

Calendar

Sunday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Circle Dance

Monday, January 25

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. AJ Levine Planning
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
– Family Kitchen
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal
Medicine Wheel
7:00 p.m. Amnesty International
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, January 26

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
7:30 p.m. UCW #2 *

Wednesday, January 27

Karen in Toronto
at Observer Board of Directors meeting
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 ~ Encounter
World Religions: Mennonite

Thursday, January 28

10:00 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
1:30 p.m. Adult Enquiry Small Group
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group
4:00 p.m. Property Committee
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 29

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Women's
Group
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
~Baptism & New Members
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Fellowship

* off site

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Terry Cowan Drumming, Reconnaissance; Saturday: Orillia Youth Symphony Orchestra.

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!

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. This will happen at St. Paul's on April 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20. If you are interested in taking part in such a learning circle, please contact the Church office, 326-7351.

KAIROS ~ At its January meeting, the Board of St. Paul's approved a letter requesting the Canadian Government to renew its funding (approximately \$7 million) to KAIROS – an internationally recognized ecumenical organization. St. Paul's has worked in partnership with KAIROS (and its predecessor 'Ten Days for Global Justice') and supported its efforts for over 35 years. Everyone of St. Paul's is encouraged to sign this important letter before it is sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and related Ministers. Your signature is important! The letter can be signed during Fellowship Time after the service in the Banquet Hall.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall will be the Encounter World Religions series. This week the topic is Mennonite. Cost is \$15 per lecture. All are welcome.

ORILLIA CARES ~ A Community Benefit for Haitian Relief ~ Saturday, February 20, at St. Paul's. If you want to help as a volunteer for the day, please give your name and number to the Church Office, 326-7351.

UNITED CHURCH RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI ~ United Church of Canada is working with partners in Haiti and with other emergency response efforts in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti. 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. For people who are connected to St Paul's make cheques out to St Paul's and put "Haiti" in the memo. For others make cheques out to the United Church of Canada. You can also use your debit or Visa card at the office.

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.

BAPTISM ~ A workshop called "Exploring Baptism" will be offered both on Saturday, February 27 and Saturday, May 1, 9:30 to noon (same content both dates). These morning events will be open to anyone who would like to explore the meaning of baptism in our faith lives, and in the lives of our children. Please contact the Church office to register.

SUPPER CLUB ALERT!! ~ A reminder that the St. Paul's Supper Club 2010 year begins with our first meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thursday February 11 in the banquet hall. As usual, it will be a pot luck with good food, fun & fellowship. We welcome all seniors, both couples and singles. For more details contact Mac & Isobel Wilding 327-1353.

HELP WANTED! ~ Social Services Team needs help on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., once or twice per month. Please contact the Church Office 326-7351, if you would be willing to join the team. Very rewarding work!

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ~ Monday, January 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's: recognizing that people living in poverty don't have enough money to pay rent, Ken McMullen will focus on affordable housing as it relates to poverty. This is part of Amnesty's current campaign, "Demand Dignity," and all are invited to attend. Thanks to those who took part in the Greeting Card Campaign last Sunday and Tuesday – 55 cards were signed and 20 letters written!

THE WATERS OF OUR EARTH ~ St. Paul's library has resources for those of you who are concerned about the health of our planet. These are books you can borrow: *The Dream of the Earth*, by Thomas Berry is essays on the

ongoing evolution of the earth; *Dancing at the Red Sea*, by Alanna Mitchell is reflections on some of the world's environmental hotspots; *Cause For Hope*, by Bill Phipps is about hope for the perilous state of our natural environment; *Inside the Bottle-An Expose of the Bottled Water Industry*, by Tony Clarke; and *Waters of Life: Issues, Ethics and Actions*, by David Hallman is study sessions for faith communities.

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.

THE (NOT JUST) COUPLES CLUB ~ will meet on Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. The program will be Canada's Heritage Food with Dorothy Duncan. All are welcome to come and enjoy an interesting and informative presentation followed by Olde Tyme Canadian Music with John Jefferies and a genuine Canadian Heritage dessert.

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 MARIPOSA GRANDMOTHERS-TO-GRANDMOTHERS is hosting a Book Exchange and Social on Friday, February 19, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. Interested readers are invited to bring up to 6 gently used books to exchange for new reading material plus a donation for The Stephen Lewis Foundation to support Grandmothers in Africa.

DREW DELLINGER ~ amazing speaker, poet, and founder of Poets for Global Justice, is coming to St. Paul's! Watch for Drew in the video in this morning' sermon. Drew weaves together insight and inspiration for a sustainable future drawn from the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thomas Berry. Tuesday, March 30th, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 available at Church office, or at the door.

RETREAT IN THE MIDST OF EVERYDAY LIFE April 11 to 17 for a "Retreat in the Midst of Everyday Life using the Week of Guided Prayer material for this year, with the theme, *We Are Not Alone*. Sunday and Saturday will be 1:30 to 3:30 and on weekdays there is an option of 1:30 to 3:30 or 7:30 to 9:30. Our time together will include the readings for the day, journaling, sharing 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: programstpauls@bellnet.ca.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – Dec. 31, 2009

Revenue:	December	Year to date
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 lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Dorothy Wagg long time member of St Paul's who died on January 17 and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Don Nash who died on January 15, and keep in our prayers his family and friends ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Norma Belknap, who died on January 16 and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Cathy Marshall, Bruce Johnston, 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), 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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JANUARY 24, 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.