

## Calendar

### Sunday, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Office open  
10:00 a.m. Kids' Church movie  
~ Ruby Bridges  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:45 a.m. Simple Lunch  
with Cathy & Eric's  
slideshow

### Monday, January 11

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting\*  
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House  
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal  
Medicine Wheel  
7:00 p.m. Circle Dance  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group  
8:00 p.m. House Band

### Tuesday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Mother Care  
10 am – 2 pm Presbytery Committee ~  
Spiritual Formation\*  
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services  
10:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group  
4:30 p.m. Katimavik Party  
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs  
7:15 p.m. Board meeting

### Wednesday, January 13

- 11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi  
10:30 a.m. Learning Circle  
~ *With or Without God*  
4:30 p.m. Boys & Girls Club meeting  
6:30 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages  
meeting  
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle ~ Awakening  
Our Wisdom  
~ Water Justice

### Thursday, January 14

- 10:00 a.m. Social Services  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1:30 p.m. Adult Enquiry Small Group  
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, January 15

- Office Closed  
9:30 a.m. Mother Care  
9:30 a.m. Grandmothers to  
Grandmothers  
10:30 a.m. NIA  
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group  
7:30 p.m. Living an Inspired Life  
Workshop

### Saturday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m. Living an Inspired Life  
Workshop  
7:30 p.m. The (Not Just) Couples Club

### Sunday, January 17

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Office open  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:40 a.m. Fellowship  
11:45 a.m. Amnesty International  
~Messages of Hope  
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!  
~ Reflections on Site 41 with  
Wayne Buttery

#### \* off site

**OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Canadian Club, Terry Cowan Drumming, Reconnaissance

**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!

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

**PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH TODAY!** ~ The Outreach Committee is hosting a "Simple Lunch" after Church. The menu is soup, bun, fruit and beverages for a freewill offering. You will also have the opportunity to hear more about Project Umbrella Burma as Cathy & Eric Sayle continue their story, share their pictures and display artwork from Thailand.

**THE LEARNING CIRCLE SMALL GROUP** ~ with facilitators Monica & Karen, will study Gretta Vosper's book, *With or Without God* on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. starting this week, Wednesday, January 13. All are welcome.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** ~ A self-sufficient fund raising model for St. Paul's! This is a proposal to create a socially just, retail fund raising enterprise at St. Paul's United Church. Ten Thousand Villages is a retail store concept operated by non-profit organizations in partnership with the Mennonite Central Committee, which provides development and relief assistance in more than 50 third world countries. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the possibility of a Ten Thousand Villages store being set up at St. Paul's. All are welcome.

**WISDOM CIRCLE** ~ Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. will focus on Water Justice. The evening will explore issues surrounding water justice and water protection, and will be a participatory evening with local groups working in the realm of conservation encouraged to give a brief talk on their work and goals. For more details, see the insert in today's bulletin.

**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

this week, January 14. If interested, please contact the Church office at 326-7351.

**THE SUPPER CLUB** ~ is holding its monthly potluck dinner in the Banquet Hall on Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. All are welcome. For more information please contact Mac & Isobel Wilding at 327-1353.

**THE (NOT JUST) COUPLES CLUB** ~ is meeting on Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. Are you interested in unlocking the mystery of the Carden Alvar? David A. Homer, a retired university professor/senior administrator and Carden resident will involve the group in a PowerPoint presentation utilizing the photographic images of Wildlife Photographer Larry Kirtley. All are welcome. Contact Muriel or Alex Sinclair at 325-7359 for information.

**THE PROGRAM & GUIDE BOOK SUPPLEMENT** ~ will be published this month. If you would like to run a small group or workshop this winter or spring, please contact the Church office at 326-7451 to have it included in the Supplement.

**BAPTISMS & WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS** ~ will take place at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 31. Please contact the Church office at 326-7351 for more information.

**BALANCING YOUR PERSONAL MEDICINE WHEEL** ~ is starting a 9-week session on Monday, January 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Paul's. Natural law teacher, Denise Toner will lead the group through learning how to attract good life, abundance, healthy family relationships, health and much more. Be comfortable and bring a journal. There will be movement. For more information or to register please contact Denise at 323-2831.

Once a year **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** asks friends and supporters to send cards to victims of human rights violations. These cards are a great source of hope and encouragement to the

recipients. And the impression their international mail makes on police, prison staff or political authorities can help to keep them safe. Join Deanna Carbert and Mary Maltby at Fellowship time on Sunday, January 17 or on Tuesday, January 19 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to send a message of hope.

**NEW AT THE ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY** ~ *On the Border* by Maung Maung Tinn, is a book written and painted by the author who is a Karen refugee in Mae Sot, Thailand. This is the area supported by Project Umbrella Burma.

**PROJECT UMBRELLA BURMA** is having a Dinner and Silent Auction on Mon. Feb. 1, 2010 at Brewery Bay Restaurant. Sittings are at 5:30 and 7:30. The event, titled *From the Border*, will have unique auction items from the east as well as paintings by Burmese artist Nyan Soe. Tickets are \$40 a person and can be purchased at Brewery Bay or by contacting Eric and Cathy Sayle 326-3148 or Andrea Town 325-1118. Proceeds will help to continue the valuable work begun by David and Cathy Downham, providing care and education for victims of ethnic cleansing in Burma.

**AN EXHIBIT** of Humorous artworks will be held during Fellowship Time and during 3:30 *Live!* on Sunday, February 7. This Exhibit is called HA-HA (humorous, amusing, hilarious and adorable). If you would like to submit a funny piece, please bring it to the office the week prior to Feb. 7. These submission can be original art, handmade crafts, images, cartoons, photos, drawings, material art pieces or knitted creations.

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SPIRE** will be published in March. Deadline for submissions is the end of February. Please drop them off or email them to the church office at [stpaulsorillia@bellnet.ca](mailto:stpaulsorillia@bellnet.ca).

**KATIMAVIK REPORT** ~ This fall we have had the privilege of hosting a Katimavik participant here at St. Paul's. Catherine has spent her time with us by joining our social services team, doing reception, and other office work, supporting our children's programs and working with our outreach partners. She has helped out with the Boys & Girls Club, childcare with Jubilee House and various programs at the Hillcrest Lodge. Catherine will end her time in Orillia on January 19. We thank her heartily for her work with us and wish her every blessing as she continues on her way. We look forward to the possibility of having two more participants this year. If you are interested in billeting a participant in February/March (\$10 a night honorarium), please call Lauren at 325-2900.

**COUCHICING JUBILEE HOUSE** ~ continues to be most grateful to their sponsoring churches for the ongoing support and dedication to the program at Jubilee House. Each Monday current and past residents meet at St. Paul's along with mentoring volunteers, for an opportunity to share successes and struggles, to learn new life skills and to get connected to supportive community resources. Approximately 30 people attend these group meetings each week. As part of that Monday group some of Jubilee House's 1:1 volunteers contribute towards providing a meal for the group of women and children. Options have included casseroles or soups, salad and sandwiches, veggies and dip, etc. Currently they are in need of extra support to provide this meal to the group. Would you be interested in providing something once a month on a Monday? If so, please contact the Church office at 326-7351.

**AS WE PRAY** ❖ We lift up prayers of celebration on the occasion of the birth of Selema Bauman on December 21, a daughter for Becky & Nick Bauman and a sister to Silas.

❖ We celebrate and offer prayers of support for Brad Brooker and Julia Emberg who were married at St. Paul's on January 1<sup>st</sup>. ❖ We lift up prayers of celebration on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of St. Paul's member, Helen Phipps this past week. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Murray Wiltse who died on January 2 and keep in our prayers his wife Joyce, and family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Ivor Doolittle, long time member of St. Paul's, who died on December 30 and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Charles Esson who died on December 1 and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Bonnie Garland, 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.* ☺

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**MARCH 26-28**

Retreat & Lecture Series  
with Amy-Jill Levine

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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.*