

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam

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DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Sept. 3	Labour Day, Office Closed
Sun. Sept. 9	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Sept. 9	Welcome Sunday
Mon. Sept. 10	Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Wed. Sept. 12	India Talk, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Mon. Sept. 17	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sat. Sept. 22	Rummage Sale, 9 am to noon
Sun. Sept. 23	Chamber Music Concert, 4:00 pm, Church
Sun. Sept. 30	Blessing of the Pets, 10:00 am, Church

SERMONS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

An audio recording of last week's sermon is available on our website. To access the audio file, please go to our website: <http://www.stpdunbar.com> and click on the heading "Sermons" on the top right of the screen.

PARISH POST PUBLISHED!

The latest edition of the Parish Post has been published this week. You can pick up a physical copy in the Narthex or download it from the website at <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/st-philips-september-post>.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED

The Church School is actively recruiting new teachers. If you feel called to this ministry, registration for training is now open at godlyplaybcevents.weebly.com. The next training sessions are November 3 & 24 and January 12 and will be held at Pacific Spirit United Church (formerly Ryerson United). The cost is \$125 per day, with a discount if you attend all three. The course is fun and a great foundation! Please speak with Erin McDougall if you are interested.

RUMMAGE SALE APPROACHES!

We hope everyone is spending some of their lazy summer days sorting their reusable rummage to bring in after September 15. THE SALE IS ON SEPTEMBER 22. Happy sorting.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING....

If you are making any jams, jellies, pickles or chutneys this summer, please make a few extra jars for the Kitchen Gourmet stall at the Christmas Fair. The more variety we have, the more we can sell. Thank you.

REFUGEE NEWS

Lama and her children are scheduled to arrive September 13. The move of donated furniture into their suite near 58th and Fraser went very well. Housewares, bedding, etc. are all in place. Thanks to all who contributed so generously, there are no major identified needs now for the suite. The family members will need clothing, but we do not know their sizes yet.

The applications for Lama's parents and brother are also in process at the Visa Office in Beirut. Their applications were submitted about 7 months after Lama's, a year ago now. They have not yet been contacted for medical examinations or interviews. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner at kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Cool weather is returning to Vancouver, and our homeless friends are in need of assistance preparing for winter. We are seeking gently used items that will help during the colder months ahead: sleeping bags and blankets, tarps, thermal sleeping pads, waterproof shoes and boots (men's sizes 9 – 15), men's raincoats, and men's sweaters and bivy/survival bags. Please place the items in the basket labeled "Neighbourhood Ministry". We are also seeking to resupply our packets. The following items are in urgent demand: **Ensure-type drink, socks, granola bars, snack-size bagged cookies.**

Also requested are canned meat/fish (flip top lids), fruit cups/sauces, pudding, travel toothbrush/paste, bottled water, men's underwear (new) and disposable razors. Thank you.

Mobile Care Unit Training Offered

The Neighbourhood Ministry is offering training for volunteers interested in participating in the Mobile Care Unit. We offer this training once per year, so please consider whether this volunteer activity appeals to you, and join us! Volunteers with the Mobile Care Unit assist homeless and vulnerable neighbours in accessing social services, such as housing, income, disability and seniors benefits, and retrieving ID. We operate out of sites (churches, community centre, etc) that offer community meals to our clients. We work alongside faculty and students from the UBC Medical and Social Work schools to offer integrated medical and social service care. The commitment is about 2 shifts per month, 3 hours per shift.

Fall Training Dates:

Saturday Sept. 15, 9-noon

Sunday Sept 16, 1:30-4:30

Completion of BOTH DAYS of training is required for all new MCU volunteers. For current volunteers who completed training last year, you are welcome to join us for one or both days as a refresher, and to be a mentor to new volunteers.

Please RSVP to Beth, Office Administrator, 604-312-1241 or ministrymcu@gmail.com

The Mobile Care Unit of the Neighbourhood Ministry was on hiatus for the month of August. The Neighbourhood Ministry Street Teams continued their weekly outings.

August 4: Of the 13 connections made today, 5 were new to us. All seemed positive and cheery and grateful for the packets. The Team had difficulty finding one person in particular to pass along a message, but one of our friends stated they would make sure the message made it to the recipient.

Aug 11: 15 connections made today, all but one person were in good spirits. Two new connections this week.

Aug 18: The team has received a request for bedding from two people hoping to be moving into the new modular housing complex. The team made 14 connections this week. All were grateful for the packets and food.

Aug 25: 9 connections made today, fewer than usual. One request was received for a men's sweater or jacket. It was reported very happily that one of our friends has been placed two doors down in the same building as his friend.