

## Calendar

### Sunday, March 14

POPCAN SUNDAY!

- 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 – Banquet Hall

### Monday, March 15

- 8:30 – 5:00 Boys & Girls Club  
March Break program
- 3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
- 7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal  
Medicine Wheel
- 7:30 p.m. Book Circle  
~ *Creating True Peace*
- 7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

### Tuesday, March 16

- 8:30 – 5:00 Boys & Girls Club  
March Break program
- 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. Amnesty Int'l letter-writing
- 1:30 p.m. UCW #1
- 7:00 p.m. Bereaved Mothers  
Small Group
- 7:15 p.m. Board Meeting-cancelled

### Wednesday, March 17

- 8:30 – 5:00 Boys & Girls Club  
March Break program
- 9:00 a.m. M & P Committee
- 9:30 – 12:30 Small Group Leaders  
Training
- 11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch Service\*
- 7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle  
~Meditation & Reflection

### Thursday, March 18

- 8:30 – 5:00 Boys & Girls Club  
March Break program
- 10 – 11 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

- 7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

### Friday, March 19

- Office Closed
- 8:30 – 5:00 Boys & Girls Club  
March Break program
- 9:30 a.m. Mother Care
- 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, March 20

- 9:30 a.m. Living an Inspired Life  
Workshop

### Sunday, March 21

- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Office open
- 10:00 a.m. Kids' Church Movie:  
~*Sunday School Musical*
- 10:30 a.m. Church Service ~ Lent V
- 11:40 a.m. Office Open
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. *3:30 Live!*  
~ Gerry Croteau, ED of  
AIDS Committee of  
Simcoe County  
~ Music: Serenity Road

\* off site

**OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance, Terry Cowan Drumming;

**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** ~ 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. This week the speaker is Karen Horst of St. Andrew's and the soloist is Sue Newman. There is soup and refreshments provided after the service and everyone is welcome to bring a bag lunch as well.

**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?

**ST. PAUL'S IN THE OBSERVER** ~ this month! See page 35, "A Place to Call Home," on the story of Hillcrest.

**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!

**TIME TO SPRING INTO ACTION AND RENEW YOUR OBSERVER SUBSCRIPTION!** – This is an excellent way to get the latest news and stay informed about the United Church and its activities across Canada and around the world. A one-year subscription mailed to your home costs only \$20 when we order as a church group

(a saving of \$5). Please mark "Observer" on your giving envelope. Make sure we have your name, complete address and envelope number. Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church.

**To mark International Women's Day, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** will have petitions available at Fellowship Time today (March 14) and will be writing letters between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16. We hope you will stop by and show your support for women around the world.

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ~ Couchiching Jubilee House** ([www.jubileehouse.ca](http://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.

**SINGLE**, quiet, non-smoking woman in late fifties is seeking reasonable rent for a one bedroom apartment by June 1st, 2010. She would take tremendous pride in maintaining the apartment. Also, she would consider a companion-only position as she has limited

physical capabilities. Please call the **Couchiching Jubilee House** office at 326-4337

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – February 28, 2010**

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Local	\$21,205.87	\$51,137.45
M & S	\$ 3,597.50	\$ 7,892.00
Disaster Rel	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 3,291.50
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Local	\$ 30,815.66	\$ 60,942.15
M & S	\$ 3,597.50	\$ 7,892.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 3,291.50
<b>Financial Position:</b>		
	<b>February</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Local	\$ -9,609.79	\$ -9,804.70
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Bank:</b>		
<b>General:</b>		\$24,844.29
<b>Investment account:</b>		\$25,000.00
<b>Petty Cash:</b>		\$ 150.00
<b>Bank Total:</b>		\$49,994.29
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		\$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 celebrate with Blair Bailey and Dave Austin on being awarded the Orillia & District Arts Council's Arts Award. Blair received the *Arts Achievement Award* and

Dave received the *Educating in the Arts Award*. Congratulations! ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Bob Bean, who died on March 3, and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Bob Suter, who died on February 27, and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Roy Reading, 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!**

**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.

**ST. PAUL'S  
UNITED CHURCH**

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

**LIFE & WORK  
OF THE CHURCH**

**MARCH 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.*