

## St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Pets

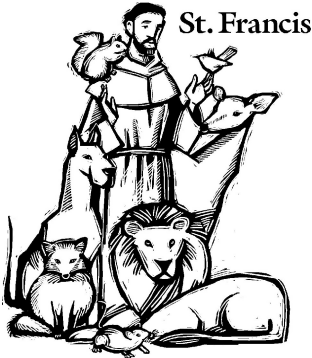
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and frost,

Stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! (Psalm 148: 7-10)



St. Francis

St. Francis is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is also remembered for his love for animals and nature. Each year at this time, we at St. Philip's, host a Blessing of Pets and worship as we all come together to give thanks to God for the beauty of the world and how we are called to care for it. The Blessing of Pets is a great reminder of the diversity of creation and how we can see God's hand in a whole host of places.

### Thoughts of the Day

Evangelion (that we call the gospel) is a Greek word; and signifieth good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that maketh a man's heart glad, and maketh him sing, dance, and leap for joy: as when David had killed Goliath the giant, came glad tidings unto the Jews, that heir fearful and cruel enemy was slain, and they delivered out of all danger: for gladness whereof, they sung, danced and were joyful.

William Tyndale, translator of the Bible and Reformation martyr, 1494? – 1536.

### THANK YOU TO ALL THE RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THE FAIR SUCH A SUCCESS!

#### DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Oct. 2	Jones Girls Meeting, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Oct. 3	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Wed. Oct. 4	Safari Talk, 7 pm, Fireside Room
Fri. Oct. 6- Mon. Oct. 9	BCYAYM Fall Conference
Wed. Oct. 12	Parish Post Deadline
Tues. Oct. 17	Seniors' Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Sat. Oct. 21	All Parish Open Gym, 6 pm
Mon. Oct. 23	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room

#### CHILDREN AT CHURCH - EVERY SUNDAY

At the 10.00am service there are Church School classes for all children who wish to attend. Children are encouraged to come to the front of the church for the "Children's Focus" and then leave for their classes, returning during the Peace. The youngest (newborns to two years old) can use our "Noah's Ark" room (just off the side of the church) under parental supervision.



**READERS NEEDED**

The Readers team has new Celebrants: Jane Dunlop has retired from the role and John Dolman has agreed to take on the role in addition to his other duties. We also welcome new readers of all ages. Reader Training will take place on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Church. Returning readers need not stay long, but new recruits will each practice at the lectern with the mic.

**GODLY PLAY CORE TRAINING**

Dunbar Ryerson United Church is hosting this 3-Saturday full accreditation program this fall. The program runs from 8:30 am to 5 pm on the following Saturdays: October 14, and November 25. The cost is \$125 per session or \$350 for all 3 Saturdays. Inquire to Anne Clark about cost for recertification. For questions and registration form, email Anne Clark: arbc52@gmail.com.

**BCYAYM FALL CONFERENCE**

The British Columbia and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement’s Fall Conference will be hosted by St. Philip’s this year over the Thanksgiving long weekend. They expect around 75 young Anglicans to be in attendance.

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to assist with cooking food for them. A meal plan has been developed, we just need volunteers to prepare the meals. One catch is that due to foodsafe regulations, food cannot be cooked offsite and then brought in, meaning that all food needs to be prepared and cooked at the Church. Pre-Packaged items may be used however to save time (i.e., pre-made lasagna). Food expenses will be fully reimbursed with the submission of receipts.

The Fall Conference will have a Sunday lunch barbecue, to which the entire parish is welcome. Please speak with Janet Brown or Beth Vondette if you are interested in being a chef de cuisine.

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

The final cost of this project is above \$30,000, so any help with offsetting this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. We have raised just over half of what is needed. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.



**CANNING JARS NEEDED**

8 oz. canning jars are needed for the Christmas Fair. There is a box under the mailboxes in the hallway to collect them.



**CHRISTMAS FAIR CONVENERS WANTED**

The Christmas Fair is Saturday November 25. Contact Marian Boyle or Debbie Matheson if you would like to be a stall convener.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Volunteers for coffee hour are needed. If interested, please contact Amanda Holley or Catherine Bernard.

**EMMET CAHILL CONCERT**

Emmet Cahill, of Celtic Thunder fame, is doing a North American tour launching his solo album. He will be performing at Knox United Church (located at 5600 Balaclava Street) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. He will performing a range of songs from sacred, to light musical theatre and Irish Classics. The tickets are available online or through Knox United at a cost of \$30 (US) or \$45(US) for Meet and Greet. There is a \$2 processing fee if the tickets are purchased online.

**ALL-PARISH OPEN GYM**

Beginning October 21, Open Gym will be open to parishioners of all ages. To celebrate the expansion of this programme, the Youth will be preparing dinner for all who attend the October 21 Open Gym. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Join us for games, fun and fellowship.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast is cancelled for today.



## FOOD BANK SUNDAY

A reminder that Food Bank Sunday is today, as is customary on the first Sunday of each month .

**Always welcome are :** cash donations in clearly marked envelopes; **food donations** such as nut butters, canned fruit, rice and grains, pulses ( lentils, beans, legumes ) , whole grain cereals, pastas, pasta sauces, canned fish and meats.

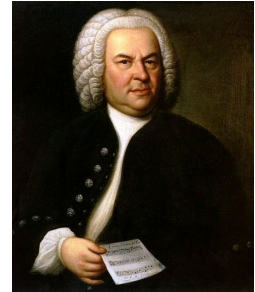
Our collected food donations are securely stored on site until *10 Food Bank* boxes have been filled; these are then picked up by a Food Bank truck and brought to their distribution center.

We are currently working on box no. 3.

Many thanks for your contributions.

## FALL CONCERT

The next music concert in the St. Philip's Music Concert Series will be on Sunday, November 5 at 4 pm. The Josquin Singers and The Josquin Players will be performing The Bach Project I. This is a new ensemble that Michael Murray has put together to enrich the concert series at St. Philip's. The group is made up of professional singers and players. We will be presenting Cantata BWV 106 "God's Time is the Best Time" by J.S. Bach, music by Palestrina and other Baroque composers.



## INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY AT ISMAILI CENTRE

Details will be sent to those who signed up. Anyone who wishes or is willing to carpool to let Beth know.



## PARISH POST DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is Wednesday, October 12. This deadline is firm as Beth will be publishing very shortly after that date. Please submit your articles and pictures as soon as possible in order to guarantee a spot in the Post.

## REFUGEE NEWS

As you know, the application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, is now being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. This may take several more months.

The applications to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, have now been submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. St. Philip's is sponsoring them in partnership with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The applications were submitted by Canadian Lutheran World Relief which handles refugee sponsorship for the Lutheran Church. We are grateful for the help of the Lutherans, as our diocese did not receive sufficient allocations, i.e. sponsorship application spaces, for them. The applications for refugee sponsorship of Lama's parents and brother have been approved and sent to the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut for further processing. (This apparently means the applications are approved, and then the Visa Office decides about approving the 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](mailto:kmarylymburner@telus.net)



## ALTAR GUILD REQUEST

The Altar Guild is requesting donations of seasonal greenery, fruit and vegetables for our Thanksgiving cornucopia. Please bring your donations to the Church by 9 am on Saturday, October 7. The fruits and vegetables will then be used to feed the BCYAYM participants.

## CAMP ARTABAN FUNDRAISING

The dear old dining hall has half a new roof, but due to illness the roofer was unable to finish. This has become the number one priority. Secondly, one of Artaban's toilet facility, affectionately known as Port, needs a new roof, as a fallen tree has put a large hole in it!

We are excited to announce the RAISE THE ROOF fundraising campaign. The initial goal is to raise \$50,000 in order to complete the dining hall roof and re-roof Port.

There are many convenient ways to donate:

Mail: Send your donation by cheque, writing "Raise the Roof" or "Operating Fund" in the memo line and send it to 1058 Ridgewood Drive, North Vancouver BC, V7R 1H8

Phone: Call the office (604-980-0391) or the camp cell (604-379-9074) during office hours (Monday to Friday 9am-2pm) to have us assist you in making a donation using your credit card number.

Online: through Canada Helps or through the Camp Artaban website:

<http://campartaban.com/donate/make-a-donation/>

## SAFARI TALK

Derek Simpkins, will be the presenter, showing his images of southern Africa, with assistance from Jocelyn Gardner at 7 pm on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room.



## THANKSGIVING AT DUNBAR APARTMENTS

The Neighbourhood Ministry will host our traditional Thanksgiving lunch at Dunbar Apartments on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is a favourite for residents, staff at Dunbar and our volunteers. You are warmly welcome to join us, volunteer to help, or drop a food offering by. Details below:

Date: Monday, October 9

Place: 3595 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave

Time: Lunch served at 1pm. Volunteers, please arrive after 12:00 if you can help set up. If you are bringing a dish but not staying, please try to have it to Dunbar by 12:30pm, warmed if needed.

Food Ideas: Turkey, Ham, scalloped or mashed potatoes, vegetable dishes, green salad, desserts.

Please call or email Vicki Potter if you can help, or if you plan to contribute food. Thanks so much!

Vicki: 604-730-7846 or email: [ybpotter@hotmail.com](mailto:ybpotter@hotmail.com)

## SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Seniors Cafe continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, October 3, 17, and 31, and November 14 and 28, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation or find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle. Local artist, Tammy Delaney, will be with us on October 3 to share new techniques with the painting group. We are also looking forward to some other popular activities from the spring and summer such as flower arranging and poetry appreciation. Everyone is welcome – please invite a friend or a neighbour.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Pauline and I started out from McBride Park and drove to St John's Shaughnessy to meet Ken and pick up their packets. We had a bit of a wait but did get off about 10.10am. Pauline and I were thrilled that Ken was able to join us for St John's new adventure with the Neighbourhood Ministry.

We could not find Shawn and Glen on Granville. Drove around Granville and W Broadway as Ken has seen people there and up the Alleys. Drove up to 15<sup>th</sup> but no homeless there this am.

No one along W Broadway until we got to Safeway at Macdonald where Pauline and Ken went to check on S who was asleep. They wakened him and he was not coherent and very confused. Took only some bars and Boost.

Headed to Jericho so we would not miss the gang. T, B and J, who is deaf and dumb, were all happy with the sandwiches, bananas, hard boiled eggs and packets. Across the street were J and C and they also were happy to take what we had.

T is still not drinking and has bought himself an PS 4 and so is happily playing video games. B was thrilled as he is feeling so much better and says he is healthier. J is so excited with the news that after tests she is cancer

free. Ken was introduced to them all and joined it chatting with them.

Headed down 4th Ave to Safeway where Ken and I went to chat with T in front of Whole Foods while Pauline went to Shoppers to see R.

T has an apt not far from 4th , but is very interested in going back to church, was asking us where we went so we told him where our 4 churches are and he thinks he might try St Helen's as it is closest to him. I told him that where ever he decided to go that he would be warmly welcomed.

R is a young man , probably in his thirties, and was telling Pauline that he was very cold and when she gave him the food he gobbled down the sandwich right away. He said that he needed underwear. Pauline asked him if he knew about the Kits Shower programme and he did. He has accommodation at the Vogue on Granville but only leaves his belongings there as there are cockroaches and it is not clean. He is not threatened by anyone who lives there. His mother lives in Surrey and he leaves his valuables there, including underwear. He used to live with his mother who has cancer but left and does visit her 2-3 times a week. He thinks they might move in together again but he does not want to live in Surrey and she wants to be near the clinics and the doctors who are looking after her. She does his washing for him. Since he was cold and I had several winter coats I ask Pauline to tell him that we would go to my place and would come back with a warm coat. We did and took two of the coats back to him and left them as he was asleep. Piled some food bags and a bag of his on top so that no one would notice them.

Then on to MacDonald's at Balsam and 4th where where Ken and I met M who was having a piece of Lemon Meringue which some one had given him. He has come recently from Ontario and had his back pack with his ID stolen while he went to the bathroom. I told him about the Kits Shower Programme and that there were people there who could help him with the right people to contact. He was very appreciative. Took all the food and packet that we offered him.

We finished about 12:15 and took Ken back to St John's and divided up the packets that were left. I asked Ken to please "Congratulate his Indoor Team for the wonderful job they had done getting the packets and food beautifully organized". They had made at least 15 Peanut butter and jam sandwiches, lots of bananas, at least 15 or more packets, 2 dozen hard-boiled eggs. A wonderful feast for our special street people.

Pauline and I went back to check on Ryan and to make sure his coats were still there, which they were. This time we decided to wake him and he woke easily and smiled as soon as he saw Pauline. We had a really nice chat with him and when we left he said to us, "Thank you very much , God Bless you and you have made my day" He will be warm tonight.

A big thank you to Ken who was able to join us. He said that he really learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the new experience. It was a joy to have him with us.

Also a big thank you to Pauline who was able to come out so that I did not have to go on my own. It is so much nicer to have someone to share the this wonderful experience with, And it is nice to have a man with us as most of the homeless that we have are Male.

It was a lovely morning and we all felt that we had had good conversations and we were able to impart lots of information.

I apologize for the length of this but we all three had a special morning and this always is the Highlight of my week.

Respectfully submitted     Ellie Pilling.