



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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Winner of Bursary-The Ladies Evening Guild is pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Isabel Hutchison Bursary Award, Caitlin Jones. Caitlin is the granddaughter of Gillian and Brian Jones, members of our 8am congregation. Caitlin has a long involvement with St. Mark's, assisting with parish functions, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School. She has just completed Grade 12 and will be attending the University of British Columbia, majoring in English in the Fine Arts program. Her career goal is to become an elementary school teacher. Congratulations Caitlin!

More Important News About the Fall Women's Retreat:

Theme: God: In Us, With Us, For Us

When: September 11-13, (Fri-Sun.) 2015

Where: Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo

Who: Open to all the women of St. Mark's; 25 spots available

Facilitator: Esther Hizsa, MDiv; Spiritual Director and Writer
Cost: \$280 per person plus ferry costs (carpooling will be encouraged). Fee includes 5 meals, accommodation and program.

To register: Contact Janet Scott at church or by phone at 778-828-8974.

If you are interested in helping out on the Retreat Planning Committee, please contact Janet.

If you are yearning to deepen your daily walk with God, please join us for a weekend that promises to be rich!

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Shannon and Jef Poulsen to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the joy of Olivia's birthday.

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

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Barbara and Jamie Grantham to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara's mother Georgina Stuart Strachan.

St. Mark's Youth-gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for Morning Prayer and the "Burning Questions" discussion series. Tues. June 30th is the last gathering before the summer break. Tuesday evening youth nights will resume on September 8. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth/ to hear about special summer activities!

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13.

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH **SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015**

Seniors News-"Get Togethers" are alternate Wednesday afternoons. The next one is on **Wed. July 8** and alternate Wednesdays ending August 5 for a short break until September 9. Contacts are:

sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and
acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

Reverend Denise-will be on a week of holidays from June 29th-July 6th. She will be back in the office on Tuesday July 7th.

Wednesday's 10am Service-will not be held due to Wed. July 1 being Canada Day.

Library News Movie Night

Some new movies have just arrived. Why not try one of the following:

The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry, Louis Zamperini, Captured by Grace, When the Heart Calls, Summer Snow, Heartstrings, On the Edge, or The Rev. There is something for everyone.



PWRDF in Burundi

Political unrest in the east African country of Burundi after mass protests and a failed coup attempt has driven thousands of Burundians to flee both within the borders of the country and to neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that 35,000 refugees have fled to Tanzania, with an additional 10,000 waiting to cross the border. Preliminary estimates list 110,000 displaced so far, with a projected 200,000 having fled by September. PWRDF has pledged an initial grant of \$10,000 through the ACT Alliance to provide household goods, clean water and sanitation to refugees and displaced people. The needs of those fleeing may change over time, and a rapid assessment is underway for what is most useful to provide to internally displaced people within Burundi. PWRDF has worked with partners in Burundi since 1993. Nestor Niyukuri of the Diocese of Bujumbura was recently able to be back in the office. "The planning unit is not stable enough to harmonize the plan of activities on the ground," he said. "The field staff have been afraid to use roads, or even to use their cars or motorcycles because of the noise, because of the risk to their lives. That's the reason that, during the month of May, the work on our project was suspended for reasons of security." Niyukuri told PWRDF that the situation is tense in the cities right now, but a little easier in the rural areas. But it is changing day to day. PWRDF is praying, and asks you to join us in praying, for the safety of our partners in Burundi, and for a peaceful settlement of the situation.



WHERE: St. Mark's Ocean Park
WHEN: August 24-28, 2015
COST: FREE for kids 4-12 years
(Jr. Leaders In Training-10 & 11 years)
(Youth Leaders - 12 - 18 years)

Come join us for a great time where we will explore The amazing SonSpark Labs. We will trace God's life-changing plan as it's revealed from Creation to the present and on into the future. We'll find answers to life's most important questions. We will discover that God loves us and that through Jesus we can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us - God's Plan for You is Jesus!

OFFICE HOURS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 29

9am – Exercise – Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 30

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room –
N.B. – this is the last evening for Youth Group before the summer hiatus.

Wednesday, July 1

Office is Closed.

No Exercise.

No 10am Service.



Friday, July 3

9am Exercise – Parish Hall