

Calendar

Sunday, November 22

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Book Study
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Reign of Christ Sunday
11:40 a.m. Fellowship in Banquet Hall
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir
2:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, November 23

2:00 p.m. Bereavement Small Group
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
7:00 p.m. Amnesty Int'l
7:30 p.m. Finding Your Place - postponed
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
7:30 p.m. Prayer & Meditation Sm Grp*
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, November 24

9:00 a.m. M & P Committee
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
11:00 a.m. Greenhaven Community Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Musical Awakening
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Journal Sm Grp
7:15 p.m. Board, Council, Committee Orientation
7:30 p.m. UCW #2 - rehearses *Birth of Hope*

Wednesday, November 25

9:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Committee
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
10:30 p.m. Learning Circle: *The First Christmas*
6:00 p.m. Greenhaven Tools for Healing
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks

7:30 p.m. No Encountering World Religions lecture (returns January 4)

Thursday, November 26

10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
11 - noon Monica's Drop-In*
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group
6:00 p.m. Orff Instrumental Ensemble
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:00 p.m. Zero Waste Community mtg.
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, November 27

Office Closed
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Boys & Girls Club
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
7:30 p.m. Living an Inspired Life Workshop

Saturday, November 28

5:30 p.m. Fall Feast Mocktail Happy Hr.
6:30 p.m. Fall Feast Dinner

Sunday, November 29

8:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Women's Group
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Advent I Angel to Mary
11:40 a.m. Nursery families meeting
11:40 a.m. Christmas Craft Sale
11:40 a.m. Fellowship in Banquet Hall
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir
2:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

(* off site)

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Tuesday: Telecare, Heritage North Ward; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance; Thursday: Orillia Public Library; Saturday: OYSO

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 needs ... and much more!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 ~ there will be a short meeting after Church for fall families who use the nursery, to talk about staffing. Please meet Monica in the nursery directly after the service.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ This week, November 25, there will be no Encountering World Religions lecture. The series will return on January 27 on the topic of Mennonites. Wednesday, December 2 will be Drumming Circle in the Parlour. All are welcome.

MUSICAL AWAKENING ~ is an after-school programme being put on by our Katimavik student, Catherine, for children 6 to 10 years of age. It will run every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. until December 15. The theme is Peter and the Wolf and will include music basics and music culture. For more information contact the Church office at 326-7351.

2010 UNITED CHURCH CALENDAR



Celebrating our 85th Anniversary year. Calendars are available for purchase at the Craft Sale on Nov. 29. \$6.00

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING ~ for all Board, Council and Committee members will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:15 p.m.

FALL FEAST ~ Our Annual Fall Feast will take place on Saturday, November 28 with Mocktail Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. The menu will consist of Stuffed Turkey Breast, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mashed Turnips, and a Mixed vegetable and Desserts. There will also be a Gluten- and Dairy-free version. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Church office and at Fellowship time today.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE ~ One-of-a-kind items just perfect for Christmas gifts! Sunday, November 29th at Fellowship Time in Banquet Hall. Christmas baking, handmade items, tickets for Dickens A *Christmas Carol*, and much more!

FAMILIES ~ Make your own Advent Wreath! You can pick up instructions which includes a liturgy to use at home each week, on the counter outside the main office.

ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY MEETING ~ Zero Waste Simcoe is hosting a Community meeting on November 26 at St. Paul's at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We all generate waste and know that it goes somewhere when we put it out to the road for collection. But where ... a landfill. So what do we do with our garbage? Something has to change. It is all about communities working together to make good things happen for the environment.

THE SAME GENDER MARRIAGE COMMITTEE wishes to thank all those who participated in the voting process at the Congregational Meeting on Nov. 1, 2009. Further, we thank the congregation for its patience over the last two and a half years. Early on, many people did not feel the need to be involved in meetings and discussions while others seemed to require time for learning and sharing as part of their discernment. We very much appreciate the effort put into personal decision-making. Now,

following a large majority vote in favour, our Ministers are able to perform same gender marriage ceremonies at St. Paul's. The congregation has once again expressed its commitment to be a welcoming, socially just and accepting community for all.

SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM is looking for volunteers to drive a mother to Sick Kids' Hospital in Toronto to visit her son who is awaiting heart surgery. Please phone Phil Chevalier at 325-8716 if you are willing to join the roster.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE SHUT-INS ~ After considering dietary restrictions, it has been decided to take our shut-ins a Christmas plant instead of our traditional fruit basket. To all who have donated cookies and jams in the past, thank you for your generosity. Plants will be wrapped from 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 11, and ready for delivery by 12:00 p.m. the same day. If you can deliver 2 or 3 plants, please call Marily Neilly at 326-1896 or Myrna Allison at 325-4941. Thank you.

WANTED ~ A person new to the community needs items to set up his bachelor apartment. These include all the basics – furniture, dishes, a bed, chairs, etc. If you can assist with such items, please call Gary at 329-4809 after 2 p.m.

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HILLCREST LODGE ~ needs a new computer chair for their office. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Deanna at 259-2240.

YMCA PEACE MEDALLION ~ The nominating group, many of whom are members of St. Paul's, is very pleased to announce that Mary Maltby has been chosen to receive the 2009 YMCA Peace Medallion. The official presentation is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, in the Orillia YMCA foyer. Please join us if you can, to celebrate this "lifetime achievement" award for Mary's work towards peace and social justice in local, national and international communities.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Dick Contos (Edie McDonald's nephew), Sarah Little (Shirley & Harvey Johnson's niece), Don Lander, Doris King, Rick Byrne, Bunny Kusey, Harry Hughes, Jann Merrick, Nora Robert (Bonnie Sugden's mother), Bruce Johnston, Scott Lepard, Letty Eastcott, 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!

NOVEMBER 28

Fall Feast:

5:30 p.m. Mocktail Happy Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

NOVEMBER 29

Christmas Craft Sale

at Fellowship Time

DECEMBER 6

10:30 a.m. "Hanging of the Greens"
intergenerational service

3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!

Vigil for Victims of Violence

DECEMBER 9

Wisdom Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Reconnaissance & Empowerment

DECEMBER 16

Wisdom Circle, 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Celebration
with drama, *The Birth of Hope*

DECEMBER 20

3:30 Live! – Christmas Pot Luck
with music by Alex the Folk Band

DECEMBER 21

7:30 p.m. The Longest Night Service

DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Pageant

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

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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.*