

Calendar

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
7:00 p.m. Toward Equality of Men and Women: Where are We Now?*

Monday, March 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. Int'l Women's Day event with Sue Kenney
7:00 p.m. Circle Dance
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 10

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*
1:30 p.m. Welcoming Committee
6:30 p.m. Brownies & Sparks
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
~Honouring Indigenous Wisdom

Thursday, March 11

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. 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, March 12

Office Closed
Spring Clean-up & Painting Day
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
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 13

Spring Clean-up & Painting- Join the fun

Sunday, March 14

10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service ~ Lent IV
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, Canadian Club, Reconnaissance, Terry Cowan Drumming; Friday:

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!

SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING ~ will be offered on Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please speak to Karen or Rachael.

AMY-JILL LEVINE RETREAT & LECTURE WEEKEND ~ Registrations are still being taken for this event March 26 – 28. Everyone is invited to enjoy this amazing speaker and take part in retreat time for balance of mind, body and spirit. Prices & lecture titles on the website, www.stpaulsunitedchurch.org.

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.

THE UNITED CHURCH RESOURCE CENTER will be here the weekend of the AJ Levine lecture series and retreat March 26 to 28. St Paul's will receive 20% of all sales – so plan to do some shopping for you and for any upcoming presents! If there is something in particular you would like to be able to purchase please leave a message for Karen via church phone ext 106 or email karenhm@sympatico.ca.

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 or what you can afford and are available at Church office.

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 LUNCHESES ~ are being held at St. James Anglican Church, each Wednesday during Lent. The service is 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. This week the speaker is Aaron Reimer and the soloist is Rosmarie Freeman. There is soup and refreshments provided after the service and everyone is welcome to bring a bag lunch as well.

SPRING CLEAN UP ~ Friday, March 12 & Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Property Committee is looking for volunteers for 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 Friday afternoon. 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 or call Joe Watt, 325-8104.

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 available in the pews 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?

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!

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). 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.

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, today, 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ~ Couchiching Jubilee House (www.jubileehouse.ca) is

recruiting new members to serve on the Board of Directors! They are looking for individuals with skills in Business Management, Human Resources or Research as well as experience with Board Development. For more information, please contact Kate at 326-9823.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – February 28, 2010

Revenue:	February	Year to date
Local	\$21,205.87	\$51,137.45
M & S	\$ 3,597.50	\$ 7,892.00
Disaster Rel	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 3,291.50
Expenses:	February	Year to date
Local	\$ 30,815.66	\$ 60,942.15
M & S	\$ 3,597.50	\$ 7,892.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 3,291.50
Financial Position:		
	February	Year to date
Local	\$ -9,609.79	\$ -9,804.70
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank:		
General:		\$24,844.29
Investment account:		\$25,000.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 150.00
Bank Total:		\$49,994.29
Current Liabilities:		\$30,812.30

The above "Financial Highlights" are provided to keep you informed of our financial progress through the year. The most important line is under "Financial Position - Local - Year to Date" (highlighted). M & S and Disaster Relief flow through and balance out at zero at the end of each month. The bank information can be misleading. For example, this month the bank shows a balance of almost \$50,000.00 when actually some \$30,000.00 is earmarked for projects (A.J. Levine & Toronto Conference). I am most happy to answer questions you might have. Talk to me at Church or call me at home 325 - 8253. ~Dave Austin

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of celebration on the 100th birthday of Letty Eastcott on Tues. March 9. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Klaus Pinkal, who died on February 20, and keep in our prayers his wife, Jean, family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Evelyn Ruttler, who died on February 23, and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Norma Reid who died on February 26, 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, Kate Allen, 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 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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with Sue Kenney

MARCH 10

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... an inclusive, energized and
life-giving community
which lives the message of love for all.

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MARCH 7, 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.