



**St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church**

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

The Zonervan Bible Atlas has disappeared from the Library again. This is the second copy to mysteriously disappear. It is an expensive book so if another copy has to be purchased that will mean that we will be unable to purchase two other new books. Please search high and low and if you find a copy drop it off at the Library, we will be very grateful.

**CHANGE OF HEART
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS**

We will gather this evening, Sunday, May 27, at 7pm in the Family Room for a shared experience of contemplative prayer. Continuing on with our theme of Community, we will reflect on Jean Vanier's premise that forgiveness of ourselves and others is the heart of community life. We will look at the Welcome Prayer as a prayer practice promoting self-compassion. Do consider joining us. All are welcome! -- Janet Scott, Coordinator

ST. MARK'S MEN'S CLUB is hosting their 22nd annual **CHICKEN BAR B Q** in the parish hall on Sat. June 9 at 5:30pm. We are including the full course chicken dinner with dessert and beverages for the low cost of \$12.50/person. Kids 12 & under eat FREE!! This year's live entertainment is the Langley Ukulele Ensemble (a group of 25 9-13 yr olds) who wowed the folks here at St. Mark's twice last December. Get your tickets from Les after church or from Kerry Zeal at the door.

**"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018**

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the gifts and ministry of John and Dorothy Mash for their modelling of God's gracious love.

A RECEPTION CELEBRATING JOHN & DOROTHY MASH'S MINISTRIES will follow the 10am service today.

PRAYER CHAIN co-ordinator until the end of May is Mary Brown who can be contacted at 604.535.6408 or at marybrown@telus.net. The co-ordinator for June, July & August is Michael Weller. He can be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or 604.538.9334. Many thanks to Mary who has been our coordinator for the past 3 months. This ministry is a blessing to both those for whom we pray, and those who do the praying!

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE 3
1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is provided this week by Janet Cormode to the Glory of God with blessings on the children and all those involved with this program.

QUICK LOOK AHEAD
Tues. June 5 1pm Prayer Shawl Meeting
Sat. June 9 5:30 pm Men's Club Chicken BBQ
Tues. June 12 12noon ACW Appreciation Luncheon
Sat. June 16 11 am ACW spring lunch and sale.
Tues. June 19 Noon - Ladies Guild Meeting – Summer Party – T.B.A.
Tue. June 26 7 pm Parish Council
Tue. July 10 6 pm Men's Club Bar B Q in the courtyard. Men's Club members are allowed to bring one guest.
Mon. Aug. 20 Fri. Aug. 24: 9 am-12 noon Vacation Bible School: "Shipwrecked" with Laurie and Kate.

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 28

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, May 29

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, May 30

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am –Service – Sanctuary

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

Thursday, May 31

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice

Friday, June 1

9am – Exercise – Hall

Pacific Showtime Chorus

Presents Music and Comedy in "Something Completely Different"

An evening of skits and songs

Featuring classic comedy sketches attributed
to Monty Python, Bob Newhart,
The Two Ronnies, Conway/Korman, and of
course: an eclectic mix of popular songs.

TWO PERFORMANCES:

Friday, June 1 at 7:30pm &
Saturday, June 2 at 7:30pm

Parish Hall, St. Mark Ocean Park

\$20 per ticket

Tickets are available from chorus members or
by calling Denny at 604.536.7983



PWRDF Update from Cuba

PWRDF partners with the Cuban Council of Churches which includes 50 church members plus associate members like a Cuban Jewish club and a yoga team. Both asked to join because of the opportunities to learn, share and do more together to support the people of Cuba. "It's all about serving the community," says Joel Ortega Dopico, President of the Council. For him and the Cuban Council of Churches, that includes support for those in prisons, the elderly, the moms who need child care because they need to work to support their families.

The Cuban Council of Churches has growing recognition and credibility in Cuba. The Cuban Ministry of Environment has signed a letter of intent with the Council, the United Nations is reaching out to them, and Global Affairs Canada, in 2017, provided funds to the Council and its members in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

PWRDF also responded, with the funds used for immediate food, water and shelter needs as well as preparedness training for an anticipated increase in hurricanes due to warming Caribbean waters. Today, churches and communities across Cuba are more informed and more prepared. Building practices are changing, such as positioning doors and windows to allow wind to pass through and using more resistant building materials. Communities are better prepared too, arranging for safe and adequate places for food provisions as well as a community engagement plan should there be a next hurricane or other disaster. Prices increased by 30% after Irma and many building and reconstruction items were not available.

The Cuban Council of Churches also provides to church diaconal groups entrepreneurship training and face-to-face support to develop a business plan, required for a small grant to be approved. The grants provide seed money for retail businesses, livestock, gardening, biogas, cheese-and butter-making, local transport, a tractor co-op and many other community-inspired ideas. Cuban Council church members in Placenta, some eight hours away from Havana, used a PWRDF grant to establish a bakery to help poorer residents buy cake or other sweets, at reduced prices, for birthdays or other special occasions.

Another project was set up to raise and sell pork at 25% below market prices to those with little income. The entrepreneurial groups we met, such as those in Jantibonico, tithe 10% of earnings back to the church and a further 10% goes to a social fund, like a lunch program for poorer schoolchildren to help them stay attentive in class and not have to walk long distances back and forth from home for lunch.

Roberto, community member and lay pastor in Jantibonico, echoed Odette in Luyanó: "We can't just grow sugarcane – we need many different supports and activities to stay viable and healthy. But our goal is the same: we want to be a church of good deeds."