

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2014

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<u>Maintenance Coordinator</u>-Ken Miles and Don Hamilton have agreed to take on certain coordinating duties of the position on a volunteer basis. Arthur Cormode is performing custodial work temporarily until a permanent solution can be found.

With Thanks-Les and Michael say a great big THANK YOU to the people of St. Mark's.

Sunday School-The focus today is on Matthew 18:21-35. Remembering the place of forgiveness in our daily lives.

<u>Laptop Needed for Children's Ministry</u>-Do you have an unused laptop under 5 years old? If so we could sure use it to help teachers prepare well & communicate with families. Please contact Rev. Denise.

Important Notice-On Mon. Sept. 15, starting at 9am the Church's fire safety equipment and kitchen systems will be tested by Fraser Valley Fire Protection, who do this annually. Technicians will be at the Church testing all fire alarm devices.

<u>Morning Bible Study</u>-starts this Tuesday, Sept. 16, for 10 weeks, 9:30am to 11:30am in the Family Room. The study subject is: Meeting The Holy Spirit. The contact person is Betty Bear: 778-294-0966.

FRESH WILD SOCKEYE SALMON-Come join us for a great BBQ and fellowship at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall on Sat., Sept. 20th. Special entertainment by the Pacific Showtime Men's Chorus. Buy your tickets TODAY at the Ministry Fair.

Evening Guild Notice-The Evening Guild is sorry to announce that Genelle Leifso has had to postpone her talk to the Evening Guild that was scheduled for the Guild's September meeting.

<u>Ministry Fair</u>-Come one, Come all to the Ministry Fair today in the Hall, after both the 8am & 10am Services. This is an opportunity to browse through 20+ Ministry booths & explore new opportunities to get involved at St. Mark's!

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer Chain Contact-is Joyce Ness. She can be reached at 604-535-0460 or email her at: joybill@telus.net

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u>-Today the flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janet Scott in memory of her parents, and by Eleanor McBain in loving memory of her husband Bob and her mother Viola who shared September birthdays.

<u>St. Mark's Youth</u>-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love". What should our response be to the immense love God has for us? How can we break free from the status quo? Also, join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our weekly evening Bible Studies. For more information or to sign up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

<u>The Healing Service</u>-Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, September 17 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** "...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective."

Volunteer Needed-to work in the Garden watering and deadheading the Dahlias. Nick Timms requests that interested gardeners call him at 604-536-0192 if they can do this work while he is away on vacation in late September-early October.



<u>Library News</u>-Once again we have a lot of books that are MISSING IN ACTION. They seem to leap off the shelves and forget how to get back, so I need your help in rounding them up and getting them home to their shelves. As a reminder books can be taken out for 3 weeks and DVDs for 2 weeks. They can also be renewed if you don't get them finished in that amount of time. Just let us know you need more time. Please be sure to sign them out if you are in the Library during the week when there is no Librarian. Place a name and telephone number on the card. It is the only way that we know the book is being used and if, to our knowledge, it has not left the shelf in 5 years, it will be culled and replaced with a newer or more popular book. Look on the bulletin board in the Library for these delinquent books and DVDs. Some have been out for a

year or more, and some were not signed out but were not on the shelf when asked for. Please look on your shelves, desks, coffee tables, night tables, under the beds, in the car, anywhere that a book might hide. I would much rather spend the budget on new books than on replacements. Thanks for your help.

- Charlie Bookworm and the Librarians

Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16-We are very excited to present our Parish to our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton, for the first time! If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the Planning Group: Jack B., Anne S., Linda Z., Betty-Ann B., or Rev. Denise.

<u>Seniors News</u>-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. There is a get together this Wed. **Sept. 17.** Games are in the Family Room & chatting is the Library from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm.

<u>Upcoming Events include:</u>

- Fri. Oct. 24 Adult Night At Telus Science World with a murder mystery included, 7-10pm, details regarding the cost of the event and the transportation are available from Sue at 604-531-4931 or email Sue at sinder@shaw.ca
- VSO concerts at the Bell Centre tickets should be here soon; first concert is Mon. Oct. 6 at 8pm. The bus will leave the Church at 6:50pm. Dates for the other concerts are: Nov. 17, Jan. 26, 2015, Apr. 27, 2015, May 24 (a Sunday), 2015. The Christmas concert is Thurs. Dec. 18 at 4pm.
- In the planning stage is a 2-night trip to Victoria in March, 2015, on Denny's bus. Further details will be forthcoming. Sue will have more information at the Ministry Fair on Sun. Sept. 14.

If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please contact Sue, or call Janet at 604-531-9582.

PWRDF- issued an appeal for support for Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, an Anglican ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. During the recent Mid-East crisis, the hospital staff maintained an around-the-clock presence in the hospital receiving wounded people and providing them with the critical care they required. For more information please call toll free 1-866-308-7973 and speak with Jennifer Brown at PWRDF in Toronto.

<u>The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u>-is provided this week to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Israeli Folk Dance Classes - began last Monday morning. Dance class is from 10:15am to 11:15am in the Hall on Mondays. For more information call the instructor (Shalom Aleichem) at 604-536-0195 or email her at shalomaleichem@shaw.ca Learn to dance the fun, easy, circle dances of Israel Dance to Hebrew songs taken from the Bible. Learn the simple steps to Israeli dancing holding hands together. Women, men and youth are welcome.

<u>First Fruits Garden Project</u>- Due to the Ministry Fair there is no First Fruits Garden Table today.

! SAVE THE DATE! St. Mark's Concert Sunday, October 26

Please note Concert start time has changed to

2:00 pm

Featuring
Cellist BENJAMIN LOUWERSHEIMER &
Concert Pianist KRYSTYNA TUCKA
Hope You Will Come!



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 15

9am - Exercise - H

10:15am - Israeli Folk Dance - H

Tuesday, Sept. 16

9:30am - Bible Study - FR

Wednesday, Sept. 17

9am - Exercise - H

10am - Healing Service -

Sanctuary

1pm - Seniors - FR & Library

Thursday, Sept. 18

1pm - Community Outreach Comm.

Mtng - FR

Friday, Sept. 19

9am - Exercise - H

Saturday, Sept. 20

5:30pm - Salmon BBQ - H