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**Annual Report**-The Vestry Annual Report for 2014 will be available in the Narthex on Sundays Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. We have printed only enough copies to provide one Annual Report for each family. When you pick up your copy of the report please add your name and signature to the "pick-up" sheet provided. Thank you and God bless.

**Notice of the Vestry Meeting – Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015**-The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015 at approximately 11:15am, following a combined Service at 10am, and a lunch immediately following in the Parish Hall. We encourage every member to attend Vestry, and pray for this annual business meeting, as it is an important time to gather as a community and make important decisions based on where we see the Lord leading us as a Parish.

**Invitation to "Beauty From Ashes" Gala**-This is a fundraiser organized by Heather Davies, a former youth leader at our church, which will feature entertainment by our own Debra DaVaughn and Chris Simmons. The Gala will benefit "Dalit Freedom Network" and "Mercy Ministries Canada" to help fight suffering in the lives of women and children. Tickets are available in the Narthex after the service or go to the website:  
[www.thebeautyfromashes.brownpapertickets.com/](http://www.thebeautyfromashes.brownpapertickets.com/)

**Baptismal Journey**-Oliver and Max Cyca, two boys in our congregation, are on a baptismal journey for the next couple of weeks. Please pray that they grow in their faith and understanding of what it means to be a Christ-follower. Through your prayers they will be ready for the day of their baptism, February 22. In Christ, Rev. D.

**Nomination Announcement**-In the Narthex you will see a poster listing nominations for Parish Council 2015. Should you have a name that you would like to suggest and that person has agreed to let their name stand, please contact either Betty-Ann Bainbridge 604-536-8736, Roger Hussen 604-531-6084, or Brian Switzer 604-535-1941 with your nomination. The Nomination Committee will then contact that person and provide them with the Ministry Description and other paper work and add them to the list. We will also take nominations from the floor at Vestry, but

## "PARISH PULSE"

### NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

we would prefer to have names in advance so that we can prepare for an election. Please hold Parish Council, Trustees and first time nominees in your prayers. Thank you!

**NewComers**-Calling all who are new(ish) to St. Mark's! You are invited to a NewComers Luncheon to be held on Sunday, March 1 directly after the 10am Service (approximately 11:30am). This light lunch will be held in the Family Room and will be an opportunity to learn a bit about St. Mark's and to meet some of the leaders. Please RSVP to Holly: 604-537-2231.

**Concert Today**-Over the past two decades Steve Maddock has been steadily establishing himself as one of Canada's most versatile vocal talents. He presents music in a way that is honest and fresh. Come join Steve for an afternoon of "hot jazz for a cool season". Refreshments included. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 at 2pm in the Sanctuary at St. Mark – Ocean Park. Cost is \$15/ticket. Tickets are available at the Church Office or you can order tickets online at Brown Paper tickets:  
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1147796>



**Sunday School**-Today we focus on Mark 1:21-28. Jesus teaches with authority in the synagogue.

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings**-Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147: 1-12, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

**Prayer Chain Contact**-is Lynne Hurd. You may contact her at 604-542-2772 or at [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net)

**Flowers for the Altar**-are given today by

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**-is provided this week by Mr. and Mrs. Jef Poulsen, in thanksgiving for the birth of their granddaughter Lily, and for her father Christopher.

**Seniors News**-"Get Togethers" are alternate Wednesday afternoons. The next one is on **Wednesday, Feb. 18**. From 1pm to 3:30pm. Games are in the Family Room, chatting in the Library, and everyone gathers for refreshments at 2:30pm.

**St. Mark's Youth**-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Burning Questions". Also join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know characters from the New Testament. For more information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit [www.stmarkbc.org/youth/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/)

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday:**  
**9am to 3pm**

**Friday: 10am to 1pm Only**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, February 2**

9am Exercise – Hall

#### **Tuesday, February 3**

9:30 – Bible Study – Family Room

10:15am – Israeli Folk Dance – Hall

1:30pm – Prayer Shawl Mtng. – Family Room

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

#### **Wednesday, February 4**

9am Exercise - Hall

10am –Service – Sanctuary

1pm - Senior's Get-Together – FR and Library

6:30pm – Alpha Course - EdC

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – Sanctuary

#### **Friday, February 6**

9am Exercise – Hall

11am – World Day of Prayer Mtng. - Sanctuary

#### **Sunday, February 8**

Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am

Service in the Sanctuary

1pm – Life In The Eucharist Course – EdC

2pm – Steve Maddock Concert – Sanctuary

#### **Please Note:**

The Office is closed on  
Mon. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

