

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014

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<u>Baptismal Candidates</u> – Jacob and David Higginson have placed a white rose near the font today to remember the loved ones who have gone before, or cannot be with the congregation on Sunday. Doug Higginson (grandpa) and Jason Jacoby (uncle) who are with us in spirit as they are with our heavenly Father. As well as: Mike and Adelle Jacoby (grandpa and grandma), Lisa (aunt), and Lauren (cousin) Jacoby in Minnesota.

<u>Seeking A Home</u> – A couple, moving from Edmonton to White Rock/Surrey, is looking for a home to purchase. They visited our church and attended a Newcomers' Luncheon and came to the decision that they would like to become members of St. Mark's. If you know of a wonderful home for them to purchase please let Rev. Denise know and she will put you in contact with the couple. Your response may resolve their difficulties in finding a suitable house. Thanks!

Spring Lunch & Sale – the ACW needs baked items AND "Treasures" for their Spring Lunch & Sale, Saturday June 7th. Drop off on: Friday, June 6th. Raffle tickets and Luncheon tickets go on sale this Sunday, May 25th.

<u>Next Sunday's Bible Readings</u> – Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

<u>Prayer Chain Contacts</u> – in May, June and July are Michael and Jean Weller. Please call 604-538-9334 or email: <u>weller301@shaw.ca</u>

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

<u>Fruits Garden Project</u> – First Sundays, June – October. Following the 8am and the 10am Services each Sunday there will be an offering of the "First Fruits of our produce..." Prov. 3:8, at a table in the Parish Hall. This is a fun and very interactive offering of vegetables, fruits, seedlings, flowers, bulbs, etc., by some of the very generous gardeners amongst us. Come and check it out Sunday, June 1st!

<u>Library News</u> – <u>TJ and the Time Stumblers</u> by Bill Myers is about TJ Finkelstein, your average 7th grader trying to survive junior high. Just moving from the Midwest to California and trying to settle into a new school is enough to cope with without being studied as a class project by two 23rd century time travelers. Join this unlikely trio as they stumble into one hilarious catastrophe after another while accidently learning the importance of such core values as love, honestly, patience and kindness.

<u>St. Mark's Youth</u> – Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for "The Thinking Series: Asking Life's 5 Biggest Questions". The program runs until this Sunday, May 25.

Youth gather on Tuesdays at 7pm and explore Scripture. For more information or to sign-up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

<u>Sunday School</u> – May is "Missions Month". All month the Sunday School will be collecting for the Food Bank's <u>Lunches For Kids</u> program. Needed items are: nutritious snacks, granola bars, real fruit snacks, real fruit juice boxes, tinned tuna, tinned ham, and soup. Also, donations of fresh apples and oranges will be gratefully accepted. <u>The Sunday School focus this week is:</u> The one who loves – based on John 14:15-21.

Israeli Folk Dance Classes – beginning on Monday morning, September 8, you can learn to dance the fun, easy, circle dances of Israel in the Parish Hall. Dance to Hebrew songs taken from the Bible. Learn the simple steps to Israeli dancing holding hands together. Women, men and youth welcome. Cost = \$30 for the 10-week series OR drop in for \$4. Dance class is from 10:15am to 11:15am in the Hall. Blue flyers for pick up are in the Narthex.

ACW Knitting Project Underway – Some newborn babies in developing countries could use, and would welcome, knitted jumpers and beanies. These articles are being knitted by members of the ACW. If you would like to participate in this activity, wool and patterns can be supplied by Janet Van Nes (604-535-0818) or by Kathryn Smith (604-459-8774).

Youth Girls' Event – Cake & Cards on Friday, May 30 from 6:30pm to 9pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a fun evening of card making! We'll also have a delicious selection of desserts to enjoy. Invite a friend, and if you can, please bring a glue stick and scissors. Cards will be donated to the ACW to bless members of our parish.

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u> – are given today by Marguerite Sawatzky to the Glory of God.

St. Mark's Ladies Evening Guild Annual Bursary
The green application form is available in the wooden rack in the Narthex & at the Office. Applicants must be active members of St. Mark's & have been accepted into a post-secondary education institution. Other details are outlined on the application form. Deadline for applications is Sunday, June 1.

<u>Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart</u> – Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program starting in June, and filling in the blanks until the end of the year. These donations go to help young single Moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please call Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 if you have any questions or concerns.

<u>Seniors News</u> — Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **May 28**. 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 sinder@shaw.ca, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

<u>Chicken BBQ</u> – Mark your calendar - Men's Club Annual Chicken BBQ on the evening of Saturday, June 21, 2014

<u>Craig's Corner</u> – Access the "Pastor's Blog" via <u>www.stmarkbc.org/blog/</u> St. Mark's website now features photos & articles by Craig describing highlights of his and Holly's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Also, you can read his articles in the Hall, where they are pinned up on the bulletin boards.

The Pie Guy – 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 thepiequy@shaw.ca

PWRDF Update — Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, has asked Canadian Anglicans to pray for the safe return of more than 220 Nigerian schoolgirls who were abducted weeks ago, by the radical Islamic group, Boko Haram. Boko Haram's statement that the abducted girls, were going to be sold "in the market" as brides is "appalling," said Hiltz. "It is an abomination against internationally held human rights, and an absolute affront to the efforts of many nations to honour the Millennium Development Goals to empower women and young girls thorough education," Hiltz added.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday <u>9am to 3pm</u> Friday <u>10am to 1pm</u>

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 26

9am - Exercise Class - H

Tuesday, May 27

7pm– Youth Group – Y 7pm – Parish Council - FR

Wednesday, May 28

9am - Exercise Class – H 10am - Service – Sanctuary 1pm – Seniors – FR/L 7:30pm – Choir – Sanctuary

Friday, May 30

9am - Exercise Class - H