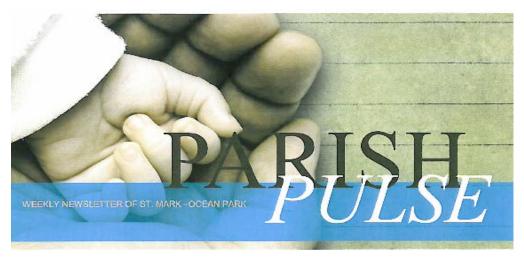
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NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - DECEMBER 15, 2013

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The new schedule is posted on the notice board in the Hall. Please check to see when you are listed and if it doesn't suit, phone Olive: **604-535-2228** Christmas Baking – we request that you bake minced pies or shortbread for Sunday, December 22. **THANK YOU**

ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING SERVICES

If you have an announcement to make during the Service please first run it by the Presider. Make it brief, and do not repeat any information that is in the Pulse. Also please ensure your information is for all those at the worship Service. Thank you.

Attention Ministry Leaders

Please be reminded that your 2013 Ministry Report is due on Friday, January 10, 2014. Ensure that your report is prepared in 10 point Arial font, and emailed to Sheila at office@stmarkbc.org. A list of Ministries from whom we are expecting reports can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

KEY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Our Parish Secretary, Kathy Tubbs, is stepping down after 10 years of faithfully taking Minutes of Parish Council and Vestry Meetings.

If you would like to explore taking on this position, please speak to Betty-Ann at 604-536-8739 or to Drew at 604-536-0330. Thank you.



LIBRARY NEWS - Yes they are out & ready for you. The Christmas books and DVDs are waiting to be taken home & enjoyed. So that as many as possible have a chance to read or see all the Christmas selections the Books are on 2 weeks loan & the DVDs are on 1 week loan. Please return them in a timely manner so that others can enjoy them as well. And while you are enjoying a Christmas story or movie, check around to see if you have any missing books or DVDs. The Library's wish for Christmas is that all overdue books & DVDs be returned before the New Year. Check the bulletin board in the Library to see if you have something overdue that you have forgotten about.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH

Youth4OnePurpose Contact: Josh vouth@stmarkbc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

10am Service is our Christmas Pageant!

HEALING SERVICE with Eucharist

Wednesday, December 18 at 10am. Come & experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone welcome. James 5:16: "...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: December 22, 2013

Isaiah 9:2-7 Isaiah 11:1-9
Isaiah 60:1-6, 19 Micah 5:2-5
Luke 1:26-38 Luke 2:1-7
Luke 2:8-20

LUNCH BASKET

This week the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided by Beatrice McIntosh, to the Glory of God, and in memory of her Grandfather.

PWRDF and TYPHOON HAIYAN

Thanks to the generosity of Anglicans & other Canadian donors, the PWRDF received \$215,000 in donations for Typhoon Haiyan relief in the Philippines, as of November 28.

The Canadian government has extended the time for matching donations until Dec. 23, 2013. Donations given to PWRDF to aid people in the areas devastated by the typhoon will be matched dollar for dollar.

To donate please use the pew envelope for a cash donation, or a cheque payable to PWRDF, Typhoon Haiyan Relief.

DONATIONS

St. Mark's is grateful for your financial support.

If you are going to donate by cheque, please make it payable to:

Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park.

Tax Receipt Time is Coming

December 31, 2013 is the last date to make contributions that will be reflected in your tax receipt.

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT Maggie Ferguson (604) 538-6160

maggieferguson@telus.net

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are

given today by Brenda Horner, to the glory of God, and in memory of Gavin McLaren, and other loved ones.

The Pie Guy at St. Mark's... You can order the following pies

from our very own Pie Guy: (\$12 ea.) Half-Pies (\$6.50 ea.): Apple/Blueberry/Strawberry, Blueberry, Strawberry/Raspberry/Rhubarb Peach/Blueberry and any combo of berries.

ALSO his signature Goat Cheese with Blueberry (\$15 pie & \$8 halfpie);

<u>OR</u> savoury Tourtiere Pie (\$18 pie & \$9 half-pie) <u>AND</u> Yummy Mince Tarts (\$10/doz. or \$1/ea.)

Order forms are available at the rear of the Sanctuary, near the sound booth.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm Friday 10am to 1pm Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec 15

6pm – Journey of Christmas Opens

Tuesday, Dec. 17

7pm - Youth - Y Room 7pm - Evening Guild - FR

Wednesday, Dec. 18

10am – Healing Service - S 7:30 - Choir Practice – S

Thursday, Dec. 19

3pm Book Study – FR

Wed. Dec. 24

Office is closed & remains closed until reopening on Mon. Jan. 6

Tues. Dec. 24

5pm – Childrens' Service

7pm - Service

11pm -Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25

(no 8am Service)

10am - Service

Friday, Dec. 27

9pm Journey of Christmas ends for 2013

Sunday, Dec. 29

8am and 10am Services

Wednesday, Jan. 1

There will be no 10am Service

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

11am – Annual Vestry Meeting

JOY

2014 Donation Envelopes - Please pick up your set of envelopes in the Narthex. The **weekly** donation boxes are in alphabetical order in trays. The **monthly** donation boxes are in labelled foolscap envelopes in alphabetical order in a separate tray. Should you not find your donation envelopes, or if you want a set of 2014 donation envelopes, please contact either Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at: 604-535-9599 or the Church Office.