

NEWS & EVENTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are grateful and encouraged by your generosity to St. John's this year. Below is a financial update to August 31, 2017.

Offerings to Aug 31	\$1,152,286	55% of 2017 budget received
Expenses to Aug 31	\$1,368,844	65% of 2017 budget spent
Difference	(\$216,558)	

PARISH RETREAT | REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT 12

Get away for a weekend to grow together as a church family while drawing nearer to God, enjoying his beautiful creation, and having fun making memories with people of all ages. We're very excited to be hosting our third annual Parish Retreat, Oct 20-22, at Stillwood Camp at Cultus Lake. Accommodation information and registration is available at sjvan.org/events.

BAPTISMS

We are holding baptisms on Oct 29 at the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and on Nov 19 at the Evening Service. The baptism prep sessions will be on Oct 14 and 28. If you are interested in being baptized, contact James Wagner (james@sjvan.org).

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in Thankfulness to our Lord God and in praise of Him for He is most worthy, love from Anna, Michael, Megan and Caleb Kwan.

CONDOLENCE

On September 30, Robert Dundas died of cancer at Vancouver General Hospital. Bob and his deceased wife Shirley were long time members of St John's, serving in many capacities including parish counsel and Sunday School. Bob's memorial service will be held on October 12 at 2:00 pm at St John's Vancouver (5350 Baillie St.). Please pray for the Dundas children, James, Janet and Trish, as they grieve and give thanks for their father.

COFFEE HOUR HELP

We are looking for servers for Coffee Hour between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. If you are interested and willing to help, please email Marion at marion@sjvan.org.

LEARNERS' EXCHANGE

Every Sunday in the Cafe Room at 9:00 am, Learners' Exchange offers stimulating speakers and engaging discussions. It's the perfect opportunity to explore and grow in faith.

Upcoming Speakers:

Oct 8: Marcus Rafael

R. O. A. Moreira: A Theological Model of the Correlation Between Practice and Personal Theology

Oct 15: Dr. Olav Slaymaker

The Dignity and Dangers of Diversity

Oct 22: Dr. J.I. Packer and Alexandra Richmond

Book Club – Taking God Seriously: Vital Things We Need to Know

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

Join us for tea and coffee on Tuesday, October 17 at 1:30 pm in the church chapel. Some of the team who went to Malawi - James Wagner, Beth Allen and Linette Hindley - will share some of the highlights of their time there.. Hope you will be able to join us. Please RSVP to Beth Allen at bethallen@telus.net or call 604 222-9324

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Thanksgiving Holiday | Office Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:20 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Ekklesia (18-to-20 somethings) | 5375 University Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 AM Women @ 10
- 6:30 PM Divorce Care

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 5:45 PM Men's Bible Study | 5659 Elizabeth St.
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 3:13-18;27:23-28:28**)
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 3:13-18;27:23-28:28**)
- 10:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 3:13-18;27:23-28:28**)
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**Proverbs 3:13-18;27:23-28:28**)

Learn more at sjvan.org/calendar & sjvan.org/events

RIDE [OR WALK] FOR REFUGE

On September 30, 14 members of the St. John's community participated in the Ride for Refuge. The Ride is an annual event which raises money for charities who provide refuge and hope for displaced, vulnerable, and exploited people. Each team gets to choose which charity to support by walking or cycling in the event. Our four teams fundraised for Journey Home, Ratanak, and Kinbrace, organizations that we also support as a church community.

Participants in the Vancouver Ride this year were able to raise over \$285,000 contributing to over \$2 million raised across Canada. If you would like to contribute, the website is open for donations until October 30.

