

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

September 6, 2009

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6

Office closed – summer hours

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:40 a.m. Fellowship time in Lobby

3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live! ~ Labours of Love

Monday, September 7

Labour Day – office closed

7:30 p.m. 12- Step Programme

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Mother Care

10 - 11 a.m. Social Services

6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs registration

7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal
Medicine Wheel

Wednesday, September 9

10:30 a.m. Book Study Group

11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks registration

6:30 p.m. Small Group Leaders Potluck

7:30 p.m. Living the Welcome &
Membership Committees mtg

Thursday, September 10

10 - 11 a.m. Social Services

6:00 p.m. Supper Club

6:00 p.m. Orff Ensemble

6:30 p.m. Carol Choir

7:30 p.m. 12- Step Programme

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 11

Office closed

9:30 a.m. Mother Care

7:30 p.m. Sounds of the Solar System –
Crystal Bowl Concert

Sunday, September 13

Pop Can Sunday!

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Rally Day
~ Commissioning

11:40 a.m. Fellowship time - Banquet Hall

11:45 a.m. Youth Choir

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:

Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Canadian Club & Reconnaissance.

WELCOME CENTRE ~ In the Narthex/Lobby! Pick up a yellow duotang full of information about St. Paul's.

CHECK OUT the papers hanging on the hook on the pew – you'll find lots of information!

OFFICE HOURS ~ As both of our Ministers take Friday off, and the custodian works on Friday and will be able to open and close the building, the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee is recommending that the office be closed on Fridays for September and October. The Committee feels it is a better use of our available office hours to have all the staff work Monday to Thursday and Rachael to continue with the Sunday hours. Therefore, the office window will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and before & after worship on Sundays. Please offer comments during this trial period to any member of the M&P Committee: Co-chairs Shirley Thomson & Cam Davidson, Jody Maltby, or John Menear.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS POTLUCK DINNER ~ On Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. all Small Group Leaders are invited to a potluck dinner and planning session at the home of Karen Hilfman Millson. Please contact the Church office at 326-7351 or programstpauls@bellnet.ca to let us know whether or not you are able to attend.

THE WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP which looked at Borg & Crossan's, *The Last Week*, during Lent will be resurrected in the Fall, with both Karen & Monica. Start date will be September 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We will begin by looking at Diana Butler-Bass' book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. You may purchase the book through Manticore for \$16.50. To register, please call the Church office, 326-7351.

SUPPER CLUB ~ The first St. Paul's Supper Club meeting of the Fall & Winter Season is on Thursday, September 10 in the Banquet Hall. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a pot luck supper, followed by music and speaker Leanore Wiancko presenting a video on Antarctica. We invite all seniors – couples and singles – to join us for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship. For more details call the Wildings at 327-1353.

ST. PAUL'S CHOIRS share the joy of singing in harmony at our Sunday morning services from September to June. New members are warmly welcomed. Please read on for more information regarding registration and rehearsals. **Carol Choir:** Rehearsals begin this week and continue on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children in school grades 2 through 7 may register for the choir by attending any upcoming Thursday rehearsal. For more information contact Blair Bailey here at the Church: 326-7351, ext. 108. **Chancel Choir:** St. Paul's adult choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. beginning this week. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Blair Bailey here at the Church: 326-7351, ext. 108. **Youth Choir:** Young people in school grades 8 through 12 and beyond are invited to attend rehearsals after each Sunday morning service until 1:00 p.m. Rehearsals begin next Sunday, September 13. For more information contact Blair Bailey at 326-7351, ext. 108. **Cherub Choir:** Parents with children aged 4 to 7 are invited to introduce your youngster to the joy of singing by registering for St. Paul's Cherub Choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday September 17. This season the choir will be directed by Shannon Howes, assisted by accompanist Susan Walma. For more information, contact the friendly people in the Church office, 326-7351.

ORFF INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE ~ Kathie Joblin welcomes any and all members of the St. Paul's Carol Choir to come to the Parlour at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a half hour of Orff music-making using small percussion instruments. We are particularly excited to be practising for our part in the Ethno Mass for Peace, to be presented later in the fall by the Chancel Choir. New and returning members are welcome. We start this Thursday, September 10. For more information, contact Kathie at 326-7873.

KIDS CHURCH! ~ We begin in a new way with an all-ages party on Sunday, September 13, during church time. September 20 is Bring – A – Friend - To - Church Sunday, with a breakfast at 9:00 a.m., special all-ages activities

during KIDS' CHURCH, and the Church Community Fair following the service. This is the perfect time to welcome your Friends to the St. Paul's community. Come one, Come all!!! Don't forget to save the weekend of September 26 & 27 for our annual camp weekend at Sparrow Lake – all ages are encouraged to come.

UCW UNIT #1 ~ meeting September 15 at 1:30 p.m. All women are welcome to join us at our meeting in the Parlour as we enter into our beautiful autumn season. Sandra Norman (Helen Murray's daughter) will give a presentation of her family's Kenyan Project. Refreshments will be served.

BALANCING YOUR PERSONAL MEDICINE WHEEL ~ This is an 8-week group session led by Denise Toner, Natural Law Teacher will meet on Tuesdays starting on September 15, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$150 which includes light refreshment and donation to St. Paul's. For more information or to register, please contact Denise at 323-2831 or naturallawteacher@yahoo.ca

WOMEN'S TEACHINGS AND THE PLEASURES OF MENOPAUSE ~ This is an 8-week group session led by Denise Toner will meet 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays starting on September 14. Cost is \$150 which includes donation to St. Paul's and light refreshment. For more information or to register, please contact Denise at 323-2831 or naturallawteacher@yahoo.ca.

HILLCREST LODGE ~ is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Lodge, 86 Cedar Street. The purpose of the meeting is to review the activities of the Corporation and to elect directors and appoint an auditor.

LIVING AN INSPIRED LIFE ~ Workshop series on the life journey, led by Kathie and Fred Joblin, is a series of ten monthly workshops beginning on September 18/19—you can attend either Friday evening or Saturday morning in Memorial Hall. Cost for the series: \$225. For more info, call 326-7873.

COUPLES CLUB ~ "End of Summer-Beginning of Fall" Barbecue will be held on Saturday, September 19 at the home of Faye & Dwayne Hunter, 371 Victoria Crescent. Gather at 3 p.m., the barbecue is at 5 p.m. and music entertainment will be provided by Jim Harris with his hammered dulcimer. Cost is \$5 per person and you are asked to bring a lawn chair and your coffee mug.

BRING-A-FRIEND-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY ~ On September 20, The Living the Welcome Committee is inviting everyone to bring a friend to Church so they can experience the warmth and welcoming of our St. Paul's community. And you can bring your friend to breakfast that morning as well, at 9 a.m. in the Banquet Hall. Tickets for the breakfast are \$6 each and will be on sale today. And you can stay after the Church service to take in the annual Community Fair where Small Group Leaders will be available to tell you about their group. Lots to show and share with your friends!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ The group will begin this new venture on Saturday, September 26 at Treetop Trekking Horseshoe on Horseshoe Valley Rd. We will be there for 5 hours of climbing, team building, and a chance to connect at a "higher level." After climbing, we will be off to Sparrow Lake Camp to continue the adventure until Sunday afternoon. Be there or be square! Contact Monica for more information, and please let her know if you plan to attend (A.S.A.P.) – 326-7351, ext. 107 or monica@bellnet.ca.

CAMP WEEKEND at SPARROW LAKE CAMP ~ September 26 & 27 – Mark your calendars now, to come out after lunch on Saturday to the shores of Sparrow Lake, enjoy a campfire in the evening and a night in the cabins. Watch for registration details soon. Cost is the same as last year - \$12.50 per person for the night or \$25 per family, with food costs extra. **Sunday Camp Worship Sept 27** will be held at the camp at 10:30 a.m. (a smaller service is also available in the St. Paul's sanctuary). An outdoor lunch will follow. Don't miss this great time of community!

THE FALL PROGRAMME & GUIDE BOOK ~ will be published on September 20. If you are interested in, or thinking of, running a Small Group or a Programme group, please contact the office by September 10 to have your information included. Email works best at programstpauls@bellnet.ca.

LIVING WATERS PRESBYTERIAL ~ An invitation for all the women of St. Paul's to come to our first meeting here on Saturday, September 26 – a day chosen with the hope of reaching out to all the younger women in the United Church. We are expecting women from Muskoka, Windermere, Huntsville south to Simcoe and York Counties east of Hwy 400 to Markham. Come and join us for laughter, song, soul and body food, and guest speaker Carol Hubbert's address which will be full of wisdom and humour. Registration and coffee is at 9 – 10 a.m. in the Banquet Hall with the program following in the Sanctuary. Bring a bag lunch to add with soup & tea, etc. that will be provided. Come, bring a friend, and meet other United Church ladies! The day will end at 3 p.m.

2nd ORILLIA SCOUTS ~ Registration for Beavers (ages 5-7) and Cubs (ages 8 – 12) will take place at St. Paul's on Tuesday September 8 and Tuesday September 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meetings are Tuesdays at St. Paul's – Cubs at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Beavers at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All male and female youth are welcome. For more information please contact Ed Ansdell at 325-1417.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of celebration for Phil & Betty Chevalier as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 12 ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Donna Jean Monteith who died on Aug. 14; the life of Bea Wood, who died on Aug. 19; and the life of Robert Arbuckle who died on Aug. 29, and keep in our prayers their families and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Leona Ladouceur, Nora Robert (Bonnie Sugden's mother), Kerry Ovens, Bruce Johnston, Scott Lepard, Dave Langman, Betty Leigh, Karin Bolette Sonne, Jim Nicol, Joyce Nicol, Sandra Koch, Vera Holmes, Pat Young, Colleen Burns, and others connected to our St. Paul's family who are in hospital, recovering at home, in treatment, or preparing for surgery, as well as their families. *Anyone named in our prayer list (or a close relative of theirs) has agreed that they be included. The ministry of prayer is a powerful one. May God's blessings be with us as we continue sharing this ministry. Please let the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital as we are not able to check the whole hospital list but want to be of support. The portion of the list we can check is the United Church section – but you will need to make sure that you tell the registration person to put you on that list every time you go or your name will not show up.* ☺