

Calendar

Sunday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
~ Christmas Sunday
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
Technical Dress Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live! ~ Christmas Joy
~ Alex the Folk Band &
Christmas potluck

Monday, December 21

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Boys & Girls Club
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
4:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Club meeting
7:30 p.m. Longest Night Service
Candles of Remembrance and Love
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
7:30 p.m. Prayer & Meditation Sm Grp*

Tuesday, December 22

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Boys & Girls Club
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

Wednesday, December 23

11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
6:00 p.m. Cast Call for Christmas
Pageant
6:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for
Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Social Services
& pot luck lunch
4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Friday, December 25

Office Closed
2:00 p.m. Community Living
Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 27

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:40 a.m. Office Open

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Terry Cowan Drumming.

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 CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE will be closed Dec. 28 - 31. No use of the building has been booked and we feel this is the best way to accommodate the Statutory holidays for the staff. ~*Ministry & Personnel Committee*

SOCIAL SERVICES POTLUCK LUNCH ~ DECEMBER 24 ~ from 10 a.m. to 11 a.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.

2009 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ~ St. Paul's fiscal year end is December 31, 2009. Please bring ALL 2009 financial contributions & any expenses in by this date. Cheques dated December 31, 2009 and received in the mail delivered to the office by noon on January 4, 2010 will be honoured. Visa & debit card donations must be made by December 31. Any contributions or expenses after the above dates will be included in 2010

records. Thank you, *Dave Austin ~ Treasurer, St. Paul's.*

COMMUNITY LIVING CHRISTMAS DINNER ~ The Simcoe Community Services is hosting Christmas Dinner for their clients at St. Paul's on Christmas Day. They would love to connect with the St. Paul's community! They will be gathering at 1 pm to socialize and dinner will be served at 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. People are invited to come and help with preparations anytime after 11 a.m. or simply come to be with the community and share in the meal. If you would be interested in being part if this, please sign up at the office or fill in a blue card and place it in the offering basket.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON ~ December 25 to 29: please contact Monica by phoning the Church 326-7351 and leaving a message on ext. 107 (this will be checked daily). For emergencies, phone 519-652-5438. ~ December 30 to Jan. 3: please contact Karen at 325-7998.

MANY THANKS ~ to the packers and drivers who wrapped and delivered 59 plants to our shut-ins on December 11th. The UCW is particularly appreciative to all who braved such a cold snowy day. ~*Marilyn Neilly*

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Narthex.

The 'Memory Tree' is again a part of the Christmas decorating of our Narthex. If you would like to mark the memory of a loved one as a decoration on the tree, please record the name on the list provided in the Greeting Area at the Welcome Centre.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP ~ Bring your knitting needles and join us any Thursday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. in our cozy, new 'knitting room', which has soft seating and even a fireplace. There will also

be an evening group on January 7, 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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 on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. starting on January 14. 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.

THROUGH THE SALES of 2010 Church calendars, we raised \$76 for the Mission & Service Fund. Thank you!

GODSEND ~ wants YOU! to step up to the plate and score our goal (how's that for a mixed metaphor?) of 600 lbs. of food and/or personal care items, for the month of December. Considering the past generosity of St. Paul's members, this goal should not be difficult. Some of the "most wanted" items are: powdered & canned milk, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, dry pasta & pasta sauce, canned vegetables & fruit, meal in a can (e.g. chilli, ravioli, spaghetti, pork & beans), soup, tinned tomato products, tinned

meat, salmon, tuna, sardines, baby products (e.g. diapers, wipes, food, formula, biscuits), toiletries including toothpaste, facial tissue, shampoo & conditioner. On behalf of the Godsend program, I thank you. ~*Vern Ashton*

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.

UNSEWING BEES ~ Local Paramedics have new uniform jackets and St. James has been given the old ones which have been cleaned and are in good shape. Logos are being removed or covered and these warm jackets are available for us to give out in our social services time. Two "unsewing bees" are scheduled for the first week of January – Tuesday, January 5 and Thursday, January 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. James. So you are invited to bring a lunch along with your seam rippers and sharp scissors to make these adjustments to the coats. If you would like to bring a sewing machine and black thread that would be wonderful. For more information contact Helen Perry at 487-3522.

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 lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Elda Fenn who died on December 2, and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Ursula Michael, Betty Earle, 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.* ☞



TODAY

3:30 Live! – Music: Alex the Folk Band followed by Christmas Pot Luck

DECEMBER 21

7:30 p.m. The Longest Night Service & Candles of Remembrance & Love

DECEMBER 23

6:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant. Preview Night if you can't be here on the 24th!

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7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

POINSETTIAS

*In memory of Cliff & Edna Dick and Bill & Bella Stephen by Marcia & Murray Stephen * In memory of loved ones, by Marian & Jerry Wink and family * In memory of our parents by Faye & Dwayne Hunter * In memory of Laura, Alex, Elizabeth and Eva, by Margaret Leith * In memory of Wayne Howes, by Rachael, Shannon & Ian * In memory of loved ones from Mayumi & Blair Bailey * In memory of Miriam Hannaford by Edie McDonald * In memory of Lloyd, Ken & Claude, by Edie McDonald and Karen Hilfman Millson * In memory of Michele from her family Lois & Sid Couroux, and Peter & Skeeta * In memory of Grenville & Olive Watt and Muriel Brooker, by Jim & Carol Brooker * In memory of Gerald Lawrie and Coleen Lawrie by Grace Lawrie and Sandra, John, Shayla & Teagan Ewart *



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OF THE CHURCH**

DECEMBER 20, 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.