

AS WE PRAY ❖ We celebrate with Rama United Church as they mark their 100th Anniversary today. ❖ We celebrate and offer prayers of support to Nicole Ball and Adam Bolyea and to Stacey McKelvey and Andrew Johnston who were married on September 12. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Fred Ferrier who died on September 4 and keep in our prayers his family 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, 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.* ☞

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

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, Committee Chairs and leaders of program and fellowship groups will be

available to tell you about their group. Lots to show and share with your friends!

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

MONICA'S DROP-IN ~ will resume this week on Thursday September 17th. Meet her at Mariposa Market at 11 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

KIDS' CHURCH REGISTRATION FORMS ~ are being handed out by the ushers this morning. Please fill it in and hand it to Monica in McDonald Hall.

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.

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. **Carol Choir:** Rehearses 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 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. If you are interested in becoming a member, please

contact Blair Bailey 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. beginning today. For more information contact Blair Bailey at 326-7351, ext. 108. **Cherub Choir:** Parents with children aged 3 to 7 are invited to introduce your youngster to the joy of singing by registering for 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 members of the St. Paul's Carol Choir to come to the Parlour Choir at 6:00 p.m., before Choir, 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.

MEETING – AJ LEVINE PLANNING ~ Wednesday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m. We need at least 5 people to form a team to help organize and plan this amazing opportunity to have AJ Levine as scholar-in-residence, March 26-28, 2010. If you can help call Karen or Monica, 326-7351.

KIDS CHURCH! ~ We begin in a new way today with an all-ages party 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 info: 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 info go to naturallawteacher@yahoo.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 from around the region. 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.

CAJUN COOKING ANYONE? ~ That is – do you do Cajun cooking? or willing to try out some new recipes? We need a team of volunteers to do the brunch on Jazz Sunday, October 18. The person who had the idea of a New Orleans Brunch is no longer available to do the cooking. So we are looking for a few creative cooks who would divide the work

between them to make this happen. Contact the Church office, 326-7351.

PARENTING SPIRITUAL VALUES SMALL GROUP ~ Come join the conversation facilitated by Karen Hilfman Millson as we ponder together to discover our wisdom, about how we parent so that our spiritual values, such as kindness, compassion, authenticity are awakened in our children. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 September 24 to November 5. Call Karen or the church office with any questions 326-7351 ext 104 (Rachael) ext 106 (Karen).

THANK YOU STEVE ~ On behalf of the Congregation and Staff of St. Paul's I would like to thank Steve Robinson for his service as Contract Custodian over the summer months. Steve stepped in on an emergency basis to get us through this period. We appreciate all that he did to keep the church maintained and clean. ~ *Cam Davidson, for the M&P Committee*

FROM MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (M & P) ~ In mid-August the M&P Committee was in contact with Leona and it was very apparent that her injury suffered in June was not going to allow her to return to work in the near future. Therefore we followed due process and posted the position in Life and Work and in The Packet. Through the interview process the hiring Committee, made up of three members of the M&P Committee and the Chair of Property, selected Joe Fountain to be St. Paul's "Interim Custodian". On behalf of the Congregation we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Joe to the staff of St. Paul's. He is looking forward to meeting all of you and working on your behalf around the church. He will be working Monday through Thursday and Friday mornings. I hope you all take the opportunity to welcome him to St. Paul's. ~ *Cam Davidson, for the M&P and Hiring Committees*

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

... *an inclusive, energized and
life-giving community
which lives the message of love for all.*

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

CHURCH OFFICE
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Calendar

Sunday, September 13

Pop Can Sunday!

- 10:00 a.m. Office Open
- 10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Rally Day
~ Commissioning
- 11:40 a.m. Fellowship time
- Banquet Hall
- 11:40 a.m. Tickets available to purchase
for Bring-a-Friend-to-Church
Breakfast
- 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir

Monday, September 14

- 3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Teachings and the
Pleasures of Menopause
- 7:30 p.m. House Band
- 7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Mother Care
- 10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
- 10:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
- 1:30 p.m. UCW #1
- 6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs registration
- 7:00 p.m. Bereaved Mothers Sm. Grp.

- 7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal
Medicine Wheel
- 7:15 p.m. Board meeting

Wednesday, September 16

- 10:30 a.m. Learning Circle: *Christianity for
the Rest of Us*
- 11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
- 5:00 p.m. Greenhaven Tools for
Healing
- 6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks registration

Thursday, September 17

- 10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
- 10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 11 - noon Monica's Drop-In*
- 6:00 p.m. Orff Instrumental Ensemble
- 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Carol Choir
- 7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 18

- 9:30 a.m. Mother Care
- 9:30 a.m. Grandmothers to
Grandmothers
- 10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group
- 7:30 p.m. Living an Inspired Life

Saturday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Living an Inspired Life
- 3:00 p.m. Couples Club*

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 a.m. Bring-a-Friend-to-Church
Breakfast by Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. Office open
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
~ Bring-a-Friend to Church
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship time
COMMUNITY FAIR
- 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir
- 3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!

(* off site) **OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Monday: Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc.; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Historical Society, Reconnaissance.