

# "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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### **Sorrento Centre**



The Sorrento Retreat & Conference Centre is owned and operated by the Anglican Church as an outreach place of learning, relaxation and spiritual growth for all who wish to come. Founded 50 years ago on the shores of beautiful Shuswap Lake it offers facilities and amenities for the whole family. This is a good year to discover its beauty. To get a better sense of the place, accommodation, facilities and programs go to the web site: www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca



**LENTEN STUDY 2014 – A Holy Land Journey** – Come along on a journey to the Holy Land. We will take you on a fast-paced, visually inspiring & educational tour of Jerusalem, the temple, the cross & the empty tomb. Our personal guide will be

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9am to 3pm Friday 10am to 1pm

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Monday, March 10

9am – Exercise Class - H Tuesday, March 11

2pm – ACW mtng. - FR

7-9pm – Youth Group – Y

7pm – Bible Study - O

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#### Wednesday, March 12

9am - Exercise Class - H 10am - Service - Sanctuary

7:30 - Choir Practice - S

#### Thursday, March 13

7:30pm- Lenten Series - FR

#### Friday, March 14

9am - Exercise - EdC

#### **LENTEN SERIES:**

Thursdays at 7:30pm – March 13 & 20 & 27 - FR

#### Wednesday, March 19

Please note that the 10am Healing Service is cancelled.

Dave Stotts, host & editor of "A Drive Through History". Your leader & moderator is Rev. Craig who will spend one month in Jerusalem this Spring on an Extended Study Leave. This is your opportunity to get a preview of what it is like to be there & explore on location the ancient world of the bible. The course will take place on three Thursday evenings: March 13, 20 & 27, 7:30 to 9pm. There is **no fee** for this course. Please fill out a Registration Form that you will find in your Bulletin, and return it to the office. You can also register by calling the office at: 604-535-8841 or sending an email to office@stmarkbc.org.



<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u> is Lynne Hurd and she can be reached by calling: 604-542-2772, or by writing to her at <a href="mailto:lynneh1@telus.net">lynneh1@telus.net</a>. For this week only Joyce Ness will take your calls on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12 & 13, in Lynne's absence. You may reach her at 604-535-0460 or write her at joybill@telus.net

<u>Seniors News</u> – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays (until further notice) with the next one on **March 19**. Join us at 1pm in the Family Room for games, or in the Library for conversation, both followed by light refreshments, tea and coffee at 2:30pm in the Family Room. For information on upcoming events please call Sue at 604-531-4931 or email Sue at <u>sinder@shaw.ca</u>, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

- It is time once more to consider what plays and musicals we wish to see this summer season:
  - The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of the Fraser Valley's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the White Rock Playhouse (probably on Thursday, May 8 in the evening). Cost is not known at this time. We shall try to arrange rides for those who wish to attend the Gilbert & Sullivan show, not the bus, as the venue is so handy for us;
  - Theatre Under the Stars has two productions: "Schreck The Musical" and "Legally Blond". A possible date for "Legally Blond" (a repeat of last year's successful and popular run) would be on a date during the last week of July or the first week of August. Please contact Sue or Janet if you wish to see this show;
  - Bard on the Beach in Vancouver is producting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Tempest" on the Main Stage, and "Cymbeline" on the smaller stage, along with a non-Shakepearean play entitled "Equivocation". There are several matinee performances each week, as well as evening performances. Bus transportation will be available to both Vancouver performances at a cost of \$25/person.

<u>Youth</u> – Youth Alpha takes place on Sundays, at 10am until Sun. April 13. Today's topic is: "Follow: How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life?" All middle/high school students are invited to join us in the Youth Room each week for breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. Please contact Josh at: <u>youth@stmarkbc.org</u>, or call 604-614-5852 for more information.

<u>PWRDF Update</u> – (i) A call for prayer from Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada: For more than a month, Anglicans, along with many other Canadians and people around the world, have watched as violence has ravaged South Sudan, and visited additional suffering upon peoples who have endured as much or more violence and upheaval as any in the world over the past five decades. (ii) Anglican Alliance, an Anglican Communion relief & development agency, reports than an appeal launched by Church of Bangladesh with the Alliance in September, 2013 raised \$16,000 (US) for garment workers and their families who suffered as a result of the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory in Bangladesh in April, 2013. (iii) PWRDF has contributed \$100,000 to the Episcopal Church of the Philippines for their disaster response project which is supporting farmers, artisans, and others as they rebuild their businesses in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan.

<u>The Pie Guy</u> – Order your pies from Brian! \$12 for each full pie, or \$6.50 for each half-pie. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any "combo" of berries. Or, order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie for \$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie. Need a brunch or dinner suggestion? Savoury Tourtiere pies are \$18 each or \$9 for a half-pie. Brian can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at thepieguy@shaw.ca

Sunday School - The focus this week Matthew 4:1-11 - "Jesus Is Tempted"

<u>The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u> this week is donated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all who minister to the children and youth of the parish.

Next Week's Bible Readings – Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, Matthew 17:10-21

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