

## St. Paul's United Church Fall & Winter 2016/2017 Newsletter

### A Message From Rev. Doug Hallman

November 22, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to be here with you in Tisdale. We shall celebrate our first Christmas together. The connection I had with St. Paul's was good from the very beginning. The people on your selection committee were very gracious, and I sensed in the ambience of the exchange that this was "a Call". I am convinced that we will both benefit from our time together.

When I announced to others that I was going to Tisdale, many said, "It is a lovely town." It has proven to be so. It is a great place. The people I have met, including the other ministers in the community, have been very welcoming.

Christmas is coming. Recent weather has reminded us of that. Nonetheless, this is an opportunity to shine a light in the midst of increasing darkness. The greens and reds of Christmas will warm the heart. We already have the decorations up in the sanctuary, and they brighten our day.

We have a special children's program for the young people this year. Sisters Danielle and Bailey, daughters of Aaron and Erin Norris-Pott, have volunteered to help with crafts through the advent season. "Advent" simply means the coming of Christ (at Christmas). The children will be creating Christmas ornaments that point to the decorations of the season as well as to their symbolic meaning for the birth of Christ. For example, candy canes may decorate the tree, but they also stand for shepherd's crooks and the part shepherds play in the Christmas story. This program begins Sunday, November 27.

This will all come to a head on Christmas Eve, when we light the Christ Candle and decorate a tree with our ornament symbols. We are inviting every member of the congregation to bring along a special ornament at the 7pm service on December 24<sup>th</sup> so you can put it on the tree as we sing Christmas carols. If you bring an ornament, you can retrieve it after the service.

So this is it. Our time together begins, and I look forward to meeting everyone in the days and months ahead.

All for now. Join us for Christmas!

Rev. Douglas Hallman

### **Special Announcement:**

Before I came to be with you, one of the people interviewing me for the call to ministry at your church contacted Deidre Kearns of Acclaim Health in Oakville Ontario. Deidre reported on the work I had done with the Victorian Order of Nurses, Acclaim Health and the Hospice Association of Ontario. On the basis of this exchange, we decided to go ahead with a Sunday Sermon Series beginning January 15, 2017. What follows is the announcement that appears in St. Paul's Sunday Bulletin.

- Douglas Hallman

In January, Rev. Doug Hallman will begin a Sunday Sermon Series at St. Paul's United entitled "The Art of Listening". This will be coupled with the 2017 Lenten Series beginning March 5 - Communication and Spirituality in Situations of Tragedy and Loss". One follows naturally on the other.

The "Art of Listening" series will begin on January 15, 2017.

For 20 years, Rev. Hallman offered workshops on "listening and communication" to the Victorian Order of Nurses and Acclaim Health in the Halton Health Region of Ontario. The idea was to build awareness of non-listening responses and enrich the ability of volunteers, caregivers and health region staff to listen and hear others. For a number of years, Rev. Hallman was also invited to make presentations on "Advanced Listening Techniques" at Provincial Conferences for the Hospice Association of Ontario.

The St. Paul's series on Listening and Communication will be helpful to you at your work, in the volunteer associations and clubs in your community, as well as with friends, family and loved ones.

### **Our Christmas Cheer Project this year is Items for the North East Outreach Centre in Melfort.**

*Items needed are – diapers/pull-ups of all sizes, warm and fuzzy fleece sleepers in all sizes, any new and fun toys for Mom's to pick out for their kids, new baby items, new gifts for Moms so that kids can pick out gifts to give to her: Bath stuff, slippers, perfume, Scarf, Gift Cards, Hair Care items, jewelry, chocolates. Any other items that you think would be suitable. Please bring them to the church and put them in the basket by the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary.*

**Remember the Christmas Tea and Bake Sale** on Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm. Baked goods would be appreciated. Come and pick up baking for Christmas and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a visit with friends

## **Finance Committee Report**

St. Paul's congregation members owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Fall Supper Planning Committee who organized and carried out a very successful event once again, despite adverse weather conditions the day of the supper.

A sincere thank you to all members who contributed food items, monetary donations and voluntary labor to make this a very positive community event.

455 supper tickets were purchased and a net income of approximately \$5300.00 will be realized for the church when the final expense bills have been paid.

Our Financial Statement for Jan. 1, 2016 to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 shows total revenue of \$67,090.41 and total expenses of \$76,990.23 for a net deficit of \$9,899.82 for this period. However there are several major expense items which have not yet been included in this statement including our fall supper expenses, so our deficit by year end will be substantially larger than this.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween now behind us and Christmas and New Year rapidly approaching you are reminded that anytime now would be an excellent time to "top up" your annual church givings to assure that your total contributions are included in your year end tax deduction receipt.

Submitted by Gary Rice, Dennis Scutchings, Howard Saelhof

### **2016 FALL SUPPER REPORT -**

#### **There were 455 tickets sold**

Supper	\$6,397.25
Cash Donations	\$1,655.00
Sale of Food	<u>\$ 127.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,179.25</b>

#### **Expenses**

Advertising	\$184.60
Co-op – Turkey	\$492.48
Co-op - Ham	\$175.68
Co-op – Groceries	\$599.53
Pearsons -	\$370.13
Baking Turkey/Ham	\$270.00
Recplex	<u>\$698.25</u>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,791.17</b>	
<b>Profit</b>		<b>\$5,388.08</b>

**Thank you to the Organizational Committee of Carol McPhee, Judy Saelhof and May Bilash.  
Thank you to all who worked/brought food/gave cash donations and came to the supper.**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

As the children in our Sunday programs think about the symbolism in Christmas decorations, the adults will be doing the same in worship. We will take the ordinary things of life and reflect on the way the point to the extraordinary in the coming of Christ. The series is entitled, "Finding Christ in Christmas". All Sunday Services begin at 11am. The Christmas Eve Service on Saturday Evening, December 24, begins at 7pm.

### **NOVEMBER 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Theme: "The Tree at the Centre" The tree in Paradise, the Cross and the Golden City  
We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.

### **DECEMBER 4: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Theme: "Message of Love" – Christmas letters and Christmas cards: what they say and don't say

### **DECEMBER 11: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Theme: "God's Body Language" – How God speaks to us in the birth a tiny, vulnerable baby.  
We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

### **DECEMBER 18: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Theme: "Presents and Presence" – Gifting and Regifting in the Christmas Season

### **SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 7PM: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Theme: "Putting Christmas Back into Christmas" – Seeing Christ in what we say and do  
Please bring your special ornament to place on the tree.

We are so thankful to **Danielle and Bailey Norris-Potts** for the contribution they are making to our children's program for the Advent Season.

Please Remember: There are no services at St. Paul's on Christmas Day and New

### **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The M&P Committee would like to remind the congregation that we are available to receive and follow-up on any concerns. Please offer your comments in writing.

Members of our committee are: Peggy Scutchings, Donna Dobson and Morley Mehler.

### **Groups that use the Lower Hall or the Sanctuary**

**TACACL** – for their kitchens program and other programs

**NEECIP** – Wee Ones Workshops

**Highland Dance Group**

**Men's Choir**

**St. Paul's Life and Work of the Church for Fall and Winter 2016/17**

**Sun. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug – First Sunday of Advent - Communion – Advent Crafts for Children – Leaders Danielle and Bailey Norris-Pott**

**Tues. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Women's Fellowship – 6 pm at the home of Joyce McPhee (Christmas Gathering)**

**Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale – 2 pm to 4 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug – Pot luck Lunch – Food Bank**

**Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug – Baptisms – Advent Crafts for children**

**Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 7 pm (Note Change Of Date)**

**Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug – Advent Crafts for children**

**Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug – Christmas Eve Service – 7 PM**

**No service Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Worship Committee Mtg. – 7 pm**

**Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Doug will begin his series on "Listening and Communication".**

**Sun. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – College Sunday**

**Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting after the service**

If you need a ride to Sunday Services please contact the church office at 306 873 2424 or Dennis Scutchings at 306 873 5397

Note!! If you have a child or children that you would like to have baptized please call the church office or Rev. Doug at 306 873 2424 to make arrangements.

**The Worship Committee is again having the Memorial Poinsettia Project** (\$5.00 per name). Someone will be in the Foyer to accept your donations for the next few Sundays. Proceeds will purchase 2 arrangements for the sanctuary and the rest will go to Mission & Service. An insert will be in the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> bulletins

**Gifts With Vision Catalogues are available** in the foyer. If you have a 'hard to buy for' person on your Christmas List have a look in the catalogue & choose from various priced gifts.

**Gifts for groups in Sask. include –**

'Ramp Up a Camp' – Camp Woodboia in southern Sask.

'Canvas and Paint' – River Bend Integrated Community Ministries in Saskatoon.

'Send a Kid to Camp' – Camp Tapawingo (Candle Lake)

**A Signup Sheet is in the Foyer** for people to sign up to take part in the service. If you can help on a specific Sunday please add your name in that space.

**Committees! Please have your year end reports in to May at the church office by the first week of Jan. 2017!**

**Information for St. Paul's**

**Our Minister is Rev. Doug Hallman – Phone #306 873 2424 – Church,  
#306 852 7602 – Cell**

**If you would like a visit from the Minister please call the Church Office to arrange a time.**

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**Our website is managed by Webmaster Tim Shire.**

**If you check out the website you will find upcoming events and past information**

**Our Church Office Hours are Tues., Wed., and Thurs., mornings 9 am to 12 noon.**

**Please check the voicemail on the office phone for updates.**

*Wishing each of you  
a very Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year*

*St Paul's United*