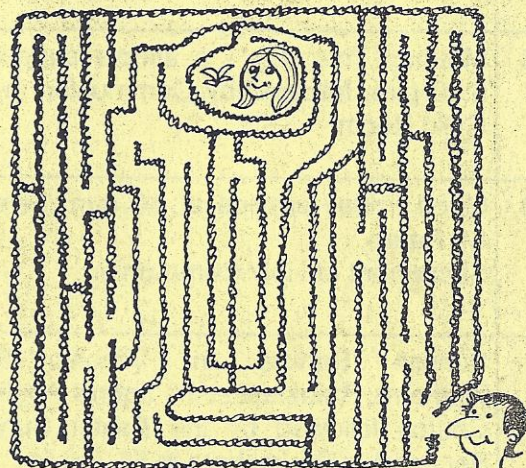
Plant Sale.....calling all gardeners.

Saturday, May 11

8 a.m. to noon

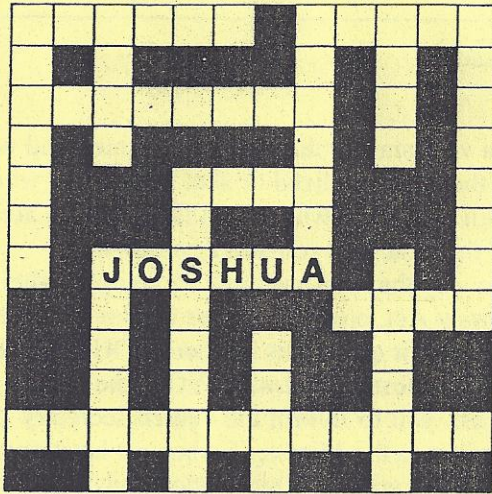
Once again this year we will be having our popular plant sale. We gladly accept BOTH perennials and indoor plants. Last year requests: spider plants, African violets, aloe vera etc. in addition to our outdoor and bedding plants offerings. Please label donation by colour, height, variety etc, if known. This sale raises approximately \$400 so your support is very important.

Help Adam find Eve



See Genesis 1

WORD-FIT



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| 4 letters | 6 letters | 8 letters |
| Ezra | Jordan | Catholic |
| Jude | Joshua | Damascus |
| Nuns | Miriam | Vestment |
| Ruth | Sunday | |
| Veil | | |
| 5 letters | 7 letters | 12 letters |
| Creed | Cecilia | Stained glass |
| | Michael | |

News from the Search Committee

It has been a long and arduous task but we, your Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have decided upon a successful candidate for the new minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.


The Session will extend an invitation to Jonathan George William Baird to preach for a call as the new minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Upon Mr. Baird accepting this invitation there will be a meet and greet coffee and dessert time in the afternoon of Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Christian Education Hall. At this time you will have the opportunity to informally meet Jonathan and his wife, Penny.

Then on the morning of March 24th, 2013 Mr. Baird will conduct our service of worship where at the conclusion of this service all members and adherents in attendance will be invited to the Christian Education Hall to cast their vote to either except or reject Mr. Baird as our new minister. There will also be a Palm Sunday Brunch at that time.

This is exciting news for us all yet it is a time of prayerful consideration and must not be taken lightly, so we ask that ALL members and adherents pray over this decision and also plan to attend on that day. It is vital that we have a strong vote as this is the future of our church.

Your Search Committee wishes to thank you, the congregation, for your support thus far in this process and we thank you for your prayers.

Dave Graham,
Chair

	HOLY WEEK SERVICES	
March 24	Palm Sunday Brunch sponsored by the Sunday School and Christian Education Committee	
March 25-28	Holy Week Services at 12 noon at The Salvation Army Temple. Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee will be supplied .	
March 28	Maundy Thursday - a simple supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Communion in the Guild Room	
March 29	Good Friday service at 10 a.m. here at St. Paul's. Sacrament of Holy Communion.	
March 31	Sunrise Service in Victoria Park 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at St. John's Anglican Church followed by the Easter Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. here in St. Paul's .	



YARD SALE
at
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 May 20th. We raised over \$1,200 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. There will be a sign up sheet outside the office door on the bulletin board. Thanks for all your support!