



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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**Coffee Hour Roster** – is now available for the next quarter. It is on the bulletin board in the Hall. You are welcome to try to find your own trade, if you cannot do your assigned date. Please let me know if you have made a trade, and also if you would like me to send a copy to you by email. [isabelchernoff@telus.net](mailto:isabelchernoff@telus.net).

**Bible Study** – with Betty Bear leading the study of the Book of Hebrews; in the Family Room starting on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30am. Call Betty for further details at: 778.294.0966

### **General Synod Motion Re: Same-Sex Marriage**

Most of you will be aware that General Synod met in July. Many wonderful things were accomplished at this Synod. One of the most controversial matters was the motion to change the canon to allow same-sex marriage. That motion was passed by a narrow margin. This was its second reading. The third and final reading will take place at the General Synod in 2019 which will be hosted by our Diocese. If it is passed at that time, it will become effective in January of 2020. Our Bishop is hosting two opportunities to ask questions or express your feelings on the matter.

- The first will take place on Tues. Sept. 20  
10 am to 12 noon, St. John the Baptist, Sardis
- The second will be hosted at the Synod Office  
on Wed. Sept. 21, 7pm - 9 pm.

**#1 The Ladies Guild** is pleased to announce the recipients of the Isabel Hutchison Bursary. This year's bursary is being shared between Jenna Carrier and Heather Davies. The Guild would like to congratulate our two very worthy recipients and wish them well in their studies.

**#2 The Ladies Guild would like to announce** that beginning at our September 20 meeting we will now meet in the afternoon instead of the evening. We would like to invite the ladies of the parish to join us on Tues. September 20 at 2pm for a special afternoon tea. Our guest speaker will be our own Dorothy Mash. If you would like to join us please RSVP to Linda O'Donovan at [lindaodee@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com) before Sun. September 18.

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

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#### **Bible Readings for Next Sunday**

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 1, Philemon 1:1-1:21,  
Luke 14:25-33

#### **The Next Evening Contemplative Prayer Service**

is tonight at 7pm in the Family Room.



**The First Fruits Garden Table** – on Sunday mornings needs your help. Can you help at the table one or two Sundays? Please see Anne Schreck.

**Chronic Pain Self-Management** – Barb Grantham and Mary Brown are in the Hall today, and for the next few Sundays, taking registration and providing information about the Chronic Pain Self-Management program, held here at St. Mark's, in the Family Room, from 1-3pm, starting on Thursday, October 6.

## SUMMER READING CLUB



Draw time is already here so make sure you have your name in for every 7 days that you read over the summer. During coffee hour we will have the draw and one lucky reader will go home with the prize. Good Luck!

**Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**- is provided this week by Pat Aiken to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wendy.

**Flowers for the Altar** – are given today in memory of Jack and Iona Houston, Brother James and family, from Michael Houston. Also in memory of Dick and Marjory Gibson, Son and Brother Noel from Bob and Michelle Gibson.



### **The Spirit of Galatians**

Friday Sept.30 - 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Saturday Oct. 1 - 9:00am - 4:00 pm  
St. Mark's Educational Centre

The role of the Spirit is vital to our relationship with God - yet we may struggle to understand just what His role is. Join with us to focus on Paul's instruction to the Galatians concerning the Spirit. Our hearts long for the life, freedom and maturity found in Christ by the Spirit.

We begin with dessert on Friday evening.  
Please RSVP your attendance with the sign up sheet.  
We look forward to being together!

**Prayer Chain Contact**-The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Michael Weller. You may reach Michael at 604.538.9334 or by email at [weller301@shaw.ca](mailto:weller301@shaw.ca). 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. As of Sun. Sept.11 the prayer chain Coordinator will be Maggie Ferguson.

### **Youth Ministry Updates August 2016**

This summer we've continued to meet most Sundays to reflect on the Gospel lesson and fellowship with one another. We've had opportunities to be part of the Praise Team on Sundays, most notably the beautiful outdoor "Chapel in the Woods" service.

#### **Summer Breakout Events**

We spent an evening at the Twilight Drive-In movie theatre for an outdoor movie experience. We watched Finding Dory and some stayed for the second feature. Rebeca hosted a girls' breakfast at IHOP. Craig and Holly opened their home to us for a special BBQ, Bible study and walk down the White Rock promenade. Praise Fest, the largest Christian music festival in B.C., took place on August 7 at the Cloverdale Stetson Bowl stadium. We spent a full afternoon and evening enjoying music from some top Christian artists with thousands of other believers! This week we also filled a van and went to Cultas Lake Waterslides!

#### **What's Next**

On September 6 we will be starting up with our Thrive Tuesday youth nights once again. This Fall, the teaching focus will be on Bible studies covering significant parts of the Old Testament using the interactive "Collaborate" curriculum. We are also planning a full slate of fun monthly Breakout Events.

This September we will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in becoming involved in what our youth ministry is doing. We have a wonderful group of students who would benefit greatly by having godly mentors in their life from our parish. If you or someone you know feels called, please let me know by emailing [youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org) so I can include you in the discussion!

**Praise & prayer items:** It's been a fantastic, fun summer together! As we look towards the Fall, let's pray that the Lord will draw in more adults and mentors into wanting to serve our youth and that effective planning can take place for ministry this coming year.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, August 29**

9am – Exercise – Hall

#### **Tuesday, August 30**

10:30am – Family Room In Use

#### **Wednesday, August 31**

10am – Service – Sanctuary

#### **Friday, September 2**

9am Exercise - Hall

#### **Office Hours**

Monday	9am to noon
Tuesday	9am to 3pm
Wednesday	9am to 3pm
Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday	9am to noon

**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.