

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014

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Rector's Easter Letter

Postage costs went up on April 1st. Please pick up your labelled envelope in the Narthex this Sunday morning. Thank you.

------ February 2014 Financials ------

(in the spirit of Les)
What is the cause of our "Demise"
Two Snow Days, More Pro Days
Less "Operating" Contributions
Has Given us Quite a "Surprise".

<u>Wednesday Morning Services in April</u> – the April 16 10am Healing Service <u>will not be held</u>. There is a 7:30pm Compline Service that evening. The April 23rd 10am Service <u>will not be held</u>.

<u>Forward Day By Day</u> – The May/June/July installment is available in the Narthex. To pay the \$5 cost please see Carolyn Brown.

<u>A Baptismal Journey</u> - Jacob and David Higginson are on a baptismal journey this Lent. Please pray for them during this time!

<u>A Communion Program for Children</u> – "Life in the Eucharist: A Communion Program for Children", will be offered soon. A meeting will be held next Sunday, April 13th, following the 10am service. The meeting is for parents/guardians, children ages 4-9 years, and those wishing to be companions to the families who will participate. Please contact Rev. Denise if you are interested or if you have any questions.

<u>Nursery Wish List</u> - With your help we can create a new and improved space for parents to come to worship with their infant/toddler on Sunday mornings. If you have one or more of the following, in new or nearly new condition, please contact Rev. Denise: *** change-table; ** crib; ** standing room screen(s); & ** nursing rocker(s). Thanks for your consideration of this vital ministry need.

<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u> is Lynne Hurd. She can be reached by calling: 604-542-2772, or by writing to her at lynneh1@telus.net.

<u>Youth</u> – Youth Alpha takes place on Sundays, at 10am until next Sunday, April 13th. Today's topic is: "Healing: Does God Heal Today?" 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: youth@stmarkbc.org, or call 604-614-5852 for more information.

Sunday School - The focus this week is "Lazarus Lives!" – John 11:1-45

Next Week's Bible Readings – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27: 11-54.

<u>April Meeting of the Evening Guild</u> – The Evening Guild will meet in the Family Room on Tuesday, <u>April 22nd</u> at 7:00pm. (This meeting was scheduled to have taken place on Tuesday, April 15th.)

<u>ATTENTION Those Who Participate in the Pre-Authorized Donation Program</u> – If you require changes to your P.A.D. donation, please email <u>douglas@myowncity.com</u> OR drop off a note for Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at the Office. P.A.D. donations are processed by the Diocesan Office on the 15th day of each month. Thank you once again for your faithfulness and financial support of St. Mark's, Ocean Park

<u>The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u> is provided this week by Doug and Joy French to the Glory of God and in memory of their daughter Jill.

<u>Seniors News</u> – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **April 16**. 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.

Monday, April 28 – the last VSO Concert of the current season – the bus leaves St. Mark's for the Bell Centre at 7pm. If you need a ride to the bus please contact Sue or Janet.

Saturday, May 3 – the Welshman's Choir Concert at 7:30pm at White Rock Baptist Church – please call Sue as soon as possible if you are interested. Car rides can be arranged.

Thursday, May 8 – HMS Pinafore, with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of the Fraser Valley – 8pm at the White Rock Playhouse - \$27 per person. Rides to the theatre can be arranged. Please phone Sue or Janet.



<u>"Selebrating" Souper Sunday</u> – thank you, St. Mark's, for your support. Your Community Outreach Ministry prepared soup in the church kitchen during September, October, and November of 2013, and in January, February and March of this year.

We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$1,775 to date!

The funds raised have been donated to the following:

- AMA House new pajamas, slippers and funding for residents
- New soup pots and fresh vegetables for "The Launching Pad"
- Financial Aid for Typhoon Haiyan victims
- South Surrey White Rock Food Bank donations for January and February
- Stepping Stones donations for young parents (continued on next page....)

<u>"Selebrating" Souper Sunday</u> (continued)

Yes! We will be back in the Fall with new and exciting Soup Recipes. Your Community Outreach Ministry continues to work together to reach out into our community and give a hand up to those who need support.

THANK YOU for your continued support of this important Ministry.

OFFICE HOURS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 7

9am - Exercise Class - H

Tuesday, April 8

2pm – ACW Mtng. – FR

6pm - Men's Club - H

7pm – Bible Study - FR

7-9pm – Youth Group – Y

Wednesday, April 9

9am - Exercise Class - H

10am - Service - Sanctuary

7:30 - Choir Practice - S

Friday, April 11

9am - Exercise - H

Saturday, April 12

5-9:30pm – Renter – H (Photography Club Exhibit)

Sunday, April 13

Following the 10am Service – Meeting for parents & guardians, and children ages 4-9, regarding "Life in the Eucharist: A Communion Program for Children"

Wednesday, April 16

10am – Healing Service will not take place

At **7:30pm** – Compline – a Service of prayer, chant, meditation and reflection.