



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

October 4, 2015 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

4th Sunday of Creation



Mountain

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li

Music: Karen Weatherington
& St. Hilda's Choir

Readers: Stan Barker, David Moul

Prayers: Maggie Scott

Lay Assistant: Linda Smith

Sacristan: Barbara Carver

Crucifer: Elena Alps Mocellin

Greeters/Usher: Carol Eades, Maggie Edwards

Coffee: Carol Eades, Meg Stevens

Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Corrinne Newman

Altar Flowers: Given by Pam Blair in honour of her sister's birthday.

Welcome To Church

we are glad you are here

The doors are open...our hearts are too!

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda's, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shishálh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome and celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter and prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and to cherish Creation.

CHILDREN

Children play a central part when we gather to worship. We welcome them as they gather for a Children's Time at the beginning of the service and then send them off to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing). A Quiet Room is available for parents with babies and toddlers at the back of the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to come forward and receive communion, the divine life of Jesus which comes to us in gifts of bread and wine. Come as you are. Instructions for people joining this meal for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

♿ ♻️ ♻️ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities are available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. If you have hearing difficulties, please ask one of the greeters for a sound enhancing headset. There are also large print hymnals available in the entry.

This Sunday's liturgy has been compiled from various sources, including:

- Greeting, Concluding prayer in the Prayers of the People, Confession and Absolution, Prayer after Communion, The Blessing: *Liturgy for Sky Sunday*, seasonofcreation.com
- Eucharistic Prayer, the Break of Bread: adapted from Season of Creation, educational and liturgical resources published by Anglican Church of Southern Africa, 2008.
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Mountain refers to the all the mountains on our planet, near our homes, and beneath the oceans. Mountains are not domains to be conquered, but to be enjoyed, preserved, and explored as wondrous worlds of creation. In our worship this morning, we place ourselves on the cosmic mountain of God, a place of revelation, reconciliation, and feasting.

✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

During the time of the slide show and music, we ask that you relax into the pew and allow these images and music to help center yourself.

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

🎵 **Processional Hymn** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* (tune 655)

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word.
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Greeting

Celebrant In the name of our God, who creates mountains,
the name of Christ, crucified on a mountain,
and the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains.

PEOPLE **Amen. Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Celebrant We invite the mountains to worship with us:

PEOPLE **mighty boulders and deep forests,
sliding glaciers and swirling snow.**

Celebrant We invite the wild to join us in wonder:

PEOPLE **gliding eagles and mountain lions,
mysterious moths and magic mushrooms.**

Celebrant We join with the mountain creatures in praising God:

PEOPLE **leaping trout and crawling creatures,
exotic orchids and honey bees.**

Celebrant We call the depths of the mountains to celebrate:
PEOPLE **precious gems and sparkling stones,
volcanic lava and rich red ore.**

Celebrant We enter the mountain of God today:
PEOPLE **and we worship in God's presence,
a sacred place on our planet.**

Celebrant We celebrate the song of the mountain!
PEOPLE **Sing, mountain! Sing!**

♪ **Song of Praise**..... *Glory to God (sung 3 times)*

**Glory, glory, glory
Glory be to God on high
And on Earth, peace to the people
In whom God is well pleased**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Celebrant God, our Creator, as we climb the mountains,
we celebrate the wonders of the worlds that surround us:

**ALL Help us to see in the surrounding landscape
the places where the planet has been polluted
and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us.
Teach us to recognise that the hills
are alive with your Spirit and to rejoice
with all our relations, especially the creatures of the wild.
In the name of Christ
who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.**

All are seated

Children's Time & Blessing

Children are invited to come forward. After the reflection, all rise as able.

Celebrant God of the Universe, bless these beloved children as we send
them to Sunday School to hear stories, ask questions and have
fun together.

PEOPLE God bless you. Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

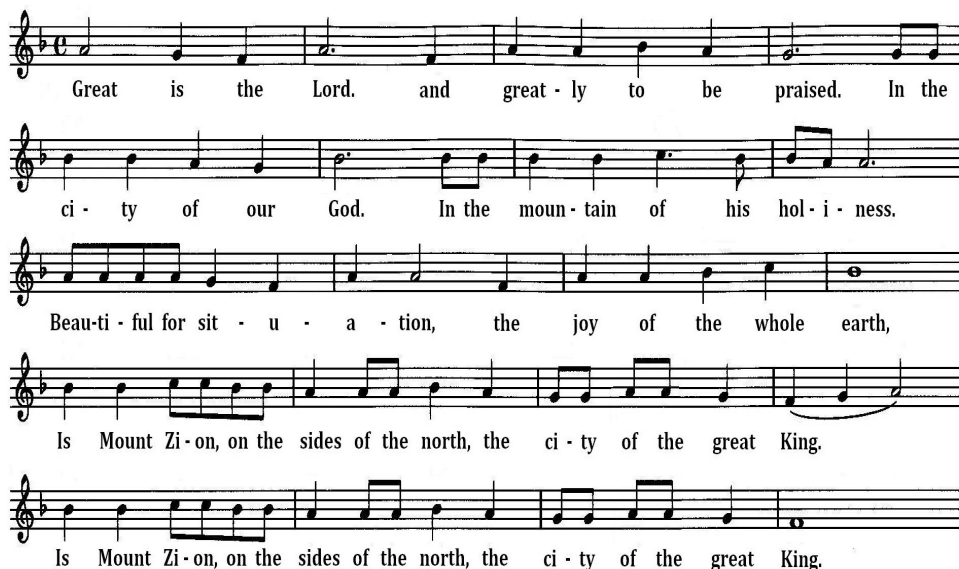
After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

The First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 (p. 607).....Stan Barker

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48:1-10 *Piano side on odd verses; lectern side on even*



Great is the Lord, and great-ly to be praised. In the
 ci - ty of our God. In the moun - tain of his hol - i - ness.
 Beau-ti - ful for sit - u - a - tion, the joy of the whole earth,
 Is Mount Zi - on, on the sides of the north, the ci - ty of the great King.
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3. God is in her citadels; God is known to be her sure refuge.
4. **Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together.**
5. They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.
6. **Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
7. As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever.
8. **We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.**
9. Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.
10. **Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments. Refrain**

The Second Reading David Moul
Excerpt from Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home, Ecology Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality by Pope Francis

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♪ Gradual Hymn These Hills (vs. 1,2)



1 These hills where the hawk flies lone-ly, beach - es where the
 2 For - ests where the tree ferns tow-er, riv - ers run - ning
 3 Ci - ties where the young roam rest - less, lives brought to
 4 All that the old world gave us, all that the



long surf rolls, moun - tains where the snows meet hea - ven,
 strong and clear, o - ceans where the great whales wan - der,
 deep des - pair, home - less and pow - er - less peo - ple,
 new world brings, lang - uage, i - deas and cus - toms,



these are our care. Pas - tures where the sheep graze calm - ly,
 Race meet - ing race as e - quals,
 Pla - ces where the Word is spo - ken,
 Life find - ing joy and val - ue,



or - chards where the ap - ples grow, gar - dens where the
 just - ice for age - old wrong, worth for ev - ry
 hands held in serv - ing love, faiths of our
 faith seek - ing truth and light, God heard and



ros - es clus - ter,
 man and wo - man, these are our prayer.
 man - y cul - tures,
 seen in all things,

The Gospel Mark 16:14-18..... p. 830

All remain standing as able

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE **And also with you**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

After reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

🎵 **Gradual Hymn***These Hills (vs.3,4)*

Sermon The Rev. Clarence Li

After the sermon, we remain seated for a short quiet meditation.

An Hymn for Creation by St. Francis of Assisi

To be spoken responsively by two sides:

Piano side reads text on the left

Lectern side reads text on the right.

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures,

especially Sir Brother Sun,

who is the day

and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant
with great splendour;
and bears a likeness of you, Most High.

Praised be you, my Lord,

through Sister Moon and the stars,in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord,

through Brother Wind,and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather
through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord,

through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble
and precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord,

through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful
and robust and strong.

**ALL: We are called as the church to love the earth
to live humbly in the web of relationships
and announce a new way of living together
as human beings on this earth.**

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel according to your praying custom. Names upheld in the prayers can be found on the Parish List on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

Leader: God of love **Response:** We lift our prayers to you.

Confession and Absolution

ALL Holy One, we have polluted
our mountain rivers with poisonous waste,
turned majestic mountains into commodities and open pits,
killed many creatures in the wild with chemicals.
Christ, the source of all life, we are sorry. We are sorry.

Celebrant Christ hears your confession
and forgives your sins against the mountains.
Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home
and to love mountains as signs of your presence.
I invite you to come home to Earth
by rejoicing in our mountains.

PEOPLE Shalom! Shalom! We are coming home!

The Peace *(Please stand as we share the peace of the Lord)*

Celebrant God makes peace within us.

PEOPLE Let us claim it.

Celebrant God makes peace among us.

PEOPLE Let us share it.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

✠ The Holy Communion ✠

The Offertory

During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experienced.

🎵 **423** Offertory Hymn.....How Great Thou Art
Verse 2 sung by choir

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our Creator,

PEOPLE through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks
and as signs of our concern for peoples in need,
including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen.

Eucharistic Preface

"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". This is a ritual meal to re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends to remind them of his sacrificial love for humanity and the whole creation. All stand as able.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Spirit of God be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us praise and magnify the God of all Creation.

PEOPLE We sing to the Creator with songs of creation.

Celebrant God of power and might,
you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven...

So with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great
and glorious name singing :

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly Lord.

Celebrant In the night that Jesus was betrayed...

...So we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**PEOPLE Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Therefore, remembering the reconciliation of all creation...

...we stand before you and worship you, God of all,
in songs of everlasting praise,

**PEOPLE Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A version of The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Make us bold, God of the Universe,
to address you as our Abba and Imma as we pray:

**PEOPLE Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your Justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

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**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustains our hope and comes on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We take this bread to show our unity with creation through Christ and to share in the creativity of God.

PEOPLE **Though we are many, we are one creation,
because we all share in the love of the Creator.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Latin *mp*

Ag - - nus De - i, qui
tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis,
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis,
mi - se - re - re no - bis. do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Invitation

Receiving Communion

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation, then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant.

The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you

would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the person administering the bread or wine when they approach you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.

Choir Anthem Soli Deo Gloria

Prayer After Communion

**ALL We thank you, Christ,
for the meal we have celebrated with you,
and we pray that through your body and blood
we may be healed and
become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.**

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. As sharing concludes, all say "Amen".

All stand as able

The Commission


Celebrant Christ calls you to be his disciples,
to serve him with love and compassion,
to serve Earth by caring for creation,
so that we, all peoples and all our relations, may live.

PEOPLE **We will follow our crucified Lord,
listening for cries of injustice from Earth
and groaning with creation.
We will care for creation,
preserving the mountains and celebrating life.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May the Spirit of God,
who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth
and with the pulsing of Christ in creation,
through whom all things are reconciled and renewed:
and the blessing of God, Source of all life,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

 **597 Recessional Hymn** *Lamb and Lion Lying Together*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

PEOPLE We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth. Alleluia!

Postlude



Visitors and Honoured Guests: Welcome to St. Hilda's. Please join us for Coffee Hour following this service. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of our greeters or a parishioner.

Would you like to receive weekly electronic updates of current events of the church? Leave/send us your email at 604-885-5019 or admin@sthilda.ca

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Saturday, October 10th
9:00 am to 12:00 noon



Parish Events and Notices

Come celebrate our parishioner Keith Stevens, 2015 recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster: The 7th Annual Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) Eucharist will take place at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster, 735 8th Avenue, **November 1st** at 7pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm with a reception in the theatre lobby. Please inform the Parish Office if you plan to attend as there is a limit of 15 people per parish. The purpose of the Order is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. Congratulations Keith!

Parishioners Picks *Brother Sun Sister Moon* 7:30 pm Monday, October 5
The message of love, forgiveness and respect for nature is extremely important nowadays. This movie is as refreshing today as it was when it was first released in 1972! In our rather cynical world of today, when it seems that the only fare available on the big screen contains an overabundance of violence, brashness and materialism; it is still a joy to behold this bright, outstanding and enlightening montage of Franco Zeffirelli's homage to St. Francis of Assisi. With beautiful, colourful cinematography of the Umbrian and Tuscan country sides; augmented by fine performances and skilful scenarios, this production is a wondrous blend which totally celebrates the life of a mystical man who revered the Creator through nature.

DON'T FORGET! ACW Thanksgiving Pie Sale: This Saturday October 10, 9am to 12 noon. Come and purchase a pie or two. Bring friends for a slice of pie and ice cream for only \$5 per serving at Maggie's Cafe.

First Annual Diocesan Vocations Day: November 7, 9am - 3pm. Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a priest or a deacon? How do priests and deacons discern that call? Bishop Melissa is looking for strong leaders who might be called to serve the Church in the particular vocations of priests and deacons. Please contact Clarence or Bruce if you would like to explore that stirring that you have always felt in you.

Upcoming Leadership Training Opportunities:

Anti-racism training Workshop: Saturday October 24, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at St. Hilda's. Required for all licensed clergy and strongly recommended for parish leaders. Limited space. To register, please contact Associate Warden Meg Stevens megstevens@outlook.com.

Sexual Misconduct Policy Workshop: Required for all church volunteers working with vulnerable persons (Sunday School, Shelter, Pastoral Care, Office, etc). October 15, 1 - 3:30 pm OR 7 - 9:30 pm at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, West Vancouver. To register, please contact Archdeacon Lynne at admin@stclementschurch.ca or phone 604.988.4418.

Responding to Syrian Refugee Crisis: We learned of the different types of sponsorship a parish may enter into through our diocese, which is a Sponsorship Agreements Holder registered with Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Questions were raised regarding cultural adjustment, where best to resettle, finding and working together with community partners. At the past Deanery Meeting, the

Rev. Michael McGee, Chair of Diocesan Refugee Unit, invited parishes who were interested in supporting/sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family to attend **an information evening on Thursday October 8 at 7 pm at the new Synod Office** (1410 Nanton Ave, Vancouver). The evening will include a 60 minute presentation on the Private Sponsorship of Refugee Program of the Diocese followed by a Question and Answer Period. This evening will provide information to parishes considering sponsoring refugees or who are wondering how their parish can constructively engage this growing crisis in the Middle East and in other parts of the world.

Another way to respond to the crisis is to support PWRDF, the Anglican development and relief agency. PWRDF has been working closely with its ecumenical partners on the grounds in Hungary, Serbia and Greece providing food, water, shelter and psychological support to Syrian and other refugees. All donations to Syrian emergency relief will be matched by the Canadian government between Sept 12 and Dec 31, 2015. Visit pwrdf.org for more information.

Mark this date: A celebratory luncheon to honour Tom Kellough on St. Hilda's Day on November 15. More info to follow.

Messy Church: Saturdays October 17 & November 21 from 4-6 pm at St. Bart's Anglican. This time is for families of all ages to take time together for crafts and activities, a short time of spiritual celebration, and a meal. There is no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Financial Report to the Parish

Thanks to all for keeping up-to-date with donations in July and August. We have reduced our deficit by \$870.00 in these two months. Our deficit in operations budget is still high at \$11,268 and the challenge to us all will be to repeat last years' improvement in the last quarter of the year.

AUGUST 2015	Year to Date	Budget to Date	Year to Date 2014
Total Income	128,025	140,000	129,200
Total Expense	139,293	143,901	136,079
Surplus/Loss in Period	- 11,268	- 3,901	- 6,880

Readings for October 11, Harvest Thanksgiving

1st Reading: Joel 2:21-27 Reader: Cassandra Pettman
 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Reader: Beth Lamb
 Psalm 126 Gospel: Matthew 6:24-33

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun 04	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Taizé Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon 05	3:30 pm 7:30 pm	Encyclical on Climate Change Study Parishioners' Picks Movie Night	Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Tues 06	9:30-11:30 2:15 pm	Library Hours Communion Service	Gathering Rm Shornecliffe Lodge
Wed 07	8:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Wisdom Circle & Meditation ACW Meeting St. Hilda's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Thurs 08	10:00 am 1:30 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Group	Narthex Gathering Rm
Fri 09	9:30-11:30 7:00 pm	Library Hours Gospel of Thomas Study	Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Sat 10	9:00 am to 12:00 noon	Thanksgiving Pie Sale & Maggie's Cafe	Hall
Sun 11	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	Sunyani Diocese, The Church of the Province of West Africa The Rt Revd Dr Festus Yeboah-Asuamah
Diocese	St. Faith, Vancouver - The Rev Richard Leggett, The Rev Christine Wilson St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver - The Rev Angus Stuart, The Rev Janice Lowell
Ecumenical Partners	St. Mark, Ping-Tung - The Reverend C.C. Cheng, Vicar (twinned with St. Mark, Vancouver) BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Support Group
Parish Agencies	Greeters and Coffee Hour Volunteers
UN MDG Project	Ndandini/Kenya: Students of Kyaithani Secondary School
Sick/In Need	Carolyn Budd Goertzen: healing while going through chemo Rita Erickson: comfort in grief Eva Tweedie: acceptance with transition Barbara Weatherington: healing for infection
Ongoing Need	Zachara Beemer, Gail Coleman, Gerald & Magda Cupido, Annabelle Dick, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Hank & Gail Jerzy, Juliet McClatchy, Bill Mitravitz, Vernon Paul, Howard Peet & Maureen Shobe, R.J. Poland, Fran & Ken Redmond, Carran Taylor, Angie Towner, Family of Frank Walsh, Kate Webb

WELCOME
 WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US