



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Reverend Denise is presently away on Study Leave, catching up on her coursework for Spiritual Direction Training. She will be back in her study on August 11, and at the Sunday, August 16 worship Service.

Summer Sunday School - There is summer Sunday School today, August 9th, as well as on Sunday the 16th and Sunday the 23rd of August.

A Shared Coffee/Tea Time at 9am on Sunday, August 16 - we will be having a shared coffee/tea time (and yummy cookies) at 9am on Sunday, August 16, for both our 8am and 10am congregations to meet together for fellowship. For that one Sunday there won't be a coffee/tea time after the 10am service. Summer is a good time of year for a shared coffee/tea time as there is no regularly scheduled choir or Sunday School. Mark August 16 at 9am on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

First Fruits Garden Project - Thank you! Thank you! For all who have donated to the First Fruits Garden Project. There is still time if you haven't seen your favourite fruit, veg or flowers. There is much to come. And ... there's still room for you to volunteer to oversee the table at either the 8am or 10am Services through October.

June 2015 - \$225.55 for Disaster Relief Nepal through Doctors Without Borders

July 2015 - \$390 for Syrian Refugees through PWRDF

Sign up at the table or speak to Anne Schreck.

Flowers for the Altar - are given today to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and example of Lt. Andrew Bushell and Charles Schreck.

Prayer Chain Contact - is Maggie Ferguson. She can be reached at maggieferguson@telus.net or at 604-538-6160.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children - is provided this week to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Blanche Biddle.

St. Mark's Youth - 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!

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 3pm Mon. through Thurs.

10am to 1pm on Friday

Calendar of Events - Please call the Office this month in order to get your event, or series of events/ meetings/Bible studies, onto the Church Calendar. The calendar is filling up **and** meeting spaces are in high demand ! Call now: 604-535-8841.

Kitchen Committee Cleanup! - Over the past week we have had a major cleanup in the kitchen, pantry and seasonal storage area! Thank you to the work crews! We have removed many treasures that have been purchased, donated, were redundant or were broken...over the years. These items have been placed on the long counter in the kitchen. We would like you or a representative from your user group to look over these items and redeem anything that belongs to you. If you would like these items to continue to be stored in the church we would be happy to bin them and find space for them. If you would like to request something from the table that has not been claimed please ask us, otherwise the remaining items will be donated to charity.

- Roberta & Isabel, Kitchen Committee.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings - 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Labeller - The labeler has gone missing from the Office. Would you please check to see if it has gotten "lost" in your storage area. Please return it to the Office if you find it. Thanks. - Isabel

Seniors News - the next Seniors "Get Together" is not until Wed. September 9. Contacts are: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

God: In Us, With Us, For Us, September 11-13, 2015
Bethlehem Retreat Centre 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo
Registration forms are **due as soon as possible**. Please direct them to Janet Scott Phone 778-828-8974)
Cheques are to be made out to:
Parish Of St. Mark Ocean Park



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!



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 12

10am – Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, August 13

1pm – Memorial Service for the late Reverend Allan Kerr; followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall

Friday, August 14

9am Exercise – Parish Hall