



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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St. Mark's Discernment Process

Please keep St Marks in your prayers as we go through discernment process, where we try to learn where God wants to lead us in the future. Pray that the right people would be put forward to form a Discernment Planning Team and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Catherine Featherstone will have a prayer sign-up sheet in the Hall at coffee hour where you can put down your name and make a pledge to keep St. Marks in your daily prayers.

God Bless St. Marks.

Sunday School Today

-Focus today is on Acts 2:1-21.

Intergenerational Service for Pentecost.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children

-is provided this week by Lyn Reynolds to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Reynolds family.

Prayer Chain Contact

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

Next Sunday's Bible Readings

-Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17.

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 the Reynolds family to the Glory of God.

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, 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)

“PARISH PULSE”

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015



Library News

A beautiful misfit... A handsome young filmmaker... A shocking family secret, hidden for 200 years... Loner and daydreamer Izzy Mueller works as a caregiver and gets caught up in the swirling dynamics of Zed Bayer's family when she becomes caregiver for his grandmother. She often works on her sewing while her patients reminisce. Can Izzy learn from the past and from other's mistakes? Or must she step out in faith and forge a future all her own? You won't want to put this one down.

Special Guest Speaker-On Wed., June 10 Hilary King will be at St. Mark's at 7pm to speak to us about her unique knitting project that aids African newborns. She personally takes knitted clothes to families in Rwanda. The ACW invites everyone to hear her speak and to see the premiere of her video.

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 8am and 10am 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!

Spring Luncheon & Sale Saturday May 30, 2015 11am to 2pm

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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.

Bales to the North – Special Needs/Requests:

Blankets of all sizes; games, and small toys; baby sleepers, especially boys: sizes 6-12, 9-12, & 18-24 months; girls and boys 2 piece outfits: all sizes under size 2; girls dresses-all sizes under size 2; knitted/crocheted baby booties: blue, pink, white, yellow, green; hooded baby towels, burp pads: blue /and or green; knitted 40x40 square blankets; Vaseline (baby oil, baby lotion, shampoo, wash) all in small sizes, rattles, teething rings, brushes, combs. All items for babies under size 2 must be new. **No baby powder. No disposable diapers.** Men's clothes any type: in large or extra-large; the bales still require the usual, good used clothing from children's size 2 up, to the largest in Men's and Women's sizes. (Good coats, winter ones especially, toques, mitts, hats as well as regular clothing) Also required: bath towels, kitchen towels, blankets, quilts, duvets, afghans, and sheet sets.



Thursday, May 14 in the Serenity Garden the Girl Guides and Brownies are pictured planting spring flowers.
(Photo Credit: Roberta Braddock)

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. through Thurs. 9am to 3pm
Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 25

9am – Exercise – Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 26

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

7pm – Parish Council – Family Room

7:15pm – ESL Alpha Course - Office

Wednesday, May 27

9am - Exercise – Parish Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors – Family Room & Library

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, May 29

9am Exercise – Education Centre

Saturday, May 30

11am – 2pm – ACW's Spring Luncheon
& Sale - Hall

Sunday, May 31

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