

Calendar

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 – Banquet Hall
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!
~ Gerry Croteau, ED of
AIDS Committee of
Simcoe County
~ Music: Serenity Road

Monday, March 22

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. A.J. Levine Coordinating
Team meeting
3:30 p.m. Jubilee House
7:30 p.m. Amnesty International
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. A.J. Levine Food Committee
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
1:00 p.m. Awakening the Dreamer Intro
~ at the Public Library*
6:00 p.m. Beavers & Cubs
7:15 p.m. Toronto Conference Comm.
UCW #2 – meeting on March 30th

Wednesday, March 24

11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi
12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch Service*
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
~Encountering World
Religions ~ Christian
Science & Scientology

Thursday, March 25

9:00 a.m. A.J. Levine Food Committee
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group
4:00 p.m. Property Committee

6:00 p.m. Orff Instrument Ensemble
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir
7:00 p.m. Area Scouting meeting
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, March 26

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mother Care
10:00 a.m. Set-up begins
for A.J. Levine event
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group
7:00 p.m. Book Room opens
7:30 p.m. A.J. Levine Retreat
& Lecture Series begins
8:00 p.m. A.J. Levine Lecture ~ *Jesus in
His Jewish Context: Piety,
Parable, Prayer and Politics*

Saturday, March 27

A. J. Levine Retreat & Lecture Series:
Book Room open except during lectures
9:00 a.m. Circle of Light Meditation
9:30 - 10:15 Small Groups (see insert)
10:30 a.m. Lecture by A.J.
~ *The Triumphal Entry*
1:30 -2:15 Small Groups (see insert)
2:30 p.m. Lecture by A.J.
~ *The Temple Incident*
4:15 - 5:00 Small Groups (see insert)
5:00 - 6:00 Mocktail Cocktail Hour &
Book Room
6:00 p.m. Banquet, including Lecture:
~ *The Two Suppers*

Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Women's
Group - cancelled
9:00 a.m. A. J. Levine Retreat:
~ Circle of Light Meditation
9:30 a.m. A. J. Levine Retreat:
~ Small Groups (see insert)
9:30 a.m. Book Room open
10:00 a.m. Office open
10:30 a.m. Church Service ~ Lent VI
~ Special Guest: A.J. Levine:
~ *Judas Iscariot*

11:40 a.m. Office Open
11:45 a.m. Fellowship – Memorial Hall
with Book Room open
1:30 p.m. A. J. Levine Lecture
~ *Faithful Followers:
The Women at the Cross and
Tomb*
3:00 p.m. Book Room Open

* off site

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE: Monday: Canadian Hard of Hearing Assoc. (CHHA); Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Orillia Public Library, Reconnaissance, Terry Cowan Drumming; Friday: Music Festival Committee, Cellar Singers; Saturday: Suzuki Group; Cellar Singers.

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.

THE A.J. 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 BOOK ROOM ~ THE UNITED CHURCH RESOURCE CENTER will be here the weekend of the AJ Levine Retreat and Lecture Series, 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.

BUY YOUR MORE VOICES ~ The supplement to *Voices United* is a resource we are using more and more frequently at St. Paul's. Pat Gilmore will bring a good supply of *More Voices* (less than \$20 each) for the Book Room display, March 26-28. If you would like to purchase a copy for yourself or a choir member, or to be available for those who read music in the congregation, that would be wonderful. We are thinking that it would be great to have 60 copies available for use.

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 Father Andrew Cyruk of Guardian Angels and the soloist is Alex Teske. 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 and at the Office 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 2010 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, the affordable housing project connected to St. Paul's.

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.

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.

Civil war has been a constant in Colombia for the past 50 years, and because of this there is a human rights crisis and services such as education, housing, and justice are suffering. On Monday, March 22, 7 - 8:30 p.m. **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** will discuss the dangers faced by the people of Colombia, and concerns about a proposed Canada-Colombia free trade agreement. For more information contact Mary Maltby at 325-1996.

SINGLE, quiet, non-smoking woman in late fifties is seeking reasonable rent for a one bedroom apartment b-y 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

AS WE PRAY ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Betty Hurson, Roy Reading, Ava Hunter, Theda Coleman, Walter Franklin-Hearn, 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 24

Encounter World Religions
~ Christian Science & Scientology
7:30 p.m.

MARCH 26-28

Amy-Jill Levine Retreat & Lecture Series

MARCH 28

Palm/Passion Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

MARCH 30

Drew Dellinger: Poetry for eco-justice
7:30 p.m.

APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 2

Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 4

Joyous Easter Celebration!
10:30 a.m.

3:30 Live!

Citizen of the Year: Sherry Lawson
3:30 p.m.

APRIL 24

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream
Symposium Day
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MAY 7

Men's Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 13

Carol Choir Cantata, "Hurry On Down"
10:30 a.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.