

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Office Open  
10:30 a.m. Church Service  
11:40 a.m. move organ console  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:40 a.m. Fellowship Time

### Monday, May 24

Victoria Day – office closed  
7:30 p.m. NA Support Group

### Tuesday, May 25

9 am – 3 pm Cleaning Day  
~ Everybody welcome!  
9:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Mother Care  
9:30 a.m. Recipe for Joy Small Group  
10 - 11 a.m. Social Services  
10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group  
11:00 a.m. Greenhaven Community  
Kitchen  
11:15 a.m. Social Services Team mtg.  
2:00 p.m. Waterways of the Czars  
Information meeting  
6:30 p.m. Telecare Training  
6:30 p.m. Beavers & Cubs  
7:30 p.m. UCW #2\*  
~at home of Susan Turner

### Wednesday, May 26

10:30 a.m. Learning Circle ~ *Darwin, Divinity & the Dance of the Cosmos*  
11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi  
6:00 p.m. Tools for Healing  
6:30 p.m. Sparks & Brownies  
7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle  
~ Transition Towns

### Thursday, May 27

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 mtg.  
6:30 p.m. Carol Choir  
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir  
7:30 p.m. Youth Group  
~ for kids in Grades 6, 7, & 8

7:30 p.m. NA Support Group  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, May 28

Office Closed  
Toronto Conference Annual Meeting

### Saturday, May 29

Toronto Conference Annual Meeting

### Sunday, May 30

10:00 a.m. Office Open  
10:30 a.m. Church Service  
11:40 a.m. Office Open  
11:40 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:40 a.m. Carol Choir\*  
2:00 p.m. Celebration of Ministry  
service, Toronto  
Conference

\* off site

**OTHER GROUPS WITH WHOM WE PARTNER BY PROVIDING SPACE:** Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group, Reconnaissance.

**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!

**TODAY** ~ after the church service the organ console needs to be moved and we would appreciate having some volunteers assist with that. Many thanks!

**CLEAN-UP DAY** ~ Tuesday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. has been designated to do some extra cleaning in preparation for the Toronto Conference Annual Meeting next weekend. All extra help would be appreciated.

**ON SUNDAY MAY 30TH**, we are anticipating a large number of guests at our worship service. The guests will be involved in the weekend Toronto Conference program, and we would like to extend a warm St Paul's welcome. As

part of extending a warm welcome to our guests, we are asking members of the congregation to wear their name tags, and if possible, park cars on the side streets north of the church, leaving some of the closer parking spots for guests.

**INTER-PRESBYTERY YOUTH EVENT** ~ Saturday, May 29 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. right here at St. Paul's! Become part of this event taking place at the same time as the Toronto Conference Annual Meeting! There will be Theme Times with Moderator, Mardi Tindal on Creation and on Community; swimming; a scavenger hunt; BBQ dinner; discussion time; and a dance. The cost is \$20. For more information or to register please contact Ruth Noble at 905-889-2131 or [ruth@thornhillunitedchurch.ca](mailto:ruth@thornhillunitedchurch.ca).

**BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE** ~ There are still books available for purchase from the United Church Book Store display held the last weekend of March. The books available are by Thomas Berry:

*The Sacred Universe*  
*The Great Work*  
*The Christian Future*  
*and the Fate of Earth;*

as well as: *My Local Greenbelt* by the Greenbelt Foundation (which is free); and *Sustainable World Sourcebook*, by the Sustainable World Coalition. Check them out, at the Church Office.

**MORE VOICES** ~ are still available for purchase for the Church, or for personal use. They can be purchased at the Church office for \$17.80 (taxes included). We're aiming for a set of 60 and already have 38!

**TRANSITION TOWNS** ~ Awakening our Wisdom: Empowering Change for a New Day on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> will feature the worldwide Transition Initiative. The Transition paradigm is not one of prescriptive solutions. Instead, it offers a model for how a

community can be engaged to find local solutions by drawing on local knowledge and talent using a positive, solutions-focused approach. Everyone is invited to come and learn more about Transition Towns and to discuss steps to move forward, on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** ~ is hosting Kathleen Stephenson on Tuesday, June 1, to speak about her work in Brazil as an Ecumenical Advisor with our United Church of Canada's Overseas Mission Personnel. Her work is focussed in the area of ecumenical coordination within Christian and other faith communities. It is their hope that this work will have the greater opportunity to promote and defend the fundamental human rights of all Brazilians. Everyone is invited on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall.

**GRETTA VOSPER** ~ will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. Gretta is the author of *With or Without God*, a recent Learning Circle book, and will reflect upon where her thinking has developed since she published her book. Freewill donation. Everyone is welcome.

**JUNE 13** ~ after service will be a Thank-you luncheon for this year's volunteers in Kids' Church. RSVP to the office, if you have helped out and would like to come to lunch.

**JOB POSTING** ~ We are looking for a Nursery Caregiver for this coming fall. The position is for a full year for two hours (10:00 - noon) every Sunday beginning the Sunday after Labour Day 2010. Rate of pay will be \$10.25 an hour. The successful applicant will have completed a course in First Aid and Emergency Procedures including CPR for Infants and Children, completed a baby-sitting course or have experience with children, have a clear criminal records check, and be 16 years of age or older. A full description of this job posting will be

available at the St. Paul's Church office between 9:30 and 1:30 Monday to Thursday. Applicants are invited to submit their resumes to this office before Thursday May 26, 2010. Please address resumes to the Ministry & Personnel Committee, St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. Only applicants being considered for the position will be contacted for an interview.

**WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS** ~ World traveler, Rev. Jim Thompson, invites you to join him on a two week 'Deluxe River Cruise' from Moscow to St. Petersburg, September 16 – 29, 2011. This monumental trip includes such landmarks as Moscow's Kremlin and Red Square as well as Catherine's Palace in Pushkin and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. Stroll through some quaint and beautiful riverside towns as we sail down the Volga-Baltic Waterway. **You are invited to an information session on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Parlour.** Huge early booking discounts are available. Contact Jim Thompson at 325-9028.

**HOSPITAL BED AND LIFT CHAIR** ~ available, with the purchase price going to Paso por Paso for scholarships. The bed is a single, with memory foam and a remote to raise and lower the head and foot of the bed. The chair will lift a person up to a standing position. The owner needs to have this out of the house by the end of May. If interested, please call Roger Pretty at 325-6209.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS ~ April 30, 2010**

Revenue:	April	Year to date
Local	\$ 28,472.50	\$ 109,029.37
M & S	\$ 5,356.78	\$ 16,833.28
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,291.50
Advent/Lent	\$ 177.50	\$ 5,516.79
Expenses:	April	Year to date
Local	\$ 47,948.84	\$140,493.05
M & S	\$ 5,356.78	\$ 16,833.28

Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,291.50
Advent/Lent	\$ 1,361.80	\$ 5,516.79
Financial Position:		
	April	Year to date
Local	-\$19,476.34	-\$31,463.68
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Advent/Lent	\$ -\$1,184.30	\$ 0.00
Bank:		
<b>General:</b>		\$11,669.93
<b>Investment account:</b>		\$25,000.00
<b>Petty Cash:</b>		\$ 150.00
<b>Bank Total:</b>		\$36,819.93

**AS WE PRAY** ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Sharon Foster who died on May 12<sup>th</sup> and keep in our prayers her husband Jim, family and friends. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of Diana Kana who died on May 7; Irma Robertson who died on May 12; Larry Martin who died on May 15; and Bill Mackie who died on May 17, and keep in our prayers their families and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Harvie Johnson, Jean LeBar, Gord Howes, Mary Rose, Roy Reading, Theda Coleman, Walter Franklin-Hearn, Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), Sarah King (Shirley & Harvie Johnson's niece), Rick Byrne, 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!**

**MAY 26**

Awakening The Dreamer, "Transition Towns"  
7:30 p.m.

**MAY 28 – 30**

St Paul's hosts Toronto Conference  
Annual Meeting  
with Moderator Mardi Tindale  
and past Moderator Bob Smith

**JUNE 1**

Kathleen Stephenson  
of M & S partner, Coordenadoria Ecumênica  
de Serviça in Salvador, Brazil  
7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 2**

Gretta Vosper, 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 6**

-85<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
of United Church of Canada  
-Kids' Church Sundae Sunday

**JUNE 13**

Carol Choir Cantata, "Hurry on Down"  
10:30 a.m. Church Service

**JUNE 22**

Congregational Meeting:  
6:30 Dessert  
7:00 Meeting

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**MAY 23, 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.*