

Calendar

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

Monday, February 1

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
- Family Kitchen
4:15 p.m. Worship Committee
7:00 p.m. Orillia Cares Committee mtg.
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal Medicine Wheel
7:30 p.m. Book Circle
~ *Creating True Peace*
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, February 2

- 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. Bereaved Mothers Group
7:00 p.m. Christian Development Committee

Wednesday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. M & P Committee
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
4:30 p.m. Boys & Girls Club meeting
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:00 p.m. Katimavik Workshop
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle ~ Drumming Circle

Thursday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. Communion Team Training
10:00 a.m. Social Services
1:00 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
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 5

- Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
9:30 a.m. Emergency Housing Group
10:00 a.m. Toronto Conference Comm.
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group
5:15 p.m. Resonating with the Flow of the Spirit Small Group

Saturday, February 6

- 1:00 p.m. Amnesty Int'l letter-writing with Katimavik students

Sunday, February 7

- 10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:30 a.m. HA-HA Art Exhibit
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live! ~ *Hardy-har-har*
Mardis Gras
Music: Shelaugh Hart & Will Davis
3:30 p.m. HA-HA Art Exhibit

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING

SPACE: Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Orillia Public Library, Reconnaissance, Brent Mayhew Student Recital; Thursday: Orillia Public Library.

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 deadline is TODAY – you save 20% if you register today! Information and Registration is available at Fellowship Time today after the service. Registration forms are also 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, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you are interested in taking part in such a learning circle, please contact the Church office, 326-7351.

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

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour will be Drumming Circle. All are welcome.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR FINANCE ~ will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the Banquet Hall.

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.

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!

KIDS CHURCH is studying the theme of bullying this winter. Our library has a selection of books you might want to borrow. Would your family value some of this reading? *The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander*, and *Parenting Through Crisis*, by Barbara Coloroso; *Battling the Schoolyard Bully*, by Kim Zanzour; *What Do*

You Know About Bullying, by Pete Sanders (a book for youth); *Don't Laugh at Me*, by Steve Seskin (read this one with a young child); *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, by Sean Covey (give your child some tools); *Sexual Harassment: High School Girls Speak Out*, by June Larkin.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ February 10, 7:30 p.m. ~ Awakening our Wisdom: Empowering Change for a New Day. The theme will be "Waste Not, Want Not" – a look at our consumer culture as it relates to waste and exploring the many myths and truths behind the stuff we buy.

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.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ~ Letter Writing with Katimavik volunteers, on Saturday February 6th, 1pm - 2pm, at St. Paul's. Please call 325-1996 for information.

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.

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.

HILLCREST LODGE ~ is looking for tools! – small household tools such as hammers (and nails), screwdrivers, etc. If you have something you could donate, please contact Deanna at Hillcrest, 259-2240.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Gay Armstrong who died on January 22 and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to

Catherine Chamberlin, on the death of her mother, Walter Franklin-Hearn, Cathy Marshall, Bruce Johnston, Dwight & Ruth Mary Engel, Bonnie Garland, Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), Betty Earle, Bea Ramsay, Sarah King (Shirley & Harvie Johnson's niece), Don Lander, Rick Byrne, 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.* ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY

Early Bird Registration Deadline for Amy-Jill Levine Retreat & Lecture Series

FEBRUARY 16

Annual Congregational Meeting for Finance, 7:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20

Orillia Cares – A Community Benefit for Haitian Relief

MARCH 26-28

Amy-Jill Levine Retreat & Lecture Series

MARCH 30

Drew Dellinger: Poetry for eco-justice 7:30 p.m.

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which lives the message of love for all.*

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JANUARY 31, 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.