

Calendar

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
~ Music: Wayne Buttery

Monday, January 18

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. AJ Levine Committee
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal
Medicine Wheel
7:00 p.m. Community Benefit for
Haitian Relief meeting
7:30 p.m. Book Circle
~ *Creating True Peace*
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 a.m. M & P meeting
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. Amnesty International
~Messages of Hope
11:00 a.m. Membership Committee
1:30 p.m. UCW #1
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:15 p.m. Board and Council meeting
~Congregation invited

Wednesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Committee
10:30 a.m. Learning Circle
~ *With or Without God*
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks

7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle ~ with
Michael Jones

Thursday, January 21

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. Orff Instrumental Ensemble
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:00 p.m. Area Scouting meeting
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, January 22

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
12 noon Katimavik Lunch

Sunday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:40 a.m. Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Circle Dance

* off site

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Monday: Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc.(CHHA); Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Historical Society, Terry Cowan Drumming, Reconnaissance; Friday: Music Festival Committee.

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 Greeting Area. If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like to have envelopes, please fill out a blue

card and place it in the offering basket, or call Christa, 326-7351, ext. 113. In order to assign numbers and issue envelopes, the office must have your name, full address and telephone number.

AMY-JILL LEVINE RETREAT & LECTURE WEEKEND ~ Early Bird Registration is January 31st – you save 20% if you register by this deadline! Registration forms are available at the Church Office or by contacting Cathy Marshall at 325-3648 or emailing ajlevineorillia@gmail.com.

THE AJ LEVINE EVENT weekend is eligible for a Learning-in-Community Grant offered by The United Church of Canada - which provides \$125 per person for those who participate in a six session learning circle after the event. If you are interested in taking part in such a learning circle, please contact the Church office, 326-7351.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. will be an evening of the music of Michael Jones interwoven with poetry. All are welcome.

ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION the Worship Committee wishes to thank all those who participated in St. Paul's Christmas Eve services. The entire cast and crew of the Pageant deserve special mention for the hard work, dedication and most important of all, the enthusiasm that was so evident in this wonderful production. Thank you to those who contributed to the traditional communion late service, making it a service of peace and hope. Karen, Monica and Blair put in many extra hours over Christmas and this is appreciated by the congregation and the wider community. The large attendance at the Christmas Eve services shows us that many are searching for the true meaning of Christmas. All of you who took part in these services contributed to making Christmas

2009 special and meaningful for all of us in attendance. Kudos. ~ *Wendy Johnston, Worship Committee.*

UNITED CHURCH RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI ~ United Church of Canada staff are working together with partners in Haiti and with other emergency response efforts in the wake of the earthquake that struck the Haitian capital on January 12th. The United Church has launched an appeal for donations to its Emergency Response Fund. For up-to-date information visit <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/100113>. St. Paul's will also accept donations and ensure they are forwarded on. You can drop a cheque off (payable to the United Church of Canada and marked "Haiti") to the office or you can use your debit or Visa card at the office. A Community Benefit for Haitian Relief will be held at St. Paul's on February 20th. See the Bulletin for how you can help.

A COPY of the January 10th presentation "Under Project Umbrella Burma" by Cathy and Eric Sayle, plus their weekly e-journal while in Thailand, is now available in the church library. Or a copy can be obtained for a suggested donation of \$2.00 to cover the cost.

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 or by email to programstpauls@bellnet.ca to have it included in the Supplement.

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 today or on Tuesday, January 19 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to send a message of hope.

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, 117 Mississaga St.E., 329-0943. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the week of April 11 to 17 for a "Retreat in the Midst of Everyday Life." A gathering will be held each day to journey together through the Week of Guided Prayer material for this year, around the theme, *We Are Not Alone*. This is a new format we are trying this year, to engage with the much-appreciated Week of Guided Prayer resources. Sunday April 11 to Saturday April 17, people are invited to gather at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or on the weekdays at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Our time together will include hearing the readings for the day, journaling, sharing in groups of 3 or 4 and then conversation with the whole group, plus opening and closing with a time of meditation. Plan to come for as many days as you can to be part of what has been named by different people as a significant week in their life each year. Leaders will be Karen Hilfman Millson and Pat Bedford. Contact the Church office to register so materials can be prepared, 326-7351, ext. 104 or by email to programstpauls@bellnet.ca.

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 & 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.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Tuesday, March 30, Drew Dellinger – poet, teacher, activist and founder of Poets for Global Justice – is coming to St. Paul's. Tickets are \$20 each or what you can afford.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – Dec. 31, 2009

Revenue:		
Local	\$86,333.97	\$460,378.83
M & S	\$ 5,634.50	\$ 51,609.75
Expenses:		
Local	\$42,254.69	\$439,917.85
M & S	\$ 5,634.50	\$ 51,609.75
Financial Position:		
Local	\$44,079.28	\$20,460.98
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank:		
General:		\$11,059.67
Investment account:		\$25,000.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 150.00
Bank Total:		\$36,209.67

AS WE PRAY ❖ We pray for the people of Haiti who have been affected by the earthquake, those who lost loved ones, those who are missing, those who lost their homes, church buildings and businesses, first responders, rescue workers, relief agencies, church aid

workers, hospitals, doctors, nurses, and all those evacuated. ❖ The Toronto Conference Interview Committee will be interviewing the following applicants for their final interview on January 27 and 28: for Final Ordination Interview: Christine Sloan, Cindy Bourgeois, Bronwyn Corlett, Ann Hines, Hannah Lee; for Designated Lay Ministry recognition: Andrea Wheaton and Susan Cowan; for Final Admissions Interview: Basil Coward and Marc Doucet. Prayers for the applicants and subsequent transfer and settlement process for some are welcomed and appreciated. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Barney Wilford, who died on January 7th and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Edward Leroux, who died on December 26th, and keep in our prayers his family and friends ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Dwight & Ruth Mary Engel, Bonnie Garland, Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), Ursula Michael, Betty Earle, Bea Ramsay, 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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which lives the message of love for all.*

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JANUARY 17, 2010

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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.