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St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Shout Outs

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **Wednesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Joan Hounsell celebrates her birthday on October 23rd
- Chris Robertson celebrates his 49th birthday on October 30th

Communion

Although for the last couple of weeks, we have been able to receive communion in two kinds, following a meeting with the Ven. Chris Dunn, intinction has been suspended. Communion will be offered in one kind only until conditions relax more.

In-person Worship

In person worship continues at both 8 and 10 am. When you register to attend, please specify which service you would like to attend. Please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

Details of the restrictions in place will be found <u>here</u>.

We will be following the same protocols as we did last September.

- Make sure you are feeling well
- Confirm that you do not have any of the COVID indicators. Questions are on the link door
- Wear a mask

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- Sanitize your hands on entry
- Maintain social distancing while in the church and in the pews. (Family groups may sit together); and
- Depart church as quickly as possible after the service.

Bible Study Continues

The Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles is continuing on Wednesday, October 27 at 7 pm. It will be a Zoom meeting so please contact Fr Julian at frejc@stmarksottawa.ca and he will send you the link. After this one, there will be a break,

Livestreaming

Gradually things are getting a little smoother and more people are being trained. With the change in services this week, **the livestream will begin at 9:55**. Only the 10 am service will be streamed.

The stream is automatically recorded so it can be watched later and I will add captions before the middle of the week – all things being equal. - Joy

The link for this week's stream is here.

Vacation

Father Julian will be on vacation from November 9 through November 30. Canon Rhondda MacKay will be taking the services during this time.

Calendars

There are 20 church calendars remaining They are \$6.00

If you are at the church, please write your name on the sheet on the table in the link, keeping Covid regulations re distance in mind. If you have the correct change, place the money in an envelope (provided) with your name on and how many calendars, and I'll get the calendars to you.

If you are not at the church, please contact Cynthia at 613-723-2680 or <u>greercynthia69@yahoo.com</u>

Turkey Pies

Turkey Pies are now available. They are still \$5.00 each with a limit of 4 pies (unless you are a family of 5). If will be at church on Sunday and you would like turkey pies, you may pick them up by speaking to Joy, Cynthia or Pauline. If you will not be at church, you may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u> and place your order. Payment may be made in cash or by etransfer to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. A second batch of turkey pies will be available after the first week in November.

Puddings

Puddings will be available shortly at a cost of \$7 for small and \$14 for large puddings.

Bazaar

I am hoping to have the preserves order list available next week. Anyone with preserves to contribute, please let me know.

The plan is to do Christmas Cookie boxes again this year. They will be available in December. If you are willing to bake cookies or would like to order, please contact the office.

Still to come: soup mixes, fruit pies, knitted scarves, hats and socks, Janis's wonderful hand-made cards. Other details will be released as they become available.

If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions, please contact Joy (or the office).

Postage Stamps

Doreen Matweow continues to collect and process used postage stamps, which she sends to the Leprosy Mission, Effect Hope. This organization ensues that people affected by neglected tropical diseases have access to health care and community support for better mental, physical, and social well-being. Postage stamps are one way that the organization raises money.

Safe & Warm for DDFH

DDFH is launching a community outreach event called "Safe and Warm" during the week of November 25. They will be distributing little packages of hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks particularly to the children in the community. I am therefore asking any knitters at St Mark's if you are able to help with this project.

Please contact me or Gillian for additional information.

In addition the collection box is still in the Link for food donations.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Joan joan.hounsell@gmail.com 613 262-4108.

E-Transfers to the Church

W can accept e-transfers to the main church account. We cannot do autodeposit because of the type of account but you may e-transfer money to <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. You will be required to give a question. Please either make the answer obvious or email the office and let them know the answer to the question. This option has no cost to the church.

Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. Messages are being monitored.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca