

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

Denise's Ministry With Us-Next Sunday, January 31, there will be a light lunch in the Hall following the 10am Service to celebrate Denise's ministry with us, and to wish her God's blessings in the future. We hope everyone in the Parish can attend.

Envelopes For Contribution-If you have not yet picked up your package of contribution envelopes, they are available in the Narthex for the next couple of weeks. Sunday, Feb. 7 is the last day for pick up.



SOUPER SUNDAY TODAY!

The first Souper Sunday of 2016 is today! Homemade Clam Chowder is the soup of the day! It is available in the Church Hall after both the 8am and 10am Services. The total soup sales will be donated to our local South Surrey White Rock Food Bank. Your Community Outreach Ministry is grateful for your continued support! If you would like to know more about this Ministry please contact Barbara Grantham.

Update-Lynne Hurd is now leading the Visiting Ministry, and Isabel Chernoff is now leading the Coffee Hour Ministry. – Olive Pociwuschek

Annual Vestry Meeting Date – Sun. Feb. 21-Dear St. Mark Parishioners: On your behalf the Clergy and Wardens have decided to postpone our Annual Vestry meeting until Sunday Feb. 21. The extra time is needed so we can include complete Financial Statements for 2015 in the Annual Report to Vestry, which is crucial information to have for that meeting. Because the official notice for the Vestry meeting hasn't been sent out yet, changing the Vestry meeting date at this time is much easier than waiting and changing the meeting date later on. For these reasons, the Annual Vestry meeting will now be held on **Sunday Feb. 21, 2016**. Official notice of the Vestry meeting will be distributed in the first week of February. If you have any questions about this change please feel free to speak to one of your wardens. God bless - Catherine Featherstone, Rector's Warden Roger Hussen, People's Warden & Brian Switzer, People's Warden

Creation Care Ministry-at St. Mark's and beyond. Please attend the official launch of this Ministry in the Hall following the 8am and 10am Services today. See you there! - Anne Schreck



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Living The Anglican Way: A Lenten Journey, led by Deacon Steve Bailey-Come celebrate our Anglican heritage and contemporary reality in this 6-part Lenten experience on the following Thursday evenings, from 7:30-9:15pm in the Family Room: Feb. 11 & Feb. 18 & Feb. 25 & Mar. 3 & Mar. 10 & Mar. 17.

Topics include: Our Heritage of Anglican Worship Wround the World; Anglicanism as a Christian Way of Life-History and Liturgy; Anglicanism in terms of the Gospel & Historic Christianity; Being the Body of Christ-the Compass-Rose Model of Anglicanism; Anglican Spirituality - Practices to Support our Walk with Jesus; "To into all the world", Canadian & World Anglicanism in Mission; and finally, Outreach-some current issues.

Contact Steve at sbailey1047@shaw.ca or phone 604 936-9078 to sign up or for further information.

Flowers For The Altar-are given today to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for sons and birthdays.

Library News-

How about a cozy mystery for these rainy days. Curl up on the couch and see if you can solve it before the last page. **Murder Tightly Knit by Vannetta**

Chapman is just what you are looking for. The Amish Artisan Village in Middlebury, Indiana, has tourists lined up wondering when the store will open, graffiti artists plying their trade and Amber and Hannah working to solve the mystery and bring harmony back to the community.



Pancake Supper!-St Marks Men's Club is once again providing a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 9 at 5.30pm. This is a "not to be missed" family event at an affordable cost of \$10 per adult, \$5 for youth and children under 12 are still free. Tickets are available after the service in the Narthex.

St. Mark's Hosts a 2016 Lenten Lunch on Thurs. Feb. 25 at First United Church. We need helpers to make soup, set tables, butter buns, make tea, coffee, and/or serve. Please get in touch with Debbie Maxwell at 604-538-6319 to volunteer. On Feb. 25 all helpers need to be at First United by 10am. If you are only able to make soup, that needs to be at First United Church by 11am on Feb. 25. Thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful fellowship.

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Next Sunday Bible Readings-Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30



The Christian life is not static. Our souls are redeemed and equipped for motion. We are pilgrims making head way - not just towards heaven, but towards God. This journey is neither easy nor quick. We all struggle. Some find it easier to accept stagnation as the norm. We may even become adept at going through the motions of Christianity without making much progress. Lent is a season for spiritual reflection – a time to turn our hearts towards God.

For those who sense their souls have been in the same place too long or for the ones who are striding towards God, but feel alone – you are invited to meet every **Sunday during Lent in the Family Room @ 7:00 pm.** We will gather for silent prayer, mutual encouragement and in the hope of this grace; God will provide the very thing we seek. Join us during Lent – it's time for a *"Change of Heart."*

For further information, please see the poster in the narthex or speak to Lynne Hurd, Janet Scott or Scott and Miriam Tolhurst.

Prayer Chain Contact- Lynne Hurd is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-542-2772, or at Lynneh1@telus.net.

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.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Alternate Wednesdays. The next one Wed. February 3. For information regarding other outings please contact: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

PWRDF-The government of Canada has extended the deadline for matching funds for eligible donations to Canadian agencies working to provide relief to Syrians displaced within Syria and living as refugees in the surrounding countries to Mon. Feb. 29, 2016.

(PWRDF continued) Funds raised will provide assistance to help meet the basic humanitarian needs of people affected by the conflict in Syria, including shelter, food, health care and water, and will also provide protection and education for conflict-affected people in Syria and millions of refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. PWRDF continues to respond to the needs of displaced Syrians through the ACT Alliance and the Cdn. Foodgrains Bank, as well as through its long-time partner Refugee Egypt in Cairo.

Thanks to the generosity of Anglicans in Canada, PWRDF has received close to \$490,000 for the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis. To donate please go online: <http://pwrdf.org/donate>.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 25

9am – Exercise - Hall

Tuesday, January 26

9:30 – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Parish Council Meeting – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, January 27

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, January 28

7pm – Journey of Christmas Meeting – Family Room

Friday, January 29

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday, January 30

2pm – Memorial Service for Eileen Clare, followed by a Reception in the Hall

Sunday, January 31

There will be a light lunch in the Hall following the 10am Service to celebrate Denise's ministry

Office Hours

9am to 12noon on Monday and Friday.
9am to 3pm on Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday.

