

Calendar

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

Monday, March 1

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
4:15 Worship Committee
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal
Medicine Wheel
7:30 p.m. Book Circle Small Group
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, March 2

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
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:00 p.m. Christian Development Com.
7:00 p.m. Bereaved Mothers Sm.Grp.

Wednesday, March 3

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
12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch Service*
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
~ Drumming Circle

Thursday, March 4

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
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, March 5

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
9:30 a.m. Emergency Housing Group
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, March 6

1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service
for Bruce Johnston
8:00 p.m. Orillia Wind Ensemble
Concert

Sunday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service ~ Lent III
11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
"Holding On or Letting Go"
Music: St. Paul's House Band

* off site

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Monday: Shaman of Greenland ('Uncle'); Orillia Wind Ensemble Workshops; Tuesday: 'Uncle'; Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance; Friday: Music Festival Committee; Saturday: Suzuki Group; Sunday: Musica Intima Workshop

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

AMY-JILL LEVINE RETREAT & LECTURE WEEKEND ~ **Early Bird Registration deadline has been extended** to today, 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 Fellowship Time today, 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 up to \$1,250 to Churches who lead a six-session learning circle for at least 10 people 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 grant 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, March 3 ~ is Drumming Circle. This is a welcoming and inclusive group creating a safe place to experience and enjoy intuitive drumming on an individual basis and as a group. Contact Lynn Williams 327-6626 for more information.

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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCHES ~ are being held at St. James Anglican Church, each Wednesday during Lent. The service is 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and then soup and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a bag lunch as well. On Wednesday, March 3 Monica will be the speaker for the service, and the soloist will be Mike Saddy.

ORILLIA ARTS COUNCIL ~ has announced the nominees for their inaugural Arts Awards. Blair Bailey has been nominated by the Chancel Choir for the Arts Achievement Award, and Dave Austin has been nominated for the Educating in the Arts Award. Congratulations! The Arts Council will name the recipients of the awards at a presentation at the Opera House on Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.

SPRING CLEAN UP ~ Friday, March 12 & Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cleaning, carpet cleaning and painting. You can pick your hours and will be assigned an area to clean. It is requested that you bring your own bucket and we'll supply the cleaning agents and rags. Several carpets located throughout the church need to be cleaned, so we are looking for people with a carpet cleaner to either lend us or to come in and use. The floor in Memorial Hall is going to be repainted first thing Friday morning. If you can help with that we would appreciate you bringing your own roller and handle. Please let the Church office know if you are able to help in any of these tasks.

AWAKENING OUR WISDOM: EMPOWERING CHANGE FOR A NEW DAY ~ Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. will focus on "Honouring Indigenous Wisdom." This will be an

exploration of ancient cultural teachings of indigenous peoples of the world, and how we can apply them to new and more sustainable ways of living in today's world. Special guest speaker will be John Snache from Rama. All are welcome.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE ~ This year's Lenten Appeal, February 21 to March 28, will be for Paso por Paso, in Guatemala (international) and The Lighthouse (local). Envelopes are in the bulletins today for you to make your gift to these groups.

LENTEN READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY ~ Every year the United Church publishes a new book of daily Lenten reflections. The 2009 copy is in the Library, "*There's no ATM in the Wilderness.*" We are asked to consider the significance of money in our lives, what does that say about our relationship with God, with others, and with the earth?

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.

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!

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!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ~ On Friday, March 5 a local World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. James Anglican Church at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the service and learn more about Cameroon and its unique culture and heritage. Join Christians in more than 170 countries and 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather on the World Day of Prayer to pray and act in solidarity with the people of Cameroon. For more information please contact Marian Wallis at 326-7489.

TOWARD EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN: WHERE ARE WE NOW? is the title of a panel discussion being held in celebration of International Women's Day, on Sunday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at Swanmore Hall. Karen will be a part of the panel along with Liz Westcott from GreenHaven and Charlene Taylor from Jubilee House. Admission is free and all are welcome.

MORE HAITI RELIEF ~ Sebright United Church has a member traveling to Haiti in the second week of March who would like to take items for children such as educational items, paper, crayons, etc., anything but clothes. If you would like to assist, please contact Sebright United Church at 833-2223. Also, Becker Shoes has joined forces with Abbott Foot & Ankle Clinic in Collingwood to help Soles4Souls collect 1 million pairs of shoes for Haiti relief. Souls4Soles is a non-profit organization that has been recognized worldwide and was specifically created to facilitate the donation of footwear to people desperately in need. People are invited to recycle gently worn shoes for people in need. Sandals, athletic shoes, summer casuals and children's footwear are especially needed for those in Haiti. Donations will be accepted until March 10th and can be dropped off at Becker Shoes on Mississauga St.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of celebration with Theda Coleman on the occasion of her 92nd birthday. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Bruce Johnston, who died on February 21 and keep in our prayers his wife, Jean, family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Don Lander, who died on February 19, and keep in our prayers his wife, Dorothy, family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Millie Laughlin, who died on February 22, and keep in our prayers her daughter-in-law, Jenna Schick of St. Paul's, family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Karen Metheral who died on February 21 and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Ava Hunter, Theda Coleman, Walter Franklin-Hearn, Doris King, Bonnie Garland, Laurie Smith (Deanna Peacock's father), Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), Sarah King (Shirley & Harvie Johnson's niece), Rick Byrne, Harry Hughes, Jann Merrick, Nora Robert (Bonnie Sugden's mother), 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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life-giving community
which lives the message of love for all.*

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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.