

Winter/Spring
2014



ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Minister's Desk.....

It seems that the colder it gets the more vacation commercials come on the TV to try and lure us to sunnier and warmer places. When it is -10 degrees outside and the snow is flying it seems like we are viewing a foreign planet when we see the blue waters and the swaying palm trees on the television. I think that the vacation industry will do well this year because of the amount of cold and harsh weather that we have had so far.

Sometimes when we are faced with day after day of overcast weather and long nights we begin to wonder whether the sun is really out there or not.

I remember thinking this to myself a few weeks ago. The weather had been terrible, there had been lots of freezing rain and snow and there was nothing in the sky above but clouds. But then the clouds parted a little and I could see the sun trying to shine through.

I thought of how much this can represent our lives at times. There are times when all is going well and the sun seems to be constantly out. But then there are other times where the storms of life settle in and we find ourselves in a cold and dark place emotionally and spiritually.

When I saw the sun trying to come out, it reminded me of the promise of God to always be there with us. Even when we can't see or feel His presence, God is there and we need to put our faith into practice and recognize that He is with us no matter what storms are going on around us.

Hopefully spring is just around the corner. I think that it will be welcomed by many and it is a good reminder that everything will eventually turn around.

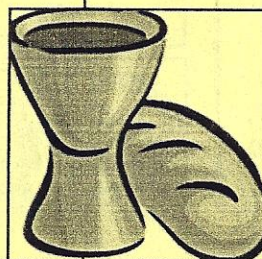
Whether life is going as planned or if we're in a personal time of winter, we have the assurance that God is there and He asks us to help reflect the light of Jesus to those around us.

The members of St. Paul's continue to do this through many of the programs and outreaches that we are a part of and many of us do this as individuals in our daily lives.

We are like mirrors reflecting the true light of the Son into the lives of those around us.

So let us pray for the warmer weather (at least those of us who are not fans of winter), and let us also continue to pray that the Lord will use us to bring His message of new life and new beginnings to others.

Jonathan.



**SACRAMENT OF
HOLY
COMMUNION**
Will be celebrated on
Sunday, March 2, 2014
at 10 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Your Christian Education Committee has a busy year planned for our young people and our adults. At Sunday School, Evelyn, Edith and their helpers will be guiding the children through the parables of Jesus. This will be followed by the Easter Story and, of course, the Palm Sunday procession with Jasmine, our donkey.

For the Gifts for Change project, the children have chosen two World Vision projects so far: Furnish a Classroom and supplies for \$200 (project 1503) and a livestock combo: 1 goat, 2 hens and 1 rooster for \$150 (project 3319). So far this year, from the Gifts for Change loose change offerings on the first Sunday of every month, the children have collected \$90.25 in January and \$93.00 in February. Keep up the good work St. Paul's! Your generosity every month is much appreciated by the children so they can help children like themselves in far-off lands.

The Sunday School Brunch on January 19 yielded \$235 in free-will offerings. These donations will go toward supporting our foster child in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Any surplus over about \$450 for the year will be sent to the Jacmel Orphanage in Haiti as we did last year when we sent \$456 to the Christian Children's Fund foster child sponsorship and \$700 to the Haiti orphanage. We will run 3 more Brunches this year for these same purposes. Thank you again St. Paul's for your attendance at the Brunches and your generosity for these worthwhile foreign aid projects.

Our youth programs will be getting under way this year, led by Maggie Goldsmith. First off, the youth will be collecting the offering at Communion on March 2. They will also be doing a physical activity after church some Sunday, such as hiking and rock-climbing to burn off that excess energy, some of which we oldsters wish we still had! Go Youth!

Prayer Hour and Bible Study continues through the Spring under Jonathan's leadership on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm (Prayer ½ hour) and 7 pm. (Bible study). There will be a couple of evenings when Jonathan is away that Bible study will not occur. Watch the bulletin for details. More about Christian Ed., in our May Newsletter.

In Christ's Service, Frank Lucas

PS Maggie Goldsmith is our new Committee Chair, so if you have some new ideas for Christian Ed., let Maggie know.

ITALIAN DINNER

Sat. February 22, 2014

6 p.m.

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

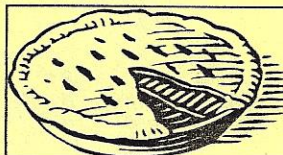


\$15 per ticket

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

SCOUT LEADERS DINNER

Thursday, April 10th
at 6:00 p.m. We are
looking for helpers
and pies/desserts
for that evening.
The list of help
needed will be
posted on the notice
board outside
the
office.



Soup And Bread Lunch



Sunday, April 6, 2014

following the service

Free will offering at the door

Hosted by

Mission & Outreach

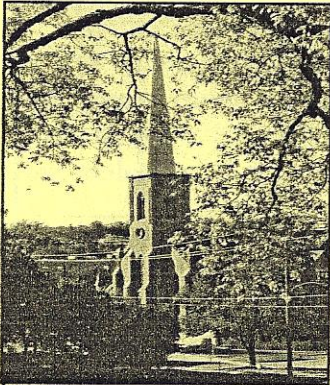
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND LADIES AID

Our first meeting in 2014 was February 11th at 1:30pm, in the Guild Room. All those interested in missions and all those interested in the refurbishing of St Paul's are needed. Those interested in visiting the sick and shut-in members are also welcome.

The WMS celebrates its' 100th Anniversary in 2014. St. Paul's was one of the three founding members of the Peterborough Presbyterial at that time. But for 26 years St Paul's had an active Women's Foreign Mission Society. Missions have always mattered at St. Paul's.

The Ladies Aid at St. Paul's began in 1859 when the Session asked the ladies of the church to help raise funds to retire the mortgage on the new church. Within five years, the mortgage was retired. Over the years the membership has dwindled. If this group is to continue, we must have the women of the church take part in the visitation of our shut-ins so that none are forgotten. If you are interested please attend our next meeting on March 11th. For further information contact Joan Lucas (705-876-9800) or Isabel Bath (705-743-4297).

Joan Lucas, Pres.



181st ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

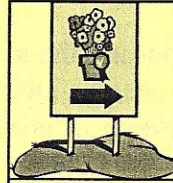
10:00 a.m.

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

PRESBYTERY DINNER

April 8, at 6 p.m.

We are looking for helpers and desserts.
Please contact Sheryl if you are available.



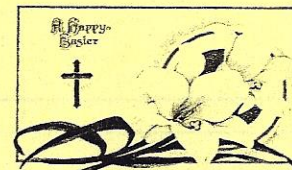
Plant Sale.....calling all gardeners.

**Saturday, May 10
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.

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 on or before Sunday, April 20. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

Session is always busy. The Annual Congregational Meeting has just finished, and we are in good shape for the upcoming year. Mission and Outreach is working hard on the Haiti project, as are several other committees. The team of volunteers is meeting and getting ready, fund raising has started to support the team, and money is going regularly to the orphanage to help feed little ones.

From a personal perspective, I am thrilled to be taking on a fund raising project – a bus trip to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Wayne and I will be hosting on this trip, and we have a fun-filled 5 days planned, as well as a buffer that we hope to achieve to pass along to the Haiti team to help them meet their financial goals. We will be staying at a family-owned Amish Inn at Bird-In-Hand. A hot and cold buffet breakfast every morning will give you a good start to your day. We have a step-on guide coming on our bus for a country tour on Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon, we have tickets to the Sight & Sound Theatre to see “Moses”, followed by a buffet dinner at The Good ‘N Plenty – another Amish-owned buffet dinner. Wednesday we head to Reading, for some mini tours and shopping at the Vanity Fair Outlet Mall. Thursday, we will spend the day in Intercourse – morning at the Kitchen Kettle Village, including some mini tours, and the afternoon street shopping at the many specialties stores for quilts, gifts, motorcycles and country items. All of these items are included in the prices quoted on the poster. Both travel days will be fun – stops and lots of laughs along the way. If any of you are interested, please contact us ASAP – the posters have been sent out to the community and speciality groups. We hope to fill a 56-passenger bus by March 31. Please speak with Wayne or myself for any needed information. We need your money before March 31 in order to pay deposits on all of the bookings.

Session goals for 2014 will be based on supporting the many goals each committee has set. We are an active congregation and a busy building. We are sharing more (space, time, talents), and many more people are coming through our doors for a variety of reasons. It is our intention to provide both short term and long term goals for the continuation of a vital church in the core of Peterborough. Any donations of time and talent are always welcome. We are off to a healthy, exciting start for the new year!

Respectfully submitted, Janet Halstead

ST. PAUL’S ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

This committee is looking for new members. If you are interested please contact Margaret Jane Turner (705-745-2096) or Joan Lucas (705-876-9800).

Joan Lucas, Sec.

ST. PAUL’S WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Communion Services for 2014 will be:
March 2, June 1, Oct. 5 & Nov. 30
Communion will also be held on
Maundy Thursday
The Worship Committee



YARD SALE

at

St. Paul's

Saturday, May 31, 2014

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 26.*

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!

FELLOWSHIP & PASTORAL CARE

The Fellowship & Pastoral Care Committee are pleased to report that the Photo Phone Book has been printed. Please pick up your copy in the Guild Room, after the service. If you are unable to attend church and pickup a copy, please contact Elaine in the church office and she will make arrangements to have one delivered in person or mail. There is no cost for this Phone Book but donations are greatly appreciated and you can mark your envelope or givings accordingly.

Thank you to all who helped bring this Phone Book to print and we hope you enjoy :).

SPRING MUFFIN PARTY

Sponsored by the
Ladies Aid and W.M.S.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(corner of Water and Murray)



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

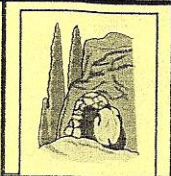
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Come and join us for
Coffee/Tea
Muffins/Jam
Fruit & Cheese

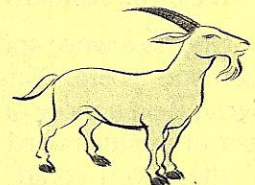
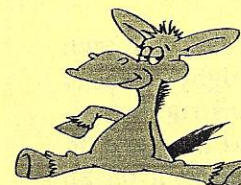
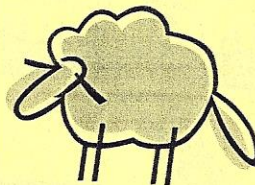
BAKE TABLE & NEW TO YOU TABLE

*Admission \$3 at the door
(Murray Street entrance)*

EASTER SERVICES



April 13	Palm Sunday Brunch sponsored by the Sunday School and Christian Education Committee
April 17	Maundy Thursday - a soup & bread supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Communion in the Guild Room
April 18	A joint Good Friday service at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Park Street South at 10 a.m.
April 20	Sunrise Service will take place in Victoria Park 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at one of the neighboring followed by the Easter Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. here in St. Paul's .



'ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE'

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Ass Deer Goats Lion Sheep
 Bear Donkey Horse Mule Wolf
 Camel Fox Jackal Oxen Cattle
 Gazelle Leopard Rock Badger

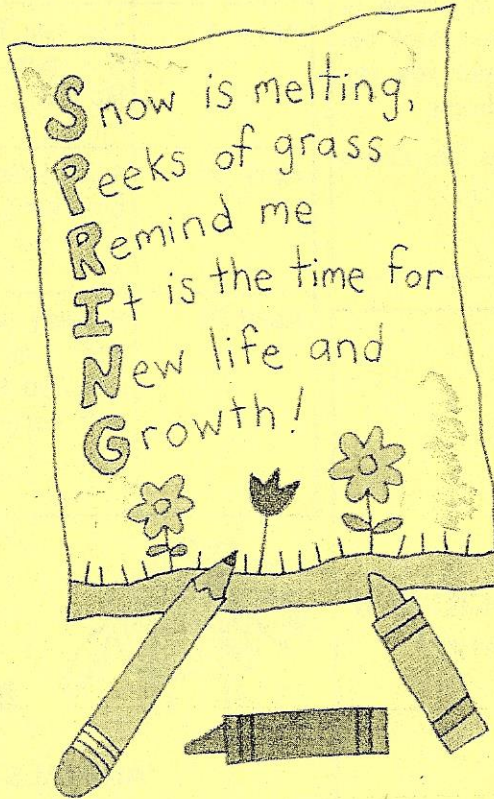
ACTIVITIES PAGE

Expressions of faith

Poetry can be a means to express our thoughts, feelings, and ideas. As a family, try writing some poems that speak about your faith or the feelings you have about the seasons of Lent and Easter. One fun way to write poetry is in the form of an acrostic poem. Acrostic poems are based around a certain word. For example:

Early on that bright morning,
A group of women approached the tomb.
Surprise!
The tomb was empty!
Everyone was filled with wonder.
Rejoice! Jesus lives!

Choose a word and create your own acrostic poem. You might wish to write it on a piece of construction paper or poster board and illustrate it. Perhaps you could include it on an Easter card to send to friends and relatives.



THIS ONE'S FOR YOU:

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 A _____
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 T _____
 E _____
 R _____
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 G _____
 G _____
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READ LUKE 6:43-45

Answer: healthy, bad, poor, good, bears.

