



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Longing for God? Looking for Direction in Life?

Listening for the movement of the Spirit in your life with a spiritual guide can lead to deep spiritual transformation.

Spiritual Direction is a journey of many prayer-filled conversations between a director and a directee which allow for deeply honest questions of the heart to come to the surface. If you desire to go deep and journey with a guide then perhaps meeting with a Spiritual Director is the next step the Spirit is calling you to take. Rev. Denise is receiving training in Spiritual Direction and is offering it to you. Please contact her if you would like to explore this further. revd@stmarkbc.org or 604-217-5880

All Are Invited-on Wed. June 10 at 7pm, Hilary King, founder of the Embrace Rwanda Society, will speak to us about her project to help people in Rwanda. She personally takes knitted and crocheted items to Africa, including the baby sweaters and hat sets many have made here at our church. The ACW invites you to come and hear her story of nine years of change she and many others have made to the people of Rwanda. She will also debut a new documentary film about this very worthwhile project.

Sunday School Today-Focus today is on: John 3:1-17. Nicodemus asks questions of faith.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Ann and Ernie Thiessen to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Matthews.

St. Mark's First Fruits Garden Project-Honour the Lord with your wealth with the first fruits of all your crops. Prov. 3:9

What is it? A wonderful time of sharing God's abundance from the gardens of some of St. Mark's most avid gardeners has allowed our parish to raise in excess of \$15,000 over the past nine years. Through PWRDF, Doctors Without Borders, Loveworks and the Red Cross these monies have contributed to relief for Victims of Floods in Pakistan, Drought in Sahel, Africa, the Tsunami in Japan, Refugees in Syria and much more.

How does it work? Each week you may contribute flowers, fruit, vegetables, seedlings, etc. to the First Fruits table in the parish hall. And, following both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Services we can all make a donation and take home the bounty.

Who makes it work? YOU! The project can only begin when we have volunteers signed up to oversee the Tables on Sundays between now and September.

PLEASE ... 'FILL IN THE BLANKS' ON THE FIRST FRUITS CALENDAR NOW! Thank you!

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

10am Worship Service Options on Parish Picnic Sunday, June 14

The time has come for our annual Parish Picnic, and this year we are hoping for as many people in the parish to come. We are hosting the event on our lovely property, following an outdoor and an indoor 10am worship service. Yes, there are two options. You can attend either a 10am Morning Prayer service in our sanctuary OR a 10am Eucharist Service in the Chapel-in-the-Woods. The outdoor service will be weather permitting of course. If you choose the outdoor option please bring: picnic blankets, lawn chairs (if getting down to sit on a blanket is a challenge), and a sweater (in case it is chilly). We hope everyone stays for coffee fellowship and the picnic, so, bring a picnic lunch as well.

The schedule for Sun. June 14th is:

- 8am BCP Communion Service in the sanctuary;
- 10am Morning Prayer Service in the sanctuary;
- 10am Eucharist Service in the Chapel-in-the-Woods; followed by
- 11:30am Coffee Fellowship in the Hall and the Parish Picnic on the property.

Please contact the Wardens, Brian, Roger or Catherine if you have any questions.

Prayer Chain Contact- is Michael Weller. He can be reached with your requests at 604-538-9334 or at weller301@shaw.ca

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Margot McDermott to the Glory of God and to thank God for His many blessings.

Seniors News-"Get Togethers" are alternate Wednesday afternoons. The next one is on **Wednesday, June 10** 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)



Library News - New Books Just Arrived!-Yes we have just received a new shipment of books. If you are looking for Amish – **The Amish Clockmaker** by **Mindy Starns Clark** plus others – have you been reading **Davis Bunn**? We have 4 new titles including **The Sign Painter**. Are you a **Terri Blackstock** fan? We have her newest book, a romance collection called **Chance of Loving You**. **Max Lucado** has stepped into the world of fiction with **Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café**. If your taste is for non-fiction there is **The Case For Grace** by **Lee Strobel** and **Get Your Hopes Up** by **Joyce Meyer** to name only two. There is something for everyone but you had better hurry to the Library so you don't get caught in the stampede.

Evening Guild's Bursary-St. Mark's Evening Guild is pleased to once again offer the Isabel Hutchison Bursary. This award is available to any full-time member of the congregation in any level of a degree or diploma program. The candidate should already be accepted into the program when applying. Application forms are available from the church office. The deadline for applications is Monday, June 1, 2015. If you require further information call Linda O'Donovan at 604-536-7983.

Coffee Hour Roster-The new coffee hour roster is on the board in the Parish Hall. If you have any problem with the date you are assigned please telephone Olive: 604-535-2288.

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/

Calling All Young Adults Ages 18-40 !-An exciting new study group has begun. On Wednesday evenings, over the coming weeks, we will be reading and discussing *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan (the first chapter is available free online). Join us for a time of prayer and fellowship! Interested? Let us know right away so we can order books. They are \$15 after tax. Contact Heather Davies at: daviesheather@hotmail.com for more details.

St. Mark—Ocean Park
cordially invites you and your family
and friends to our

ANNUAL PENTECOST PARTY

Friday, June 5th, 2015

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the season of Pentecost with dancing, feasting and fellowshiping! Invite your friends, bring your favourite dish to share, put on your dancing shoes for an evening of family fun in our parish hall.

We need a minimum donation of \$10/family or couple and \$5/singles to cover the cost of our DJ

Contact Catherine regarding food at cathfeatherstone@gmail.com

Please R.S.V.P. Rev. Denise at revd@stmarkbc.org or text 604-217-5880

St Marks Men's Club

Chicken BBQ



Saturday June 13th at 5.30 pm
Entertainment, Door Prizes

Tickets at the door

\$ 14.00

KIDS FREE

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**Chicken BBQ tickets are also available at the
Church Office during the week.**

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. through Thurs. 9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 1

9am – Exercise – Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 2

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, June 3

9am - Exercise – Parish Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, June 5

9am Exercise – Parish Hall

6:30pm – Pentecost Party - Hall

Sunday, June 7

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

PWRDF THANKS YOU ALL! -Thank you from the PWRDF for all the dollars offered by St. Mark's parishioners. The successful *Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner* event, plus general donations, support the rescue work in earthquake-ravished Nepal. We have contributed \$4050 which will be matched by the Federal Government creating a total of \$8100. St. Mark's generosity will be much appreciated!

- Roberta and John Braddock, PWRDF Parish Representatives

From PWRDF in Toronto Regarding - Nepal Earthquake Response

Thank you to those who have generously donated to PWRDF's earthquake response in Nepal. To date, Anglicans and others have contributed \$429,906 that will be matched by the government of Canada.

Your donations are being used to provide shelter, food, clean water and sanitation, household items, psychosocial support and education as those in Nepal work to rebuild their homes and their livelihoods. While the period for matching funding ended May 25, the need is still great and there is concern about access to remote communities in need, especially as monsoon season approaches in June, causing further damage and displacement.

Pray – for all those affected and for those providing emergency relief.

Act – visit www.pwrdf.org for more information on the situation in Nepal and PWRDF's response.

Give – donate to ensure ongoing humanitarian relief.



PWRDF Humanitarian Response Coordinator Naba Gurung

with ACT partners in Nepal

Please join St. Mark's very own

Christopher Simmons and Debra DaVaughn

for a very special event they will be performing at!

A Night of Passion

Gala Opera Concert & Silent Auction

Hosted by Vancouver Opera

Celebrating the re-launching of the Young People's Opera Society of BC under new artistic direction.

On **June 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm** at the Surrey Arts Centre, Vancouver Opera will be hosting A Night of Passion, a gala concert & silent auction to benefit the Young People's Opera Society of BC.

This evening will feature a concert of opera favourites presented "in the round" with an opportunity for attendees to purchase a premium ticket for seating in the stage area! The concert will feature several internationally acclaimed opera singers based in Vancouver: **Soprano Debra DaVaughn, Mezzo-soprano Dionne Sellinger, Tenor Christopher Simmons, and Baritone Andrew Greenwood**. At the piano for the event will be one of Canada's finest pianists **Angus Kellett**. A special guest from Vancouver Opera will serve as host, providing comments about the musical selections and opera history throughout the concert.

The silent auction will include many wonderful items to bid on. The centrepiece of the auction is a brand new 5'8" Mason & Hamlin Model A Grand Piano valued at \$83,000. Also up for bidding are a Charles R. Walter Upright Grand valued at \$18,000, original artworks, tickets to arts & sporting events, wine, chocolate, coffee and more! The total value of the items available for bidding is over \$120,000.



Following the concert and silent auction and included in your ticket cost will be a free "Meet the Artists" reception where you will have an

opportunity to sample gourmet cheeses and other items along with excellent wines.

We hope you will consider joining us for this wonderful evening to benefit a crucial arts resource for our province!

Tickets are available at:

the Surrey Arts Centre Box Office at:

<http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/1684.aspx>

or by phone at **(604) 501-5566**.

Regular Seating: \$35.00

Premium On-Stage Seating: \$45.00

