



## 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, these reflections will be offered along with the monetary gifts at the 10 am service.

### DATES TO NOTE

Wed. Oct. 12	Parish Post Deadline
Sun. Oct. 15	Readers Training, 11:30 am, Church
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.

### THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

Faith, faith, faith; we are undone for lack of faith. Christ nameth faith here, faith is all together: ‘When the Son of man shall come, shall he find faith on the earth?’ Why speaketh he so much of faith? Because it is hard to find a true faith. He speaketh not of a political faith, a faith set up for a time; but a constant, permanent, a durable faith, as durable as God’s word.

Hugh Latimer, 1485 – 1555 – Reformation Bishop of Worcester



### READERS NEEDED

The Readers team has new Celebrantship: 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 microphone.

### 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.



Parish Post  
**DEADLINE**

### PARISH POST DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is THIS WEEK on 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.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT DUNBAR APARTMENTS

The Neighbourhood Ministry will host our traditional Thanksgiving lunch at Dunbar Apartments on Monday, October 9th. 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. 17th 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: [vbpotter@hotmail.com](mailto:vbpotter@hotmail.com)

We Gather Together



### 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, Nasriddin 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 kmarylymburner@telus.net



### **SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS**

Seniors Café continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, October 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**

Dale, Carol and I set out this morning from St. Anselm's, where Kin provided us with ample provisions – packets, bananas, beautiful ripe plums, and hard boiled eggs.

We headed down West 10th, but didn't see anyone, and looped back up to B at the United Church. He was there, but didn't want anything from us today.

Our next stop was at West Fourth and Highbury, where we found A, B, M and J. M was on his bike and didn't stay long, but accepted a packet and the fruit and egg. A and B were both talking about going up to the St. Philip's Fall Sale today, and took packets and other food. B told us that he has a part time job now – working about 15 hours a week – at the Jericho Village Mall (doing maintenance work). He is really happy about this. A is looking forward to the Thanksgiving Lunch to be held at the Dunbar Apartments on October 9th. J was also on a bike (which she found about two weeks ago), and we spoke with her for a long time. The last time we had seen her was in early September. She had told us then that she'd found housing, but this apparently fell through, and she is still homeless. She is now living somewhere in the woods close to Aberthau and the soccer fields. She has a new tent, which is waterproof. She got good news last week regarding her health, that there is no sign of cancer. She is no longer with T, and does not want people to ask her about him. She is worried about her safety, being a woman living alone in a tent. We let her know if she needs help obtaining housing that the Mobile Care Unit is at the Kits Showers program next weekend, on October 7th.

After we left Fourth and Highbury, we drove back to the beach and looked around the Locarno concession and Jericho Hostel area for A or M, but did see any sign of them.

Our next stop was outside the Shoppers Drug Mart on West Fourth. There we found M, who used to camp there, but had not been there lately. He is the fellow that sat in a chair outside the Shoppers and liked to read; some of the Outdoor Teams had given him books in the past. He recognized us, and when we asked where he had been, he told us that he had been in the hospital for several months, in a coma (he also mentioned seizures), and was discharged recently. He looked healthy today and was in good spirits, but he has only slept outside one night so far. He didn't have any food, so we gave him extra packets, fruit and eggs, since we had such an abundance today. We asked him if he was looking for housing, and he said he had had a bad experience with BC Housing in the past, but was thinking about it. We told him about the MCU at the Kitsilano Showers program on October 7th, in case he wanted to drop in then. Across the street from M, outside Whole Foods, we found P, the megaphone fellow, and T, who we recognized from our last outing. Both gratefully took food and packets. We found out that T has housing and lives above the Brown's Social House on that corner.



We found S on Granville Street at 11th, and gave him three packets, to share with his brother G, who was across the street at the Stanley Theatre. He thanked us for the packets, but didn't want to talk with us any further.

We found S outside the London Drugs on Broadway. He looked quite rough, and was not very talkative. As usual, he took what he wanted from a packet, and was really happy to have the plums, in particular. Just across the street from the London Drugs a fellow was sitting on the sidewalk with a bag of empty cans that he had collected. He was very thin and looked pale and unwell. He said his name was G. He didn't want to talk with us, but we gave him a packet and he immediately started eating; he said he was very hungry. We gave him another packet and extra food before we left.

Outside the MacDonald's restaurant on Broadway we saw some belongings in a grocery store cart, and left a packet there as well. The owner was just inside the restaurant, and recognized us from a previous outing, although we don't remember his name. He was youngish, had a baseball cap on, and had a beard.

Dale took the leftover fruit to the Dunbar Apartments and headed up to the Shopper's Drug Mart on Dunbar with a packet, in case J was there.

We finished our outing just before the rain started.  
Sue, on behalf of Team 3.