

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Party

Next week, **Sunday December 18th**, during the Lessons & Carols service, our Sunday School kids will be having our own Christmas Party downstairs. Music, treats, Christmas crafts, and more! See you then kids!

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at St. Paul's

At our **4:30pm Christmas Eve** service, we will be presenting "The Birth of Jesus", a simple but wonderful narration of the nativity story, and a bit of a holiday tradition here at St. Paul's.

If your children would like to participate, or if you would like to help out (for instance, with costume/set design, stage assistance, etc.) please connect with Rob Montgomery (see contact info below).

Youth Group Christmas Party

On **Friday December 23rd**, starting at 7pm, St. Paul's Youth Group will be having a Christmas Party here at the Church. Mark your calendars, break out your Christmas sweaters, and see you there (even if it'll be your first time). Connect with Rob Montgomery for more information.

A Word from our Family & Youth Minister

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you looking for ways to use your talents and passions in the Church? Can you see the need for nurturing faith in all sorts of contexts?

If so, I (Rob) would like to speak with you.

We are currently exploring ways to build up the ministries to Families, Children & Youth here at St. Paul's, and it may just be that *you* are part of the answer to our prayers.

While I do have some ideas in mind, what I really would like is to hear from you, and to encourage us as a Parish to think about how we can all bless young people together.

We can connect through email, the phone, or we can even chat over coffee or tea.

Just let me know you are interested, and we'll take it from there.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PAUL'S

Activity Bags are available for children remaining in Church

Sunday School welcomes kids ages 3+ during our 10 am service

Our **Nursery Room** is always ready for parents to use if they wish

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Ages 12+ **Friday 7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

Contact Info

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... what a lovely evening we enjoyed last Sunday. So many people remarked that it had been such a long time since they had experienced Evensong. What a blessing it was to share in this beautiful liturgy of the Church. Then a large group of around 80 gathered in the hall for the presentation on the Holy Land. *Mission Within* provided coffee, tea, hot cider and lots of tasty treats. Special thanks to **Greg Fleet** for his technical assistance with the projector and **Ted Sayre** for his help with the sound system ... **Penny & Gerry McConaghy** hosted the Youth Group on Dec 2 at their home. The young people received a lesson in baking bread. Where could they learn better? ... birthday greetings go to **Don Crawford** who marked his 80th birthday this past week. His family held a potluck supper in the parish hall on December 3rd in his honour ... the **Chiming Cherubim** enjoyed performing for the residents of Shannex on December 1 ... we are glad to be able to report that a number of our Parishioners are convalescing at home after their time in hospital, and they are all doing very well. We send them all our love and prayers: **Jim Stewart, Jean Taylor, Jill Wallace, Donna Laskey and Christian Turnbull** ... did you know that our ACW provide Christmas gifts for the residents of *The Farraline Home* in Fredericton? *Farraline* is a residence for seniors, located near the Cathedral and operated by the ACW of the Diocese ... our prayers are with the **Rev. Dan McMullen** who will be officially welcomed in his ministry in the Parish of Apohqui on Thursday. Rev. Dan is a fellow 2016 graduate of Wycliffe College of Rob Montgomery ... the RNS Annual Christmas Carol Service will be held, **Sat, Dec 17** at OLPH at 7:30. Everyone is welcome ... *that's our news, from our pews. ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

Holy Baptism Service

At 1 pm we will be celebrating a very happy service of Holy Baptism with the Hurley family. In the fall of 2015, Joshua and Jennifer Hurley welcomed into their family, **Graham Carter Leonard**, and in September their family welcomed **Meredith Elizabeth Grace**. Both their little ones will be baptized today. Graham's Godparents are his maternal Grandparents, Bradley and Brenda Graham of Trenton, Ontario. Meredith's Godparents are his paternal Grandparents, Dan & Kathi Hurley of Rothesay. We welcome all the members of their families who have travelled and offer our prayers for this young family.

December Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will gather on **Tue, Dec 13** at the home of Pam Iype, 18 Tanquility Lane, Quispamsis. There will be a social hour from 6:30 – 7:30, with the business meeting following.

Decorating the Church

We will be gathering to decorate the church for Christmas after the 10am service of Lessons & Carols on **Dec 18**. All are welcome-especially tall people.

Mission Beyond the Parish

Will hold their December meeting at the home of Jane Stewart, 102 James Renforth Drive in Rothesay. We shall enjoy a shared lunch together, as well as our end of the year business meeting.

Today is White Gift Sunday

St. Paul's joins with other local churches in providing assistance to deserving families in our community at Christmas. This effort is co-ordinated by the KV Firefighters, who collect the toys, purchase the turkeys, box up the parcels for each family and deliver the parcels. If you would prefer to make a financial gift, please mark your envelope **White Gift** and the funds will be directed to the Firefighters.

Christmas Tea at Shannex

Following up on our successful Tea at Shannex in November, we will be hosting a Christmas Tea for members (and friends) of St. Paul's who live in the Shannex Senior's Complex, on **Wed, Dec 14 at 3 p.m.** Our appreciation to the *Mission Within Committee* for organizing this happy event.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in the church in memory of a loved one is asked to please call the church office at 847-1812.

Feminine Products for Underprivileged Women

The response to this appeal has been heartwarming. Thank you all for your immediate and generous support. We will continue to collect donations of pads, tampons and wipes at the church and deliver them to Heartbreak Boutique who are co-ordinating this effort in the city. Please leave items in the designated box in the parish lobby until **Dec. 17**. Financial donations will also be received through the church, however the church cannot give a tax receipt for these donations as the group collecting is not a registered charity. Please contact Dale Cook for more information at 609-1142 or cook.dale@gmail.com

2017 Church Calendars

The ACW are selling 2017 church calendars during coffee time. They are selling the *Book of Common Prayer* edition of the church calendar. The cost is \$7/calendar.

Hope is a Star

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong
And none shall be afraid.*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
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Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on. **(Refrain)**

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

5. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**