

Calendar

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

Monday, February 8

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, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10

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 ~ Awakening
the Dreamer series – Waste Not, Want Not

Thursday, February 11

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
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, February 12

Office Closed
8:30 – 5 Boys & Girls Club
~ PA Day program
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group

Sunday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service
~ Mardi Gras
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Massed Choir Rehearsal

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance, Terry Cowan Drumming; 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 has been extended** to February 28, since a number of churches had not had enough time to advertise and get groups organized. You save 20% if you register early. 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. Grant application information is found at www.united-in-learning.com/ajlevine. Confirmation of grants will come after the event.

ST. PAUL'S B&B - We have received so many requests for Bed & Breakfast experiences at the A.J. Levine Retreat, that I'm happy to say our rooms are all taken. It is expected that even more requests will come in the next few weeks, so if any more people are willing to open your homes and offer a bed or beds & breakfast for the weekend of March 26-27th, please let Cathy Marshall know a.s.a.p. at 325-3648 or ajlevineorillia@gmail.com

TODAY - AN EXHIBIT of Humorous artworks will be held during Fellowship Time and during 3:30 Live! This Exhibit is called HA-HA (Humorous, Amusing-Hilarious & Adorable). These artworks are original art, handmade crafts, images, cartoons, photos, drawings, material art pieces and knitted creations. Have a look – have a smile!

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 are \$20 and are now available at Church office.

WISDOM CIRCLE ~ Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. 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.

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. Starting at noon you can enjoy a day and evening of entertainment, activities for children and a food court. Admission is free but donations are being accepted to the Red Cross for Haitian relief. Volunteers are needed to clean up the Sanctuary afterward so we will be ready for Sunday morning Service. For more information contact Monica at 326-7351.

OUR 2010 LENTEN THEME ~ During Lent, the Kid's Church and our worship services will be exploring THE LORD'S PRAYER. To prepare for this, there is an open invitation for people to rewrite the Lord's Prayer in their own words; e.g. The Teacher's Lord's Prayer, or The Parent's Lord's Prayer, or The Lord's Prayer for People Who Do Too Much. Please hand submissions into the office or email them to stpaulsorillia@bellnet.ca.

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.

THE SUPPER CLUB ~ holds its first 2010 meeting on Thursday February 11th at 6:00 pm in the Banquet Hall. All seniors, couples and singles are invited to join us for a potluck meal and a fun evening of socializing, music and a slide presentation on Canyonlands USA. For more information call the Wildings at 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!

MARCH BREAK MOVIE MADNESS ~ Sunday, March 21 at Kids' Church, come at 10 a.m. to watch the movie, "Sunday School Musical." Note, you must come early to see the whole thing. P.S. Bring your dancing shoes as there is some interactive bits at the end!

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PLANET can start in small ways; St. Paul's Library has some resources for you. *Caring for Creation*, by David Hallman – looking at our earth from an environmental and theological viewpoint; *2 Minutes a Day for a Greener Planet*, by Marjorie Lamb – quick and simple ideas for leading a thoughtful life; *Genetically Modified Foods*, a study video provided by the United Church; *Speak to the Earth*, by William Bell – a novel for youth dealing with conflict in the logging industry; *Take the Pizza and Run*, by Barbara DeGrote – stories for new readers on responsibility and the difference between wanting and needing; *Dinosaurs to the Rescue*, by Laurie Krasny – a read-aloud book for children on protecting our planet.

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.

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 (both sessions are the same). 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.

2009 TAX RECEIPTS are available in the Narthex/Lobby today. It would be appreciated if you could help deliver these, perhaps to a neighbour, helping defray the cost of a substantial mailing.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 31, 2010

Revenue:	January	Year to date
Local	\$32,229.08	\$32,229.08
M & S	\$ 4,294.50	\$ 4,294.50
Expenses:		
Local	\$ 35,643.99	\$ 35,643.99
M & S	\$ 4,294.50	\$ 4,294.50
Financial Position:		
Local	\$ -3,414.91	\$ -3,414.91
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank:		
General:		\$ 7,162.37
Investment account:		\$25,000.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 150.00
Bank Total:		\$32,312.37

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Joey Pall who died on January 25, and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Walter Franklin-Hearn, Bruce Johnston, Doris King, Bonnie Garland, Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), 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 Leopard, 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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during Fellowship Time and 3:30 Live!

FEBRUARY 16

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for Finance, 7:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20

Orillia Cares – A Community
Benefit for Haitian Relief

MARCH 21

Kids' Church March Break Movie Madness
10 a.m. "Sunday School Musical"

MARCH 26-28

Amy-Jill Levine Retreat & Lecture Series

MARCH 30

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

Hey Kids! United Church Camping
opportunities:

www.united-church.ca/exploring/camping
www.campbigcanoe.on.ca

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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.