

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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Following the Star
January 5th, 2025

Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30. Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing [here](#).

If you are joining us for the Sunday worship online, please see our [service bulletins](#). Alternatively, the QR code can be scanned to view our Sunday bulletin for this week.



ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S JANUARY 5 - 12

SUN 01.05	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
		Epiphany	
MON 01.06	9:30 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Yoga Sew Couture AA Support Group	Foote Auditorium Dunn Room Bentley Room
TUE 01.07	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Spiritual Nurture Mtg Tai Chi Nar Anon Support Group	Dunn Room Foote Auditorium Bentley Room
WED 01.08	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting Choir Rehearsal	Study Sanctuary
THU 01.09	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Quilting Group Tai Chi Day 5	Foote Auditorium Foote Auditorium Zoom
FRI 01.10	1:00 pm	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
SAT 01.11	1:30 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
SUN 01.12	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
		Baptism	

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas season worship services.

Save a spot for Grandma!

Please be mindful of elderly members and those with mobility challenges when choosing a place to park. If you have the ability to, please consider parking farther away to leave space for those who may not be able to walk far.

Namer of the Stars

Looking up into the glittering galaxies
I see a breathtaking canopy of light.
Each twinkle leads to another and another,
Stretching out into an endless universe.
Every star reveals an immensity of mystery
And stirs in the soul a connection with you.
You touch the heavens with sparkling beauty
As you call each bright luminary into its place.
Namer of the Stars, Creator of Wonder,
I bow to the eternal brightness that is you.

Today: The *Namer of Stars* leads me to wonder.

from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp

If you would like to share a minute message on Sunday, **please talk to Rev. Anna Constantin prior to sharing your message.**

Annual Congregational Meeting 2025

Save the date! St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is February 2nd, 2025.

New Phone Number for Northern Spirit Office

The United Church Staff phone system will be changing in the new year.

Northern Spirit Office / Chloe Burns' new phone number: 1-587-407-0330

These numbers are already set up and in service. The former 1-800 numbers will still work until **January 15, 2025**. Please spread the word and save our new phone numbers! Many of the tri-Regional and National staff numbers are changing as well: [all staff contact information is available on the website](#).



Chair Stretch and Chat via Zoom

For those who wish to embody their spirituality in the comfort of their own space, guided and supported on ZOOM, with like-minded others. We begin with seated gentle stretching for grounding and centering, followed by a poem and pockets of silence to aid in encountering inner wisdom, then engaging in small group dialogue and listening. Please have available a sturdy chair with no arms. All are welcome.

Interfaith Outreach for Polarized Times

How do we practice interfaith exchange in challenging times? When communities are polarized? Denominations are splintering? And people lose hope for peace? We use courage, social empathy, self-reflection, and knowledge of best practices. To begin, **Rabbi Laura** will name some of the divisive social and theological issues of our time. Then, she will share a model of interfaith outreach for working across these divides.

Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan-Kaplan is a professor, author, prayer leader, mystic, animal lover, and interfaith activist. Currently, she is Director of Inter-Religious Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology and Rabbi Emerita of Or Shalom Synagogue.

*This public lecture is offered both **in-person** or **online** via Zoom. Early registration ends February 1st.*

<https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/interfaith-outreach-for-polarized-times-348/>

Day 5 - January 9th at 7:30 pm



On October 19th to November 7th, 2024, Dave Carr and Gail Mannard-Carr took three safari tours in Kenya and Tanzania. After taking over a thousand pictures and videos of animals and birds; Hazabe, Neolithic and Masai villages; as well as Stone Town and the northern beaches of Zanzibar, Dave has narrowed it down to a one hour PowerPoint presentation showing the wildlife and the cultural experiences that took place during this journey to East Africa. He also will explain what a dhow is.

Day 5 is on Zoom, please scan the QR code or visit the link provided in the Wednesday email.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Photo courtesy of Rondy Kyle



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