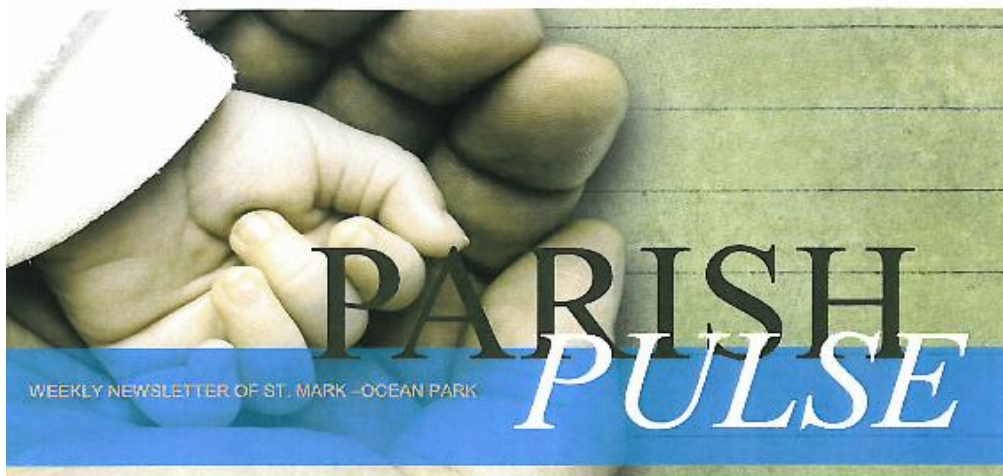


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NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – DECEMBER 22, 2013

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

In loving and heartfelt gratitude to our Father
God for the most Blessed & Greatest Gift of all
time ---- His only begotten Son JESUS CHRIST!!!

- Humbly and Reverently, Violet Reimer,
John 3:16-17

In loving memory of my Mum. I miss you.

- Deb Maxwell

In memory of our parents.

- Phyllis and Richard Moreau

To the Glory of God and in thanks for family –
especially our newest member, Ava.

- Holly and Craig Tanksley

In memory of parents & Al.

- Sue Indridson

- Les Edmonds

- Altar Guild

ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING SERVICES

If you have an announcement to make during
the Service, please run it by the Presider a
week in advance. Announcements should be
brief, and they should not repeat information
that is in the Pulse. Also, please ensure your
information is for all those at the Worship
Service. Thank you.

AFTER CHRISTMAS...

The decorations, the trees, &
the “Journey of Christmas”
have to come down on Sat.
Dec. 28 from 9am to 1pm.
Please come & volunteer one
more time. The façade will be
taken down at a later date.
Thanks for all of your
support.

- Brian Walks, Chairman,
Journey of Christmas

SENIORS NEWS

Merry Christmas to you all, from Janet and Sue!

Wednesday get togethers in the Family Room for
games, and in the Library for conversation with
Isabel Powell and her dog “Bracken” resume on
Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Happy New Year – See you in 2014!

KEY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

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

ST. MARK'S YOUTH – Youth4OnePurpose – Contact: Josh youth@stmarkbc.org

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS – Please be reminded that your 2013 Ministry Report is due on Fri. Jan. 10, 2014, and ensure that your report is prepared in Arial, 10-point 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.

THE LUNCH BASKET for HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week to the Glory of God, and in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

LUNCH BASKET MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING FUND – The 2014 Chart is now posted on the west wall in the Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations help young single Moms with children under 18. Thanks to all who have donated this past year. Call Darlene Wiegand if you have any questions/concerns: 604-536-7107

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Today is our Sunday School Christmas Celebration. Please note that there will be no Sunday School next Sunday, Dec. 29.

FLOWERS for the ALTAR are given today by Doris & Bob MacKellar to the Glory of God and in remembrance of parents Sarah & John MacKellar, and Reta & Russell Taylor.

FLOWERS for the ALTAR are given on Christmas Eve by Bea Ross and Doris MacKellar, in honour of the Christ Child and in loving memory of Bea's parents.

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT is Maggie Ferguson at 604-538-6160

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS – December 29, 2013 – Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, and Matthew 2:13-23

BRI the PIE GUY at St. Mark's – Don't forget to order the following pies, \$12 for each full pie & \$6.50 for each half-pie, in time for Christmas. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any ``combo`` of berries. Order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie (\$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie) or yummy Mince Tarts (\$10 per dozen or \$1 each). Savoury Tourtiere Pies are \$18 each, or \$9 for a half-pie.

LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT - We have several new movies that are good for these cold winter nights.

Brother White is a light hearted comedy about a pastor in a TV evangelical organization who is not advancing very well. In the opening scenes he is conducting a Sunday School class on Noah and quickly loses control. He decides to apply for a church of his own and moves his family to a new city and a mainly black church. Good family values and letting God lead you are featured through this entertaining film. **What if...** is another good one, In the tradition of It's A Wonderful Life and The Family Man. **What if...** tells the story of a man whose glimpse into what he is missing reminds him of what he truly wants. Don't forget to have a look at our Christmas selections. There are several new ones of that type as well.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – The office will be open this Monday, Dec. 23, from 9am to 3pm. Thereafter the Office will be closed Dec. 24, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014, inclusive, reopening on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014.

IMPORTANT NOTES RE DONATIONS – (i) St. Mark's is grateful for your financial support. Please make cheques payable to Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park. (ii) Because of office, staff and volunteer holidays, the offerings taken up on **December 29, 2013 will be your last opportunity to make a contribution that will be reflected in your 2013 tax receipt.** Please make sure that any cheques in that offering are not dated later than December 29, 2013 and note that any donations made after the collection on Sunday December 29, 2013 will be receiptable only for the 2014 year.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

OPEN on Monday, Dec. 23
9am to 3pm

CLOSED Tuesday, Dec. 24
to Friday, Jan. 3, 2014

RE-OPENS Mon. Jan. 6

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec.23

Office open 9am – 3pm

Tuesday, Dec. 24

5pm – Children's Service

7pm – Service

11pm –Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25

10am – Service

Friday, Dec. 27

9pm Journey of Christmas ends for 2013

Sat. Dec. 28

9am Take down trees, decorations & Journey of Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 29

8am and 10am Services

Wednesday, Jan. 1

There will be no 10am Service

Sunday, January 5, 2014

8am and 10am Services

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

11am – Annual Vestry Meeting