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<u>Rector's Thanksgiving Letter</u>-Today please pick up your labelled envelope in the Narthex.

Alpha Wednesday's Launch Nite Is Coming!-On Wed. Oct. 29th at 7pm, in the Christian Education Centre, we will launch Campus Alpha with the presentation: "Is This It?" This is for anyone curious about God and the Christian faith. Please contact Rev. Denise if you can help host this event and the course to follow. Course dates are: Wed. Nov. 5, Wed. Nov. 19, Wed. Nov. 26 & Wed. Dec. 3, Wed. Dec. 10 and Wed. Dec. 17. Pass the word!

St. Mark's Concert Ministry-Buy your tickets now for the Sun. Oct. 26th Concert – Fire & Ice – Sonatas for Piano & Cello. The concert is in the Sanctuary and starts at 2pm. Benjamin Louwersheimer on cello and Krystyna Tucka on piano. Tickets are \$15/each and are on sale in the Narthex after today's 10am Service OR buy on-line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/867315

Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16-We are eagerly looking forward to Bishop Melissa Skelton's visit on Sun. Nov. 16. We know she would like to meet as many of you as possible in her short time with us and a special luncheon is being planned. We hope that you will be thrilled to contribute to this very blessed event in the life of our Parish. Please consider making a donation using your own envelope, or the pew envelopes, directed to "The Bishop's Visit" or "The Episcopal Visit". Thank you very much.

Invitation to All Folk Who are New(ish)! to St. Mark's Congregation-You are invited to a light luncheon after the 10am Service on Sun. Oct. 19th. Please join us in the Family Room to meet some of our Ministry Leaders, and to learn a bit more about St. Mark's.

<u>The Healing Service</u> – Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am on Wed. Oct. 15 – 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."

Sunday School-Focus this week is Matthew 22:1-14, Recognizing God's invitation to us.

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCT. 12, 2014

Next Sunday's Bible Readings - 2 Timothy 4:5-13, Psalm 147: 1-7, Luke 4:14-21

<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u>-is Joyce Ness. She can be reached at 604-535-0460 or joybill@telus.net

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Barbara and Jamie Grantham to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara's Father, Herbert Emerson White. Flowers are also given this week by Janet Scott in loving memory of her parents, and parents-in-law, Connie, Doug, Loren, Sheila and Frank.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is given this week by Ann Colman to the Glory of God with thanksgiving for God's blessings of grandchildren.

Think Of Our Lord Speaking To You And Saying ... "You do not have to be clever or eloquent to come to me. All you have to do is want to love me." Ever wondered about the "Prayers of the People"? "Intercessions"? Come and join us for a teaching and sharing time led by Dorothy Mash. See if our Lord may be calling you to this Ministry: Sat. Oct. 18th from 9am to 11:30am, in the Family Room. For information contact Anne Schreck at 604-536-0072 or anne.schreck@shaw.ca All are welcome. Please call so we have an idea of numbers attending.

St. Mark's Youth-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God". Also join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know some interesting characters from the Old Testament. For more information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

<u>Library News</u>-If you haven't been to the Library lately...you're overdue. Look on the cart, look at the displays, there are lots of new books on the shelves. Fiction or non-fiction, commentaries, mysteries, suspense, action, romance, Amish, Western, historical, biographical, they are all there. You name it, we have it. Come on in and have a look around. For years it was predicted that libraries would become superfluous – mausoleums for books – when so much was available on-line.

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Instead, library visits now far exceed annual attendance at sporting events, concerts, and, museums combined. It turns out that the very electronic revolution that was supposed to make libraries obsolete has made them indispensable. OCTOBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH.

PWRDF-An update on the response to the Ebola crisis in Liberia: the good news about the Liberia Appeal is that the holding centre for Ebola and other communicable diseases has been inaugurated and that the Phebe hospital is open again. The ACT Alliance Liberia forum made a donation of food to be served to families of the staff who lost their lives while on duty at the hospital. A cheque was made available through the Lutheran Church in Liberia for payments of incentives to staff of two hospitals so that they can continue to work in the hospitals during the Ebola crisis.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is on Wed. Oct. 15th. Games are in the Family Room & chatting is the Library from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Note: On Wed. Nov. 12th, we plan to go to lunch, and a short bus ride, courtesy of Denny.

Upcoming Events include:

Only 2 tickets are left for the Fri. Oct. 24th outing to Telus Science World, for the murder mystery/science for "adults only night", 7-10pm. The cost is

\$27 per ticket, and \$20 per person if you wish to ride on Denny's bus. Costume attire is optional...should be a fun filled event!

Sun. Oct. 26 - 2pm St. Mark's concert Series - "Fire and Ice. Sonatas for Piano and Cello" - cost is \$15 per person. Transportation will be arranged if you let Sue or Janet know that you wish to attend and need a ride.

Sat. Nov. 1 – 2pm (or 7pm) at St. Mark's, the Capital City Chorus Barbershop Remembrance Day Concert - Denny will have tickets and we can arrange to purchase them and to transport those needing a ride to the 2pm matinee.

Tues. Nov. 11 – 2:30pm, Orpheus Men's Choir – Rembrance Day Concert at St. John's Presbyterian Church, White Rock – tickets will be purchased from Charles Carrington Smith, and we have to know numbers, so please let us know if you want to go. Cost is about \$20/each.

If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please contact Sue

at 604-531-4931, or sinder@shaw.com, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - CLOSED Tuesday through Thursday 9am to 3pm Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 13 OFFICE IS CLOSED ALL DAY

Tuesday, October 14

9:30am - Bible Study - FR

2pm - ACW Mtng. - FR

6om - Men's Club Mtng - H/K

7pm - Bible Study - FR

7pm - Youth Group - Y

Wednesday, October 15

9am - Exercise - H

10am - Healing Service - S

1pm - Seniors Get Together - FR/L

7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice - S

Friday, October 17

9am - Exercise - H

Saturday, October 18

9am - Intercessor Workshop - FR

Sunday, October 19

11am - Newcomers Reception - FR Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am Service in the Sanctuary