

St. Paul's is a family, commissioned by Christ, gathered together in faith to glorify God and nurture spiritual growth through worship and service.



Our Sunday Service begins at 10:45 AM. We are located at 319 Prescott Street at the corner of Mary Street in Kemptville, Ontario.

The Sunday Service at our sister church Knox begins at 9:15AM. They are located **2227 Simms St.** in Mountain.

St. Paul's Matters

www.stpaulskemptville.ca

Spring—2013

Keys to Church Growth

"My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the 5. season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." Song of Songs 2:10-13

Spring is finally here! The long winter has passed with its snow piles and we are looking forward to hear the birds singing and see the flowers blooming. I love Spring.

Spring gives new life to nature and even to the human spirit! Biblically it's the sign of God's Kingdom. King Solomon in his book, Song of Songs 2:10-13, says that God our

lover calls out to us in the spring time, wanting us to be with Him, to hear our voice and see our face.

Three years ago I participated in an informal discussion, during our Spring Presbytery retreat at Gracefield, on the things that help congregations to grow. The attendees of the discussion made a list of five main things that would help the church to be an effective and growing one. What follows is the list:

- Church members who have a clear sense of their purpose and they focus on their Christ-given missions relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill these missions.
- 2. A Joyful worship service which involves new leaders of all ages and changes to the format at least one or two times a year.
- 3. A congregation who is as interested in those who have yet to join the church as in those already in the church. A congregation who is ready to practise a radical hospitality and has passion for sharing the Good News with others.
- 4. A majority of faithful stewards who are ready to give financially, participate and make things happen. Faithful stewards participate in all church activities through their support of outreach, mission projects, spreading the Good News, pastoral care

- work, Church School, Christian education, and the list goes on.
- The congregation that has more males active in its various activities and meetings is likely to grow faster than the congregation where the participants are only women. A quick look to the number of males in our Presbyterian churches who

participate in Bible study, choir, prayer meeting, teaching in church school, lay readers schedule and church bazaar leaders will help us comprehend that males are needed in the church today more than any other

What is our response to the above qualities of effective and growing church?

This spring,

as you read this issue of St. Paul's Matters and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I encourage you to review the above list and consider participating in St. Paul's life, ministry and mission. Please consider your commitment prayerfully.

True Commitment is a spiritual act, to be considered from the perspective of "how can I thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on me" rather than "I guess I should do something for my church but really I don't have time to do it". You and I are called to do something, what we do with what we have is our thank offering to God.

Someone once said, "A ship is safe in the harbour; but that's not what a ship is for." If we want to grow and be an effective church, we must get out of our safety zones and follow the mission Christ has laid before us. In the words of Martin Luther King: "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

After His resurrection Jesus said to His followers: "Lo, I am with you all the days, until the completion of the age". Our risen Lord is with us to the end, thanks be to God for His great promise!

My prayer for you and your loved ones, that you experience a most blessed and joyful Easter season. Christ Is Risen, Hallelujah.



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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 7:30 P.M.

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Reflections on Hugh Stewart (Aug. 7, 1929 - Mar. 4, 2013)

the memory of his warmth, his sharing of time and his caring of people. I smile at the twinkle in his eye and the delight in his voice whenever he spoke of someone or some event.

When I first met Hugh 32 years ago, he

greeted our family – and many others before and since then with genuine interest and affection. He also related to our youth in such a natural way that none ever thought of him as 'old'. His shared expertise and constant learning with Young Horticulturists and in the local Kemptville Horticultural Society - was time well remembered, and appreciated, by so many now grown.

With grace, dignity and joy Hugh Stewart taught our Sunday School classes, was appointed Assistant Superintendent in 1964, was an elected Session Elder since 1965, and accepted the appointment of School Superintendent from 1971 to 1980. He was the one who recommended we form a

committee to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul's and, of course, he was an active executive member of that committee - plus always one of the appreciation of his family - his Mother, Mrs. lessie first people we met during any church function. Just last Christmas he was managing the Bazaar luncheon tickets and cash, as that is what he loved to do – meet and greet people. As part of decades of Christmas Pageants, Hugh gave us 'his all' with, most recently, a beautifully read story - with the eloquence that only he could. Hugh knew many, many people – of all walks of life. A lifetime career in the Civil Service presented many opportunities for him, but, more importantly, he allowed so many hundreds of people to know him - his heart was always open.

Hugh loved to travel - and travel he did.

When thinking of Hugh, I smile. I smile at Some examples are his trip to the Holy Land and when he returned from Eastern Europe during our millennium and delivered a very descriptive and informative presentation about the Presbyterian work being done there. Recently, his travels by train across Canada with his niece, Lori, brought

great joy to his later life.

His musical talent and singing voice was such a lifetime gift to our choir. Ever since he was an active little boy, Hugh loved to perform. In those days, and since, he was also a true character - I mean actor – in church presentations - a true ambassador for all of us here - and in our community.

We shared many discussions traveling back and forth to Ottawa to visit our dear friend, Winnie Kennedy. As Winnie knew him as a boy, I will share some of her thoughts. She expressed many times how he loved to eat how he loved mischief - how he loved to help - and how he was always there when any

activity took place. She loved him as a son.

Hugh spoke with great love, pride and Stewart, his brother Ron and of his niece and nephew Lori and Ron.

We still hear his voice resonating with the Honor Roll of our fallen soldiers in Remembrance Day Services.

We still hear his chuckle - we still feel his soul in our presence.

We will long feel appreciation for the gift among us named Hugh Stewart.

This eulogy was delivered at Hugh Stewart's funeral by Clerk of Session Heather Stewart on behalf of St. Paul's Session and Congregation.



Circle These Dates in Your Calendar

St. Paul's is part of a two-point charge with Knox Presbyterian Church in nearby Mountain. One of the great benefits of this arrangement is that we often come together to praise and worship God as one large congregation.

Some of the joint services already planned for this year are:

⇒ March 31st—Joint Easter Sunday Service at

St. Paul's starting at 10:45AM

- ⇒ June 30th—Joint Service at Knox in Mountain starting at 11:00AM
- ⇒ September 29th—Anniversary Service at St. Paul's starting at 10:45AM; and,
- ⇒ October 20th—Anniversary Service at Knox in Mountain starting at IIAM

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR WEB-SITE AT ST. PAUL'S IS UP-**DATED EVERY WEEK? IT IS A GREAT PLACE** TO LOOK FOR **PHOTOS AND** INFORMATION. YOU CAN FIND IT AT:

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IF YOU KNOW OF FRIENDS OR **NEIGHBOURS** WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE **OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL.** CONTACT **IIM ARMOUR AT** j.armour@cogeco.ca

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE HELD ON:

June 2, 2013

October 6, 2013

Encouraging Financial Stewardship at St. Paul's



At the February Session meeting it was decided to put forth information to the congregation about our church offerings. Our financial position at the end of 2012 was in a negative position. This article condenses stewardship information from the offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Establish the Foundation

Remember, stewardship is primarily a spiritual matter concerned with all of life, not just a financial matter. Any strategy needs to be built on a strong biblical understanding of stewardship. An important part of stewardship is about how we grow in our faith, and how we respond to that growth. The most effective, spiritually-centred financial campaigns consistently focus the core of their programs on the joyful transformation of the giver in giving, and not on the need of the church to receive.

Questions to ask Ourselves

- Are your church givings rooted in a clearly articulated theology of God's abundant grace?
- Are you thinking giving to the church is a way to discover the joy of generous living and giving in Jesus Christ?
- Do you think of it as showing compassion and community vs. obligation and commitment?
- Do you look at elements of giving other than financial stewardship?

- What is our congregational vision, mission, and purpose?
- What mission priorities excite you? What inspires you? How can you share this inspiration with others?
- What are your plans to celebrate God's abundance?
- Are our children involved in regular church giving?

Regular giving supports the annual budget

A mission-based stewardship campaign asks, "What is God calling you to do?" rather than "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?" We are inviting the congregation and the community into an ongoing mission relationship and this relationship needs to be nurtured.

People give in many different ways. For churches, the Sunday morning offering is the most obvious place where people give to the church. In addition to a weekly or monthly offering, you may give during spontaneous opportunities or special offerings that are planned throughout the year. You may also respond to short-term major campaigns.

We have made it easy for you to give. Today, some will give online, particularly those who once attended a church, or who don't attend regularly. Automatic debit plans (PAR) can also help you give regularly.

Other Planned Giving

We are inviting people to give financially from both their current income and their accumulated assets. People generally give to the weekly offering from their current incomes – salaries, allowances, or pensions. This is pocket #1 and the contribution is usually part of their weekly or monthly budgets.

But, people can also give from pocket #2, their accumulated assets. While people often associate this with bequests (gifts they give once they have died), there are many ways to give planned gifts while people are still alive – gifts of property, stock, and annuities. This type of financial contribution is generally quite substantial, long-term, and usually involves some planning.

Evaluating Your Giving

- Are you growing in generosity?
- Are you giving in different ways?

~May God bless you and your family so that you may be a blessing to others~

What's New in Our Church Library—Submitted by Sharon Côté

Hello all! As of the beginning of this year, our library catalogue has been linked to the home page of St. Paul's website. You can look for your favourite authors and books or just browse and see what is available. The books are under categories from Biographies to Christian Living to Theology and more.

Several used books have been donated as well as a new one - a wonderful book for children **Animals Are Like Us** by Heather Stewart and a new one was bought - **Surprised**

 $\mbox{\bf by Hope}$ by N. T. Wright, a new look at eternal life and where we will spend it.

Two new videos were also purchased: **The Potential Inside**, a true story about cyclist Chris Carmik and for the teens, **Secrets in the Snow**, a story of six students stranded over night in their school during a snowstorm and how they learned to rely on each other.

Nothing like relaxing with a good book/video and a hot drink when you come in from your spring yardwork!

Local Fashion Designer Turned Heads at Ottawa Fashion Week





Ottawa Fashion Week is getting bigger and more prestigious every year—attracting top-notch designers like Ottawa's Frank Sukhoo and MUSE from Montréal which is made up of Christian Chenail and Helmer Joseph.

Debuting at OFW this year was a young, up-and-coming fashion designer with roots at St. Paul's. Carissa McCaig is the daughter of Hunter McCaig and his wife Theresa. Her proud grandparents are Norm and Helen Sinclair.

The pictures of Carissa's colourful and ready-to-wear designs speak for themselves but in their glowing review of the show, the *Ottawa Citizen* referred to them as "Old Hollywood glamour meets nipped in modern waists".

The Black Sheep—an influential blog that showcases the best in Canadian fashion talent—also did a feature article on Carissa and her company Copius in the lead-up to OFW. Excerpts from the piece, written by Deanna Spagnuolo, are reprinted below:

"For me, whenever spring and summer come around I instantly start feeling like I want to be back home," Carissa said. "I grew up just outside of Ottawa in the country, in pretty clothes where it's more relaxing."

She flaunts a sense of style that's every bit as jazzy as the outdoor concerts you can attend in one of her pieces. You'll be seeing a lot of

flirty dresses with bright purples, oranges and yellows with teals and pinks. She also has a lineup of tops and bottoms that are sure to be dressy yet comfortable.

"The biggest thing I try to cater to is price point," she said. "I always think about affordability; people want to spend money on clothes that they can wear for a long time."

Carissa graduated from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Toronto five years ago and finally felt that she was ready as a designer to be in OFW.

"It takes time to put together a whole collection. It's not as easy as some people think, it's not about a bunch of separate pieces, it's what the collection looks like as a whole," said Carissa. "I was really proud how with this collection, you can mix and match all the different pieces."

I think everyone at St. Paul's would agree that Carissa has every right to be proud of her work. Congratulations to you and the rest of the McCaig/Sinclair family!

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Youth Pastors on Keeping Young People in Church—By ChristianWeek

Hemorrhaging Faith, a recent study commissioned by The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, finds that only one in three Canadian young adults who attended church weekly as a child still do so today.

ChristianWeek asked youth experts across Canada: What is the biggest challenge facing the church when it comes to engaging young people with the gospel, and what will it take to overcome it?"

Today's generation doesn't want to just be told that something is true, they need to experience it. Sadly, there is so often a huge disconnect between student's lives and the impact of the gospel. When we don't help them engage, we lose them between the cracks because they don't see how it makes a difference in their lives.

We need to be helping students discover their gifts and actually use them. This needs to start happening in junior high. If we wait until students graduate high school to help them get plugged into the church, we've likely already lost them. As students get involved, they buy in and see their crucial role in the larger narrative; and the wider community realizes that youth aren't a rogue, fringe group of hooligans, but a meaningful part of the body of Christ.

At the end of the day, if we have healthy youth ministries and also intentionally see kids imbedded in the larger church community, then our students will engage with the gospel and be changed by it. That's when we will see a student bring friends, not just saying, "Hey, come to my youth group," but also, "This is my church family, and I want you to be part of it, too."

The Meeting House, Oakville, ON

A while ago I was talking to a young person who was caught up in questionable behaviours. I told her she needs to go to the closest church in her neighbourhood for help. She was horrified and said, "They would just judge me and make things worse." At this point I changed the direction of our conversation to Jesus. Her receptivity to my words changed to one of acceptance and warmth, for in Jesus she felt safe.

Our young people are caught up in a diversity of issues,

moral ambiguities and filled with lots of questions. Many are confused, unstable and in emotional turmoil. They are scared of the Church but are very open to Jesus.

So, the issue facing the Church isn't so much about young people changing but more about us changing to be more like Jesus. Now that question has all sorts of powerful ramifications. It means that we as a church have to be comfortable with uncomfortable-ness. Accepting of sin-filled people while speaking truth in love, knowing we too are hopeless sinners saved by grace.

Today's generation of youth are very comfortable with questions, diversity in sexual mores and religious opinions. They are a hurting and confused generation that are very open to Je-

Jesus is the perfect antidote to what both our young people are seeking and what the Church needs to become.

> Colin McCartney, founder and president Connect Leadership Ministries, Scarborough, ON

I think what the Church is dealing with is an image problem. If we are going to see a new generation come to church, we will to need to get over some big public relations hurdles. People see our rules before they see our love. People don't understand our views.

Things can be done to attract young adults but studies show that for all the dollars that are spent on evangelism, we get very little return. What we need is a radical dedication to sacrifice and truly living the Christian message.

How do we turn this around? I believe one of the most Sarah Stanley, junior high youth pastor important things is stop looking at youth ministry as events and entertainment, and really get back to the personal nurture and mentoring of each student. Rather than putting so much time into attracting a crowd, kids need to be discipled in the home and the youth group. Youth pastors and volunteers need to spend time with kids in their world.

> Also, parents can't abdicate their role. If parents are contradicting each day by their lifestyle what is being taught by the Church on the weekend, how in the world are kids ever going to come to a deep meaningful commitment to Jesus?

> > Ron Powell, director of the Youth Ministry Institute

A Good Reason to Monitor Your Pancake Intake

The Women's Missionary Society and the Choir are planning a Pancake Brunch following the Church Service on Sunday, April the 14th.

Your donation for the meal, received through a free-will offering, will be used to help purchase a much-needed monitor to be used during our weekly services by the choir, minister and organist.

Currently, the only way that people on the worship platform can see what is being projected on the wall at the front of the sanctuary is through a small computer monitor attached to the side of the pulpit.

A bigger and better placed monitor will ensure that everybody will be able to see the words, pictures and videos that have

become such an important part of our worship service.

Your brunch will include juice, tea, coffee, milk, fresh fruit, sausages and pancakes—with real maple syrup. There will also be musical menu items to bid

on as well!

Please plan to attend this "Monitor Brunch" and bring all of your hungry friends, family and neighbours. Your financial support to this project will help the choir, minister and organist each Sunday of the year.



Cash, Debit and Now Credit—New Ways to Give to St. Paul's

For hundreds of years, passing the collection plate every Sunday was the easiest way for a church to ensure that it had enough funds to pay the Minister, keep the lights on, and carry out its mission at home and around the world. Times have changed and churches across Canada have had to adapt.

In the winter edition of St. Paul's Matters, the Board of Managers announced that our congregation had joined the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. By filling out a simple form and providing the church with a void cheque, members can now have their offering automatically come up of their bank accounts on a monthly basis.

PAR is convenient and 100% secure. You can sign up at any time and if you ever have to change your commitment, that can be done very quickly too.

As if the option of automatic withdrawals wasn't enough, St. Paul's is now able to accept credit card donations through a charitable organization called CanadaHelps. They are an on-line foundation that gives registered Canadian charities, like St. Paul's, the ability to accept donations over the Internet.

If St. Paul's were to try to do this itself, the monthly service charges and the individual transaction fees would be astronomical. Thanks to CanadaHelps, it's now a safe and affordable option for the Board of Managers to offer to members. It is also an easy way to make a one-time gift to St.

Paul's or to make automatic monthly donations.

All the information on both PAR and CanadaHelps will soon be on our website www.stpaulskemptville.ca but if you're interested in learning more about this new credit card option, you can visit www.CanadaHelps.org. Once there, search for "St. Paul's Presbyterian Church" and then scroll through the many congregations with that name until you find "Kemptville".

With donations through CanadaHelps, they issue you a tax receipt for the full amount and then they transfer the money to St. Paul's, less 3.9% which just covers their costs. CanadaHelps does not make any profit on the transaction.

As one Board Member joked—"Giving money to the church won't get you to heaven any faster but with the new credit card option and air miles, it may allow you to fly to the Caribbean a bit sooner."

Whether it is PAR, CanadaHelps or old-fashioned offering envelopes, please prayerfully consider making a firm and regular financial commitment to your church.







St. Paul's Recognized in National Church Growth Study

With all the recent hand-wringing over declining attendance and ever increasing bills, how about a bit of good news for a change?

In the summer of 2012, a survey was conducted by Chippawa Presbyterian Church in Niagara Falls, Ontario, to discover if there were any common features of "growing churches" within the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Researchers looked at the average attendance numbers for Presbyterian churches across the country and selected congregations who had seen at least 5% growth from 2008 to 2011. St. Paul's was one of only 37 congregations that met that criteria.

The survey was then sent to these churches to see whether any keys to growth could be identified. Chippawa came back with fifteen—six of which were essential and nine classified as important areas of secondary ministry.

The primary ministries for growth were:

- Relevant Preaching: Biblically-based teaching that makes the text equally meaningful to both long-time believers and first-time worshippers;
- 2. **Inspiring Music**: A blend of traditional hymns and contemporary praise music;
- 3. **Children's Programming**: Putting time and energy into developing a strong Sunday

morning children's ministry;

- 4. **Local Mission**: Projects like supporting food banks, shelters and other causes involving the whole congregation;
- Corporate Prayer: Encouraging members to pray outside of worship as part of their everyday lives; and,
- 6. **Pastoral Care**: The ability of congregations to offer care, love and tangible support to people connected with their church.

I think we can all see how St. Paul's fits into the primary categories essential for church growth, but how many secondary characteristics do we have?

The secondary ministries for growth were:

- I. Participation in global missions
- 2. Vacation Bible School
- 3. Intentional leadership development
- 4. Adult spiritual education
- 5. Adult small groups
- 6. New members classes
- 7. Educating the congregation on stewardship
- 8. Teaching and encouraging personal evangelism
- 9. Inspiring worship elements like drama & video

St. Paul's is encouraged to keep building on its six primary ministries and select the secondary projects that match our skills and speak to our community.

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Poems for Spring - Submitted by Gerald Anderson

DAFFODILS

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine And twinkle on the milky way, They stretched in never-ending line Along the margin of a bay: Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: A poet could not but be gay, In such a jocund company: I gazed--and gazed--but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth



Lines Written in Early Spring

I heard a thousand blended notes.

While in a grove I sate reclined, In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link

The human soul that through me ran;

And much it grieved my heart to

What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,

The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;

And 'tis my faith that every flower

Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,

Their thoughts I cannot measure:—

But the least motion which they made

It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

rmuring stream, isturb not her dream. Robert Burns

The budding twigs spread out their fan,

To catch the breezy air; And I must think, do all I can, That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,

If such be Nature's holy plan, Have I not reason to lament What man has made of man?

William Wordsworth



SWEET AFTON

Flow gently, sweet Afton! amang thy green braes, Flow gently, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.

Thou stockdove whose echo resounds thro' the glen, Ye wild whistling blackbirds in yon thorny den, Thou green-crested lapwing thy screaming forbear, I charge you, disturb not my slumbering Fair.

How lofty, sweet Afton, thy neighbouring hills, Far mark'd with the courses of clear, winding rills; There daily I wander as noon rises high, My flocks and my Mary's sweet cot in my eye.

How pleasant thy banks and green valleys below, Where, wild in the woodlands, the primroses blow; There oft, as mild Ev'ning weeps over the lea, The sweet-scented birk shades my Mary and me.

Thy crystal stream, Afton, how lovely it glides, And winds by the cot where my Mary resides; How wanton thy waters her snowy feet lave, As, gathering sweet flowerets, she stems thy clear wave.

Flow gently, sweet Afton, amang thy green braes, Flow gently, sweet river, the theme of my lays; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.