

Calendar

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning
Women's Group
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Focus on Same Gender
Marriage with special guests Jim Loney,
Colleen Barrett & Pamela Giraldi
11:40 a.m. Fellowship
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir
2:00 p.m. James Loney speaking on
being a hostage in Iraq

Monday, October 26

2:00 p.m. Bereavement Small Group
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
7:00 p.m. Women's Teachings
7:00 p.m. Amnesty International
7:30 p.m. Finding Your Place Sm Grp
7:30 p.m. 12-Step Programme
7:30 p.m. Prayer & Meditation Sm Grp*
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Ministry & Personnel Comm.
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:30 p.m. UCW #2 *

Wednesday, October 28

10:15 a.m. Learning Circle: *Christianity
for the Rest of Us**
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
6:00 p.m. Greenhaven Tools for
Healing
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
Encounter World Religions

Thursday, October 29

9:30 - 10:30 Parenting Spiritual Values
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
11 - noon Monica's Drop-In*
4:00 p.m. Property Committee mtg.
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir

6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:00 p.m. Enquiry Group
Information meeting
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 30

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
11:00 a.m. UCW Rummage Sale
7:00 p.m. Circle Dance

Sunday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Book Study
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. All Saints Communion
In Memoriam List
Congregational Meeting
11:40 a.m. Fellowship
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
St. Paul's House Band
7:30 pm. Ethno-Mass for Peace

(* off site)

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Monday: Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc.; Tuesday: Telecare; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance; Saturday: Orillia Youth Symphony Orchestra

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 information on how to get hearing assistive devices for the service, how to let yourself be known to us if you are new, how to let us know if you have any pastoral care concerns ... and much more!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ Sunday, November 1 at the end of the Sunday service, plan to stay for a congregational meeting that will deal with the same gender marriage motion which was introduced at the Congregational meeting in June. The motion is: "That our existing marriage policy

(Wedding Policy Proposal from Task Group, April 3, 2002) apply to any couple meeting the legal requirements for marriage in the Province of Ontario and the guiding principles for weddings and criteria defined by St. Paul's United Church."

THE MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ~ wishes to inform the congregation that our receptionist/secretary, Lenisa Malfait, has resigned from her position here at St. Paul's effective October 15, 2009. On behalf of the congregation, we thank Lenisa for her contribution to our church and our church community and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. The lecture series, Encounter World Religions, continues with Mormonism, presented by JW Windland. Cost is \$15 or \$60 for the series. Contact the Church Office 326-7351 for more information.

ENQUIRY GROUP ~ For those teens wanting to go through the Enquiry process leading towards confirmation, there will be an information meeting on Thursday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Your mentors are welcome to come as well, if you have chosen one already. There will be specific expectations of you which will complete your preparation for confirmation. These will include (but not be limited to) the January 1 – 3 Geneva Park Retreat, meeting with your mentor from January through May, an intentional act of voluntary ministry over the course of the year, and some written reflections. Please speak to Monica if you are interested, 326-7351, ext. 107.

UCW RUMMAGE SALE ~ will be held on Friday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Donations can be left at the bottom of the Peter Street stairs (*winter clothing only please*).

BUDDHIST ABBESS KHENMO DROLMA ~ will return to St. Paul's on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. These interfaith teachings from Tibetan Tradition will show that we are all capable of expanding our hearts to, "assist all beings out of suffering for as long as time and space exist." Learn how to train your mind to see all whom you meet as beloved and how to practise compassion and loving kindness. \$10 per person. Contact the Church office 326-7351 for more information.

FALL FEAST ~ Our annual feast will take place on Saturday, November 28 with Mocktail Happy Hour at 5 p.m. and Dinner at 6 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Watch for more details about menu and tickets!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE ~ One-of-a-kind items just perfect for Christmas gifts! Sunday, November 29th at Fellowship Time in Banquet Hall, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Craft Sale. Any group or individual connected to St. Paul's who has items (preferably homemade) that they wish to sell is welcome. Please call Cathy Marshall at 325-3648 to reserve your table.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Rehearsals begin on Sunday, November 8th. We will need actors as well as techie people. If you are interested, come on the 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. to the Parlour to find out more! or speak to Monica, Blair or Karen.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL presents a new 30-minute film *Our land, my people* which documents the effect of oil and gas development in northern Alberta that has all but destroyed the traditional economy of the Lubicon Cree, plunging the community into extreme poverty. Monday, October 26th, at 7pm. Call Deanna 327-1933, or Mary 325-1996, for information.

OBERRAMMERGAU – Passion Play 2010 ~

Excitement is building as the townspeople of Oberammergau, Germany, prepare to fulfil the promise to God made four centuries ago by their forebearers. Rev. Jim Thompson invites you to join him on a 13-day tour that includes this remarkable play (with a cast of 2100 townspeople), a tour of the majestic Bavarian Alps and a 7-day deluxe cruise on the Seine River, from Paris to the beautiful and historic region of Normandy. Discounts of up to \$700 are available until October 31st. Brochures are available by the church office. For further details, please contact Jim at 325-9028, or Rostad Tours at 1-800-361-8687. Note: Jim was sponsored into ordered ministry by St. Paul's United Church in 1974. He has just recently retired from Humbervale United Church in Toronto and has returned to Orillia. We look forward to welcoming Jim back to St. Paul's as a 'Voluntary Associate Minister'.

ATTENTION QUILTERS & CRAFTERS ~ General Council 40 was blessed with prayer flags sent from congregations and individuals across Canada and they were hung around the gymnasium during their week together. There is now a plan to make these flags into quilts, wall hangings & banners, etc. Once they are made they will be offered for auction online and the proceeds will be given to the Mission & Service Fund. If anyone would like to be a part of this fun and exciting project, there is a gathering at Trinity Centennial United Church, Hwy 89, Rosemont, on Tuesday, November 3 at 10 a.m. to sort the squares and design the quilts, etc. Some may go home with you to be put together by your local quilting/crafting group and others may choose to come together again at Rosemont to work on them. If interested please contact Ann Harbridge at Trinity Centennial, 705-435-0209 or by email to trinityrosemont@on.aibn.com

NEEDED ~ Our social services team has become aware of the need of a family for a sturdy single bed in good condition. If you can help in this way, please contact the Church Office 326-7351.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We surround with prayer Mac and Isobel Wilding on the death of their daughter, Joan Vaughan, who died on October 19. ❖ We celebrate with Beth & Wes Whalen-McKean on the birth of their daughter, Bronwyn, on October 17; a sister for Ani & Starla, granddaughter for Cathy Marshall, and cousin for Jessie & Sammy Stockdale. ❖ We also celebrate with Laurance & Michelle Wood on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophia, on October 7. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Christa Henningar who died on October 10 and for the life of George Heathwood who died on October 16 and keep in our prayers their families and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Harry Hughes, Jann Merrick, Nora Robert (Bonnie Sugden's mother), Bruce Johnston, Scott Lepard, 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.* ☞

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY!

2:00 p.m. Jim Loney will speak on his experience of being a hostage in Iraq

OCTOBER 28

7:30 p.m. Encounter World Religions
~ Mormonism

OCTOBER 29

Enquiry Information Meeting, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1

Congregational Meeting,
at the end of worship,
re: Same Gender Marriage at St. Paul's

7:30 a.m. Ethno-Mass for Peace
in the evening, by St. Paul's Choirs

NOVEMBER 8

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin
2 – 4 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15

10:30 a.m. Celtic Celebration

NOVEMBER 28

Fall Feast:
5:00 p.m. Mocktail Happy Hour
6:00 p.m. Dinner

DECEMBER 6

10:30 a.m. "Hanging of the Greens"
intergenerational service
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
Vigil for Victims of Violence

MARCH 26 – 28, 2010

Deepening The Journey
Exploring our roots, Discovering our Wings
-lectures and reflections
with Amy-Jill Levine
-a weekend of preparation as Lent ends
and Holy Week begins.

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*Please let the office know if you would
appreciate contact for pastoral care.
With a community this large it is difficult to
ensure that everyone is receiving
the support they need unless they let us know.
Purple pastoral care sheets are provided
on the hook in the pews
to share pastoral care needs for you or another.*