



# the epistle

## A MONTH TO REMEMBER

*Submitted by the Rev. H. A. Batstone*

November has come to be a month when people of the Commonwealth gather to remember those who have given their lives for their country. Citizens all over the allied world gather around cenotaphs or other items of remembrance to pay tribute to those who gave their lives.

The church has played a part. It has opened its doors to those who come, some with halting steps, to remember the comrades who did not survive the battles in which they fought.

In 1918, the powers that be chose the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to be the end of World War I. The same was set for World War II.

In the country in which I grew up, people observed two special remembrance days. The other day was July 1st. On that day, ninety-five years ago, a Newfoundland regiment was positioned before the enemy. Early in the morning a false order sent the regiment over the top. Almost every man was a casualty, with more than four hundred dead. Many people still wear forget-me-nots on July 1.

When the bugles blow on November 11 pause for a moment to remember.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.*

- From 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon

## CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

This has been an extraordinary year, so far, in our congregation. The year has seen our minister take up a new charge. Some of our members have passed on and many of our friends have fallen ill. Some members have moved on in their lives. I know that our prayers go with them all.

Up to this point it has been a little depressing and I have observed a certain malaise within our congregation. However, due the efforts of the many members of the congregation things are looking brighter. The last few weeks we have had many functions that have been well turned out. Volunteers and our Licensed Lay Worship Leaders have been doing an amazing job for our worship services. The JNAC committee has advised that they have prepared their report for Council and as soon as we get Presbytery's blessing we will be able to start the committee to search for a full time minister.

As a member of the JNAC committee, I had the joy of reading all 94 surveys. It was gratifying to me that there is so much hope, dedication and inspiration within the congregation. I was heartened by this past Sunday, at our congregational meeting, when we did not dwell on the past but spoke of our future.

Psalm 56:3

***O Most High, when I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can flesh do to me?***

Our trust in God, and in ourselves, allows us to receive His joy and fulfill His mission.

God Bless,

*Bill Sheaves*

Chair of Congregation

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **TOGETHER WE CAN**

*Submitted by Dorothy Wilkins for the Stewardship Committee*

We have taken October to reflect on stewardship and our financial support to St Paul's and we thank you for your response.

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we remembered the many faces of stewardship at St Paul's, the 'magical nature' of the love of God and of course our 'Magic Penny'. We dedicated our pledge cards towards the continuation of the things we care about, and we had a great lunch. Approximately 60 people got together for a potluck with many wonderful foods and sweets.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this day of celebration.

A big thank you to Council who sponsored the luncheon and to all those who helped in the kitchen to make it all possible. May God richly bless.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT AUCTION**

*Submitted by Robert Hunt*

The results are in and once again the spaghetti dinner and silent auction were a tremendous success. After Bert said grace before dinner, the 75 people who came to eat and stay for the auction had a lot of fun and laughter. There were many helping hands who made the whole thing possible – Reg and Sally, Chris and Nathan, Carol S., Rolly, Grace and Bill, Dave and Sharon, Dorothy, Marilyn and Ron, Hope "Vanna" Grant, Michael M. Karen and Ron, Doris and Peter, Wilma - just to name a few. My apologies to anyone I have missed.

Thanks to everyone who also helped by making spaghetti sauce for dinner and/or to those who donated talents for auction. Speaking of the auction... so far we raised \$2,800 and there is still the cottage vacation to come (details on page 4).

## Summer Getaway

Imagine yourself

... sunning on the beach

... boating on the lake

... Bbq-ing on the deck

... relaxing

### TALENT AUCTION VACATION PACKAGE

This is one of the biggest and best items we have ever auctioned off. It is a one-week holiday (Saturday to Saturday) for up to six people, on Lake Seymour (2 hours northeast of Ajax), to be taken between June 1st and October 1st of 2012, depending upon availability.

This vacation package is being offered via silent auction, with bids submitted via e-mail to Bruce Hopewell at [wmbuce@sympatico.ca](mailto:wmbuce@sympatico.ca). For more information, call Robert Hunt at 416-458-5888. Bidding begins as soon as you read this and the auction closes on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 6pm. More details and pictures are available on the Internet at [www.clrm.ca/cottages\\_haliburton\\_/kawartha/woodland\\_resort.html](http://www.clrm.ca/cottages_haliburton_/kawartha/woodland_resort.html)



**SUMMER GETAWAY** *continued*

The cottage features dish TV, air conditioning, fridge, stove, microwave, BBQ, blankets and pillows, and all cookware including dishes. You bring your own food and linen. There is a 4-piece bath, and the master bedroom features a queen size bed. Recreational activities include a playground for the kids, swimming pool, golf, fishing, and a boat launch - BYOB (boat). A refundable security deposit will be required. Here is a great opportunity for a fun family vacation. Bid now and bid often.

If you win, confirm your booking early to get your preferred week as your choice is subject to availability. If you dally, your first choice might not be available. By going to the website on page 4, you can check available dates. Funds raised will be used by St. Paul's in support of your community.

Sounds fabulous? You bet or should I say, you bid!

**ALARM SYSTEM UPDATE**

*Submitted by Sharon Eagleson*

By now all the old codes have been retired for about a week.

If you have not heard from the Chair of your committee or me, then you do not have a valid code.

All the Chairs and leaders of every group that meets or attends St. Paul's have received letters over the summer and all people have been notified in the last five editions of the Epistle.



**DON'T SET OFF THE ALARM PLEASE!**

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

### WHO ARE WE?

*Submitted by Diane Fleming*

Women within the United Church have been forming UCW groups since the organization was formally inaugurated on January 1st, 1962 through the amalgamation of the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) and the Woman's Association (WA).

UCW is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. The National UCW has chosen a special project for the anniversary that will help fund the Maternal Health Care Training Centre in Tanzania. St Paul's UCW will be contributing funds to that project.

#### **St Paul's UCW:**

Members of St. Paul's UCW meet in the Fellowship Room the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our annual Business meeting is usually held the 3rd Sunday in January. New members are always welcome.

We are involved in several special events during the year. One of the highlights is the Fall Bazaar which will take place this year on November 5 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. All members work very hard to make sure the Bazaar is a success.



#### **UCW Life Membership:**

Who can receive a UCW Life Membership?

- Any woman who has expressed loyalty to Jesus Christ by her devotion and sharing of gifts in the United Church of Canada can receive a UCW Life Membership.
- A Life Membership pin and certificate is available to any woman belonging to the United Church whom a UCW group may wish to honour.

Who gives the Life Membership?

- Presentation of a Life Membership may only be made through the UCW and not by an individual.

**St Paul's UCW Life Members:**

St. Paul's UCW Life Member lists have been updated and framed and are now hanging in the Fellowship Room.

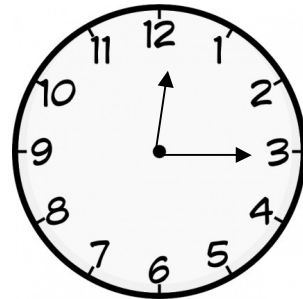
"What women these Christians have!"  
—4th-century pagan philosopher Libanius

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**NEWS FROM JNAC**

*Dear Congregation,*

*On behalf of all the members of the JNAC team, we thank you for completing the surveys. In total 94 surveys were returned, representing 29% of the St. Paul's congregation. This is an overwhelming response and speaks to the commitment and spirit of this congregation. Thanks to Grace and Bill Sheaves for the work they did collating all the data.*



*The JNAC report has entered its final stages. Once the report is approved by the our Church Council and by Presbytery, the congregation will be able to select members who will form the Search Committee. Our journey to the 'one' new minister for St. Paul's is proceeding.*

*Thank you, the JNAC Team*

## SENIOR CHOIR NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

*Submitted by Lois Craig*

Starting on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th, there will be ten minutes of carol singing starting at 10:25am. We will be singing your favourites as found in Voices United, #35 to 78 and 91. Let your neighbours know and invite them to join us for a Sunday service.

### SENIOR CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTATION

*Submitted by Lois Craig*

On December 11 at 10:30 am, the augmented senior choir will present Pepper Choplin's Night of the Father's Love. We hope to have over 30 voices singing this presentation. If you want to join this group (so far there are 23+), please call Lois at 905-428-1457.



The music will be accompanied by an orchestral CD and have three narrators. Please invite your family, neighbours and friends and plan to attend this special service.



May we live in peace without weeping.  
May our joy outline the lives we touch without ceasing.  
And may our love fill the world, angel wings tenderly beating.  
-- *An Irish Blessing*

## OUTREACH

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

*Submitted by Sharon Eagleson*

St. Paul's is once again planning to supply food baskets to people in the community this year. As we did last year, we will be putting lists on the table in the Narthex (beginning after Remembrance Day) for members of the congregation to sign up for food items. Should you wish to make a financial contribution, please use one of the envelopes in the pews and mark it "Benevolent Fund Christmas Families". Any monies that are collected will be used to purchase gift cards to enable parents to put a gift under the tree for the children. If you are aware of anyone that would benefit from this, please contact Sharon. As always all names will be strictly confidential.

### MITTEN AND/OR GLOVE TREE

*Submitted by Sharon Eagleson*



Hello All - I will be putting a mitten and/or glove tree in the Narthex, beginning with the first Sunday in Advent. Homemade or purchased mittens or gloves - I am happy with one and all. The mittens and gloves will be distributed to organizations in the area so that children will have warm hands this winter. The tree will have clothes pegs so that we can decorate our tree. Many thanks in advance for your support.



"My brothers and sisters, what good does it do if someone claims to have faith but doesn't do any good things? Suppose a believer, whether a man or a woman, needs clothes or food and one of you tells that person, "God be with you! Stay warm and make sure you eat enough." If you don't provide for that person's physical needs, what good does it do?" - James 2: 14-16

## KAIROS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING NEWS

*Submitted by Gail Young*

I am including an email that I received from KAIROS regarding their funding proposal from March 2010 which was recently rejected by the Canadian Federal Government. I thought that members of the congregation would be interested in this update and call to action, Act – Pray – Give. If you have any questions regarding KAIROS, please speak with a member of OSAC. The email message is, as follows:

KAIROS recently received a response to its CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) proposal of March 2010. In a letter dated Sept. 22, 2011, CIDA states that the application is being rejected because it would not be “good value for money.”

This was the second proposal, submitted by KAIROS in March of 2010, following the November 30, 2009 rejection of KAIROS’ original partnership renewal. This second proposal demonstrated how the work of our partners clearly fit within CIDA’s new stated priorities. This is the proposal that has, once again, been explicitly rejected.

“Value for money” normally refers to an inexpensive consumer product of good quality. But, international development is not a product. It is a Canadian obligation and commitment, which since 2008 has been framed by the ODA Accountability Act. This law sets three conditions for our foreign aid, namely that it: “contributes to poverty reduction”, “takes into account the perspectives of the poor” and is “consistent with international human rights standards.”

Cost effectiveness is an aspect of accountability and KAIROS has consistently demonstrated this benchmark to CIDA auditors and independent evaluators. However, the key criteria to which international development proposals must adhere are these three legislative standards. We believe KAIROS proposals—with their focus on working with poor and marginalized communities to build human rights capacity (including capacity on economic rights)—have exceeded expectations in aligning to Canada’s core international development criteria.

Chantal Bilulu, a KAIROS partner from the Democratic Republic of the Congo currently in Canada for our Living Courage, is just one of many partners saving lives, building peace, renewing livelihoods and building capacity for their countries’ long-term transformation. Chantal accompanies rape victims, works to provide legal support to women, transforms school curricula towards peace education and helps to introduce legislation to end impunity around sexual violence. Canadians would be proud to support this work of such great value.

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**KAIROS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING NEWS** continued

The real question is not value for money but how we and our partners live out our values of human rights and ecological sustainability, values that are important to Canadians. Canadian development funding has a proud history of supporting transformative work by many diverse organizations. Now that history is being changed into a bottom line approach that will hinder rather than promote development.

We recognize the value of immediate humanitarian aid in times of crisis. The provision of food and emergency supplies is often required, but so too is the commitment to address structural issues such as violations of dignity, rights and ecological health.

KAIROS helps people who are changing current structures that allow hunger, poverty, environmental degradation and human rights abuses to occur. We are proud of our vibrant, relevant, engaging program and the long-term partnership relationships that enliven our collective work.

We are concerned, as are many in the international development community, with the way that CIDA's new competitive process is disrupting the work and impact of Canadian NGOs and their Southern partners. We are likely to see more strong Canadian organizations, with long histories of best practice in transformative development, lose funding.

With your help, KAIROS has more than just survived CIDA cuts. We are not going away.

We continue to be sustained by the encouragement of our global partners who have borne the brunt of the cuts. It is their witness and example of strength in the face of terrible odds that has inspired us to carry on together.

Thanks to the advocacy and generous support of KAIROS' member churches (including the United Church of Canada), local networks and new supporters who donated gifts of time and money, remembered KAIROS in prayer, met with Members of Parliament, and wrote letters to their local papers, the CIDA funding cut, though painful, was not fatal. KAIROS continues to move forward with a dynamic program working for human rights and ecological sustainability.

KAIROS thanks all of its wide network of supporters for your inspiration and encouragement throughout many years and especially during the CIDA crisis.

At this time, KAIROS calls on our supporters to:

**ACT**

- Engage with our current program of human rights and ecological sustainability. Join in the KAIROS campaign, "Truth, Reconciliation and Equity: They matter to us!"

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**KAIROS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING NEWS** continued

- If you feel called, re-engage with your Member of Parliament on this latest development. We do not expect a renewal of funding to come from your advocacy; however, we do think it is important that MPs (with whom so many of you developed a relationship) hear the results of this process, and your ongoing concerns for the future of transformative international development. Please let us know how your meeting goes by contacting Caroline Foster at [cfoster@kairoscanada.org](mailto:cfoster@kairoscanada.org).

**PRAY**

- Please hold KAIROS, our partners and our work in your prayers.

**GIVE**

- Consider becoming a KAIROS Companion (or if you are a group, a KAIROS Community); this is a gift of time and relationship that we would greatly value as we move forward as a vibrant, faithful social justice organization.

Consider a donation to KAIROS.

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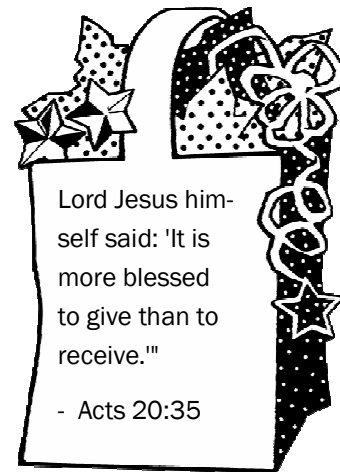
**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4**

*Submitted by Gail Young*

In the spirit of tradition, St. Paul's United Church will be holding our annual White Gift service on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Our tradition is to share these wonderful gifts with various organizations such as Herizon House, Cornerstone and the Youth Shelter on King's Crescent. As well, any White Gift monetary donations will be sent to the Salvation Army food bank.

Please remember to add White Gifts to your Christmas shopping list and plan to bring something special to church with you that morning. Gifts should be "wrapped" in white paper or bags. The gifts will be opened and distributed after the morning service by OSAC members.

Let us continue this long-standing tradition of St. Paul's generosity as we share our Christian Christmas spirit with those in need in our own community.



## FOR KIDS ONLY

### WHAT'S NEW IN GAPP?

*Submitted by Valerie Mandarich*

**G**  
**A**  
**P**  
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The GAPP program has just finished studying the symbols of the Christian Church. We are going to be studying the miracle of Jesus.

We are looking for any Christian colouring books, puzzles, games or books that you may be willing to donate to our GAPP program. If you are interested in helping in any way with the children of the church, please call Valerie at 905-427-9202 or email [sandv@sympatico.ca](mailto:sandv@sympatico.ca)

### CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

*Submitted by Marie Nesbitt*

For all those with children attending GAPP, St. Paul's Church School program, Church school envelopes for your children's offering are readily available.

Using offering envelopes ensures that your child's contribution is added onto your offering for income tax receipt purposes. In addition, it teaches financial stewardship to children at an early age, and keeps those coins under wraps during story time!

If you're interested in getting a box of envelopes for your child(ren), please see Marie Nesbitt after service any Sunday, or give her a call at (905) 683-6472.

## EXPLORERS

**NEEDED** - Girls aged 9 to 11 for fun and fellowship in our Explorers group.

We meet every Wednesday from 7 pm until 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Room (top floor). For further information contact Cathy Houston at 905-427-8455 or 5houstons@rogers.com. All are welcome.



## IT'S CALENDAR TIME AGAIN!

*Submitted by Nancy Lomax*

The Messenger group at St. Paul's will once again be selling the United Church Calendars for you to enjoy. The 2012 Canadian Church Calendar features twelve photos of stained glass windows.

Please consider purchasing one of these calendars. They make wonderful Christmas, Birthday and Thank you gifts, and would make a nice addition to your home or office (or both). Considering the cost of store bought calendars, these are a great deal at only \$7.00 (tax included), with the proceeds going directly to the Messenger Group for their activities and programming. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please see Nancy Lomax downstairs during coffee time (Nov 6 and 13) or give her a call at 905-683-9283. You can also call Sharon in the church office at 905-683-4740.

It is appreciated if you could please pay when you order your calendar. Please note that the deadline for orders is November 15, 2011.

Thank you so much for supporting the young girls that are members of the Messenger group at St. Paul's.

## JUNIOR CHOIR

*Submitted by Lois Craig*

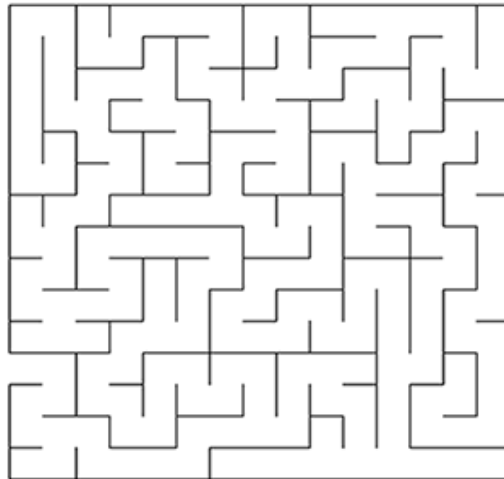
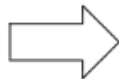
WOW! At the last practice there were 7 children. Our goal is to have 10+, so that if someone is sick or busy, there will still be enough to have a group feeling. Please consider sending your child or grandchild to try this experience. Special music is being prepared for the Christmas season. This group is open to boys and girls age 6+. For more info call Lois at 905-428-1457 or come attend a practice any Sunday after GAPP. Meet Lois at the organ if it's your first time. She'll show you the way to the choir room.

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## Christ the King Puzzle

Can you find the way to King Jesus?

**Start Here**



## FELLOWSHIP

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Greetings from Grimsby

By the time you read this, we will have resided in Grimsby for over a month. Bruce and I are still unpacking and organizing. This may take a year. The atmosphere here is very friendly and the fresh fruit and veggies great. It is wonderful to be near our granddaughter Audrey but honestly, she keeps me busier than UCW and Choir combined. I haven't approached a new church yet. It is too soon. Remember, I have my prayer shawl and my prayer bear to keep me in touch with God. I really miss the love and concern of my church family and send best wishes to all, especially those suffering in any way. By the sound of the last Epistle, St. Paul's is doing just fine without me. You have a very strong congregation, and I am sure you will progress successfully into the future. I miss my life in Ajax but I know I will finally adjust.

In my prayers,

Joyce Dawson

### IN MEMORIAM



Randy Sitar, friend to many here at St. Paul's.

Ken Younie, loving husband of Mary, father of Barbara (Brad), John (Donalada) and Ann, grandfather of Aaron, Jodi, Chris (Brittany), Christine, Elesia and Kimberley.

Melinda Alexander, loving wife of the late Robert, sister-in-law of Lorne Alexander (Marion).

Charlotte Stinson, senior member of St. Paul's and loving mother of Vickie Brown and loved grandmother.

Ina Coull, loving sister of Delmer.

## **A REFLECTION BY ROBERT HUNT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of my wife Roberta has just passed. I initially was writing this for her but there has been a lot of loss lately at St. Paul's and I thought that this should be for everyone who has or is dealing with the passing of a loved one. You are welcome to share it with others if you wish.

### AFTER DEATH, AFTER LIFE

Grieving is just part of loving,  
And happens when loved ones are lost,  
But if we never had loving,  
What then would be the true cost?

For knowing your loved one is joyous,  
With their memories we truly are blessed,  
We give them up into God's hands,  
And trust that He knows what's best.

He'll keep them safe, keep them happy,  
And one day it will happen you know,  
When your turn comes to be with Him,  
And I thank God that this part is true,  
Your loved one will be there awaiting,  
And spend eternity with Him and with you.

May God grant you comfort and solace,  
While you struggle with sorrow and grief,  
His love and His guidance will help you.  
It's through Him you'll find peace and relief.

Amen.

**WHAT'S ON!**

**Sunday,  
November 6  
7:00 pm**

**SALLY WASSERMAN  
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION**

B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah Congregation is proud to assist in Holocaust education by welcoming a Holocaust survivor, Sally Wasserman, to the Durham Region. Mrs. Wasserman's account of her years as a child in war-ravaged Poland are presented as a means of fulfilling our pledge that WE WILL NEVER FORGET. With the cooperation of St. Paul's United Church the public is invited to meet and hear this engaging speaker at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's.

**Saturday,  
November 19  
9:00 am**

**FALL CLEAN UP SATURDAY**

*Come one, come all.*

Bring your buckets, bring your rakes.

Let's keep St. Paul's looking great!

You've heard the saying that 'many hands make light work' and 'new brooms sweep clean', but at St. Paul's 'many rakes leave no leaves unturned'.



“Peace begins with a smile.” — Mother Teresa

## WHAT'S ON!

### MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION HYMN SING

Join with us as we sing hymns to God's glory on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. The hymns will include some of the favourite and inspiring hymns of our church tradition. As well as enjoying the evening of music, you can take the opportunity to dedicate one of your favourite hymns as a way of remembering a loved one, of celebrating someone's life or as a way to give thanks for a special person or occasion.



If you wish to dedicate a hymn, request forms are available at the church to indicate your requested hymn, the remembered person or event and the donation you are giving. All requests need to be submitted to the church office by November 11.

**Sunday,  
November 20  
7:00 pm**

### WOULD YOU LIKE BACON WITH YOUR EGGS?

The Men's Group will be cooking up a FREE Congregational Breakfast on November 27th at 9:00 am. They are returning for an encore performance of their cooking. If you missed the breakfast in the spring, you won't want to miss out this time because IT WAS SO YUMMY THE FIRST TIME!

Everyone is welcome!

The men ask only one thing.

PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHAPEL AND SIGN UP SO THE MEN CAN DO THEIR SHOPPING!



**Sunday,  
November 27  
9:00 am**

### ST PAUL'S CGIT ANNUAL VESPER SERVICE

The CGIT Vesper Service will be taking place Sunday, December 4th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service this year examines the theme of re-gifting. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served following the service in the church basement. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Sunday,  
December 4  
7:00 pm**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**November 6            REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**  
- Robert Bennett

**November 6            2:00 LEGION SERVICE**  
- Kim Lawrance

**November 13          - Laura Springate**

**November 20          - Ruth Olley**

**November 20          7:00 MEMORIAL HYMN SING**

**November 27          FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 4            WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**  
**7:00 CGIT VESPER SERVICE**

**December 11          SENIOR CHOIR MUSICAL PRESENTATION**

The next Epistle will be issued on December 4, 2011. DEADLINE for articles is November 23, 2011. Please send articles to Susan Reed at [svreed@bell.net](mailto:svreed@bell.net)



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