

“PARISH PULSE”

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

Sunday School Today-Focus today is on John 15:1-8. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Ann Colman to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all his blessings, and her grandchildren.

Prayer Chain Contact- is Joyce Ness. You may contact her at 604-535-0460 or at joybill@telus.net **Please note:** The Prayer Chain Coordinator for the next three months, beginning on Sun. May 10, will be Michael Weller. He can be reached with your requests at 604-538-9334 or at weller301@shaw.ca

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

NOTE: Rev. Denise will be attending another Spiritual Direction intensive at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls from April 29th to May 6th. She will then take a week of holidays from May 7th-15th.

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/

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Ann Colman, to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Mary.

Mission Missive-Toni Wallis is collecting articles for the next edition of the *Mission Missive*. Please contact Toni if you have an article idea.

Are You A Young Adult Aged 18-40 !-An exciting new study group has begun every other Wednesday evening! We meet at 6pm for dinner and a time of prayer and a discussion based on the Forgotten God video study by Francis Chan. Interested? Of course you are! Contact Heather Davies at: daviesheather@hotmail.com to get plugged in.

Seniors News-"Get Togethers" are alternate Wednesday afternoons. The next one is on **Wednesday, May 13** from 1pm to 3:30pm. Games are in the Family Room, chatting in the Library, and everyone gathers for refreshments at 2:30pm. Contacts are: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

Nick Timms' Annual Dahlia Sale Is Today-in the Parish Hall, after the 10am Service. Purchase a great selection of colourful Dahlias. Payment by donation; with all proceeds going to the Church Garden Fund.



Join The Parish-Wide Game: Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner!-Prepare now for the surprise of your life! How do we play? You can either be a guest or a host. The Excitement: If you are a **guest** you have no idea who the host will be! And if you are a **host** you will have no idea who the guests will be! Time & Date: Sat. May 16, 2015 at 6pm Purpose: To support the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). **Sign Up** at our registration table in the Narthex. A PWRDF envelope will be attached to the registration form. Please hand your donation to the collection plate on Sun, May 17. **Transportation** can be arranged! Dietary considerations met! Come & discover friends! Thank you for supporting this PWRDF initiative. John & Roberta Braddock, Parish PWRDF Reps. 604-538-8642

PWRDF Providing Relief after Nepal Earthquake

April 27, 2015

PWRDF has announced an initial grant of \$20,000 in relief funds for Nepal after a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastated the region between Kathmandu and Pokhara on Saturday. To date, over 3700 people are known to have died in the quake and 6500 have been injured as buildings in both cities and the towns and villages in between were damaged or destroyed. PWRDF is responding through the ACT Alliance. ACT members with offices in Kathmandu began providing immediate relief— food, water, shelter and medical supplies— within hours of the quake, and are currently determining what the greatest needs are as they coordinate their response. PWRDF will continue to be in contact with ACT to determine the need for support, and will react accordingly. All donations to PWRDF between April 25 and May 25, 2015 for the Nepal earthquake relief efforts WILL BE MATCHED, DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR by the Government of Canada into their Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund, which will be used to provide humanitarian relief in the wake of this catastrophe.

How you can support our relief efforts in Nepal:

through our special PWRDF envelopes in our pews:

OR online you can designate your online donation for "Nepal Earthquake". OR By Phone For credit card donations contact:

Ricky de Castro 416-924-9192 ext. 318; 1-866-308-7973

Please *do not* send your credit card number by email or fax.

OR By Mail Please make cheques payable to "PWRDF", mark them for "Nepal Earthquake" and send them to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

The Anglican Church of Canada

80 Hayden Street

Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. through Thurs. 9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Today-Sunday, May 3

- Dahlia Sale after the 10am Service in the Parish Hall
- Concert at 2pm with Alexander Browne and His Aristocrats in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 5

1pm – Prayer Shawls – Family Room

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

7:15pm – ESL Alpha Course - Office

Wednesday, May 6

9am - Exercise – Parish Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, May 8

9am Exercise – Parish Hall

Sunday, May10

- Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am Service in the Sanctuary

