

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

August 1, 2010

Calendar

Sunday, Aug 1

Office closed – on summer hours

10:30 a.m. Church Service

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

Monday, Aug 2

Office closed – long weekend

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

8:00 p.m. House Band

Tuesday, Aug 3

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

10 – 11 Social Service

Wednesday, Aug 4

11:45 a.m. MS Adaptive Tai Chi

7:30 p.m. Wisdom Circle
Drumming Circle

Thursday, Aug 5

10 – 11 Social Services

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga Small Group

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

Friday, Aug 6

Office closed

Sunday, August 7

Office closed – on summer hours

10:30 a.m. Church Service

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

MONICA was on holiday for July
and **KAREN** will be on holiday for August

OTHER GROUPS WE PARTNER WITH BY PROVIDING SPACE:

Wednesday: Suzuki Baby Group; All week: YMCA Day Campers.

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!

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ~ Over the summer members of Amnesty International will be writing letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience around the world, and also in support of the Lubicon Cree in northern Alberta and the farm community of Jayyus in Palestine. We invite you to join us anytime between 11 am and 1 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (July 20 and August 17). Call Mary 325-1996 for information.

TRANSITION TOWN COMMUNITY GATHERING ~ . Transition Town will be the focus of Wisdom Circle on the 3rd Wednesday in August – August 18 at 7:30 p.m. 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 about ideas to make changes so that Orillia can be less dependent on the use of peak oil and be more resilient in the face of major change – which is the goal of a Transition Town. Spread the word around – everyone is invited! Come and be part of the conversation Wed Aug 18. If you have any questions speak to Karen.

10,000 VILLAGES FESTIVAL SALE 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. Not only a great fundraiser but also an opportunity to support Fair Trade practises with artisans around the world.

SAVING PARADISE: HOW THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRADED LOVE OF THIS WORLD FOR CRUCIFIXION AND EMPIRE by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker, provides the themes for our July services. A few people have already expressed interest in gathering in the fall for an in-depth study of the book. If you would be interested in being part of such a group please let Karen or the office know. The time being considered is the first and third Sundays of each month at 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

THE EMERGING CHURCH: A MODEL FOR CHANGE AND A MAP FOR RENEWAL by United Church minister Bruce Sanguin is a book that Karen would like to explore with a group. If anyone is interested in being part of the discussion please let Karen or the church office know.

3:30 LIVE! ~ St. Paul's multi-faith, coffee house style worship, will be meeting *only* on the 3rd Sunday of the next 2 months: August 15, and September 19 the Banquet Hall at 3:30 p.m. Our regular schedule resumes in October.

SOCIAL SERVICES If you are interested in becoming part of our social service steam, please speak to Monica.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ Friday September 24 to Sunday 26 we have reserved Sparrow Lake Camp for a weekend away for our St Paul's family. A team has discussed food and activities and how we can divide up the tasks. Registration and sign up inserts will be available in September. The plan is to arrive at the camp on Friday evening after dinner, spend Saturday in the leisurely pace of a camp with a couple of organized activities for those who want to join in, a campfire and then worship on Sunday morning followed by a BBQ lunch. Sharing one of the large cabins might add to your fun so connect up with others to make plans.

AS WE PRAY ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Betty Wilkins who died on Saturday July 24. Betty is Wendy Johnston's mother and so we keep Wendy, Dick, Andrew, Beth, Mary and their family in our prayers at this time. Betty was a member of Metropolitan UC in London for over 50 years before coming here to St Paul's 7 years ago. A service to celebrate Betty's life will be held at a date yet to be confirmed ❖ We also lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Grace Webster – wife of the late Rev Roy Webster who was here at St Paul's in the 50's. ❖ We lift up prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for the birth of a son, Benjamin, to Heather (McKean) and Matt Czarnota, first grandson for Cathy Marshall, nephew of Gillian Stockdale and Beth Whalen McKean and cousin for Jessica, Sammy, Ani, Starla and Bronwyn. ❖ We keep in our prayers by sending light and love to Doreen McDowell, Vreni Cameron (Christa Cameron's Mom), Tom Levine, 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.* ☺

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS ~ June 30, 2010

Please note that the income includes more than \$45000.00 in fund raising income.

Revenue:	June	Year to date
Local	\$ 65,600.93*	\$ 196,497.44
M & S	\$ 5,198.50	\$ 25,856.28
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,291.50
Advent/Lent	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,516.79
Expenses:	June	Year to date
Local	\$ 40,256.16	\$224,466.00
M & S	\$ 5,198.50	\$ 25,856.28
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,291.50
Advent/Lent	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,516.79
Financial Position:		
	June	Year to date
Local	\$ 25,344.77	-\$27,968.56
M & S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disaster Rel.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Advent/Lent	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank:		
General:		-\$24,828.03
Investment account:		\$ 25,000.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 150.00
Bank Total:		\$ 321.97

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.

VACATIONS ~ Rachael is on holiday July 12 to August 9.

MAILBOXES ~ The mailboxes in the office area have been rearranged to accommodate the changes of the new Board and Committees. So yours may be in a different place than it was last year and new members to committees will now have a mailbox. It would be appreciated if you could please check your mail during the summer months.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAUL'S? Sign up for the weekly e-mail to receive the Life & Work sheets of St Paul's programs and activities & for the weekly mailing about events at Wisdom Circle on Wednesday nights.

