

Calendar

Sunday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. Book Study
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
1:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
~Vigil for Victims of Violence
~St. Paul's House Band

Monday, December 7

- 12 noon Spire submission deadline
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
4:15 p.m. Worship Committee
7:00 p.m. Circle Dance
7:15 p.m. Toronto Conference Comm.
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
7:30 p.m. Prayer & Meditation Sm Grp*
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, December 8

- 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
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Journal Sm Grp

Wednesday, December 9

- 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
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
~Reconnaissance &
Empowerment for Change
for a New Day

Thursday, December 10

- 10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
11 - noon Monica's Drop-In*
11:30 a.m. Amnesty International

- noon Call Church office for ride to
Church
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group
6:00 p.m. Supper 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
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, December 11

- Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
9:30 a.m. Christmas Plants wrapping
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group

Sunday, December 13

- Pop Can Sunday!
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Advent III
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: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Canadian Club, Reconnaissance; Friday: Amanda Stanton student recital.

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!

A REMINDER PLEASE ~ Many people have sensitivities to scents. It would be appreciated if we could all keep St. Paul's a scent-free building.

THE ANNUAL FALL FEAST ~ was held last weekend, Sat. Nov. 28 with all the proceeds of the meal being donated back to St. Paul's.

The meal of roasted turkey, vegetables and desserts, including gluten- and dairy-free versions, was enjoyed by many and the fellowship during the mocktail happy hour, and after dinner was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the several businesses who helped by making contributions to the dinner: Holly's Sweets and Eats, located in Barrie, for allowing us to purchase supplies at cost for the wonderful carrot and pumpkin cake; Sam Battalia & Sons for supplying the wonderful fresh vegetables; Zehrs for the donation of apple pies; Cathy Marshall for helping to coordinate the volunteers; Sarah Weber for coordinating and running the mocktail happy hour; Kathie Joblin for entertaining us on the piano before dinner. Finally, I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make this event a success – Chuck Vessey for his help and hard work in the kitchen, Jody Maltby for making gluten-free desserts and Abby Lem for helping to prep the vegetables. Thank you for your assistance to the many volunteers who helped to promote the meal by selling tickets, setting up and cleaning the Banquet Hall, serving the meal and the kitchen clean-up crew. Your volunteering helped to contribute to the success of the Fall Feast. ~With great appreciation and thanks, Soo Chung Lem.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ This week, Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Sanctuary ~ Reconnaissance, an a capella choir, and Empowerment for Change for a New Day will include poetry, readings, video clips and music presentation focusing on the theme of moving through the darkness to light as we seek to be an ecologically sustainable, socially just, spiritually fulfilling human presence on the earth. All are welcome.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ~ is Thursday, December 10. Members of Amnesty International will raise their flag at 11 a.m. at the Opera House,

and then write letters at St Paul's from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All welcome! Call 325-1996 for information.

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 volunteers.

THE SUPPER CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday Dec. 10 in the Banquet Hall. It will be a special potluck of favourite Christmas foods. The programme includes music and Christmas readings. All are welcome.

CAROLLING ~ The Youth Group is hosting an evening of carolling on Thursday, December 17, followed by a movie. Meet at the Church at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT CUSTODIAN ~ are being sought by the Ministry & Personnel Committee. Applications will be accepted at the office until December 7, 2009. Experience is required.

FACILITIES MANAGER FOR TORONTO CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING May, 28-30, 2010 ~ Contract position beginning January 1,

2010 to co-ordinate and assist the Steering Committee with planning issues and to provide on-site management services during the full duration of the conference. Please provide resume and covering letter to the Church Office no later than December 14, 2009. For further information please contact John Menear at 326-2221 or Cam Davidson at 325-0789.

THE SPIRE ~ St. Paul's Newsletter will be published for Sunday, December 13 (we hope! Plan B is Sunday, December 20). If you have a submission for The Spire, it would be appreciated if you could have it in to the office by Monday, December 7. If you need an extension, please let us know what you are planning on sending. You can email it to programstpauls@bellnet.ca. If you have any questions, please call Rachael at 326-7351, ext. 104.

MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM ~ The next date that we will be having baptisms and welcoming new members is Sunday, January 31. If you would like a child baptized or would like to become a member of St. Paul's please contact the Church office at 326-7351 or fill in a blue form (hanging on the pew hook) and place in offering basket.

ADULT ENQUIRY ~ A time for discussion and reflection as together we enquire into our faith and it's impact on how we live day to day. Karen will lead this group for 10 sessions starting in January (specific start date yet to be determined) on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If there are enough people interested there is the possibility of running an evening class on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. If interested, please contact the Church office at 326-7351.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ORILLIA ~ is providing two days of programming for children in grades 1 – 6, on Monday, December 21 and

Tuesday, December 22 at St. Paul's, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register for a day, both days or just part of a day. A fabulous opportunity for parents to get ready for Christmas! Starting on January 4, 2010 the Boys & Girls Club will be holding an After-School Club at the Orillia Public Library. If interested in either of these opportunities, please call 323-3422.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS ~ November 30/09

Revenue:		
Local	\$33,786.67	\$373,544.86
M & S	\$ 3,569.50	\$ 45,475.25
Expenses:		
Local	\$34,102.50	\$397,523.71
M & S	\$ 3,569.50	\$ 45,475.25
Financial Position:		
Local	-\$ 315.83	-\$23,978.85
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank: General:		-\$35,438.37
Investment account:		\$25,000.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 150.00
Bank Total:		-\$10,288.37

AS WE PRAY ❖ We surround with prayer Frances & Stan Flemming and family on the death of her father, Robert Osborne on December 1. ❖ We surround with prayer, Cam & Mary Maltby and the rest of the Maltby family, on the death of Cam's brother, Clare. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Tom Sattler who died on November 22; and the life of John Warren who died on November 22, and keep in our prayers their families and friends. ❖ We surround with prayer Ryan and Amie Shropshire on the death of their infant daughter, Joannie

Patricia Shropshire on November 30. ❖ We include in our prayers, Carla Isajenko on the death of her grandfather, Ivan Isajenko. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Betty Earle, 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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3:30 Live!

Vigil for Victims of Violence

20th Anniversary of Montreal Massacre

DECEMBER 9

Wisdom Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Reconnaissance & Empowerment

for Change for a New Day

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

DECEMBER 21

7:30 p.m. The Longest Night Service

& Candles of Remembrance & Love

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life-giving community
which lives the message of love for all.*

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OF THE CHURCH**

DECEMBER 6, 2009

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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.