

NEWS & EVENTS

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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EVENSONG | RESURGAM

Evensong with supper afterwards will recommence on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in the New Year. The first service will be January 9th beginning at 5:30pm and meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of supper is \$10. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE! NEW YEAR'S EVENING RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Come and join us January 11 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm for our first evening "retreat." We'll share a delicious meal from Nuba and consider together how knowing Jesus helps us walk wisely with him in the year ahead. The evening will have time for quiet guided personal reflection and prayer, and small group time with the chance to pray and sing together. Space is limited so sign up soon! The cost is \$25 and registration is open at svjan.org/events! Email kimberley@sjvan.org if you have any questions.

CHRISTIANITY CONDENSED: THE GOOD LIFE | JAN 9

Join David Short for an introduction to the heart of Christianity in a relaxed context. Email info@sjvan.org for more information and to RSVP.

KEEPING COMPANY WITH GOD | JAN 8 AT 7:30 PM

Looking for a worship service where you can look ahead to the New Year, with all its joys and challenges? Then come to "Keeping Company with God: rest, reflection and restoration at the end of the day" on Monday, January 8th at 7:30PM. This service is held in the Chapel on the second and forth Mondays of each month and includes music, a short reflection on a Bible passage, prayers from across the centuries and around the world, and if you so desire, an opportunity to be prayed with by a member of our prayer team. If you have questions, please contact Many Egerton megerton@telus.net.

LEARNER'S EXCHANGE

Join us for a new slate of topics and speakers beginning again on January 14 at 9:00 am.

In reflecting on the impact of Learner's Exchange on her life, Elizabeth Wragg comments,

"Because of my very busy life, Sunday has become my major day to study God's word. A few years ago, after the 7:30 am service, someone introduced me to Learner's Exchange. Learner's Exchange, an "adult Sunday school," provides an excellent opportunity to learn, to grow, and to deepen my Christian faith."

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

Join us for tea and coffee in the church chapel, on Tuesday January 16th at 1:30. Dr Packer will be speaking on "Why It Is Important To Read the Bible" followed by Q & A. Hope you will be able to join us. Please RSVP to Margaret Wilson at margaret@sjvan.org or call 778 838-7400.

CONDOLENCE

Shirley Coleman passed away on December 9th at St. John's Hospice. There will be a memorial service for her on Thursday, January 18th at 12:15pm (5350 Baillie St.).

PARENTING TEENAGERS

We're launching St. John's Parent Nights to help equip and support you as parents as you navigate the many changes your teenagers experience throughout adolescence. Our first presenter will be Rebecca Janke (RSW MSW) who specializes in adolescent development. She will be offering a three part series on parenting teenagers.

For ALL parents of teenagers on Friday Jan 12, from 6-8pm at the church (while your kids are at youth group): Rebecca will give a presentation surrounding the 6 rites of passages essential for healthy development and how parents can support this process. This presentation is FREE and perfect for inviting friends and neighbours.

On Friday Jan 26 and Feb 2, 6-8pm: Rebecca will lead a two-part workshop which invites parents to integrate the material from Jan 12 into their own family life. Participation and dialogue are encouraged. Course materials are provided.

COST: \$20/person for both weeks. Registration will open in January. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 10:00 AM Family Holy Communion
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:30 PM Keeping Company with God

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 5:30 PM Evensong (with supper)
- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 10:00 AM Women @ 10

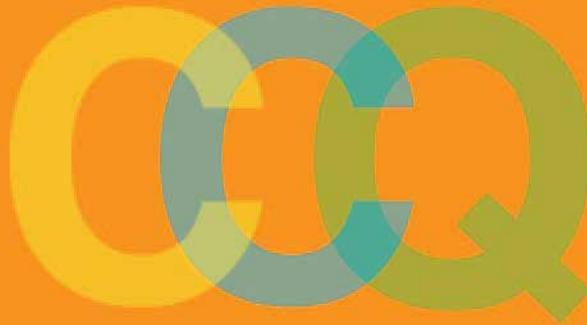
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**John 3:1-21**)
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (**John 3:1-21**)
- 10:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:00 AM Morning Prayer (**John 3:1-21**)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**John 3:1-21**)

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WHAT IS CCQ?

Christmas has given us the clearest possible reminder of the wonder of the gospel: the good news that God so loved the world he sent his only son, so that all who believe in him might not perish but have everlasting life. This is the only truly good news in a world where there is too much bad news. Here on the West Coast there is a deep desire for spiritual authenticity around us and a deepening suspicion that the Christian faith has nothing to offer.

Beginning in mid-February, we are going to gather for 4 Tuesday nights in a row to ask God for a way forward, and to place our trust in the Lord of harvest by equipping one another for the great task of evangelism. We are hoping that all mid week groups will come to CCQ instead of their regular weekly meetings. CCQ stands for:

- connecting with people in our lives
- content of the gospel
- questions people frequently ask when they hear we are Christians

The aim of the 4 weeks of CCQ is to equip ourselves to become more intentional, prayerful, and articulate in our witness for Christ. It will be practical. We want to draw from each other what we are learning about our witness. Our hope is that God would give us an increased sense of our dependence on him for fruitfulness and faithfulness in his area.

We have designed this for everyone in the church, we hope to see you there. CCQ will take place at the church on Feb 13, 20, 27, and March 6 at 7:00 pm.