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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

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

news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca with the word newsletter in the subject line.

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.

- Elaine Graham celebrates her birthday on April 29
- Penny Miller celebrates her birthday on April 30

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.



Corporation surprised Joy this morning with flowers and a card for Administrative Professionals Day. We thank Joy for always supporting us.

75th Anniversary Luncheon

Last Sunday, we kicked off our 75th anniversary celebrations with a St Mark's Day service and a delicious luncheon featuring a display of historical material and a brief presentation on the architecture of the church. Many thanks to the 75th Anniversary Committee for their hard work in making it all happen! Check the website for a list of other activities which are coming up in May and June.



Farewell and Thanks to Glenn Keefe

Last Sunday we said thank you to Glenn Keefe. Glenn is retiring from the Armed Forces and returning to his home in Oshawa. He has been with us since September, when other commitments permitted. The choir sang a thank-you song based on the Newfoundland folk song *I'se the B'y* to honour Glenn's native province and gave him a small gift. (words on last page) Thank you Glenn for your jovial and easy-going leadership!



Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company and Conversation yesterday was an amazing mix of "show and share" of fascinating interests, hobbies, talents and skills. Ten CCC attendees shared a particular activity that is part of their lives. People learned a great deal about others who have

been sharing coffee mornings with them for some time resulting in a new appreciation of their fellow CCCers. These presentations included: the companionship of a very special and unusual cat; a novel about a female labour union activist, the latest in a published series on Canadian women and their role in Canadian history; the creation of beautiful individualized cards using materials from different sources; beautifully crafted soapstone carvings using stone from different parts of the world; photography that included a very special photograph of the Dutch Queen that is a part of a photo collection; beautifully handmade and imprinted quilting pieces designed as gifts for use in hospitals and for others; artistic knitting representing particular aspects of culture and prayer; the beneficial use of adult colouring books as a calming and creative activity; and finally, flute playing with piano accompaniment.



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Next week, on the May 2, book sharing and/or coffee klatsch is the activity of the day.

A reminder that if school buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather, CCC will also be cancelled.

Due to the interest, another "Show and Share" morning will be part of the coming fall program.



Debra-Dynes Raise a Smile

Our Raise a Smile auction campaign was such a success that we were able to accommodate 78 unique community children in camp spaces in 2023.

Please consider being a champion for our children and joining us again this year to raise funds for summer camps which run continuously 5 days a week for 8 weeks.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for these much needed camps and nutritional programs during July/ August 2024.

This is a huge time of need for children as school programs end and any assistance through school ends too!

We are always focused on caring for and supporting children and youth in the community. Ensuring that they have proper nutrition, an outlet for play, fun and socializing.

Creating a fun space is an essential way that we can do this in the summer months

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Raise a Smile is a way to support vital programming and win some great items/experiences too!

The auction will run Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 AM - Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00AM.

Debra Dynes Family House
ONLINE AUCTION



[HTTPS://WWW.32AUCTIONS.COM/RAISEASMILE2024](https://www.32AUCTIONS.COM/RAISEASMILE2024)

Funds raised will:

- * Send 70+ children to camp
- * Fund summer nutrition programs (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks) for children in the community



**April 20 at 9:00 AM -
May 1 at 12:00AM**

St Mark's @ 75



Branches of Hope

A project of the Diocesan Working Group of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in 2024

What are the goals of this project?

Inspired by the Communion Forest (throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion) there are 2 goals:

To help “green” the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa region through the distribution of tree seedlings; and

Support tree growing by our PWRDF partner in Uganda.

How will you reach these goals?

Through support from Christ Church Cathedral, we can distribute red maple and black spruce seedlings throughout the diocese upon request.

Donations of \$10 per seedling will support our partner in Uganda (St. Jude Family Projects) to conserve soil through tree planting. This partner also provides educational programs to local and international students.

How to order a tree/trees?

Please contact The Ven. Patrick Stephens thereverendpatrickstephens@gmail.com to place an order and arrange for tree delivery later this spring.

Donations of \$10 per tree (or more) are suggested. You may donate here: pwrdf.org/branchesofhope.

If you are interested in a tree or trees, please contact our office and we can arrange for the trees to be delivered here.

Looking for Hosts

I'm reaching out from the non-profit YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program. I know we had been in touch last spring, and I really appreciate your efforts to help strengthen opportunities for youth in the Ottawa region.

Each year, we run a 6-week national summer program for youth aged 16-17 to practice their second language in another community in Canada. The students are given the opportunity to gain work experience, participate in group activities, and learn more about diverse cultures and families in our community.

There are many young people in the Ottawa area this year who would really benefit from this opportunity, although many of them are

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not able to host in return, due to unsuitable family situations, living too far away from the city, or not having the resources to do so. We are struggling to find families willing to take in exchange students this summer, and I wanted to reach out to inquire if you could spread the message to the members of your church community.

With such kind-hearted, welcoming, and involved members, I would love to collaborate with you to pair exchange students with willing families in your area. Local families have had numerous positive experiences with being able to share their culture, language, and lifestyle with a young person, building an unforgettable connection. We are offering \$400 grocery store gift cards to families who host a student, in order to compensate for any costs associated with providing meals. We are also open to discussing any additional supports needed in order to facilitate a positive experience for the youth and families!

Please feel free to contact me if you are willing to discuss this opportunity further, and I would be happy to explain more about the program! I have attached a short message if you are able to share it in a newsletter or bulletin posting. I truly appreciate your collaboration and community involvement!

Thank you so much, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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Wanted: Used Jewellery

Jenny Morphey is looking for used jewellery (even broken) for a fund-raiser in support of "Grannies in Africa", a project of the Stephen Lewis foundation. Please contact Jenny

directly if you have anything to donate. jmorphey@rogers.com or 613-225-6301

Spring Outreach

St Mark's Outreach Spring Campaign is focused on the nutritional health of the children living in the Debra Dynes community. The Family House is currently making lunches for 50+ children a day and giving out supper to 25 children. Some nourishing suggestions that I received from Barbara are :

- Apple sauce and puddings in individual sizes
Granola bars, prepackaged cookies e.g. bear paws
- No Name cheese packets with crackers, pretzels or breadsticks
- Loblaws and Costco gift cards used to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, buns, bagels, cream cheese and cold cuts.
- Brown lunch bags and plastic sandwich bags (not fold-over.)

"Lack of food and money to purchase food has left our families in a very bad place. What we are seeing is quite awful as they struggle with high food prices and rents." - Barbara Carroll, Executive Director of Debra Dynes Family House

Let us do what we can to help the children in the Debra Dynes community.

Joan, Outreach.

New Directory

Hopefully, I will be printing new directories this week. Thank you to everyone who has sent me updates and let me know they want a copy of the directory. You are eligible to receive a copy of the directory if you have given permission for your name to be included in the directory. Please be patient. Things keep cropping up.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30

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am. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

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. Email is faster.

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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ODE TO GLENN KEEFE
Interim St Mark's Organist



Glenn's the guy that plays the hymns
On organ or piano,
We're the folks that sings along
From basses to soprano.

Hymns obscure and tricky psalms
With sharps and flats like clover,
Glenn would play them with no qualms,
But smile when they were over!

"Mistakes are ways to help us learn,"
That's what Glenn always told us,
And if we goofed? "That's jazz!" he said,
"Like that", he'd never scold us.



From Advent to Epiphany,
Through Lent and Easter phases,
Glenn was there to guide us on
And lead our choral praises.

Glenn, warm thanks for all the gifts
You gave to St Mark's parish
As you move on, like us, we hope
You've memories you'll cherish.



— by Brenda Zanin
[To the tune of *I'se the B'y*]
Sunday, April 21, 2024

