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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 Evening for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). The link is also available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

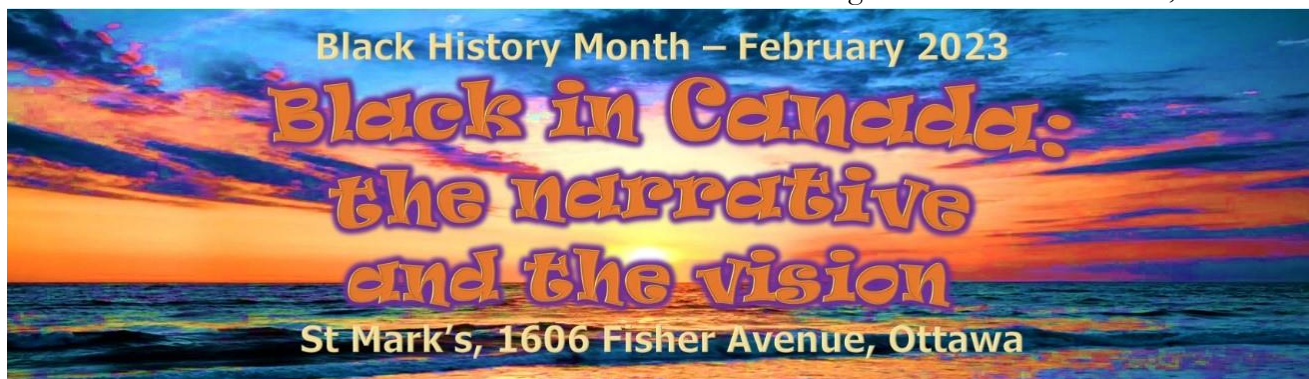
Children's Black History Art Work - February 12

St. Rita's School will participate in our Black History Month celebrations on Sunday February 12 at 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Children in grades 4, 5 and 6 will submit drawings, paintings, collage work, etc., commemorating Black History, which will be displayed in our hall and link. The parents, principal and teacher along with the children have been invited to attend. Please join us in welcoming the children and support their efforts in creating art to celebrate Black History.

Black History Month Guest Speaker

Yolande Parsons is a community-builder who believes in the strength of diversity. She functions from the premise that everyone has a purpose and offers a unique contribution to a team or community. As a visionary and strategic thinker, Yolande takes a vision and turns it into reality through in-depth research and excellent follow-thru. She is an inspirational leader who thrives on building relationships while adding value to those with whom she connects.

Yolande immigrated to Winnipeg in 1982 from St Vincent and immediately got involved in the Black community, beginning with the St. Vincent Association of Winnipeg, the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, and the



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Black History Committee. For six years, she co-hosted the Community television show "In Touch with the Caribbean" and was a frequent emcee at many community events. In 1985, she was crowned "Miss Cari-Cana" representing the Caribbean Pavilion at the Folklorama Festival of Nations that year. She also served as the Winnipeg Black Community's Youth Representative for International Youth Year (1985). Yolande was a staunch advocate for the Winnipeg Black community throughout her time living in Winnipeg, helping to organize and mobilize support around Black issues of the day, such as marches and efforts in support of Nelson Mandela's release.

In 1990, Yolande was part of a group of community leaders who were invited to coordinate a national awareness around the AIDS crisis that was rampant at the time. The group became the National Black Committee on Aids (NBCoA) and launched a nation-wide effort, through funding provided by Health Canada, to educate the Black community on the risks associated with AIDS. It was through that work that she met and married her husband and moved to Ontario where she continued her work in the Black community, like the NBCoA, the Canadian Sickle Cell Society, and the National St. Vincent & the Grenadines Association.

Yolande has a degree in Management from the Phoenix University as well a certificate in Event Management from Algonquin College and a diploma from Heritage College & Seminary in Christian Education. She came to faith as a teenager through her High School's Inter-School Christian Fellowship program and attends Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church where she sits on the Board and leads the Women's Ministry. She presently works as the **Spiritual Care Coordinator** at Algonquin College where she also teaches a course in the Event Management Program.

Black History Month Food

Two items re food in February:

1) Everyone is invited to participate in the food donations on any Sunday in February. If you have an Afro/ Caribbean specialty that

you would like to share with our guests please bring it in to the kitchen before 9:45 on any Sunday morning .

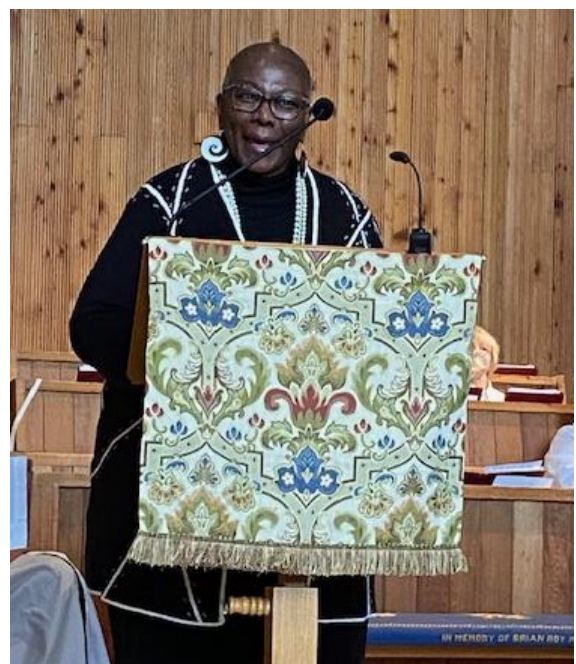
2) Please provide a "Ingredients List" with all food donated during the month.

Thank you in advance ,

Joan
BHM Food Coordinator

We had a great time last Sunday with Dr Joy Mighty as our guest speaker.

If you wish to read the text of here address you may find it [here](#).



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Gospel Concert for Black History Month

This year, an opportunity arose to celebrate Black History Month as part of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church noon-hour concert series, featuring the London Trio Plus, Rev Ernie Cox on piano and Don Cummings on B3 organ.

The program will be just 50 minutes and promises to be an uplifting event celebrating Black History month with Black gospel music. It's on Tuesday February 14th, from 12:10 to 1:00 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Kent and Wellington.

Admission is a free-will offering, and there's a seasonal soup lunch after the concert for \$5. Hope to see you there.

PWRDF Earthquake Relief

A devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck south-eastern Türkiye near the border with Syria in the early hours of Monday February 6. More than 11,000 people are dead and thousands more are injured, with the death toll expected to rise. PWRDF has already sent \$35,000 to the region, working mainly through ACT in Aleppo, Hama and Latakia.

I have sent \$50 "Book Money" to PWRDF from St Mark's – Jenny

If anyone wishes to donate online, [here](#) is the link to the PWRDF web page for earthquake relief.

Turkey Pies

Turkey Pies were made this week and will be available Sunday. They are \$6 each. If you wish to reserve some, please contact the office.

Kiwanis Music Festival Volunteers

The Kiwanis Music Festival is looking for volunteers for Adjudicator's Assistants and Front of House. The festival is being held in St Mark's on April 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28.

Front of house is simply standing at the door and welcoming people, taking tickets (when necessary), guiding students to their places etc.

Adjudicator's Assistants are secretaries to the adjudicators. Collecting the music from each entrant and putting it in order so that it is ready when that student participates - collecting any print outs from your own printer - possibly preparing certificates. You will also be called upon to introduce the adjudicator - class number - call the students forward when it's their turn.

They would like to hear from you. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Please contact kim@okmf.ca

Diocesan Community Ministry Needs

We are reaching out as we are very low on supplies for our three day programs.

Some of our dire needed items are:

- Empty pill bottles - with labels removed
- Mugs - used
- Bath, hand, and face towels - can be gently used
- Mens and womens socks - can be gently used
- Mens underwear - large - must be new
- Women's underwear - med- must be new

Please share this list with family and friends.

Kimberly Latka

If you bring any of these items in to St Mark's, you may leave them in the conference room and they will be distributed to the appropriate location.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Due to inclement weather, CCC was cancelled this past week. We will see you next week for "Valentine's Hearts" a post-Valentine's fun morning with a special game and, of course, coffee or tea and snacks by our famous bakers. Come and join us for a sociable time with other seniors and bring a friend.

As a rule, if school buses are not running, CCC will also be cancelled.

Vestry

Vestry this year will be on March 12. **Vestry reports will be due on or before February 19** (or before you leave on holiday, as the case

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may be). The annual report to vestry will be sent out electronically the following week. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the report, please notify the office and they will print a copy for you.

Many thanks to those who have already submitted their vestry reports.

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue via Zoom to February 15 and resume March 1 to March 29 at 7 pm. The theme for these sessions will be Seasons and Reasons. If you are interested, please notify the office via phone or email. A Zoom link with reading material will be forthcoming.

Forward Day by Day

The February to April Forward Day by Day are now available. The cost of them has risen and \$3 would allow us to actually cover the cost of the booklets.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to noon.

COVID restrictions

The masking requirement was reinstated for all liturgical leaders on Sunday, October 30. The following procedures remain in place

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- The Peace is status quo until further notice.
- ¼ of the nave will remain with “distancing tape” until further notice.

E-Transfers to the Church

We 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 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. 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>.

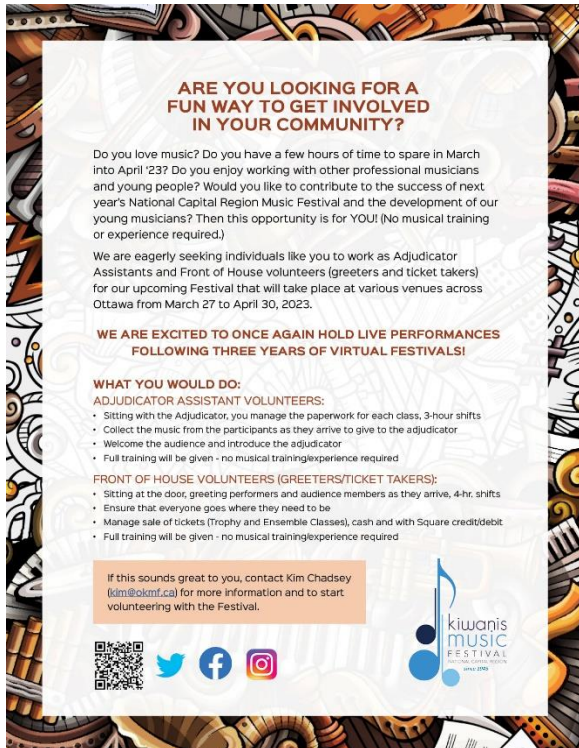
Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. 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

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Do you love music? Do you have a few hours of time to spare in March into April '23? Do you enjoy working with other professional musicians and young people? Would you like to contribute to the success of next year's National Capital Region Music Festival and the development of our young musicians? Then this opportunity is for YOU! (No musical training or experience required.)

We are eagerly seeking individuals like you to work as Adjudicator Assistants and Front of House volunteers (greeters and ticket takers) for our upcoming Festival that will take place at various venues across Ottawa from March 27 to April 30, 2023.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN HOLD LIVE PERFORMANCES FOLLOWING THREE YEARS OF VIRTUAL FESTIVALS!

WHAT YOU WOULD DO:






ADJUDICATOR ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS:

- Sitting with the Adjudicator, you manage the paperwork for each class, 3-hour shifts
- Collect the music from the participants as they arrive to give to the adjudicator
- Welcome the audience and introduce the adjudicator
- Full training will be given - no musical training/experience required

FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS (GREETERS/TICKET TAKERS):

- Sitting at the door, greeting performers and audience members as they arrive, 4-hr, shifts
- Ensure that everyone goes where they need to be
- Manage sale of tickets (Trophy and Ensemble Classes), cash and with Square credit/debit
- Full training will be given - no musical training/experience required

If this sounds great to you, contact Kim Chadsey (kim@okmf.ca) for more information and to start volunteering with the Festival.



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