



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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Handicrafts for Sale in the Hall-Hilary King, the founder of Embrace Rwanda, is visiting St. Mark's today. She will have a display of Rwandan handicrafts in the Church Hall for sale after the 10am Service. These were made by the people who have been helped by her organization in Rwanda to build a better life for their families. Embrace Rwanda is one of the organizations that receive the knitted baby sweater and hat sets that many of our parish members and friends have made for the ACW. So far our parish has donated 460 sets to this continuous and worthwhile project.

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Betty-Ann and Ian Bainbridge to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their brand new granddaughter Piper Elizabeth born Thurs. October 29.

Block Watch-As you may know "Block Watch" is a volunteer society in B.C. which has been influential in helping to reduce residential crime. If you are interested in being the contact for our church with our local "Block Watch" captain, please speak with one of your wardens = Brian Switzer, Catherine Featherstone, or Roger Hussen.

Save the Date!!-The Ladies Evening Guild wants to remind you that the Parish "Holly Berry Fair" is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 28, 2015, from 11am to 2pm. The parish-wide event is a fun day involving the Guild, the ACW, Men's Club and Sunday School. The Evening Guild is looking for donations of any unused items that you might like to re-gift for use in their very popular gift baskets. The Guild and the ACW are also accepting good small used items, bric-a-brac and jewelry for our Treasures Table. These items can be left on the far end of the counter in the Flower Room opposite the kitchen at any time. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the Fair, feel free to call Linda O'Donovan at 604-536-7983, or email at lindaodee@hotmail.com or Debbie Maxwell at 604-538-6319 or email debmax@shaw.ca

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Lynne Brownridge to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father George Stefan and dearest friend Susan Worth.

Prayer Chain Contact- Maggie Ferguson is the contact and can be reached at: 604-538-6160; or maggieferguson@telus.net On Sun. Nov. 8 the contact changes to Lynne Hurd who can be reached at: 604-542-2772, or at Lynneh1@telus.net.

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

Honour Our Patriots

2015 Remembrance Day Concert Next Saturday

Tickets available at the Door on Sat. Nov. 7, at St. Mark Ocean Park for both the 2pm and the 7pm performances.

General \$20

Seniors & Veterans \$15

For more information please speak with Denny O'Donovan.

Book News

From corruption inside the halls of justice to betrayal in the back alleys, this taut thriller launches **Lee Strobel** as a major new voice in fiction. **The Ambition** is about a corrupt judge, a disillusioned pastor, a cynical reporter and a gambling addict whose secret tape threatens the lives of everyone who hears it.



Advent Challenge

Five weeks till Advent. Join Charlie and the Librarians in a countdown to the Advent Journaling Challenge. Advent is the beginning of the Christian year so let's start a Spiritual Journal together as our New Year's Resolution. Start looking for your journal, it can be big or small, fancy or simple. Come to the library to see some examples. This Challenge is for **EVERYONE**, young or not so young.

Next Sunday Bible Readings-Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Wed. Nov. 4's 10am Service-will not take place.

ACW News-the 2016 edition of the Canadian Church Calendar is for sale in the Narthex; the bin for donations for Bales to the North is in the Narthex, as is the Christmas tree for donation of socks for the Mission to Seafarers. Please make your donations before Sun. Nov. 29.

St. Mark's Youth- 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.



SOUPER SUNDAY – Thank you for your support.....please don't forget to return your soup jars/lids to the kitchen. Next Souper Sunday is November 15th!

Library News- Once again we have a lot of books that are **Missing in Action**. They seem to leap off the shelves and forget how to get back so I need your help in rounding them up and getting them home to their shelves. As a reminder, books can be taken out for 3 weeks, and DVD's for 2 weeks. They can also be renewed if you don't get them finished in that amount of time, just let us know you need more time. Please be sure to sign them out if you are in the library during the week when there is no Librarian: put your name and phone number on the card. It is the only way that we know the book is being used and if to our knowledge it has not left the shelf in 5 years it will be culled and replaced with a newer or more popular book. Look on the bulletin board in the Library for these delinquent books and DVDs, some have been out for a year or more and some were not signed out but were not on the shelf when asked for. Please look on your shelves, desks, coffee tables, night tables, under the beds, in the car, anywhere that a book might hide. I would much rather spend the budget on new books than on replacements. Thanks for your help. Charlie Bookworm and the Librarians

Bits 'n Pieces-bits of Brass and pieces of Pipe – Let St. Mark's Creation Care Team help you with your indoor fall clean-up or downsizing. We shall collect small bits of brass, like door knobs, old water faucets, kitchen cupboard hardware, etc., and pieces of copper cast-offs, wiring, pipe (preferably copper, but also lead)...any amount will be accepted. Don't think that any amount is too small! These materials will be refunded at the Metal Recycling Depot and will help fund Creation Care projects. Watch for a collection date in November. Contact Anne Schreck for more information: 604-536-0072.

Operation Christmas Child-The youth group invites you to share the love of Christ with a child this Christmas season by filling a shoebox! Pick up a shoebox with brochure in the Narthex. Drop off your box at the Church Office or in the Narthex no later than Sunday, Nov 15. You may also drop off boxes from Nov. 16-20 at South Langley Church between 9-4pm. Contact youth@stmarkbc.org if you have questions.

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. The next one is Wednesday, November 18. For information regarding other outings please contact: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 2

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

Tuesday, November 3

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

1:30pm – Prayer Shawls – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, November 4 (no 10am Service)

9am – Exercise – Hall

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

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 5

7pm – Journey of Christmas Mtng. – Family Room

Friday, November 6

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday, November 7

9am – Alpha Retreat – Education Centre

2pm – Matinee - Sanctuary

7pm – Evening Performance - Sanctuary

