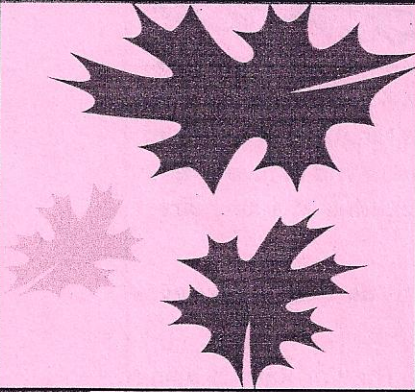


Fall

2013

From Jonathan's Desk



It is hard to believe that it has been about four months now since I came to St. Paul's. In that time I have met some wonderful people and plan on meeting and getting to know many more as time goes on. One thing that I have noticed is how St. Paul's works together as a family. This reminds me of the teaching of St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. In Chapter 12 we read, "For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. So the body is not one part but many."

Each one of us has a part to play in the future of St. Paul's. As the body of Christ we are all ministers to accomplish that which God has called us to do. Some are able to be physically active in the church while others are able to quietly pray for the ministry of St. Paul's. Each member of this congregation is a vital part of God's plan and it is an honor to be able to work along side you.

I believe that there are exciting times ahead for us as a congregation. Times that will require all of us to work together and pray together and, I believe, as the body of Christ we will be successful in accomplishing God's will.

In Jeremiah 29 we read, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

As the body of Christ and as members of St. Paul's we do indeed have a hope and a great future ahead. God has plans for us and as we keep that vision before us and call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us we will see God's hand at work in our congregation.

Thank you for being so welcoming to me and my family and thank you for including me in this exciting time in the life of St. Paul's

Blessings in Christ Jesus

Jonathan

ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated on

Sunday
October 6, 2013
at 10 a.m.

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



FROM THE SESSION – SEPTEMBER, 2013



Life at St Paul's is busy!

Our "new minister", Jonathan, has been with us for about four months, and we are getting to know him, as he is getting to know all of us. We've had several Session Meetings with Jonathan at the helm, and are working well together. Jonathan will introduce some initiatives, some new and different ways to lead us, all based on his life experiences and training, and we will all grow together in a new direction.

One of the exciting new programs will be the Prayer meeting and Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings, starting September 11. I would encourage all who are able to attend.

Session committees have been busy making plans for fund raisers and socials. The Car Rally is being planned – more to come. The Christmas Bazaar is being planned for November – start baking, pickling and jam making, please. The Pie Sale Thanksgiving Saturday morning (October 12 – 7:00 am) is planned and it is a great fund raiser for the church. We need lots of pies, and then your support to sell them all. Bring your friends! Pies are usually sold out by 11:00.

Maggie Goldsmith, our newest Elder who was ordained in June, has joined Session and is fitting in well.

Session committees have some exciting new ideas and will be rolling these out over the next few months. One idea is a Mission Trip to Haiti next year. Would it not be fun to put together a group of people from this congregation to help those in dire need, in a protected environment? This possibility is being explored and more information will be available over the coming weeks. Another initiative will be a new Youth program, hopefully starting late September of this year. Plans are well underway, and more information will be available in the next couple of weeks. Session would like to involve volunteers in its planning. We all look forward to becoming a vibrant congregation with programs that will attract youth and energy, as well as fulfilling a Mission objective.

We are a very generous congregation.

The Sunday night dinners continue – for over 10 years now. We have a rotation list of churches that help out regularly. During the summer, we hand out brown bag lunches, and then go back to hot dinners in November. Susan Calderwood leads this initiative, and works with no budget. When we do receive a grant or financial gift, these monies go towards maintaining wear and tear on the kitchen, and meat for the special dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. If we do have some weekly food leftovers, they are shared with Brock Mission or the Youth Emergency Centre. No food is ever wasted.

We also have a small food bank that we are able to donate to, to help the needy who come to the church, looking for assistance. This is replenished monthly, on the first Sunday, by congregational gifts. Any extras go to the city of Peterborough Food Bank for distribution.

Another giving program is the "Gifts for Change", through the Sunday School. This program started as "Eggs for India" several years ago. Over several years, we sent sufficient money to India to purchase over 40,000 eggs for children at a school where poverty prevented children having daily protein. We changed the direction of the money, as we are now able to take advantage of government matching programs through PWS&D, and gain more value for our dollar. This collection is carried out by the children on the first Sunday of each month. Year to date, we've raised enough money to send \$500.00 to PWS&D. This will be matched by a government grant, which "grows" our donation, and will provide clean water to an African village destination.

.....From the session—con't

Our foster child in Burkina Faso, Africa is supported through the proceeds of several Sunday lunches, hosted by the Sunday School, over the year. This program has been in place for many years, and a number of African children have had the benefit of our donations.

These are just a few of the many exciting ideas and projects that Session committees are working on. In order for any of these to be successful, we need the continued support and encouragement of our congregational members. We thank you for all of your support in the programs that are up and running, and look forward to your involvement in the new programs.

Session is in need of congregational members to sit on committees. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact either Jonathan or myself. Current committees are: (1)Worship, (2) Fellowship & Pastoral Care, (3)Mission & Outreach and (4)Christian Education. Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 for approximately one hour.

Jonathan's time with us has only just begun. We will have many opportunities to grow and help support others with Jonathan as our minister.

Blessings, Janet Halstead.

A Message from Mission and Outreach Committee for Fall 2013

The Mission and Outreach Committee, with the blessings of Session, is planning a mission trip to Haiti for sometime in the period November, 2014 to January, 2015.

We would like to consider taking a minimum of 9 people, up to a maximum of 24. Rev. Baird has been on mission trips to this country before and has valuable contacts on the ground which will make the planning process and the value of the work we undertake all that more effective. We are considering a two-week trip, and we will live in simple conditions within the community we will be going to assist. There will be opportunities for those who cannot physically make the trip to be able to participate by sponsoring all or part of the cost of someone who is going. In this way, the entire church can have ownership of this mission. More information will be forthcoming as we begin the planning process. Your prayers for a successful mission are very important and cannot start too early.

Our committee has also recommended to Session that we begin an informal Youth Fellowship meeting for early Saturday evenings. This will replace the initiative to hold Ecumenical Outreach Church Services on Sunday evenings. We are targeting youth of high school age initially. The planning process has begun, but no hard dates for starting this outreach have been set. Anyone with an interest in teens who would like to be part of the planning process is welcome. Contact myself, your elder, or Rev. Baird. We are all looking forward to the Ontario Presbyterian Men's Chorus concert which will be presented on the afternoon of October 6th at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected. Do plan to attend this much anticipated event and bring your friends.

We ask for your continuing prayers for the millions of people in the Middle East and the Sahel of Africa who find themselves in refugee camps with uncertain futures. It does not matter what religious faith they hold, they are all God's people. The 12th anniversary of the 911 attack in New York and Washington reminds us that as long as there is hatred we are not safe anywhere. Love and prayer alone can erase hatred. Jesus called on us to love God, have no idols, and love our fellow man as we love ourselves. All the commandments are bound up in this new command. Can we live it?

God bless,
Eric Prugh, Chair
Mission and Outreach

Board of Managers Report - Sept 2013

The summer has been a busy time for us as we work with our partners, COIN and others, to finish making the Old Sunday School space ready for more occupants. Electrical upgrades and plaster work have been finished and we have sought quotes from flooring contractors to refinish the maple floors and recoat them. When that is done, the upper space will really shine! COIN is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and it will be a bright and welcoming location for its work.

Our next related project is to make ready a new space for the church's Archives. We propose to move the collections from the Old Sunday School to the Christian Education wing, second floor, where there is still one double Sunday School room left overlooking the CE Hall. That room is actually desirable for archives storage as it has no natural light whatsoever and is practically fireproof with gyproc and block construction. The Archives Committee has been very cooperative and we are asking for volunteers to help us clean up, install cupboards, and paint in the new space and move boxes and shelving from the old space. COIN will then take over and pay rent on the old space. Our goal is to have this move finished by Thanksgiving. If you can help, please speak to Frank Lucas.

The "bee problem" we encountered in July has been solved and will be reported in our next newsletter.

We continue to look for ways to increase our general revenues through rentals, catering, etc. and ask you to continue to pray for the financial health of the church. Now that we enjoy having a full time minister, we must also shoulder the responsibility of paying salary and benefits again. That challenge is one that I am sure, with God's help, we can meet and meet willingly.

Yours in God's Service
Sheryl Smith



| | At August 31, 2013 | Budgeted for 2013 |
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| Income | \$ 98,997.65 | \$172,625.00 |
| Expenses | \$101,381.79 | \$179,442.00 |
| From Trustees | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 |

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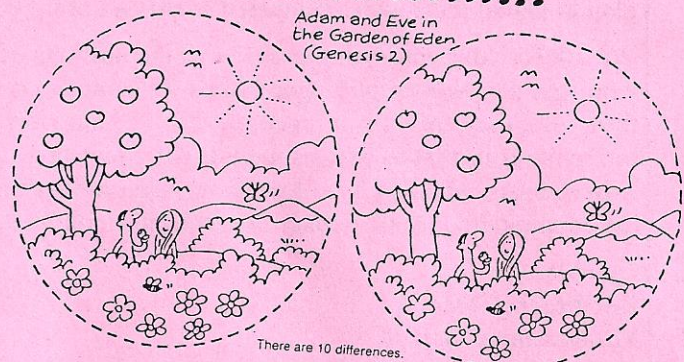
Sunday, October 20
3 p.m.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary
of the Keates Organ
in the Sanctuary

Douglas Schalin, Organist
Free Admission— donations to the
Roof Fund



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT - FALL 2013

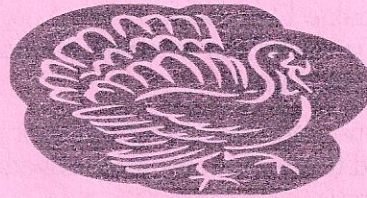
Your Sustainability Committee continued to meet during the Summer to ensure that the important work of keeping the church moving closer to fiscal balance would not slow down.

Remember, we are made up of members of the Board of Managers, Trustees, and Session. As a committee we have no power to act, but as a cross-cutting committee we serve a useful function to keep all bodies of the church informed.

In our capacity to investigate improvements, we have continued to encourage additional rentals of our unused or underutilized space in the church property. The Board of Managers have been good stewards of this trust. Our sustained income from rentals is now over \$2150.00 per month, and growing.

We have also been investigating the installation of an elevator in the corridor area of the Christian Education wing, to enhance entry to all areas of the church property. Soon, we will have more definitive drawings and a cost estimate to show you. We have been led to believe there is grant money available for these renovations and this will be pursued vigorously in the funding process.

God bless,
Eric Prugh, Chair
Sustainability Committee



FELLOWSHIP & PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Who is that person, you know, she sits on the left side at the back?

Do you have a problem identifying your fellow members of St Paul's? Well, we the fellowship and Pastoral care committee plan to rectify that. For the next few weeks we will have a place set up for every member of the congregation to go to and have their picture taken. This can be done as a single, a couple and or a family. We will have you fill out a form as to your Name, address, phone number and email if you want and then the committee will create a picture phone book.

On October 6 at coffee time after church we will start and continue each week till finished.

Please Plan to have this done so everyone is included and if needed we will arrange a ride for those who need them or even come to the shut ins. This will take some time so all the help you can give will be appreciated.

Please contact Brenda Roxborough or Dave Graham if you have any questions.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

With the cooler fall weather coming along, so too we start to think of ways to continue to support St. Paul's with special events and fundraising. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

October 12 – Pie Sale organized by Catherine Thomas

October 19 – United Empire Loyalists Annual Dinner,
volunteers and desserts needed!

November 23 – Annual Christmas Fair, with our famous
meat pies made in advance

All baking, pie making, jam and jelly preserving and so on, make delicious additions to the menus at these events so please think of us when you are "putting up" the bounty of the harvest.

ST PAUL'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE
REPORT - SEPT. , 2013

The Worship Committee has had a busy year with the organization of the Communion services, the ushering schedule, the greeters, and welcoming the Ordination and Induction of our new minister, Pastor Jonathan Baird, on the 26th of May. We welcome Pastor Baird, his wife Penny and their family to St Paul's.

Our Director of Music, Douglas Schalin, continues to provide us with a variety of musical events and beautiful church music. Douglas will be attending the Reed Organ Society Conference in Woodstock on Oct 3-6, 2013.

We welcome Elaine Flett-Hurst as relief organist when Douglas is away and to cover his holiday time. Many thanks, Elaine.

We also welcome back the choir from their summer holiday and thank them for their devotion to our church music.

You will notice that the drape behind the cross in the sanctuary is down. We are in the act of acquiring a new drape, thanks to the Ladies Aid, and to make repairs to the lighting of the cross at the same time by Bruce Mills. Thank you to the Ladies Aid, to Bruce Mills and to Douglas Schalin for helping with this project. Douglas is keeping a close eye on this project to ensure the safety of the trumpets which are in the area.

Next Communion is October 6th. Please plan to attend.

Joan Lucas
Chair

Car Rally

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Leaving the church at 2:00 p.m.

This is always a lot of fun so come along with a car full of people or by yourself and we will fit you into a team. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. (The organizers will surprise you with the location)! Cost for the dinner between \$10-\$12.

For more information contact
Frank Lucas - 705-876-9800



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Community Kitchen had a very busy summer with the bag suppers. The numbers given out were: May - 259,
June - 330,
July - 339
August - 335.

Bag suppers will continue to be provided until the end of October.

The hot meal program begins in November. We still have the churches supporting us with this endeavour. St Paul's will be responsible for six of these dinners. Please watch future bulletins for the dates we are responsible. Cash donations or gifts of juice, frozen vegetables, serviettes, Styrofoam cups, dishwasher detergent and coffee would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help please see Susan Calderwood or call 705 748-9785.

Women's Missionary Society & Ladies Aid Report - Sept. 2013

We began our fall sessions of WMS and LA Sept. 9th with the decision to change our day of meeting to the **second Tuesday of each month** to improve the parking situation at the church. With this change we will be able to take advantage of parking on Water St.

We continue to encourage all to support the missions of our church both here in Peterborough, in Canada and around the world. So far this year we have donated to the General Fund of the WMS, to the Canadian Food Grains Bank and to the St. Paul's Sunday School.

On October 27th we will be holding a Soup and Bread Luncheon in the Christian Ed. Hall, after the Sunday service. A free-will offering would be appreciated, with the funds going to the WMS mission projects and LA refurbishing funds.

Joan Lucas,
President.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2013

Here's a summary of our activities since our last Newsletter in May.

We welcomed Maggie Goldsmith to our Committee this month, following her Ordination as a new Elder last June 23. Welcome Maggie! Our small committee will put you to work right away.

Also on June 23, Rev. Baird dedicated the former Nursery to the Mercer family. It is now called "The Mercer Room" with a nameplate on the door. There were 8 members of the Mercer family present and you can look up their picture on the church website where Rev. Turner posted several pictures of events that day. Following the Service, we enjoyed our annual Strawberry Social in the CE Hall which was well attended by many of our congregation and several visitors. Free-Will offerings from these events sponsor and support our foster child in Burkina Faso, West Africa. The 3 Sunday School-sponsored events so far this year have raised: \$235 at our Mardi Gras lunch on February 10, \$648 at our Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24, and \$293 at our Strawberry Social on June 23 for a grand total of nearly \$1200. After some expenses, we have sent about \$1000 to PWS&D so far this year. Our next event will be a "Harvest Hot Pot" luncheon on October 20, following the service. Please try to attend this event too and enjoy some of our ladies' favourite "Crock Pot" recipes. Our last event will be a Christmas Luncheon sometime in December. More info. on date and theme in the December newsletter. \

Our new "Gifts for Change" program is being well received and supported by our congregation. As reported in our May newsletter \$341.59 had been received in Jan.,Feb.,Mar. and April. Added to this were loose change offerings collected by the children in May of \$136.67, in June of \$144.86, in July of \$71.28, in August of \$69.10 and in September of \$67.20. So the grand total year-to-date is \$823.70. We have already sent in \$500 to PWS&D for the clean water/ training project. We will be sending in an additional \$150 for the goat/feed project and \$170 for the baby chicks and feed project now that we have the money in hand. From now until year end we will add 2 or 3 other similar projects. Thank you, St. Paul's, for your continuing generosity for the "Gifts for Change" program to provide food for today, skills to improve crops, conserve resources, reduce vulnerability and earn income in Africa.

Bible Study will commence every Wednesday this Fall, starting Sept. 11 and continuing into December. Rev. Baird will commence an "Early Church in The Evening" program starting with a prayer meeting at 6:30 pm followed by Bible Study at 7 pm. Members and friends can come to one or both times. We will start studying the Book of Acts. More info. in the Sunday bulletins as the season progresses.

Sunday School programs for the Fall from September through Advent will include our young people studying the Old Testament covering Creation, Noah, Moses, Joseph, Daniel, David and Goliath, Samson, and Joshua. We will also be looking at Thanksgiving traditions around the world and holding a special children's Remembrance Service. If members send or bring their children or grandchildren to Sunday morning services, Rev. Baird will have a topical story for them and they will be supervised and taught by Evelyn Turner and her staff. All children welcome, including babes in arms and toddlers! It's always a treat to hear the children answer Rev. Baird's questions. Are kids ever smart these days!

In Christ's Service,

Frank Lucas, Chair.

Donations

The Board of Managers remind you that special donations can always be made to Share the Warmth and the Roof Restoration Fund at any time. These donations help build back up the Trust Fund so we can continue to be good stewards.

Many Thanks!

Roll Clerk's Report - September 2013

St Paul's welcomes two new members by transfer of certificate:

Mrs Bev MacLeod

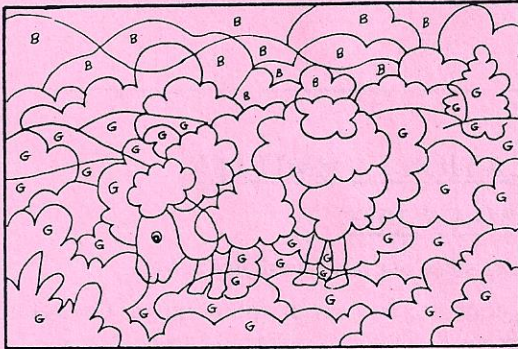
Mrs Joan Melbye-Hansen

St Paul's total membership of Members and Adherents is presently 211 plus 26 children.

Joan Lucas, Roll Clerk

IF YOU COLOUR IN ALL THE **B**'S BLUE
AND ALL THE **G**'S GREEN...

Read about a lost one in Luke 15:1-7.



... YOU WILL FIND AN ANIMAL JESUS KNEW WELL.

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Sat. Oct. 12, 2013

ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



This has always been a great success and has raised more than \$500 for the General Fund in previous years. We are looking for donations of home-made pies for this event. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for those who would be willing to bring pies. This will give us a rough idea how many pies might be coming. For more details, please call Catherine Thomas (705) 745-2198

Falling Leaves

When leaves are softly falling,
We hear them as they go,
Talking in a whisper
About the winter's snow.

And as they hunt for flowers,
Which need a warm bedspread,
They entertain by dancing
Around each flower bed.

Then trees can be heard singing
Their sweet yet lonesome songs
Until they know each leaflet
Has found where it belongs.

The leaves have served a purpose
From shiny new to old;
Their life, begun with greenness,
Now ends like flakes of gold.

St Paul's Archives Report Sept. 12, 2013

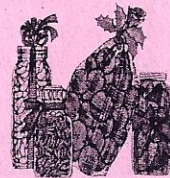
The Archives continue the re-organization of the records, made necessary by the refurbishing of the archives room. This may involve a move to new quarters in the church.

We continue to collect all historical information about St Paul's and St Paul's people and events. We are always delighted to receive new information and memorabilia about our church. If you discover something tucked away about an event of happening at St Paul's, please don't throw it out. Save it for the archives.

Rev. Donald Howson continues his recovery and at this moment is residing in Princess Gardens as he recuperates. Please remember him with your prayers and a visit or card.

Joan Lucas

CHRISTMAS FAIR



*Our popular Christmas Fair
returns again this year. Mark*

Saturday,

November 23

10 a.m. — 1 p.m.

On your calendar

Enjoy muffins, scones, or a light
lunch

Don't forget to browse our Deli Table, Candy
Table, Bake Table, New to You and Christmas
Shop—there's always something to delight the