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Turn Trash Into Cash!

Downsizing? Decluttering? Renovating? Please remember St. Mark's Metal Recycling on Sat. November 18. Drop off from 9-11am at the Church. Please see the display in the Hall for <u>all</u> acceptable items. If you require early drop-off please arrange with Anne Schreck 604.536.0072

Garden Work Parties - Don't Forget! Tuesdays from 9am to 11am. We shall continue through to the end of October and we welcome your hands to (1) finish weeding & top dressing the Serenity Garden; and (2) putting small branches from the forest into the GREEN BINS. Come along. There may be more "work" than "PARTY" but all help is welcome.

Contact Anne Schreck

Bible Readings for November 5

Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

<u>Sunday School</u> – the Children's Ministry is looking for slightly used books, puzzles, toys etc. for the Holly Berry Fair. We are collecting now for anyone wanting to get rid of these articles. It will be much appreciated.

All Hallows Eve Dance Party is at 6:30pm on Fri. Nov. 3; tickets are \$10/person or \$25/family. All ages welcome! Lots of fun music and dancing. Bring a bag of chips, or a snack to share and bring along your own soft drinks.

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY OCT 29, 2017

Operation Christian Child Shoeboxes - the youth invite you to pick up a shoebox in the Narthex and fill it with toys and gifts! Last year we collected 100 boxes which were distributed to kids around the world who are also taught about God's love through local churches. The last day for collection at St. Mark's is next Sunday, Nov. 5. Check the Samaritan's Purse website for other collection locations. If you prefer to donate to help the youth fill boxes, contact Josh at youth@stmarkbc.org.

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u> - The flowers are given this week by Doris Frost to the Glory of God and in memory of her loving husband, Leonard Frost.

To Vote At Vestry – Voting members of Vestry shall consist of all baptized persons of the age of 15 or over who are accustomed worshippers within the Parish and whose names have been on the Membership Roll of the Parish for at least the 3 months preceding the Vestry Meeting (the next Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018). No person shall have their name on the Membership Roll of more than one Parish in this Diocese at the same time.

To apply to be on the St. Mark Ocean Park's Membership Roll, and be eligible to vote during the Feb. Vestry, new parishioners may submit a Membership Registration form to the Church Office. If you are a new parishioner and have not already done so, please pick up a Membership Registration form (located in the racks in the Narthex) fill it out and hand it in at the Church Office by Sunday, November 12, 2017.



Mystery Knit-A-Long Clue 2 Available

Clue 2 is ready for pick up in the Library. I hope you are having fun so far. Don't forget if you need any help or clarification of instructions drop into the Library and we will be happy to help you. Happy Knitting.

The Prayer Shawl Team has placed baskets of yarns & needles in the Library and Hall so all may contribute to the knitting of our annual Parish Prayer shawls again this year. The simple instructions are on each basket. The shawl will be given to the next recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. Thank you for your participation in this Parish Project!

Blessings from the Prayer Shawl Team.

Call to Prayer

This coming week members of our Strategic Implementation Committee will be meeting on the afternoon of Tues. Oct. 31. As you are able, please hold them in prayer that the Holy Spirit would guide and direct their deliberations.

<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u> – Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. She can be reached by calling: 604.538.6160. Her email is: maggieferguson@telus.net

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by the Blanche Biddle Family to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

ODNW 2018 INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination information and the nomination form for the 2018 Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) are now available on the diocesan website. There are a few changes for 2018 so please read the information document prior to filling out the nomination form.

The next Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster will take place Saturday, November 3, 2018. Time and location to be confirmed.



Library News

A Man Worth Knowing by Cal R. Bombay is the autobiography of the Assistant General Superintendent of the fastest growing Protestant denomination in Canada. Bombay's genuine love of people seemed to be the driving force behind his ministry. This is not so much the story of one person but the stories of the many people who came in contact with Bombay.

THE ACW collection for the Mission to Seafarers ends next Sunday. The Rev. Peter Smythe advised that as well as the wool socks, work gloves, touques, cowls, and toiletries, they also want chocolate, candy, & magazines - mostly National Geographic, Canadian Geographic - as well as any magazines that showcase B.C. He also asked for puzzles, games, stuffed animals, small toy & dolls.



Tickets for the concerts are available from Denny O'Donovan.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Fri. Nov. 3 – All Hallows Eve Dance Party – 6:30pm

Sat. Nov. 4 -- Remembrance Day concerts

Tues. Nov. 7 – 7pm - All Leaders Meeting

Tue. Nov. 14 6pm -- Men's Club Guest speaker:

David Young from Sources

Wed. Nov. 15 -- 10am Healing Service

Sat. Nov. 18 -- Metal Recycling

Sat. Nov. 25 11 am-2 pm Holly Berry Fair

Tue. Nov. 29 10 am-4 pm Journey of Christmas

set-up outside/hall & tree decorating inside

Wed. Nov. 30 9 am-12 noon Hall & tree

decorating in the Hall

Fri. Dec. 8 7 pm Alex Browne's reading of "A
Christmas Carol" with the St. Mark's Choir
Sun. Dec. 10 10 am Christmas Pageant
Fri. Dec. 15-Sat. Dec. 23 6-9 pm Journey of
Christmas outdoor display
Sun. Dec. 17 8 & 10 am Readings & Carols
Sun. Dec. 24 10 am Advent Morning Prayer
3:30-9 pm Journey of Christmas
5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 Christmas Eve
Services

Mon. Dec. 25 10 am Christmas Day Service Wed. Dec. 27 9 am Journey of Christmas Take down

The St. Mark's Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Planning is underway for this annual event, to be held this year on Thursday, December 14, in our Parish Hall. If you would like to join us for a delicious lunch, great conversation and laughter, carol singing, and sharing the joys of the season, please let me know so that we can make sure you receive an invitation. We will also be arranging transportation for any who might need a ride. Please contact me: Dorothy Mash, at church on Sundays,

by email at: mashi@telus.net,

or by phone: 604-535-6107, before Mon, Nov. 20.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has committed \$40,000 to help those stricken by Hurricane Irma in Cuba and Haiti. PWRDF is putting aside \$20,000 for an appeal for Cuba announced by the ACT Alliance, a network of faith-based aid groups of which PWRDF is a member. The agency is allocating another \$10,000 for the Episcopal Church of Cuba and \$10,0000 for a request for rapid-response funds from the Haiti ACT Alliance forum. Hurricane Irma, the most powerful storm to have swept the Caribbean in a decade, passed through several Caribbean islands and into Florida and other southeast U.S. states in September. 61 people were reported to have died as a result of the hurricane.

Although the eye of the hurricane passed north of Haiti, 18,000 families in northern Haiti are estimated to have lost their crops as a result of the heavy rains. Floods caused significant destruction in Cuba. A number of Christian aid organizations. including Episcopal Relief & Development the Anglican Alliance, and the United Society Partners in the Gospel, have been working to provide relief to people affected by the hurricane. ACT Alliance members active in these countries are continuing to assess relief needs and consult with local government agencies and other organizations. PWRDF is also expecting a rapid response fund will be set up to relieve people stricken by the hurricane in the Dominican Republic. PWRDF is also accepting donations to help those stricken by an earthquake that struck Mexico's south coast September 7, 95 people were reported to have been killed by the quake, the strongest to have hit Mexico in a century.

Donations to PWRDF can be made online, by phone at 416-924-9192 ext. 355 or 1-866-308-7973 or by mail:

PWRDF 80 Hayden Street Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 30

9am Exercise - Hall

Tuesday, October 31

9:30am - Bible Study - Family Room 7pm - Youth - Youth Room 7:30pm - ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, November 1

9am – Yoga – Education Centre 10am –Service – Sanctuary 7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, November 3

9am Exercise – Hall 6:30 pm All Hallows Eve Dance Party - Hall