

## Calendar

### 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

### Monday, February 15

- Family Day – Building closed  
7:00 p.m. Book Circle Small Group  
~ *Creating True Peace*  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

### Tuesday, February 16

- 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  
1:30 p.m. UCW #1  
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs  
7:00 p.m. Bereaved Mothers Sm.Group  
7:15 p.m. Congregational Annual  
Financial Meeting (Dessert served!)

### Wednesday, February 17

- 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. Ash Wednesday Service

### Thursday, February 18

- 10:00 a.m. Social Services  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group  
1:30 p.m. NO Adult Enquiry Sm. 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  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, February 19

- Office Closed  
9:30 a.m. Mother Care

- 10:00 a.m. Grandmothers to  
Grandmothers ~ Book Exchange  
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group  
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Group  
7:30 p.m. Living an Inspired Life  
Workshop

### Saturday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. Living an Inspired Life  
Workshop  
12 noon to 9 p.m.  
Orillia Cares – Family Day for  
Haitian Relief  
7:30 p.m. (Not Just) Couples Club

### Sunday, February 21

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Office open  
10:30 a.m. Church Service  
~ Lent I - Communion  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship  
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!

**OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance, Historical Society, Terry Cowan Drumming; Thursday: Children's Aid Society.

**WELCOME CENTRE** ~ In the Greeting Area! Pick up a yellow duotang full of information about St. Paul's.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR FINANCE** ~ will be held on Tuesday, February 16 in the Banquet Hall. The Board is providing dessert at 7:15 p.m. and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting for the presentation of the 2009 Financial Reports and the approval of the 2010 Budget. Everyone is welcome.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FEBRUARY 20 ORILLIA CARES EVENT** ~ make some baked goods for sale. Items can be dropped off on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Please put a price tag on them. ~ We need some people to help us clean up after the final concert so that we are ready for worship on Sunday morning.

**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](mailto:ajlevineorillia@gmail.com). You can watch Amy-Jill on You Tube – go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Amy-Jill Levine.

**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 Thursdays, 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](http://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 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](mailto:ajlevineorillia@gmail.com)

**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 27 ~ a meditative evening of reflection at the Ash Wednesday service, as Lent begins, 7:30 p.m.

**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, ext. 107.

**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](mailto:stpaulsorillia@bellnet.ca).

**BAPTISM** ~ A workshop called "Exploring Baptism" will be offered 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 (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.

**BLAIR BAILEY NOMINATED FOR ARTS COUNCIL AWARD**

~ The Chancel Choir has nominated Blair for the inaugural Arts Achievement Award being presented by the Orillia & District Arts Council. The Choir wrote, "We strongly feel that Blair's numerous and varied contributions to the performance of musical and theatre arts in the Orillia community make him an ideal candidate for this award." The nomination was supported by letters from various community members. All the nominees will be announced on February 19 and the award will be announced and presented on March 9.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP**

will host an all-day retreat with Denise Toner, Natural Law Teacher at Swanmore Hall Leacock Museum, 8:30--3:30, Sunday, February 28. *Balancing Your Personal Medicine Wheel* will provide women with opportunities to explore self awareness through practices such as meditation, Qigong, and teachings focusing on the spiritual laws of belief: sharing, strength, love, kindness and forgiveness. The retreat cost is \$30.00 payable at the door and the registration deadline is February 14. To register call Louise Calvert-Dale at 835-2994. Wear comfortable clothing, bring water and a journal.

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

~ would like to thank you for your generous contributions during the Advent Appeal. St. Paul's gave \$2,244.65 to Project Umbrella Burma (international) and \$1,910.34 to Couchiching Jubilee House (local). This year's Lenten Appeal, February 21 to March 28, will be for Paso por Paso (international) and The Lighthouse (local). Envelopes will be in the bulletins/pews during Lent for you to make your gift to these groups.

**THE JEWISH FAITH** ~ St. Paul's Library has some books you might like to read in advance

of Amy-Jill Levine's visit in March: *Dictionary of Jewish Lore and Legend*, by Alan Unterman, *The Five Books of Miriam, A Woman's Commentary on the Torah*, by Ellen Frankel, *Bearing Faithful Witness: United Church/Jewish Relations Today*, an authorized study for the United Church.

**OBSERVER** ~ Be sure to read Keith Howard's column "Spiritual practice for tough times" in the February issue of THE OBSERVER, in which he discusses intentional commitment to spiritual practices during Lent and our need for connection to a deeper source. (If you forgot to sign up for The Observer last spring you can borrow a copy from the church library).

**KATIMAVIK** ~ is in Orillia and looking for host families to billet young volunteers from all over Canada! Billeting will be from February 26 to March 7. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a young person between the ages of 17 and 21 who is presently volunteering in our community, while introducing them to your way of living! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lauren at 325-2900 or at [orillia@katimavik.org](mailto:orillia@katimavik.org).

**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
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Local	\$ 35,643.99	\$ 35,643.99
M & S	\$ 4,294.50	\$ 4,294.50
<b>Financial Position:</b>		
Local	\$ -3,414.91	\$ -3,414.91
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<b>Bank:</b>	
<b>General:</b>	\$ 7,162.37
<b>Investment account:</b>	\$25,000.00
<b>Petty Cash:</b>	\$ 150.00
<b>Bank Total:</b>	\$32,312.37

**AS WE PRAY** ❖ We offer prayers of celebration for Ruth Steedman on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday, February 13. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Walter Franklin-Hearn, Bruce Johnston, Doris King, Bonnie Garland, Laurie Smith (Deanna Peacock's father), 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), 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!**

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**FEBRUARY 20**

Orillia Cares – A Community Benefit for Haitian Relief, noon – 9 p.m.

**MARCH 21**

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

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**FEBRUARY 14, 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.