



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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“PARISH PULSE”
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK’S CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

The Knife Raffle-The knives were won by Kate Hoos. Congratulations Kate! The raffle raised \$470 plus a further \$90 for three knives which will be on sale at the Holly Berry Fair. Thank you all for your participation in collecting the Safeway stamps – you have raised \$560 for the Church, plus a set of knives and a cupboard to put them in for the Church kitchen.



SOUPER SUNDAY SEASON Starting Sun. Sept. 27

Souper Sunday Season begins this month, for the next six months (except December). The total soup sales are donated to a local community organization each month.

For September, the recipient will be AMA House – the first transition house of its kind in Canada. A safe residence accessible to women 55+ escaping abusive situations. AMA House services a community where the number of seniors per capita is twice the national average.

Your Community Outreach Ministry is grateful and blessed with your continued support! If you would like to know more please contact Barbara Grantham.

Election Day – Monday, October 19-Please be aware that Parish Council and Elections Canada have arranged for the Parish Hall to be used as a voting place. The Hall will be busy that day from 6am to 9pm.

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by John and Glenna Murphy to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Vincent and Doreen Murphy.

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

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

St. Mark’s Youth-Join us for the Seek & Find Youth Retreat happening at Camp Kawkawa in Hope, from Fri. Sept. 25/Sat. Sept. 26! A weekend of worship, prayer and fun activities like canoeing, kayaking, archery and riflery. Contact youth@stmarkbc.org for more details and to register. Youth Nights are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Room. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth.

Looking Ahead To Thanksgiving-The Altar Guild is seeking fruits and vegetables to be used in the Guild’s Thanksgiving display, on Sunday, October 11. Please put any donations in the bin provided in the Narthex, no later than Friday, October 9.

Next Sunday’s Bible Readings-Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Seniors News

Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation in the Family Room and games in the Hall, from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Alternate Wednesdays until mid-December, with the next one falling on this Wed., Sept. 23.

It’s not too late for VSO season & Christmas concert tickets - \$142 for the season of 5 concerts: Nov. 16, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Apr. 25 & May 15, at 8pm. \$35 for Christmas Traditional Concert at 8pm, Thurs. Dec. 17. The bus will be available for all concerts at a cost of \$10/concert.

For information regarding other outings please contact: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

First Fruits Garden Project-Thank you to those who signed up to assist at the garden table on Sept. 6, 13 and 20th. The last Sunday for the Garden Project will be Sept. 27th. Many, many thanks to all who contribute so generously to this fundraising adventure.

Calling “Able-bodied”
Please mark your calendars

Save St. Mark’s Forest
Saturday September 26
9am – 12:00 noon

St. Mark’s Creation Care
Anne Schreck 604 – 536 – 0072
anne_schreck@shaw.ca

Creation Care, Our Baptismal Covenant:-“Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?” “I will with God’s help.” Since having been unanimously affirmed by Parish Council as St. Mark’s Environmental Steward at its June 23, 2015 Meeting, I have been working with the Wardens in two main areas:

- 1) to improve our Forest Awareness & Management. This included immediately reducing the very high fireload that had accumulated by stockpiling branches & other forest debris; and (continued on other side)

2) to reduce / eliminate St. Mark's Landfill Waste .
New waste bins for recyclables that the City DOES NOT recycle are marked in the wooden cupboard outside the kitchen door. This wooden storage cupboard has two clearly marked bins:

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	Electronics
Wood	Styrofoam (packing only)
Glass, Hard Plastic (not #1,2,4,5)	Metals

I look forward to meeting with each parish group during the Fall to brainstorm and to hear your "green concerns"

Bible Study Opportunity-Betty Bear is leading a study of the Book of Romans, Tuesday mornings in the Family Room from 9:30am to 11:30am. The first Tuesday is Sept. 29, wrapping up on Tues. Dec. 1. For further information please call Betty at 778-294-0966.

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 12 noon on Monday

9am to 3pm Mon. through Thurs.

9am to 12 noon on Friday

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 21

9am – Exercise - Hall

Tuesday, September 22

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7pm – Parish Council Meeting – Family Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, September 23

9am – Exercise - Hall

10am –Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Family Room/Hall

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, September 25

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday, September 26

9am – Save St. Mark's Forest Clean Up – Outdoors

Sunday, September 27

Souper Sunday – Outreach Committee

Syrian Emergency Relief

PWRDF has sent an initial grant of \$20,000 in relief funds for Syrian and other refugees seeking refuge in Europe and is responding through the ACT Alliance. ACT is providing food, water, shelter, health care, sanitation, education, and psychosocial support to over 300,000 refugees in Greece, Hungary and Serbia. Warm clothes and bedding will be provided for the winter months. PWRDF continues to provide relief through ACT and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to displaced people within Syria, and to refugees in Jordan and Lebanon and through Refuge Egypt in Cairo.

The Government of Canada has announced the creation of the Syria Emergency Relief Fund and will match every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the impact of the conflict in Syria, up to \$100 million, effective September 12 through December 31, 2015. For every dollar donated to PWRDF, the Canadian government will put one dollar into its Syria Emergency Relief Fund.



Donations can be made in the following ways:

On-line: Go to <http://pwrdf.org/donate>

By Phone: For credit card donations contact:
Jennifer Brown

416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973

Do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail: Please make cheques payable to
PWRDF, Syria Response and send to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

The Anglican Church of Canada

80 Hayden Street

Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

PWRDF Humanitarian Response Coordinator

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Anglicans in Canada are praying, acting and giving to those affected by this refugee crisis.

Please watch for updates on PWRDF's response to the situation at www.pwrdf.org.

Thank you for supporting PWRDF's continuing work of providing relief to Syrian refugees.