

# MSSION MISSIVE NEWSLETER

## SPRING ISSUE 2013

### NEWS TO KEEP YOU ON TOP OF OUR MISSIONS OUTREACH

#### Dear Friends in Christ...

Welcome to our Spring 2013 Edition of our Missions Missive Newsletter. In this issue we have an article on the St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry which involves many of our parishioners on a regular basis. We have included notes on this ministry over the past couple of issues, but I have been asked "what is it?" by several of our newer members, so Barb Grantham has helped coordinate this centre-piece article.

We also have a review of our upcoming Vacation Bible School "SONWEST ROUNDUP" with the theme of the Wild West on August 19 - 23 in the Church Hall at St. Marks. Our VBS has become extremely popular over the past few summers, with last years VBS being the biggest to date with 81 children registered, 8 youth leaders and 20 adult leaders. Registration is limited by the size of the hall and last year we had to turn children away, so for 2013 families are encouraged to register early.

Now that Spring appears to have arrived with the cherry trees in full blossom and the tulips in our church garden showing their colour, let us continue to remember those in our

own community who may not have shelter, food or clothing over the summer. Continue to support St Mark's Community Outreach, the Nightshift box for clothing at the church driveway, the ACW Bales for the North, and our own youth group volunteers that will be heading this summer to Burundi, Africa.

#### St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry

You can support outreach activities of this group by sending donations in envelopes marked "Community Outreach" to St. Mark Ocean Park.

**SEE OUR MAIN ARTICLE INSIDE FOR ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS MINISTRY...**

Contact Barb Grantham for more information.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*  
NIV Matthew 28:19-20

### VBS SONWEST – Aug 19 – 23, 2013



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So come on! Rustle up your kids and head on over to SonWest Roundup for a rip-roarin' good time!  
WHERE: St. Mark's Anglican Church  
WHEN: August 19-23, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
COST: FREE!!!!  
AGE: 4-12 years (bring all your friends for the best time they will have all summer.)

### MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- May 25<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM - 2 PM - Spring Luncheon
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - 3 PM - Parallel 49 Concert
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 AM - 1 PM Car Boot Sale
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - Parish Picnic
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6 PM - Men's Club Chicken BBQ
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - 6 PM - Men's Club Salmon BBQ

# St. Mark`s Community Outreach Ministry

*Mission Statement* : "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. And the Lord said, "Whatever you do for the least of these my people, you do for me." Matthew 25: 35-40.

## The History of this Ministry

In 1992, a Ministry was founded by the late Pat Louis of St. Mark's Ocean Park. This Ministry started making sandwiches in the church kitchen and delivered them to the Front Room homeless shelter in Whalley.

Pat Louis's son is schizophrenic and at one time he became lost. Pat and her friends searched for him and finally found him at the 'Front Room' in Whalley. Pat subsequently spoke to St. Mark's congregation after this experience, and told us of the number of people who were living homeless and hungry on the streets.

Pat then initiated St. Mark's parishioners into action with the \$10.00-a-month club delivering food, toiletries, and clothing to those living on the street who came into the "Front Room" in Whalley. Thus the Ministry called the "Front Room Community Outreach Ministry" was born.

At that time, some of the funding donated for the building of our new kitchen at St. Mark's was provided so that we could also prepare food for people at the Front Room. Pat Louis donated funds to the new kitchen to ensure that St. Mark's would be able to continue this worthy work. From this initial program, St. Mark's has moved forward to now having several programs which deliver food, fresh produce or funding and other resources to various groups in our community.

In September 2009, the Front Room Community Outreach

Ministry presented the Parish with a report of their ongoing activities. From the initial time of supporting the Front Room through the subsequent 17 years, the Ministry has been initiating more and more projects right here in the South Surrey area outside of the Front Room.

In order to easily identify the Ministry and not limit the area in which these projects are delivered -- a more identifiable Ministry name was needed. The Steering Committee decided that the new name of **St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry** best suited and encompassed all of the projects.

As we are guided, St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry continues to grow with ever changing direction. We are blessed and truly grateful for the ongoing support from the Parish of St. Mark's. If you would like to support The St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry financially, please place your donation in an envelope and clearly mark it "**Community Outreach**" (not Front Room).

This Ministry continues to support projects at the Front Room and donations of Bus Tickets, towels, brushes, pens pencils, notebooks, toiletries, socks, clothing, running shoes, jackets and hats are always appreciated, and can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.



Wendy and Shannon making Soup for Holy Saturday Lunch served at the Front Room

# St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry...

## Current Projects

### Delivered to Women's Place

- Soup Lunch for Disabled Women
- Lunch Basket for Hungry Children (donations of \$50.00 are requested to support one week of this program)
- Picnic Hampers for Lunch Basket Participants
- Emergency Supplies for Women in Crisis
- High protein Foods for Lunch Basket Participants
- Christmas Gift and Food Hampers\*

\* During the Christmas Season, Christmas Hampers are organized by Ann Colman with donations from the Sunday School, Men's Club, Evening Guild and various Bible Study Groups.

### Protein Project

- Additional funding to provide high protein foods to children in the Lunch Basket program\*\*

\*\* St. Mark's newest project, the Protein Project was initiated by Stan Hodgson to purchase meat for children and youth who are currently not getting enough protein in their daily diet.

### AROCHA Vegetable Garden

- Three shares in this organic garden are purchased for this coming year with the financial support of the Evening Guild, the Men's Club and the 'Love in ¾ Time' Musical Performance held at St. Marks. These shares are delivered weekly from June to October to The Launching Pad (Young Men's Recovery Home), Women's Place and the White Rock/South Surrey Food Bank.

### Blanche Biddle Trust

- Provides funding for Breakfast Food Program served at schools for children who come to school hungry.

### Delivered to the Front Room

- \$300 / Month for milk at the High Protein Food Bank
- Toiletries and good used clothing
- Household supplies for people moving from the street to a residence
- Dinner served on a monthly basis at the Front Room

### Young Mothers Support – Stepping Stones

- Monthly funding to assist in the purchase of diapers for a young mothers/parent support group

### Senior Women in Crisis – AMA House

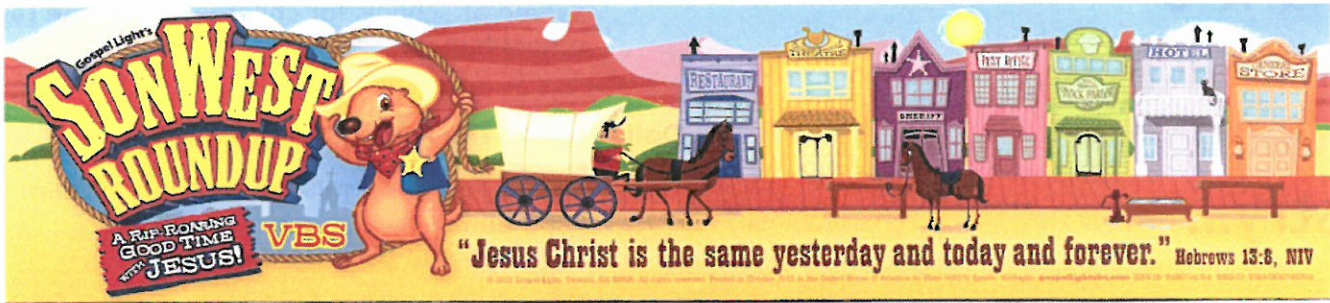
- Monthly funding for Senior Women in transition



The Youth Group prepared 100 candy bags for those who served the hot lunch to give out at the Front Room for the Holy Saturday Lunch

We thank the following parishioners for their ongoing work in this Ministry:

Pat and Wendy Aiken, Betty Ann Bainbridge, Ann Colman, Fran Freidel, Barbara Grantham, Lawrence Hurd, Linda Millar, Alvin Myhre, Shannon Paulson, Peggy Spriggs, and Darlene Weigand.



Out on the wide-open spaces, you'll discover a colourful old town where all the excitement of the Wild West awaits! In SonWest, you'll celebrate all the fun of being buckaroos-so grab a sarsaparilla and join in the jamboree! There'll be food, games, music, crafts – and amazing true stories that point you to Jesus.

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**



**SESSION 1: ULTIMATE PLAN** is revealed! We will discover that just as God had a plan to free the Israelites and sent Moses to rescue us from the slavery in Egypt, He sent Jesus to rescue us from the slavery of sin

**SESSION 2, ULTIMATE POWER** is found in Jesus! We will discover that just as God showed His power to Moses at the burning bush, so He showed His mighty power to us through Jesus' life and miracles. Jesus tells that He is the resurrection and the life and that those who believe in Him will live forever with him.

**SESSION 3: ULTIMATE RESCUE** We'll learn how God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt-even saving them from death! And we'll discover salvation and life forever with Jesus, made possible through His death and resurrection.

**SESSION 4, ULTIMATE TRUST!** We will learn how God provided for His people in the desert-and how Jesus provides for us every day, in every way!

**SESSION 5, ULTIMATE LOVE!** As we hear about the time when Moses received God's commands at Mount Sinai, we will also discover that Jesus gave a new command. We'll see how loving Jesus means following His example and caring about others in our words and actions as He would.

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