Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

On the road again.

Sunday Nov 19, I had the delight to led worship at St. Paul's United Church, Riverview, NB. On behalf of the Region - that's all of us - I shared our gratitude for their ongoing ministry in Riverview and beyond.

In the beginning St Paul's United met in a local school. From there they graduated to their first building using hay bales for pews. Over time they have grown through three major building stages. Now they have a beautiful building that offers a fully accessible and contemporary space. They have invested in new sound equipment and the latest technology to offer live streaming of the Sunday morning worship - one way they are sharing the good news of God's unconditional love beyond their walls and into the world.

St. Paul's became an Affirming Ministry in June of 2020. They describe themselves as a welcoming and inclusive faith community, in which people of all generations gather in worship, in the name of Jesus Christ.

From the photos on the <u>FSLDW Facebook page</u>, you will see that music and breaking bread together are important values for the people of St. Paul's... and much more.

This is a congregation who love to sing! Music director Brenda Barnes, music lead Steven Spencer and a choir lead the way.

Thank you all for the gracious welcome and offering your clergy Rev. Steve Berube a week away.

Thank you, St. Paul's, for being an agent of hope and peace in this awesome and fragile world.

Please note that the community is in the midst of a search for their next leader as Rev. Steve Berube is retiring in January, 2024. Please hold this important ministry to the Light.

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