

Calendar

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!
~ International Connections
Music: Rupert's Mountain

Monday, February 22

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. Amnesty International
7:15 p.m. Board meeting
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
11:00 a.m. Greenhaven Community
Kitchen
11:15 a.m. Social Services Team mtg.
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:30 p.m. UCW #2*

Wednesday, February 24

10:30 a.m. Learning Circle
11:00 a.m. Cooking for the Homeless
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. AJ Levine Set-up Committee
7:40 p.m. Wisdom Circle ~ Encounter
World Religions: Jehovah Witness
& Unitarianism

Thursday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
1:30 p.m. Adult Enquiry Sm. 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
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 26

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

Saturday, February 27

9:30 a.m. Exploring Baptism Workshop
5:30 p.m. Orillia Silver Band
~ Fundraising Dinner
7:30 p.m. Orillia Silver Band Concert

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning
Women's Group Retreat Day*
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service ~ Lent II
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, Reconnaissance, 'Uncle', Terry Cowan Drumming; Thursday: 'Uncle', Children's Aid Society; Friday: Music Festival Committee, 'Uncle'; Saturday: Suzuki Group

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. Registration forms are available at the Church Office or by contacting Cathy Marshall at 325-3648 or emailing ajlevineorillia@gmail.com. You can watch Amy-Jill on You Tube – go to 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. 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 bed & breakfast for the weekend of March 26-27th, please let Cathy Marshall know a.s.a.p. at 325-3648 or 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 24~ will be the next in the Encounter World Religions lecture series, focusing on Jehovah Witness & Unitarianism. Cost is \$15. All are welcome.

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 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.

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. The award recipient will be announced 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.

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.

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.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL meets Monday, February 22, 7pm-8:30, with a focus on Colombia, one of the most dangerous countries in the world for human rights abuses. For more information contact Mary Maltby at 325-1996.

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.

The Book Review feature in the February issue of **THE OBSERVER** looks at "How to save the world", presenting five books with five cures for global poverty. Is international aid a cause of Africa's poverty? A Toronto doctor with Doctors Without Borders reminds us of injustices in Sudan. Check out The Observer for the focus of the other three books - stirring stories that also tell of hope and transformation.

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!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT ~ Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. in the Way Inn – join Sue Kenney as we share some nibbles, watch her documentary called, "My Camino," and celebrate women. This is an all-gender event!

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB is running full-day programming for children in grades 1 through 6 at St. Paul's on the March Break, the 15th through the 19th. Cost is \$50 for the week per child. For more information or to register call 323-3422.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Andrew "Butchie" Kydyk, who died on February 11, and keep in our prayers his family and friends. We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas McCahon, who died on February 7, 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, 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!

MARCH 8

International Women's Day Event
with Sue Kenney, 7:00 p.m.

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.*