

St. Paul's United Church Summer 2016 Newsletter

Information for St. Paul's

St. Paul's United Church – Box 801, Tisdale, Sask. S0E 1T0
Phone Number 306 873 2424
Fax Number 306 873 5341
E mail – stpaulsu@sasktel.net
Website address – www.ftlcomm.com/stpauls/

Our website is managed by Webmaster Timothy Shire.

If you check out the website you will find Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood's sermons as well as newsletters and information of upcoming events at St. Paul's.

Our Church Office Hours are Tues., Wed., and Thurs. mornings - 9 am to 12 noon.
(summer hours will be different. Please check the voicemail on the office phone for updates)

MINISTER'S REPORT

On this prairie land where we live, the days are now noticeably longer, and we experience the light as the days lengthen. We make our way through this light only to experience the darkness again. It is this ongoing ritual of light and dark that in part creates us as a prairie people.

Interim ministry is always an interesting process, and this one at St. Paul's United Church is no exception. You are an interesting congregation, and I believe you will find ways to be The United Church of Canada in Tisdale. You will need to be creative in your work to keep going, and I trust you will do that as the light of summer, and the dark days of winter inspire you. We need both the light and the dark to do our work. The long days of summer will inspire you, and the short winter days are an opportunity to both work and rest. A time perhaps of reflection.

Our interim goals have been mostly met. You will need to remember that conflict resolution is ongoing, and as long as the church experiences change, some conflict is inevitable.

We will continue our circle conversations, talking about our future, and how that might unfold. I encourage you to come and participate. Your voice is an important part of your church. I am grateful to the Transition Team for their support, and for all their hard work in the transition process. And thanks to everyone who participated in the work of the church at this time.

The interim ministry is over at the end of June; at which time I will move to Saskatoon, and retire. It has been a privilege to do this interim work with you.

May you continue to practice the skills that you have learned in this time, and may you be blessed by wisdom and grace in your ministry as it unfolds.

Submitted by S. Ferguson-Hood

SEARCH COMMITTEE Members are Cindy Jordison, Carol McPhee and Maureen Donald. Rev. Emmanuel and Muriel Cameron are Presbytery Reps.

Thank you to these people for sharing their time and talent for this important work of the church!

JNAC Reports are on the counter in the Foyer. It is from this report that the Search Committee will work, looking for a minister for our congregation.

The Needs Assessment Report is on St. Paul's website if you would like to read it.

FINANCIAL UPDATE TO APRIL 30TH, 2016

St. Paul's total revenue, which includes a \$7000.00 donation from the UCW, for the first four months of 2016 is \$28,382.51. Our total operating expense for the same period is \$42,050.66, leaving us with a deficit as of April 30th, 2016 of \$13,668.15.

With the slow summer holiday months rapidly approaching, any additional near term contributions you may be able to make will be very helpful and greatly appreciated to assist covering our costs during the summer.

St. Paul's Finance Committee - Gary Rice, Dennis Scutchings, Howard Saelhof,

Information from the Annual Report

St. Paul's United Church BUDGET PLANNING

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016
Revenue	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Local offerings	63,874.56	60,150.60	62,752.61	61,000.00	63,135.93	61,000.00
Loose offerings	120.35	-	340.00	-	66.00	100.00
M & S Offering	3,196.00	4,023.00	4,015.00	4,000.00	3,893.00	3,800.00
Building fund offering	401.00	263.00	277.00	300.00	533.40	300.00
Use of Church	4,860.60	3,320.00	5,765.00	5,000.00	7,520.00	6,000.00
U.C.W.	2,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,000.00	8,500.00	8,000.00
U.C.W. - M & S	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Observer	0.00	480.00	480.00	500.00	470.00	500.00
Term Deposit/Savings Interest	2,715.47	1,333.80	1,905.85	2,500.00	2,791.00	2,300.00
Improvements	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Fall Supper	7,468.15	7,674.00	9,116.08	9,000.00	7,799.00	9,000.00
Memorial Donations	902.00	1,130.00	865.00	500.00	1,703.81	900.00
Sunday School	128.40	199.02	146.00	150.00	2.00	50.00
GST Rebate	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Easter Lillies/Poinsettias	400.00	395.00	290.00	350.00	320.00	300.00
Lunches, Pie/Cake Auctions	391.00	627.00	354.00	400.00	284.00	400.00
Bulletin Donations	0.00	272.00	338.00	350.00	441.00	300.00
Calenders	0.00	64.00	30.00	50.00	25.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	2,270.76	1,044.10	40.00	-	205.26	-
Food Bank	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	90,728.29	87,975.52	93,714.54	90,600.00	99,189.40	94,500.00

If you can't make it to church please consider using PAR for your donations or send your cheques to St. Paul's United Church, Box 116.

Expenses	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Advertising	592.50	327.20	497.04	500.00	479.86	500.00
Office supplies, Postage	2,090.87	1,901.29	1,552.30	2,000.00	2,534.47	2,000.00
Telephone	1,403.65	1,369.92	1,302.47	1,500.00	1,517.46	1,500.00
Minister's Phone	360.00	0.00				
Utilities	5,347.12	4,467.74	5,647.50	5,500.00	5,731.53	6,000.00
Insurance	1,855.00	2,135.00	1,975.00	2,000.00	2,040.00	2,100.00
Elevator License & Maintenance	125.00	273.50	543.00	600.00	435.00	500.00
Janitor supplies	652.71	25.18	284.54	500.00		300.00
Janitor wages	1,650.00	1,716.00	1,619.75	1,800.00	1,743.50	1,700.00
Church repairs & maintenance	1,434.08	2,935.31	4,034.68	3,000.00	4,439.04	3,000.00
Mission & service	6,726.50	6,086.50	5,629.00	5,500.00	5,548.00	5,300.00
Publications	309.16	622.72	579.52	500.00	979.72	800.00
Presbytery	5,846.00	6,540.22	5,183.34	4,800.00	4,778.83	5,825.00
Fall supper	2,905.96	94.64	3,066.81	3,000.00	2,800.02	3,000.00
Salaries - Office	5,780.38	6,267.93	6,991.87	7,500.00	7,630.73	7,500.00
Salaries - Ministerial	18,164.12	0.00	23,319.90	46,640.00	47,055.60	51,742.00
Salaries - Music	1,890.00	1,380.00	1,560.00	2,600.00	2,650.00	2,600.00
Pulpit supply	4,192.59	5,474.00	5,038.50	2,200.00	1,342.00	1,500.00
EI - Minister	676.20	0.00	771.72	1,550.00	1,302.86	1,400.00
EI - Staff	70.39	164.97	284.03	300.00	293.65	300.00
CPP - Minister	304.70	0.00				1,370.00
CPP - Staff	72.95	43.77				
Pension plan - Minister	3,009.22		2,911.86	5,825.00	5,876.04	5,900.00
Core Group Ins - Minister						
Restorative Care - Minister	2,498.51	0.00				
Employer indemnity - Minister			2,157.42	4,315.00	3,451.20	3,500.00
Employer Assist Prog.- Minister						
Minister Mileage	0.00	1,424.66	2,523.53	1,500.00	1,000.39	1,000.00
Sunday School	255.75	135.31	82.02	100.00	287.91	400.00
Worship	202.24	16.80	1,551.56	500.00	1,781.33	1,500.00
Books, Cont Education	722.33	432.20	113.74	400.00	2,616.37	1,360.00
Other Ministerial exp./search	30.00	0.00	4,935.08	500.00		3,000.00
Manse Utilities	380.00	3,419.92	7,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	5,400.00
Manse taxes & insurance	4,527.40					
donations	0.00	0.00			568.00	500.00
Photocopier	1,015.10	402.54	399.14	500.00	564.11	500.00
ADP payroll service fee	162.48	0.00	135.18	300.00	300.62	350.00
Interest, Bank charges	24.16	125.92	133.85	100.00	16.88	100.00
Interest on long term debt	4,066.00	4,516.01				
GST paid	383.01	427.95	611.61	600.00	720.69	700.00
Easter Lillies/Poinsettias	292.32	299.25	168.00	300.00	157.50	200.00
Audit & Accounting	3,088.69	3,569.40	3,569.50	3,800.00	3,306.40	3,800.00
Transition Team	0.00	0.00	611.41	4,000.00	3,123.09	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	168.54	3,405.00	200.00	200.00	3,204.07	300.00
Total Expenses	83,275.63	60,000.85	97,784.87	125,730.00	131,076.87	129,447.00
entered as....						
Net Income (Deficit)	7,452.66	27,974.67	-4,070.33	-35,130.00	-31,887.47	-34,947.00

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Christian Education covers such a broad spectrum in the church. There have been many people involved in many programs in 2015, and they deserve our thanks. When we think of Christian Education, what immediately comes to mind is children and young adults – in Sunday School and in youth groups.

January 2015 opened with volunteers providing basic Sunday School. The Christian Education Committee dissolved due to lack of members. To fill the information gap, Judy Krantz, provided an information channel to the board. When children came to church, parents and parishioners supervised short lessons with easy crafts – mostly of the cut, colour and paste variety that were duplicated from the Seasons of the Spirit lesson.

Gratefully, the Board followed a suggestion by Rev. Sharon to hire a local artist to provide spiritual art opportunities to Sunday School age students. Caryl Skauge was hired for the four weeks of Advent and the children of St. Paul's and their parents responded enthusiastically to the four art projects the children did with Caryl. The 50 minutes of art never seemed like enough. Caryl led another set of spiritual art activities during Lent in 2016.

Rev. Sharon initiated other opportunities for Christian Education. One of these was the book study that started last spring. These books were popular, thought-provoking titles, and ethics and spirituality played a part in discussion.

Another idea Rev. Sharon presented was the opportunity for parishioners and the public to learn more about Nepal, and the slide show of Sharon's last trip was an education to everyone. It was the Women's Fellowship who provided the organization to make the Nepalese fundraiser a rousing success.

These initiatives have been identified as Christian Education in the broadest sense, and there are many more that could be included - like the circle conversations. I think that everyone involved deserves thanks for these educational activities, and a special thank you is due to Rev. Sharon for inspiring and guiding various parts of the church in these endeavors.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Gruending

We hope that we will have a new minister in the not so distant future and hope that there will be a Sunday School beginning in Sept. 2016, but we do need people that will help plan, organize and lead.

Worship Committee Report

Committee Members: Judy Krantz, Cindy Jordison, Sharon Whiting, May Bilash, Carol McPhee and Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood.

The Worship Committee meets on the first Wednesday every other month: with an odd extra meeting. During the past year our Committee helped arrange for baptisms, communions, special services, banners in the sanctuary and decorations for special services for our church community.

Pulpit Supply:

Pulpit Supply this year was only on our minister's Sundays off, holidays, study leave or for Conference. Cindy Jordison, Judy Krantz, Carol McPhee, Darlene Wilson, Rev. Charles McKenzie and the Worship Committee were the leaders who helped with pulpit supply.

Special Services:

Pentecost Service, College Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Service, Easter Sunday, Camp Sunday, and Christmas Eve Service. Communion Services were Maundy Thursday, Pentecost Sunday, World Wide Communion in October, and first Sunday in Advent.

Projects:

Teen Bibles for Grade Five Students

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon for College Sunday

Stew Luncheon-St Patrick's Day

Memorial Book

Poinsettia Project

Hanging of the Greens

Carols and Lessons Service

Our Artist Sunday School lessons with Caryl Skauge for Sundays in Advent and Lent.

The Worship Committee appreciates the support of the congregation when looking for greeters, Communion servers, readers and others participating in services in any way. Thank you to all who helped out!

Submitted by Sharon Whiting

Coming Events for Summer 2016

Sun. June 26th – Sharon – Farewell for Sharon - Pot Luck Lunch following the service

Sun. June 26th – New Osgoode service -2:30 pm - (Potluck lunch - bring chairs)

Sun. July 3rd – **NO SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S!!**

Sun. July 10th – Pulpit Supply – Darlene Wilson

Sun. July 17th – Pulpit Supply – Judy Krantz

Sun. July 24th – Pulpit Supply - ?

Sun. July 31st – Pulpit Supply – Judy Krantz

There will be no services at St. Paul's during the month of August. We will be worshipping with the Presbyterians (11:15 am).

If you can help on Sunday July 24th with pulpit supply, please let May know. There are services that are available to use.

Summer 2016 – More Coming Events

Cheyanna Kidd will be in the office during the months of July and Aug.

Office hours for July will be Wed. and Thurs. 10 am to 1 pm

July 6th – 10 am to 1 pm

July 7th – 10 am to 1 pm

July 13th – 10 am to 1 pm

July 14th – 10 am to 1 pm

July 17th to 22nd – closed

July 27th – 10 am to 1 pm

July 28th – 10 am to 1 pm

Please call the office for Office times for Aug. (306 873 2424)

Summer Office Hours are subject to change. Check the Voicemail for times.

If you have items for the Fall Rummage Sale please contact the office for times you can bring them down!! (Please leave a phone number and someone will get back to you.)

The UCW Spring Tea and Bake Sale brought in more than \$1,000.00 and the Spring Rummage Sale brought in \$3,175.00 over the three days. Some items will be sent to the Women's Shelter in Melfort. Thank you to all who donated, worked or purchased items for both these events.

The NEOSS House of Hope officially opened its door to clients on Monday, June 13, 2016.

The Fall Supper will be held Sunday, October 16th at the Rec Plex. An organizational meeting will be held **Wed. Sept. 7th at 12 noon** here at the church. **Anyone interested in helping please come!**