

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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Following the Light
January 12th, 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 12 - 19

SUN 01.12	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
		Baptism Sunday	
	12:00 pm	Discernment Committee	Bentley Room
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee	Nursery
MON 01.13	9:30 am	Yoga	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
	7:00 pm	A Joyful Noise Choir	Footo Auditorium
TUE 01.14	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Dunn Room
	7:30 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
WED 01.15	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Study
	3:30 pm	Moxy B Studio	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Yoga	Footo Auditorium
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THU 01.16	9:30 am	Quilting Group	Footo Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Footo Auditorium
FRI 01.17	11:00 am	FibroFree	Bentley Room
	1:00 pm	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
	7:00 pm	Youth Group	Bentley Room
SAT 01.18	10:30 am	Braille Tones Choirs	Footo Auditorium
	1:30 pm	Tai Chi Workshop	Footo Auditorium
SUN 01.19	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin
	1:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk	Labyrinth

Annual Congregational Meeting 2025

Save the date! St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is February 2nd, 2025. Thank you to everyone who has sent in Annual Reports!

Mother of Earth

You embrace each element of the planet
As a much-loved child held to the breast,
Concerned about each one's well-being
And how your beloved planet is treated.
You are ever present as the nurturer of life
And a companion with what eventually dies.
You embrace the pattern of the seasons
With their natural unfolding transformation
And weep in sorrow for what becomes extinct
When humanity carelessly hurries its death.

Today: I care for our planet by how I live.

from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp

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.

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.

Tuesdays January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2025 (1:30pm - 2:30pm)

The cost of this program is \$60.

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 - Next session: January 23rd at 7:30 pm

There will be no Day 5 on January 16th, the next session is on January 23rd. Barbara Ward will present 'Northwest Passage: In the Footsteps of Franklin August 2024'

A journey to western Greenland and the Canadian Arctic through stark landscapes and ice with wildlife sightings and cultural experiences.

To join us on Zoom, please scan the QR code or visit the link provided in the Wednesday email.



Here from the beginning: the story of Black people in the United Church Project

Whatever your ethnic or racial background, you're invited to support a Centennial story-telling project focused on the lives and contributions of Black people in the United Church of Canada. This exhibition celebrating Black individuals' remarkable contributions and experiences within the church amplifies these voices and showcases their incredible impact on our faith, history, and community. *Celebrating the history of The United Church of Canada through the lens of Black people is the overall project, and it has two related parts:*

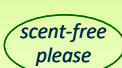
*Telling the stories of individuals we want to honour.
A travelling historical exhibit.*

More information can be found [here](#).



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