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**Forward Day By Day** – The May, June & July installments are now available. Please see Carolyn Brown in the Narthex. The \$5 per booklet is now due.

<u>St. Mark's Youth</u>-Youth Nights are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Room. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at <a href="https://www.stmarkbc.org/youth">www.stmarkbc.org/youth</a>.

<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u>-Joyce Ness is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-535-0460, or at <u>joybill@telus.net</u>

Bales To The North-The A.C.W. is once again collecting for the "Bales to the North". The collection bins will be in the Narthex until Sunday April 17, after which they will be delivered to A.C.W. Place. Of particular interest at this time is layette items for both girls and boys up to the age of 24 months. These items must be new. Also they have a need for baby towels and face cloths. They have also asked for clothing for both boys and girls from size 2 and up especially pants, skirts, shorts and tops. They would also like small games, toys, and puzzles as well as children's books. For adults, as well as clothing, towels, sheets and blankets, they would like crossword books and small embroidery kits. Thanks for your contributions.



Ladies of St. Mark's are invited to a baby shower for Beatrice Elsie Brown, beautiful new daughter of Josh and Rebeca. We'll celebrate this joyful arrival on Sat. April 9 at 10am in the Family Room. If you are willing to help by bringing quiche, muffins, or a game, contact Holly at 778-294-0970 or Mercedes at 604-803-7363.

**<u>Bible Readings for Next Sunday</u>** – Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

# PARISH PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

<u>Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u>-is provided this week by Darlene and Gary Wiegand to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today to the Glory of God by the MacPherson family in loving thanksgiving to God for the blessing of our beautiful Hannah Lucy Hope, and in celebration of her Baptism as she is marked as Christ's own forever...

...and by Laurie Stephenson in memory of his Mother, Claire Stephenson...

...and by the McDermid family in thanksgiving for the birth and rebirth of Kent Alexander McDermid.

<u>Seniors News</u>-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Alternate Wednesdays. The next one is Wed. April 13. For information regarding other outings please contact:

sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and janet.cormode@gmail.com 604-531-9585 (Janet)



<u>Library News</u>-If you have enjoyed the few N.T. Wright commentaries that we have, you will be pleased to hear that we now have a complete set for the New Testament. This is a superb series for those desiring deep engagement with the Bible and its enduring message for Christian life today.



Heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the Second Metal Recycling Project. Thanks to Tom Chernoff, Peter Boorman and Laurie Stephenson who heaved 1,260 pounds of metal in/out of a truck to save this amount of metal from entering the landfill. Well Done. This brings the total weight of metal collected in the first two ventures to 1,730 pounds. The next Fund Raising and Metal Recycling Project will take place in November of 2016. Thank you for all your contributions!

## **PWRDF News**

Refugee Rights Day is celebrated each year in Canada on April. What is Refugee Rights Day? April 4 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1985 "Singh Decision". In this decision the Supreme Court found that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of refugees. The Court decided that 'everyone' includes refugee claimants in the sentence: 'Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.' Refugee claimants are therefore entitled to an oral hearing, in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice and international law.



<u>Earth Day 2016</u> is Friday, April 22. Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians — including nearly every school-aged child — participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities. PWRDF partners with and supports hundreds of organizations across the country, as they engage Canadians in annual celebrations of this special day.

Coffee Hour – The new three-month schedule for Coffee Hour started on March 6. A copy is on the bulletin board in the Hall, and the Office has a copy. If you would like me to email you a soft copy please advise me by email. You are welcome to try to find your own trade if your assigned date is not workable. Please let me know if you have traded, or if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to join this team. Thank you. Isabel isabelchernoff@telus.net



## **Upcoming Events**

### Monday, April 4

9am - Exercise - Hall

## Tuesday, April 5

9:30am - Bible Study - Family Room

1pm - Prayer Shawl Meeting - Family Room

7pm - Youth Meeting - Youth Room

7:30pm - ESL Bible Study - Education Centre

#### Wednesday, April 6

9am - Exercise - Hall

10am - Service - Sanctuary

7:15pm - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

#### Friday, April 8

9am - Exercise - Hall

#### Saturday, April 9

10am - Baby Shower - Family Room

#### Office Hours

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