



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUNDAY AUG. 13, 2017**

Thank You – Doreen Deane and all Frank's family extend their heartfelt thanks to all who made his August 1 Celebration of Life a wonderful, memorable event. Special mention goes to Annabelle and Michael for the spirited "When The Saints To Marching In", with both drums and piano, and to Craig whose eulogy truly portrayed Frank's toe-tapping live of love and faith.

Baby Shower!

Let's bless Annabelle, our Music Director with a baby shower on Sun., Aug. 27 right after Church. Grab a coffee from the Hall and we'll meet in the Family Room.

IN CONCERT KERRY O'DONOVAN, with special guest Erin Palm. When: Saturday, August 12th, at 7.30 pm Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 240 (Crescent Beach) 2643 128th Street, Surrey. Check out the poster in the Hall for further information.

Beginner's ESL Bible Study - on Tuesday evening, September 19, a new ESL class for beginner English speakers will be starting at St. Mark's. For information or to sign up please contact Holly hollybt58@gmail.com or Lois stanloisbell@hotmail.com

Bible Readings for Sun. August 20

Genesis 45:1-15, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28, Psalm 133

Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is in the Hall and Family Room on Wed. August 16, from 1-3:30pm.

Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Michael Weller. He can be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or by calling 604.538.9334

Library News



Two new **Berenstain Bears** books are here for your reading pleasure. **Bless Our Pets** is about the Blessing of the Animals service which takes place in the outdoor chapel and comes to a satisfactory ending after a few bumps in the road. **Sister Bear and the Golden Rule** is the first in the I can Read series. In simple sentences for eager new readers, living by the Golden Rules is laid out in an easy to follow story.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Blanche Biddle.

Volunteer at Vacation Bible School!

We need volunteers for VBS! In particular, we are in need of senior Crew Leaders, as well as people who can help with Check In and Incan Eats. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the sign-up table in the Hall or email Katherine Herron at herronkate98@gmail.com.

A Quick Look Ahead

Mon. Aug. 21 to Fri. Aug. 25 – VBS
Sat. Sept. 16 -- 5:30 pm Men's Club Salmon BBQ
Sat. Nov. 18 – Metal Recycling



Prayer Shawl Knit-a-Long

Unique to St Mark's this specially designed Prayer Shawl Knit-A-Long will entice you to bring out your knitting needles. Join the fun with your fellow parishioners. Here is a list of what you will need so that you will be ready to cast on with everyone on February 4, 2018 when the pattern will be revealed. Patterns help and samples will be available in the Library. Let's get knitting!

Schedule: January 14 - Supply List
February 4 - Pattern Available

Yarn: Sport weight yarn (#3) 600 yards
DK weight yarn (#4) 600 yards
If doing more than one colour divide yardage equally between colours and change colours on a right side row.

Needles: Sport yarn - 4 mm needles or 32" - 4 mm circular or size to get gauge.
DK yarn - 5 mm needles or 32" - 5 mm circular or size to get gauge
Stitch markers, and normal knitting supplies.

Gauge: Although gauge is not as important for a shawl the sample was knit with 24 stitches and 32 row to 4" or 10 cm. Finished size approximately 20"x 60" or desired length.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 14

9am - Exercise - Hall

Wednesday, August 16

9am - Yoga - Education Centre

10am - Service - Sanctuary

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

Thursday, August 17

9am - Start Set Up for VBS - Hall

7pm - Mandarin Bible Study - Family Room

Friday, August 18

9am - Exercise - Education Centre

9am - Continue to Set Up for VBS - Hall

St. Mark's "First Fruits" Garden Project

There have always been very avid and very generous gardeners within the parish. In 1992 there was need for an innovative fundraising venture which would involve as many parishioners as possible without cutting into existing fundraising initiatives. Putting these facts together & being based on Prov. 3: 9; "Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops..." The First Fruits Garden Project came to fruition.

During the summer months some of our gardeners harvest fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, windfalls etc. and donate them to the garden table that follows the 8 & 10 a.m. services each Sunday. Other parishioners & visitors donate to take these fresh offerings home to enjoy.

In the years from 1992 - 2000 Monies were sent to help those suffering the humanitarian crises of Bosnia/Herzegovina and Rwanda as well as those affected by natural catastroph's of fire, earthquake, floods & famine.

The project was re-started in 2008 to raise funds to refurbish St. Marks Memorial Garden. Over the past 9 years funds have supported St. Mark's Ministries & Capital Campaign as well as sending relief for people hit by the drought in the Horn of Africa & Ethiopia, earthquakes in Japan, Ecuador & Nepal. This initiative also supported 2 of St. Mark's youth on a mission trip to Africa, helped victims of the floods in Pakistan & Kingcome Inlet, and has continued to send aid to the people of Syria & our Syrian Refugee families.

Funds raised have generally been directed through the Anglican Primate's World Relief & Development Fund or through Doctors Without Borders.

August 2017 Verina Musherure, one of St. Mark's young people has taken on this project to raise funds for the people of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Let's all support Verina & other youth in this venture through our prayers and donations and by understanding the intent of this initiative.

- Anne Schreck