

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**  
July 4, 2010

**Calendar**

Sunday, July 4

Office closed -- on summer hours

10:20 a.m. Hymn Sing  
~ Bring your favourite Hymn  
to suggest

10:30 a.m. Church Service

11:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
- juice in Greeting Area

Monday, July 5

10:30 a.m. Jubilee House

7:30 p.m. N.A. Support Group

8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, July 6

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

9:30 a.m. Mother Care

Wednesday, July 7

11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi

7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle  
~ Drumming Circle

7:30 p.m. Transition Orillia Co-ordinating  
Team meeting

Thursday, July 8

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group

7:30 p.m. N.A. Support Group

Friday, July 9

Office closed

9:30 a.m. Mother Care

9:30 a.m. Good Samaritan Group  
(City social services team reps)

Sunday, July 10

Office closed -- on summer hours

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
- juice in Greeting Area

**MONICA** is on holiday for July  
and **KAREN** will be on holiday for August.

**OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:**

Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group; Thursday, Friday & Saturday: Mariposa Folk Festival

**WELCOME CENTRE** ~ In the Narthex/Lobby! Pick up a yellow duo tang 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 concerns ... and much more!

**SOCIAL SERVICES OVER THE SUMMER** ~ For July, there will be no social assistance offered from St. Paul's. Instead, we have used our budget to send funds to The Lighthouse, St. James and St. Vincent de Paul who will help Orillia's neediest people on our behalf. For August, we will continue our regular social services schedule, but only be giving out food coupons to people and families in crisis. For September we will go back to our regular schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. If you are interested in becoming part of our social service team, please speak to Monica.

**3:30 LIVE! summer schedule** ~ **3:30 Live!**, St. Paul's multi-faith, coffee house style worship, will be meeting only on the 3rd Sunday of the next 3 months: July 18, August 15, and September 19. Join us in the Banquet Hall at 3:30 p.m. Our regular schedule resumes in October .

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** ~ **June 20 to September 7, 2009.** The office reception hours will continue to be 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the office will be closed Fridays and Sundays. This allows the staff the opportunity to rejuvenate in the summer and come back raring to go in the Fall with some extra jobs done, plus extra hours accumulated to tide us over in the busy Fall. ~ *Christa Cameron on behalf of M & P Committee and the Board.*

**MAILBOXES** ~ The mailboxes in the office area will soon be rearranged to accommodate the changes from the Congregational meeting held last week. So yours may be in a different place than it was last year and new members to committees will now have a mailbox. Please check your mail during the summer months.

**TRANSITION TOWN COMMUNITY GATHERING** ~ Orillia as a Transition Town was the topic for the May gathering of Wisdom Circle at St. Paul's. After nine months gathering to explore a variety of topics of the "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" symposium – which has the goal to create a human presence on earth that is ecologically sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just – people, including our local politicians, were invited to gather to explore bringing the Transition Town movement to Orillia. Over 50 people showed up for what became a very animated and enthusiastic conversation. Some in the group had begun to feel that there was little hope of making changes toward becoming a community that is less dependent on the use of peak oil – which is the goal of a Transition Town. The vitality in the group re-energized them with a dose of hope. After brainstorming ideas that included topics such as community gardens, bicycle lanes, supporting local agriculture, the need to pass on skills such as sewing and canning, a steering committee of eleven people was formed. They met immediately to begin plans for the next community gathering that was held on June 23. Over 40 people gathered for a lively evening of discussion and sharing of ideas. Transition Town will be the focus of Wisdom Circle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in both July and August – July 21 and August 18 at 7:30 p.m. Spread the word around – everyone is invited!

**LEARNING CIRCLE TEASER!** ~ we have chosen our books for next year and are very excited about the variety and the depth:

- starting September: *The Praying Congregation* by Jane Vennard. (Learning about different prayer disciplines, with lots of practise.)
- closer to Advent: *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, by Philip Newell. (Learning about Celtic Christianity)
- starting January: *The First Paul*, by Borg & Crossan. (Exploring the life and influence of St. Paul on early Christianity.)
- Spring: *The Emerging Christian Way*, edited by Michael Schwartzentruber. (14 writers and thinkers weigh in on where Christianity is headed.)

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** ~ for anyone willing and able to volunteer at a 10,000 Villages Festival Sale for the weekend of November 12 – 14. Please speak to Monica, or leave a message with the office. We need sales people, and people to set up and pack away merchandise.

**ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT** ~ Mike Latter is looking for long-term accommodation that has wheelchair access. He is looking for a one-bedroom apartment with bathroom and hotplate. He can afford approximately \$800 per month and prefers to be able to smoke in his residence but is willing to go outside. If you have any information on any such accommodation please call the Church office at 326-7351.

**AS WE PRAY** ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Vincent Druer, who died on June 18 and keep in our prayers his family and friends. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Jean Johnston, Trudy Schuette, Margarete Emminghaus, Maureen Simpson, Harvie Johnson, Mary Rose, Theda Coleman, Walter Franklin-Hearn, Mark Dahmer (Jack Dahmer's son), Sarah King (Shirley & Harvie Johnson's niece), Sharon Cunningham and Margrit Beesley (daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, respectively, of Mary Cunningham), 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.* ☺

"Live out of your imagination, not your history."

~ Stephen Covey

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."

~ Helen Keller