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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK OCTOBER 23, 2022

Prayer Corner October 23

"O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas."

- Psalm 65:5

O Great and Glorious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Give us eyes to see and understand the work of your hand in this time. It is amazing to us that throughout history you have invited men and women to join in your work of creating and restoring. We are humbled to know that we have that same invitation. Give us faith, compassion, perseverance and courage to respond with wise and loving action. Help us to encourage one another, shunning apathy and pride. Guide us step-by-step from vision through implementation in good works that will glorify you and nourish people in mind, body and spirit. AMEN

<u>READING MINISTRY</u> – As we look forward to Advent and a new year, the 10am Service welcomes new readers to join our Ministry. If you are interested in reading please email Lauren MacPherson at maclauren99@gmail.com

POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY - please join us in the Hall after the service.

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 30</u> – Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10



SOUPER SUNDAY IS BACK!!

Your Community Outreach Ministry is back in the kitchen making homemade soup!

We will take orders in the Narthex

for our popular & savoury Hamburger Soup

on these three Sundays: Oct 23, Oct 30 & Nov 6.

\$10.00 per Litre and \$5.00 for Half Litre.

Take your pre-ordered soup home on Sunday, Nov. 13

All the funds raised will go to the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children program.

FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

I have been co-ordinating the flower ministry for the last few months and currently have 5 volunteers, including myself. We would really appreciate a few more volunteers to help when one of us are sick or on vacation. If you would like more information regarding this simple outreach opportunity please contact me at lindaodee@hotmail.com OR 604.536.7983 – Linda O'Donovan

#1 Update! - ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP - To help make the Refundable drive for our Youth Group more accessible to you. An account has been opened at the White Rock Return it Depot! You can now bring your refundables to the depot instead of dropping them off here. As of this Sunday, October 23rd, refundables will no longer be collected in the Church Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support.

#2 Update! St Mark's Youth is hosting a DYM event! Saturday, October 29th 5-8pm (see attached poster)

<u>ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP</u> welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings here 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities and connection. St Mark's Youth Group now has an Instagram page! You can find us under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as the Church calendar and FaceBook.

Please connect with Sarah via yministryrsvp@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

St Mark's Youth Ministry is welcoming all who are interested in the Safe Adult program. Please reach out to Sarah, via yministryrsvp@gmail.com for more information.

<u>SAVVY SENIORS Get Together</u> with chat, bridge and Rummicube in the Parish Hall this <u>Wednesday November 2</u>, from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson <u>sinder@shaw.ca</u> 604-531-4931

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR - are given by Janet Scott in loving memory of her husband, lan Scott.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN - is provided this week by Joy Prior: "The eyes of your understanding enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward, who believe, according to the working of his mighty power (Ephesians 1:23) which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. – King James Version Bible, Epheasians 1:18-19

<u>EMAIL SCAMs</u> - due to the occurrence of scammers using email addresses (e.g. The Rev. Sue Foley-Currie's & The Rev. Stephen Laskey's) <u>here are some warning signs to identify when an email has been used/hacked:</u>

- Email address differs slightly from known emails Always check, if they don't match, don't respond.
- The addressing or salutation to you is "off", and could be addressed to anyone if it was the actual person, they'd know to use your name.
- These emails have a 'call to action' asking you to take the bait For Example: 'reply to my email', 'call me at this number', 'send me gift cards' and so on.
- Much of the time the bait will have something 'off' about it as well For Example: in this email above, there is no other email. A request for gift cards would be strange. A postal order would be strange, etc. (Why would they ask for funds at all?)...and...
- The language is vague, non-committal, generic, but also oddly urgent and insistent on reaching out, at the same time.

OFFERING UPDATE - EDS

We gratefully offer our next instalment about ways to give to St. Mark Ocean Park. The generosity of all members of our church family is always appreciated, and financial gifts are acknowledged along with a tax receipt shortly after the end of each year.

Our church offers an innovative option to meet the needs of donors who wish to give using a debit or credit card – our Electronic Donation Station (EDS). This is located in the narthex of the church and uses a Point of Sale (POS) terminal to process contributions. It allows for flexibility for people choosing to give differing amounts at varying intervals. It also provides an easy way for Pre-Authorized (PAD) users to make extra donations for special occasions (e.g., Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving) or for ministries such as Lunch Basket, Altar flowers, Youth/Children, etc. Plus, it is an easy way for individuals to buy tickets to church events or make purchases at the Holly Berry Fair or other fundraisers, especially if they prefer not to carry cash.

The EDS is simple to use, and easy to follow instructions are found within the kiosk. Or feel free to contact Brenda Horner (Donation Secretary) bhenze@shaw.ca; speak to the Treasurer; or contact the church office for assistance.

"God so loved the world that he gave..." John 3:16



Turn Trash into \$ Cash \$

 10^{th} and final metal recycling event! Check the table at the west wall of the Hall for Re-Use-ables and keep it out of the landfill.

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 11am, dropped off behind the church.

11am to 12noon load and transportation to the depot.

- 3 pickup trucks or trailers required.
- Anne Schreck 604-536-0072

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to nine single mothers and 17 children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2022 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly Pulse. The suggested donation of \$70 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication.

| October 30 | Shelley Bosetti-Piche | |
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| November 6 | Elli Mitchell & Nick Timms | |
| November 13 | Joy and Doug French | |
| November 20 | Joy Prior | |
| November 27 | | |
| December 4 | Irene Snow | |

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS FOR OUR FLOWER

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar, please see the chart below. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

| October 30 | Victoria Finley |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| November 6 | |
| November 13 | Ken and Pat Miles |
| November 20 | Shirley Parel |
| November 27 | Lawrence and Lynne Hurd |



<u>WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS?</u> If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 778.386.1973 <u>klaverfamily@shaw.ca</u>

<u>PRAYER CHAIN</u> – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at <u>lynneh1@telus.net</u> or you may phone at 604.542.2772.

St Mark's Family, Youth and Children's Time

Subscribe to our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO_iOFX3hJNg or follow the link from our webpage. http://stmarkbc.org/

<u>WE CONTINUE</u> TO LIVE STREAM our Sunday Worship. To access the online Service go to our Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org On the homepage that opens, click on the service's video, or where it says: "St Mark Online Worship Services". If you would like to watch or listen to some of our older services you may go into the YouTube archives through our Parish website www.stmarkbc.org and click on "St Mark Online Worship Services". Alternatively you can use these links: tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel OR https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO iOFX3hJNg

<u>How To Reach Reverend Stephen Laskey</u> - Please use the following email address to contact Reverend Laskey: <u>PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com</u> Also, you can call him at the Church Office (604.535.8841). If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and your telephone number for Reverend Laskey. He will check voicemail messages and will return your call.

