

Thoughts of the Day

The Soul Day Song: In the midlands of England it was the custom into the early 20th century for the poor to go on All Soul's Day (November 2) to the homes of the wealthy soliciting specially prepared 'soul cakes'. In thanks for the cakes they sang the following:

God Bless the Master of this house
And bless the Missus too
And all the little children
Around the table, too:
Around the table, true good man,
And happy may you be,
Sing father, Son and Holy ghost
And life eternally.

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Nov. 5	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Nov. 5	The Josquin Singers: The Bach Project, 4 pm, Church
Mon. Nov. 6	The Jones Girls, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Sat. Nov. 11	Music for Remembrance, 7 pm, Church
Sun. Nov. 12	Refugee Support Group Meeting, 11:30 am, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tues. Nov. 14	Seniors' Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Sat. Nov. 25	Christmas Fair, 11 am - 2 pm

GRATITUDE WALL

Thanksgiving is the time when we take a moment to reflect on God's goodness to us and express gratitude for all he has provided. Contemplation of our many blessings may even motivate us to respond with more generosity and kindness. With this in mind, you are invited to write down things you are thankful for and place them on the Gratitude Wall in the Fireside Room. At the end of the Stewardship Campaign, on November 19th, these reflections will be offered along with the monetary gifts at the 10 am service. As pledges are returned, yellow and orange leaves will be added to the "vine" around the Gratitude Wall.

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.

SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

Seniors Café continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, 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. 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.



Enjoy the Seniors Café Art Display! For the first three weeks of November, art work from some of our Seniors Café painters is on display on the west wall of the gymnasium. The pieces include a selection of exercises, photos that have inspired painting themes, and some finished work. We are grateful to Tammy Delaney, a local Vancouver artist, who has led the Café painters in an art workshop once each month for the past year, giving us new skills and inspiring confidence. Please check back from time to time as the art work on display will rotate from week to week.

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 CAKE WORK PARTY ROUND TWO

Attention Christmas Cake Bakers: there will be a Christmas Cake work party (divvying up ingredients) after the 10 am service on November 12 in the Fireside Room. Looking forward to seeing you there.



FALL CONCERT TONIGHT

The next music concert in the St. Philip's Music Concert Series will be this afternoon 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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR BY THE GOGO GROUPS OF VANCOUVER

Sat. Nov. 25, 2017 10:00am to 2:00pm

St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th)

Holiday Swags, Hand-Crafted Items and Gifts, Decorations, Table Arrangements, Gogo Tote Bags in various sized. Proceeds are going to the Stephen Lewis Foundations' Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

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.



REFUGEE NEWS

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut for about 6 months now. This may take some more months. The applications to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasridin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, in partnership with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, have just recently been approved and sent on to Beirut for further processing.

It is expected we will need about another \$14,000. 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 kmarylumburner@telus.net

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

There will be meeting for an update on our refugee sponsorship plans after the 10 am service on November 12 in the Upstairs Meeting room. If you have not been involved with the initial planning but would like to join us, please do. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner 778-898-5117 or kmarylumburner@telus.net



CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christmas Fair is Saturday November 25, only three weeks away. Most of all, we need folk to sign up to help before, during and after the fair. Second, we need a convener of the outdoor hotdog BBQ stall, which may suit a family or two. Lots of guidance is available. Please speak to the conveners, and sign up on the volunteer bulletin board. Speak with Marian Boyle: marianboyle@shaw.ca; or Debbie Matheson: debbiematheson53@gmail.com for more information

PUMPKIN SEEDS QUILTERS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Sat. Nov. 18, 2017 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th)

There will be a show of their charity quilts and quilts and gift items for sale.

Proceeds support the Pumpkin Seeds community quilt project which donates over 500 quilts per year to children's hospitals, veterans and women's shelters.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Please join us in the gym after the 10:00 am Eucharist this morning to assemble packets for our Neighbourhood Ministry.

We are in need of the following items for packets to be given to our homeless friends. Socks, Tinned tuna/sardines/beans, individual fruit/dessert packs, fruit juices, Boost supplement. Please leave the items in the bins marked for Neighbourhood Ministry, in the Narthex. Thank you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY WEEKLY REPORT

Dale, Paris and I set out this sunny morning from St. Anselm's, where Jill amply provided us with packets, bananas, Halloween treats, and a big bag of warm clothing.

Our first stop was at the United Church on West 8th, but B was not there, and his space did not look like it had been occupied recently. We then tried St. Helen's, but it didn't look like he had been camping there either.



At West Fourth and Highbury we found T, J, R, D, D and W. All gratefully accepted packets. We took the opportunity to update J, D and R on the winter shelter situation, letting them know that Molly, the City Outreach worker who had accompanied the team on the street walk last week, will be reconnecting with them early Monday morning. J said that she is not seeking a winter shelter at this time, as she is close to finding housing. R said that he would be at the corner of Arbutus and Broadway (at the 99 Bus Stop) on Monday from 11 am on, but D has a job and will be working on Monday. They both expressed reservations about going into a shelter, but R said he would talk with Molly on Monday.

Next we circled back to the beach, but did not find anyone at the Jericho Hostel, the Locarno Beach concession, or the Pump station. We did find M, who had set up camp in the wooded area of Locarno Park. He had a pallet to sleep on, and several tarps. M has limited English – he speaks Spanish – but we managed to find out that he still has a place at the Regent Hotel downtown, but likes to sleep outside. He took a packet and was delighted to take a raincoat and several other items of clothing in his size.

In front of the Shoppers at West Fourth and Vine, we found S sleeping on a sun lounge. He was asleep when we got there, but woke up while we were there. He was grateful for a packet, and took several items of clothing that were in his size. He said that he was not interested in going into a shelter, because of previous bad experiences, but Paris said that he'd filled out a shelter form last week, so we also let him know that Molly would be coming around on Monday morning, and he was agreeable to this.

In front of Whole Foods, we gave P and T packets. T was very chatty today, and wanted to know about the churches in the NM group. He took the last item of clothing we had, a T-shirt.

We found S and G on South Granville, in their sleeping bags in a sunny spot in between buildings. They both took packets, and we let them know that Molly would be coming around on Monday morning to talk about winter shelters with them.

We looked for S in front of London Drugs on Broadway and in front of the Safeway at Broadway and MacDonald, but he was not in either place, which is unusual.

Sue, on behalf of Team 3

Christmas Hampers



It's that time again! We are requesting your help to provide Christmas hampers for families in two eastside schools

Food for Families: We gather food for the hampers as a community. You can help by bringing even one or two items of food to church each Sunday. If you are able, please contribute to the general collection as described below. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. We have organized Sundays as follows:

Sunday November 19	Food for Breakfast
Sunday November 26	Food for Lunch
Sunday December 3	Food for Dinner
Sunday December 10	Treats
Sunday December 17	Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers
Monday December 18	Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery of Hampers to Schools

Please do not include:

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol.

Gifts for families: In addition to bringing food items which will be pooled and distributed among the hampers, individuals or families of the parish will be invited to select one of the hamper families and purchase gifts for the members of that family. Watch for details.



Christmas Fair
Saturday Nov. 25
11:00 – 2:00 PM

Let's Sell Out the Raffle Tickets! Weigh-to-Go food basket; Christmas Treats; four seats at Arts Club's The Day Before Christmas 2:00 pm Dec. 16.

THREE weeks to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate Conveners

- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal Ann Kent
- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art Glenna Geddes
- Raffle: \$20 book of 10. Buy Sundays or in the office Bruce Gregg
- Handcrafts for everyone Juliet Helliwell & Marilyn Pomfret
- Kitchen Gourmet: preserves, chutneys... Sheila Butt & Dora Martin
- Christmas Cakes Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette
- Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread... Laurie Cassie
- Small Gifts & Jewellery Fran Safarik
- Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!) Kira Domaschuk
- Tea Room Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... Wilson Family
- Hot Dog BBQ Who will run this?

Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!

- o Silent Auction Solicit donations from businesses & parishioners.
Get letters to businesses from the S mailbox.
- o Lawn signs & posters Put up signs and posters to blanket the West Side.
- o Decorate the Gym Tues. Nov. 21, 9:00 – 12:00 Contact Marian!
- o Skirt tables & set-up Nov. 21 - 24 Conveners et al
- o Bankers Accounting & security, running change to stalls
- o Sellers Sat. Nov. 25, 10:00 – 2:30 See conveners
- o Greeters/Security “ 10:00 – 2:00 Sidesmen
- o Take down, clean up “ 2:00 – 3:00 All hands on deck!
- o Attic Treasures Pack-Up: we need a team to help. Speak to Ann Kent

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~Christmas Fair 2017~ Saturday, November 25

Do you have a special talent, some spare time, or a treasure you could offer for auction?

Could you cook and serve a dinner for four; prepare a picnic; bake a fancy cake; serve a cream tea; coach a language; write a will; do a tax return; babysit; garden/prune roses (specify length of time); clean a house (specify length of time); paint a room; whatever your skills/specialties include. If you are a season ticket holder for the symphony, hockey, theatre, perhaps you could donate a pair of tickets.

We also need material items, either your own personal items, or from retailers and companies. Gift certificates are particularly welcome. Please consider asking your favourite hairdresser, bakery, clothes store, etc., for a donation.

Please indicate your offer below and return this page in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office by Sunday November 18.

**For more information contact Glenna Geddes at
604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net**

Silent Auction: I can offer

Donor Name: _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Item/ Service Details: (what? how many? how long? when?)

Value _____

(This is very important to help me establish a fair starting bid)

Thankyou!