



St. Mark's Newsflash

May 2018

Important Dates

Monday May 21 - Victoria Day

Office closed

Sunday May 27

Blood Pressure Clinic – Before and after service

Monday May 28

Community Lunch Table – 12 pm
See **page 5** for more information

Tuesday May 29

Book Club – 9:30 am
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Saturday June 9

Whodunit Mystery Dinner Theatre - 6:00 pm
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Sunday June 10 - Celebration Sunday

United Church Anniversary Service – 10 am
St. Mark's Family Picnic – following service
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Monday June 25

Community Lunch Table – 12 pm
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Future Dates

July 9 – 13, 2018

Summer Art Camp with Brian Gee
9:30 – 12:00 daily
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July 23 – 27, 2018

Vacation Bible Camp – Polar Blast
9:00 – 12:00 (Monday-Thursday)
9:00 – 1:00 (Friday)
See **page 4** for more information

Celebration Time

As we prepare to get going into a lovely summer ahead, when we come together on Sunday June 10 we will celebrate!

- We will celebrate the anniversary of this United Church of ours... 93rd Anniversary!
- We will celebrate Holy Communion together before heading into the summer.
- We will celebrate our children and young people altogether with a whole church family picnic after the service.
- We will celebrate being St. Mark's United Church of The United Church of Canada in Whitby.

Just some background for you...

This is a time to celebrate being the United Church because this summer's General Council meeting being held in Durham will make decisions for the future of our church that are as big as those made together in 1925. So we celebrate what has gone before, what is now, and the future unfolding that will be where we are going! It is an exciting time to be this church together.

In two paragraphs, our uniting history and why we're celebrating are below:

"The United Church was inaugurated on June 10, 1925 in Toronto when the Methodist Church, Canada, the Congregational Union of Canada, and 70 per cent of the Presbyterian Church of Canada entered into a union. Also joining was the small General Council of Union Churches, centred largely in Western Canada. It was the first union of churches in the world to cross historical denominational lines and received international acclaim. Each of the founding churches had a long history in Canada prior to 1925. The movement for church union began with the desire to coordinate ministry in the vast Canadian northwest and for collaboration in overseas missions. Congregations in Indigenous communities from each of the original denominations were an important factor in the effort toward church union.

The United Church continues to be a "uniting" church, and has been enriched by several additional unions since 1925. In 1930, the Synod of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bermuda became part of The United Church of Canada's Maritime Conference. The Evangelical United Brethren Church became part of The United Church of Canada in 1968. In addition, various individual congregations from other Christian communions have become part of the United Church over the years."

I hope we might all be together June 10 for the many things to celebrate, the blessings of life and love that we have among us, and the journey of faith that we travel together with God beyond us, with us and within us, in Christ and by the Spirit always.

Happy Celebrations Everyone!

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Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday and St. Mark's Family Picnic **Sunday, June 10**

A celebration and communion service in honour of the Anniversary of The United Church of Canada, followed by a St. Mark's Family Picnic.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and join us for an old fashion church picnic.

Complete with picnic games like: sack races, tug of war, egg on a spoon, and many more!

Bring a picnic lunch for you and your family and join us
Rotary Centennial Park, Brock Street South, between Trent and Burns St.



Family Picnic

St. Mark's Gardens - 2018



Gardening season is here after a very long wait.

That means the extensive church gardens need tending. If you don't know much about the plants, I can teach you. I need helpers if I am to continue.

I am not at the gardens at a specific time (it varies according to the weather & what's on my calendar) so please phone me at 905-668-9052 or email me at nancy_goucher@goucher.ca.

Thank you. Nancy Goucher

***Administration Committee Fundraiser
Whodunit Mystery Dinner Theatre
Saturday June 9, 2018 - 6 pm***

Backwoods Players present:



Written and directed by Julie Oakes

Tickets \$50

***Available from the Church office
or at coffee time Sunday mornings***

U.C.W. News – The Period Purse



This fall the UCW is planning to take part in a project called "Period Purse Durham".

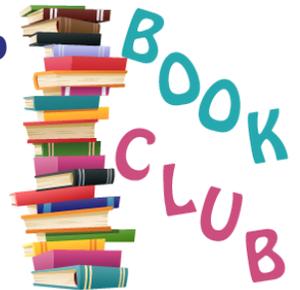
Period Purse endeavours to provide feminine hygiene products and other personal care items to vulnerable and at risk women in the Durham region. These items are packed in gently used purses.

There will be more details in the late summer but we wanted to give a heads-up to anyone who might be clearing out purses from their closets. Please keep the project in mind and save the purses for us to use in September.

If you are unable to save the purses 'til the fall or want further details about the project, please call Linda Stratton at 905- 655-5754.

St. Mark's Book Club 9:30 – 11 am

May 29, 2018
The Massey Murder
by Charlotte Gray



Contact Carole Beam for more information

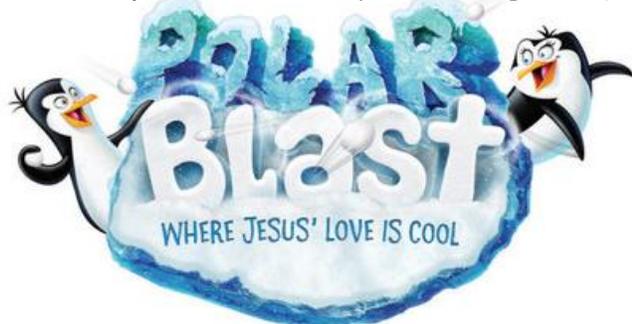


Please note the following out of office dates:

Reverend Deb Foster
May 17 – 22
May 28 – June 8 (Study leave)

Carole Beam
June 5 - 22

2018 Vacation Bible Camp



July 23 to July 27

Volunteers are needed!!

Volunteer application forms are available for pick up from the office or through Susan Iemma.



Come CHILL with us!

SUMMER ART CAMP INSTRUCTION BY BRIAN GEE

For boys and girls 13 and older

July 9 to 13, Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon



The first part of each day will be devoted to actual pencil drawing, forms, shapes and perspective, with increasing skill training session by session.

The second part of each session will be an introduction to well-known Canadian artists: e.g., Tom Thomson and The Group of Seven, Alex Colville and Robert Bateman etc.

The cost per student is \$40 each to cover the cost of supplies required. All art supplies will be provided.

Contact Brian Gee to register:
billybrian@sympatico.ca or phone 905-668-3602.

St. Mark's Community Lunch Table

Join us each month to share a hot lunch and fellowship



Upcoming Dates
Monday May 28 & Monday June 25
Lunch is served at 12 pm

Call and reserve your seat at the table each month 905-668-3091 x0



Please note that the Church office will be closed for Victoria Day, Monday May 21

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For a full listing of what's on at St. Mark's, see the calendar on the Church website
<http://stmarkswhitby.ca/calendar/st-marks-united-church-calendar/>

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