

Calendar

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
1:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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
4:00 p.m. Musical Awakening
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Journal Sm Grp

Wednesday, December 2

10:30 p.m. Learning Circle: *The First Christmas*
11:30 a.m. Cooking for the Homeless
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
6:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Club meeting
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
~Drumming Circle

Thursday, December 3

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
2:00 p.m. AJ Levine Planning Group

6:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Library
Book Club
6:00 p.m. Orff Instrumental Ensemble
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
7:30 p.m. Couples Club planning mtg
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, December 4

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group
5:30 p.m. Resonating with the
Flow of the Spirit

Saturday, December 5

9:30 a.m. Scouting Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Advent II
"Hanging of the Greens"
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
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
~Vigil for Victims of Violence
~St. Paul's House Band

(* off site)

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Monday: Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc.; Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconaissance.

WELCOME CENTRE ~ In the Greeting Area! 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!

TODAY! ~ there will be a short meeting after Church for all families who use the nursery, to talk about staffing. Please meet Monica in the nursery directly after the service.

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

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ This week Wednesday, December 2 will be Drumming Circle in the Parlour. All are welcome.

2010 UNITED CHURCH CALENDAR



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

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

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.

SOCIAL SERVICES POTLUCK LUNCH ~ **DECEMBER 24** ~ from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Social Services is offering a pot-luck lunch for their clients and volunteers. Come and join in & bring a dish to share. With thanks for the help from Katimavik.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS 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 Marilyn Neilly at 326-1896 or Myrna Allison at 325-4941. Thank you.

COUPLES CLUB CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK CELEBRATION ~ will be held on Saturday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Please feel free to bring a guest. Enjoy fellowship, food and fun, followed by a Christmas program. Please bring your own cutlery, plates and cups as well as a donation for the local Food Bank.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ~ would like to make the congregation aware that our custodian, Leona Ladouceur, will not be returning to our staff due to health reasons. We wish Leona well as she heals and wish her success in her future endeavours.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ~ is seeking a permanent custodian. Applications will be accepted at the office until December 7, 2009. Experience is required.

GODSEND ~ White Gift Sunday (Dec. 6) is fast approaching. We will be collecting food and personal care items for The Sharing Place Food Bank, the Lighthouse Shelter, Jubilee House and the Salvation Army. Our White Gift Sunday target is 300 lbs. Our goal for the whole month of December is double that: 600 lbs. Many people in our community are still without jobs, or have work that pays very little.. They need our help. The aim of the Godsend program is for each family to bring to Church one item every week. Let's make the boxes in the Greeting Area and Peter Street groan with fullness. Thank You, ~Vern Ashton, for Godsend.

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.

MANDATE ~United Church Mission Magazine



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February edition!

YMCA PEACE MEDALLION ~ It was a delight to have a large contingency from St. Paul's gather when Mary Maltby received her Peace Medallion on Tuesday evening, especially when we heard a second person would be receiving their peace medallion having been chosen by the Innisfil YMCA. That person turned out to be Marika Weber, the daughter of Diane & Don Weber. Marika participated as a youth in Enquiry Group here at St. Paul's. Congratulatory to Marika who was awarded the medallion for her work when she travelled to Africa and was inspired to help educate children there. She is also raising money to help rebuild a library in Ethiopia.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We celebrate with Royce & Margaret Whitaker on the birth of their two great-grandchildren, twins Peyton & Luke Tweedle ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of long-time member, Elsie Mongraw who died on November 21 and keep in our prayers her family and friends ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Dustin Vanderveen who died on November 16 at the age of 27, and keep in our prayers his family, including grandparents Jan & George Hulland, and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Phyllis Fountain who died on November 16 and keep in our prayers her family and friends.

❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Tom Page, Dick Contos (Edie McDonald's nephew), Sarah King (Shirley & Harvie Johnson's niece), Don Lander, Doris King, Rick Byrne, Bunny Kusey, Harry Hughes, Jann Merrick, Nora Robert (Bonnie Sugden's mother), Garth Griffiths (Bonnie Sugden's nephew), 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!

TODAY

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
and lighting Candles of
Remembrance and Love

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.