

## Thoughts for the Week

Prayer, if understood as the mere repetition, with consciousness of their meaning, of words of petition addressed to God, may be, as most men think it, a business requiring no great stretch or effort of mind. But, in truth, when it is such as it ought to be, it is the highest and most sustained energy of which the human mind is capable: and until we have come to know this each for ourselves, we may be assured that we have never yet prayed as we may and as we ought.

William Ewart Gladstone

### DATES TO NOTE

Sun. July 9	Chapel Renovation Committee Meeting, 12 noon, Chapel
Wed. July 12	Sexual Misconduct Policy Training, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. July 18	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room.
Fri. July 28	Grant Writing Seminar, 9:00 am, Fireside Room

### FUNDING TO FIX OUR EXTERIOR WALL - A 'SURPRISE' SUMMER PROJECT

A quick update on the cost and plans to repair the stucco and exterior wall on the West side of our courtyard. The stucco started to bulge in the last few weeks, so the 'blue fencing' was erected to protect people from falling stucco while quotes are collected for the repair work. The costs for the repair will be in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, so any help with this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.

### CHILDREN AT THE 10.00am SERVICE DURING THE SUMMER

There are no church school classes so parental supervision is required for younger children.



**For school-age children**, we provide informal activities that can be done at the tables and chairs at the front of the church (near the door to the Memorial Garden) or in the pews. Worksheets for various ability levels, pencils and crayons can be found in a box in the Narthex (to the left as you enter the church) or may be on the tables. Please ask a sidesperson, if you cannot see it.

**Families with Newborns to two years old** : please use our "Noah's Ark" room. Parental supervision is necessary. Entry door is on the far left (or Gospel side) of the church as you walk down the aisle.

Regular church school classes resume after Labour Day.

### SENIOR'S CAFÉ NEWS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Seniors Café will continue on alternate Tuesday mornings through the summer on July 4 and 18, and August 1 and 15, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation. Find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle, or try your hand at some flower arranging. Tammy Delaney will be with us on July 18 and August 15 to share more techniques with the water colour group. Everyone is welcome – invite a friend, neighbour, or summer visitor.

## **KNITTING 9 INCH SQUARES - A HANDS-ON PROJECT**

The objective is to provide blankets for our neighbours in need by knitting (or crocheting) 9 inch squares which can be sewn together into beautiful blankets.

Here's what to do:

- knit (or crochet) 9 inch squares using whatever pattern and colours you want, but please use machine-washable wool or yarn
- Leave the completed squares in the basket beneath the mailboxes
- Leave any spare yarn that others can use in the other basket by the mailboxes
- If you do not know how to knit, ask someone to show you, go on-line, or borrow a book from the library. Perhaps someone would be willing to provide a lesson for beginners...
- Once enough squares have been collected to start putting them together, hold a sewing bee—each quilt will be 5 squares wide and 8 squares long so take 40 squares.



Why not ask family members, friends, fellow-students and colleagues to get involved? It is easy and relaxing to knit a square while chatting, listening to music, or enjoying some downtime—a great summer project! And gentlemen, remember that sailors, especially fishermen, traditionally knitted their own socks and sweaters—9 inch squares are far simpler and a great starting point...

We will hold regular “Tea and Bee” sessions so that the blankets will be ready before the cold weather sets in—again. Please join us—the more the merrier. Thank you!

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS**

I am very pleased to share with you that the Neighbourhood Ministry has been selected as a Care+Share recipient in the Diocese of New Westminster for 2018/2019. As a recipient, we will receive half of the funding that is collected Diocesan-wide through designated Care+Share giving. Diocesan Council noted "the impressive track-record of this ministry of fruitful collaboration with community, parish and governmental partners. the articulation of the vision and the plan forward are exemplary". Funding received will be used to continue our work, particularly with respect to expanding the Mobile Care Unit concept and collaborating with other Westside outreach service.

In addition, Diocesan Council has designated the Neighbourhood Ministry a "Related Group", which means the NM now has Diocesan wide standing while still being operated independently by the four churches.

In other news, we have received a donation of \$1000 from the Diocesan ACW in recognition of our work. We have also received formal notice from Services Canada of funding for two summer students. We have confirmed Benita Yi as one of these students. Benita has been serving as a Social Work practicum student with the Mobile Care Unit this past year and will continue with this work, as well as assist with Neighbourhood Ministry program communications. We are in the process of hiring a second student.

So very much to be thankful for. Blessings, Pitman

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY TRAINING**

Thank you to everyone who has updated or completed their policy training, in compliance to Diocesan requirements. Any individuals who have not yet completed or updated their training, please note that Beth will be putting on another session on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and another on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please let Beth know which session you will be attending. Individuals involved in “High Risk” Ministries also require a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Checks (PRC/VSC) every 5 years. The Diocese has sent us a letter highlighting those whom they know need to renew this requirement.

## **CHAPEL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of the Chapel Renovation Committee will be held in chapel on today at 12 noon.

## **REFUGEE NEWS**

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, is being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. This will likely take several more months. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in North Vancouver has agreed to partner with us to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward. This will allow us to submit these applications to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in the next week or two, as the Lutherans have sufficient allocations, i.e. sponsorship application spaces.

On April 30, the Refugee Concert was held at St. Philip's in honour of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarian refugees in Vancouver. The proceeds, totalling more than \$1400.00 were donated to our Refugee Fund. Thank you Michael Murray and Jason Hall for organizing this for our refugees. It is expected we will need about another \$15,000. If you wish to donate, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's and write "Refugee Fund" on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net



## **JOIN OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR!**

Thinking of doing some singing? Please join us for the month of August for choral good times! This year we will be learning some music from the Baroque period featuring works by Buxtehude and Schütz.

Cost is \$85. Cheques payable to St. Philip's (music fund).

Michael Murray conductor, Alastair Williams organist Rehearsals August 1st, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The concert is on Sept 9th 3PM.

Register with Michael to book your spot in the choir.

## **A LETTER FROM THE KITS SHOWER PROGRAM**

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Kits Shower Program for the Homeless, I would like to thank you for your on-going support of our program.

Your generous donations each year help provide our guests with delicious food and brand new underwear, razors and other toiletries.

We are so grateful as well to have the support of the wonderful street ministry and the Mobile Health Unit, which has created a wonderful partnership which benefits our guests and our volunteers.

With heartfelt gratitude and respect,

Penny Rogers, Coordinator, Kits Showers for the Homeless Program

## **CAMP ARTABAN**

Registration for Camp Artaban is open and places are available in all the camps. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience summer camp. At Camp Artaban, we have campership bursaries to enable those who can't afford the full fees to still attend. If you know of a child or family would benefit from Camp, please contact the Camp office for more information or to begin the application process or have the family contact us directly. If you would like to support the campership program, we accept donations which are earmarked just for that purpose. You can donate through the Camp office or securely online at <http://campartaban.com/make-a-donation>.

## **FUND SOURCING AND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP - A TOOLBOX FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Friday, July 28, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Philip's is hosting a full-day workshop on Friday, July 28, focussed on the skill sets for locating funding for non-profit organizations and completing comprehensive grant applications. The event is free for parish members and community partners but registration is mandatory. Fifteen spaces are available. First come, first served.

**Registration closes on Friday, July 14.**

To register, please contact Beth Vondette at [manager@stpdunbar.com](mailto:manager@stpdunbar.com) for a registration form. Once you have registered, Beth will email a pre-reading list of easily accessed internet resources. Each participant receives a binder of helpful worksheets and templates on the day of the workshop.

Are you interested in developing sustainable programs for youth, families, or elders; or perhaps in programs that focus on education, outreach, music, or art? As a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity, the Parish of St. Philip's is able to seek funding assistance to support programs that connect with community.

Our session leader is parish member, Ann Kent, who has several decades of experience sourcing funding for educational and community-based programs. Expect some challenging tasks and enjoy some lively discussion. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided.

Finding supportive, community partners is also an important part of the grant application process. This is an opportunity to connect with other members of the parish and members of the local community who share similar interests and hopes for the future.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

Team 1 set out on this beautiful Canada Day. With us today were Heather, Pauline, Peg and Vicki. Deacon Pitman sent us off with a blessing from McBride Park. Our first stop was to St. Anselm's, where Rev. Hyok met us with lovely packets, fruit and eggs. We had an abundance of packets this week, with offerings from St. John's as well as left-overs from the collection given by the school kids last week. Thanks to everyone for these gifts.

Our first stop was at the United Church on west 8th, where B camps. He was not in his usual spot, but we found him around the corner at the shady side of the church. He was not too talkative, but we left some goods.

At the 4th and Highbury corner we saw A, M, R, D and a new fellow. We were happy especially to see D and M, as we had information for them about upcoming appointments. We invited the whole crew to pick from the many packets filling the back of the car.

From there, we ventured up Broadway, where we found J fast asleep on the sidewalk. We have not made much headway in communicating with him. He is usually asleep. But, we left a large pile next to him.

Onward up Broadway, with nobody else in sight. On Granville, we met up with S and G, as well as a couple who had pitched a tent right at the corner, between some street trees. All were very happy for the visit and packets.

Along west 4th, we met a new fellow who had a room in the area, but needed to panhandle to make ends meet. He was happy for the packets. There were signs of someone in front of Shoppers - an elaborate bed set up - but no person.

We were all very happy for each other's company that day, and enjoyed some lively conversation in the car about housing and health care policy.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki for Team 1



**SECURITY: CHURCH LOCKED AT NOON**

For the month of July and August, the church will be locked at noon unless there is a specific event planned. If you need to get in at any time other than before noon, please arrange it by calling the office before noon - 604 224 3238 - preferably the day before you need to get in.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN** 9 - noon Monday to Friday.

**THE DEADLINE** for bulletin notices is Wednesday at noon.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE IN JULY**

Michael Murray

In case of emergencies, please call the office, 604 224 3238, and there will be a contact number for you to call.