

## Calendar

### Sunday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Office open  
10:30 a.m. Joyous Easter Celebration!!  
11:45 a.m. Office Open  
11:40 a.m. Fellowship Time  
3:30 p.m. 3:30 Live!  
~Guest: Sherry Lawson

### Monday, April 5

Easter Monday – Office closed  
7:00 p.m. Book Circle Small Group  
~ *Lovingkindness; The Revolutionary Art of Happiness*  
7:00 p.m. Balancing Your Personal  
Medicine Wheel  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

### Tuesday, April 6

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. Telecare training  
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs  
7:00 p.m. CD Committee  
~ meeting cancelled  
7:00 p.m. Bereaved Mothers Small Grp

### Wednesday, April 7

9:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Committee  
10:30 a.m. Learning Circle ~ *Darwin, Divinity & the Dance of the Cosmos* – First week, new members welcome!  
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi  
6:00 p.m. Greenhaven Tools for  
Healing  
6:30 p.m. Sparks & Brownies  
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle  
~ Drumming Circle

### Thursday, April 8

9:30 a.m. Welcome Committee  
10 – 11 a.m. Social Services  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group  
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Small Group  
New members always welcome

6:00 p.m. Supper Club  
6:00 p.m. Orff Instrument Ensemble  
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir  
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir  
7:30 p.m. Learning-in-Community Circle  
~ *Jesus: The Misunderstood Jew*  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group  
8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, April 9

Office Closed  
9:30 a.m. Mother Care  
9:30 a.m. Emergency Housing mtg.  
10:30 a.m. NIA Small Group  
1:00 p.m. Women's Circle Small Grp.  
5:15 p.m. Resonating with the Flow  
of the Spirit Small Group  
7:00 p.m. Movie ~ *Prairie Giant*

### Sunday, April 11

POPCAN SUNDAY!  
10:00 a.m. Office open  
10:30 a.m. Church Service  
~ Easter Communion  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:40 a.m. Fellowship Time with cake to  
celebrate the resounding  
success of the Retreat and  
Lecture series with AJ Levine  
1:30 p.m. Week of Guided Prayer  
starts

#### \* off site

**OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Tuesday: Cellar Singers; Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Canadian Club, Reconnaissance, Terry Cowan Drumming; Friday: Music Festival meeting; Saturday: Kiwanis Music Festival in Sanctuary.

**WELCOME CENTRE** ~ In the Greeting Area! Pick up a yellow folder 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!

**MANY THANKS** ~ to Sandy Wink of Evans Flowers for the donation of the Palm branches last Sunday. Thanks also to Impression House for the donation of note pads and pens for the AJ Levine Retreat & Lecture Series.

**AJ LEVINE RETREAT & LECTURE SERIES** ~ With appreciation to everyone who helped out or took part, thank you. The weekend conference generated great enthusiasm, energy and fun. After paying the bills we expect that there will be a profit of about \$7,000 for St. Paul's General Fund. Of that amount, over \$1,800 came from B & B accommodations which some St. Paul's families provided. ~ *The Planning Committee*

**DUE TO THE UNUSALLY WARM WEATHER** ~ the heat is now turned off in the building for the summer. If there is the occasional cold snap you might need to "bundle up" a bit!

**LEARNING CIRCLE SMALL GROUP** ~ will explore *Darwin, Divinity and the Dance of the Cosmos*, by Bruce Sanguin and will run on Wednesday mornings 10:30-noon, April 7 to May 26 which is an 8 week session. Please call the Church office to register, 326-7351. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the office.

**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.

**SUPPER CLUB** ~ The April meeting of the Supper Club which welcomes all seniors [both

singles and couples] is at 6:00 p.m. Thursday April 8 in the Banquet Hall. As usual it's a potluck [bring an entree or dessert and your dinnerware and cutlery] and join us for an evening of food, fun and socializing. There'll be a talk and demonstration of Yoga for Seniors and violin music with piano accompaniment. More info - contact Mac & Isobel Wilding 327-1353.

**LEARNING-IN-COMMUNITY CIRCLE - Jesus: The Misunderstood Jew** Thursdays, April 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, & 20 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. ~ as a follow-up to the lecture series by Amy-Jill Levine being held at St. Paul's this weekend. The group will study Amy-Jill-Levine's work as it is shared in *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* and at the lecture series. "The Misunderstood Jew" will be available through Manticore Books for \$10 Contact the Church Office to register, 326-7351.

**MOVIE NIGHT** ~ "The Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story." Friday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Pop & chips for sale at a nominal fee. Let's celebrate the new Health Care Bill in the U.S.!

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11**, the service theme will be the "Art of Saying Goodbye." If you have the chance to see the movie, "The Lovely Bones," or to read the book, it will be referred to in the sermon.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, SUNDAY, APRIL 11 & MONDAY APRIL 12** ~ Rachael will be away but the office will be staffed with a volunteer – on Thursday & Monday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday for one-half hour before and after the Church service.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Prayer Shawl Room.

**A BAPTISM & NEW MEMBERS** Service is planned for May 9. If you are interested, please contact the Church office, 326-7351.

**THE ST. PAUL'S [NOT JUST] COUPLE'S CLUB** invites you to an evening of "MUSIC MEMORIES" with the artistry of Blair and Friends playing some of our selected favourites. The songs will be introduced by those who have submitted them. Sit back, relax and enjoy wonderful music on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Dave or Marg at 327-1479. ALL ARE WELCOME !!

**RETREAT IN THE MIDST OF EVERYDAY LIFE** April 11 to 16 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 will be 1:30 to 3:30 and then on weekdays there is an option of 1:30 to 3:30 or 7:30 to 9:30 (both sessions are the same). Call Church office to register.

**A RECIPE FOR JOY – A WOMEN'S CIRCLE ~** This Small Group is inspired by the book *The Joy Diet*, by Martha Beck, which we will each read for the Small Group. This diet for the soul contains ten menu items designed to lose emotional weight and help one achieve a deepening joy in living. You deserve to be happy joyous and free. Sessions run Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 13-June 15 with a possibility of evening classes in the fall. To register contact Louise Calvert-Dale 835-2994.

**POPCAN SUNDAY ~** is next Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Your used pop cans are used as fundraising for 2<sup>nd</sup> Orillia Scouts.

**NOTE CARDS ~** if you have some new note cards that you don't think you will use, we would love to have them in the office.

**BRIDGE TIME AGAIN! ~** UCW Unit 1 is hosting it's "Annual Dessert Bridge and Euchre Party" at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. \$8.00 per person, \$32 a table. Tickets are available from unit members or Donnajean at 325-1757.

**YOUTH NEWS:** (Grade 7 – 12)

Check out the Youth Bulletin Board for more information on:

**New Youth Group** to begin on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. This new group will be for those in grades 6, 7 & 8. More info to come.

**Summer Camp Registration** is happening now! See the bulletin board for all the cool possibilities.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP ~** is running out of yarn! As you are spring cleaning, please feel free to send us any yarn which we could use to make prayer shawls. It can be dropped off at the church office.

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING** opportunity: Thursday, April 15, anytime between 11am and 1pm. Call Mary 325-1996 for information.

**AS WE PRAY ❖** We keep in our prayers Deanna Peacock and family on the death of Deanna's father, Laurie Smith, on March 28, 2010. ❖ We keep in our prayers Ruth Mary Engle at the death of her sister on March 27 ❖ We keep in our prayers, Marie Skinner at the death of her son-in-law, Peter Sutton on March 26. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Mae Readman, who died on March 24, and keep in our prayers her family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Mary Rose, Betty Hurson, Roy Reading, Ava Hunter, Theda Coleman, Walter Franklin-Hearn, 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.* ☞

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Based on Week of Guided Prayer

#### **APRIL 13 – JUNE 15**

A Recipe for Joy – A Women's Circle  
9:30 a.m.

#### **APRIL 15**

New Youth Group, grades 6, 7 & 8  
7:30 p.m.

#### **APRIL 24**

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

#### **MAY 2**

Anniversary Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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## LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

**APRIL 4, 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.*