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WESTMINSTER — We are pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's "Order of the Diocese of New Westminster" is Lynne Hurd. Lynne was a Fraser Valley Home Care RN while at St. Matthews for 20 years. After moving to Surrey, she was appointed sole nurse to the Musqueam Band. At St. Mark's, she has been hosting a weekly Bible study for several years and her leadership for seven years as Rector's/Bishop's Warden was key to the parish moving through a difficult transition. In addition to leading a Bible study, Lynne is currently coordinator of Pastoral Care Ministries. She has truly been a faithful servant of God in the community and here at St. Mark's.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**Soup Ministry For Women's Place

Every Wednesday one member of our Women's Place Soup Program prepares and delivers soup to help feed less fortunate women and children in White Rock and Surrey. Each member is asked to make and deliver soup only twice in a 6-month period. Recipes are provided. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry that directly serves those in need. This is a program within St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry. For more information contact Betty-Ann Bainbridge at 604.536.8739. Thank you

**LOOKING AHEAD** – The St. Mark's Website has updated its calendar until the end of the year. Please check it out: www.stmarkbc.org

Summer Sunday School Needs You! – The children need volunteers to lead them each week, June 26-Sept. 4. Class plans are provided. If you feel you are being called please contact Barb Walks at Church or phone her at 604-538-3568.

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u> – are given today to the Glory of God and in honour of Geoff and Heather Higginson's 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today.

<u>Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u>-is provided this week by Michael Houston to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Brother Bob, Brother Les, Charlie the pup and Brother James who is here in spirit.

<u>Forward Day-By-Day</u> – The next installment is available. Please see Carolyn Brown in the Narthex.

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016** 

When Submitting Cheques – There are many "St. Mark's" churches, but only *ONE* St. Mark Ocean Park. Please remember to mark your cheques:

St. Mark Ocean Park

The Celebration of Life for Nancy Dexter is on Saturday, July 9 at 2pm. Nancy was a big part of St. Mark's. She was on the committee to build the new church as well as the Journey of Christmas. As a result of all of her service to the church she was the first recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. Hope you can join the family for the service and reception.

Invitation To Knit — The Prayer Shawl Team has placed boxes of yarns & needles in the Library and Hall so we all have the opportunity to contribute to the knitting of our second Parish Prayer shawl. Instructions are on each box. Your stitches are welcome...please write your first name on the attached sheet each time you knit! We hope you enjoy a few minutes of prayer & knitting as you chat or enjoy coffee hour. Thank you for your participation in this Parish Project! — Blessings from the Prayer Shawl Team.

<u>Bible Readings for Next Sunday</u> – Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

**Seniors News**-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm: Wed. July 6 & Wed. July 20 & Wed. August 3

For information regarding these, and other outings, please contact:

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

Prayer Chain Contact-The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Michael Weller. You may reach Michael at 604-538-9334 or by email at <a href="weller301@shaw.ca">weller301@shaw.ca</a> Your prayer requests will be prayed by the members of the chain for two weeks, and if you would like them to continue, or if things change, please contact Michael with your changes.



Weekly Back Forest Party!! Tuesdays from 9 to 11am. Yes, you're all invited to be involved in Creation Care. Bring along your gardening gloves, rake, small shovel, pruners, etc. There's much to be done in cleaning up & caring for the forest. Smaller jobs as well as heavier ones. Come along! In time we may require watering parties for the many gardens and green areas around the 3-acre site that God has asked us to care for. As watering regulations change, our needs will be posted in the "Pulse". Everyone's help is needed as we "...strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth." A sign-up sheet will be at the First Fruits Table each Sunday or just come along and we'll be happy to work together in gratitude for God's abundant love. Contact: Anne Schreck

Camp Artaban is back!!!! After 3 summers off and major upgrades, Camp Artaban on beautiful Gambier Island returns with 3 camps this summer. Junior Co-Ed (July 4–10) is for campers entering grades 4–7 in September. Senior Co-ed (July 10–17) is for campers entering grades 8–11 in September. Family Camp (July 17-22) babies are under 2 years old, children are 2-12 years old, and youth are 13-19 years old. This information is for registration purposes. All ages are welcome. The Walks' clan is helping out the first week and invite you to join them. Registration is online at <a href="https://www.campartaban.com">www.campartaban.com</a> and check out the camp on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/campartaban">www.facebook.com/campartaban</a> Happy camping . . . . Brian & Barb Walks

Bales To The North – The A.C.W. is collecting for the Bales to the North. Of need at this time are layette items for both girls and boys up to the age of 24 months. These items must be new. The biggest need is for Baby towels and face clothes, plastic pants, burp pads and booties. 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, colouring books, crayons, pencil crayons, puzzles, as well as children's books; also school supplies. For adults, as well as the clothing, towels, sheets and blankets. They would also like crossword books and small embroidery kits. Thanks for your contributions.



## **Library News**

Canaan has ravaged Israel and its people are in hiding. All that stands between surrender and hope is one untested woman. Will Deborah be able to answer God's call? Will she be able to lead her people away from idols and back to God? In **The Prophetess** by **Jill Eileen Smith** read the life story of Israel's most powerful woman.

## SUMMER READING CLUB

Time to join the St. Mark's Summer Reading Club. Pick up your Reading Card to be able to enter for prizes. For every seven days that you read you can fill out an entry form and enter the draw to win prizes. So drop into the Library and let's get reading.

**Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund** Donor Pledge Calendar - has a few empty weeks this summer & fall. Although school is out for the summer months they still need assistance for lunch foods. We currently provide food for five single Mothers whose children and youth would otherwise go to school hungry. This also includes a grandmother who cares for her three grandchildren on a full time basis. This program supplies the single Mothers with Safeway gift cards to purchase food to provide their children with lunches. We need your help to continue this program. Either Barb Grantham or myself, Darlene Wiegand, will be in the Narthex to help you sign up. Thank you to all who have donated in the past and thank you in advance to those of you who will sign up in the future. Your help is really appreciated.

## <u>The Next Evening Contemplative Prayer Service</u> is next Sunday, July 10 at 7pm in the Family Room.

## **Upcoming Events**

## Monday, July 4

9am - Exercise - Hall

## Wednesday, July 6

9am - Exercise - Yoga in Education Centre

10am - Service - Sanctuary

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

#### Friday, July 8

9am - Exercise - Hall

## Saturday, July 9

2pm – Service - Celebration of Life for Nancy Dexter

#### Office Hours

9am to 12 noon on MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
9am to 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.