



Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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“Parish Pulse” Newsletter
Sunday, November 30, 2014

Important Role - Would you like to volunteer in a very important role at St. Mark - Ocean Park as “Recording Secretary” for Parish Council meetings? If so, we need you! Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the month, from 7-9pm, and they do not occur in December, February or July. The Recording Secretary also records the February Vestry Meeting minutes. Minimal training is required and is provided. It is an appointed position. This is an opportunity to work with a great team in service to God and to each other. Please give this your prayerful consideration. If you feel called in this way please speak to any Warden: Betty-Ann 604-536-8739, Roger 604-531-6084, or Brian Switzer 604-535-1941.

email Carel Schoch at cschoch@hotmail.com or call him at 778-237-1062 so that we know how many will be there for lunch. He is also happy to respond to any questions you might have regarding these positions.

Suggestions & Comments-We would like to thank everyone who submitted their comments and suggestions to reduce the deficit. These were given careful consideration by the Clergy, Wardens, and the Finance Committee. They were also reviewed at the November

Parish Council meeting. We give thanks to God for all who are faithfully contributing funds to St. Mark – Ocean Park, and for the recent reduction in our deficit. May the Lord give us the wisdom to use every resource to the glory of God!

Journey of Christmas Update-Wed. Dec. 3: 10am to 4:30pm = set up date for our annual outdoor display. For those who like to work inside we have the Hall to decorate, the stage to install and 23 trees to decorate. The trees will be brought inside by 10:45am. Shannon will be preparing a hot lunch for all to enjoy. Come and get into the spirit of the season!!! We will be updating the entertainment lineup weekly. Wed. Dec. 24:3:30-9pm = our last night. We will not open after Christmas this year. Sat. Dec. 27: 9am-1pm = we take down the display.

Sunday School-Focus is on Mark 13:24-37 – Look for signs that Jesus is near. (*Pageant Rehearsal Today* after the 10am Service)

Pat's Christmas Crafts-Saturday, December 13 from 10am to noon in the Parish Hall. See the Poster in today's PULSE. Call Pat Zammit at 604-536-7443 for further information.

ACW Announcements-Do you remember last year's Poinsettia Tree? Well, it's time for this year's tree to be built. If you would be interested in dedicating a poinsettia, in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for God's blessings, please see Kathryn in the Hall to sign up. AND...the ACW wants to **thank everyone** for their contributions to “Bales to the North” and the “Mission to Seafarers.”

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Next Sunday is White Gift Sunday - For over a decade St. Mark-Ocean Park has had White gift Sunday on the Second Sunday of Advent. Working with the local Salvation Army to make Christmas more delightful for underprivileged children in our community, we invite you to bring a new (or mint-condition previously owned) toy, wrapped in white paper, to the 10am Service next Sun. December 7. We will be joined by an officer from the Salvation Army to receive the donated toys. Thank you.



Server & Lay Administrators-There will be a training session for the positions of servers and lay administrators on Sunday, December 7, at St. Mark – Ocean Park after the 10am Service (at 12:30pm). Anyone interested in being a server and/or a lay administrator is welcome. Lunch will be served. If you would like to come, please

THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

-St. Mark - Ocean Park, has previously been honoured by Nancy Dexter, Stan Hodgson, Hilda Smith, John Reader, Rea Anderson, and Ken Turnham as recipients of the Order, and it is now time to consider nominees for the coming year. Any lay member of the Parish may be nominated, but typically, nominees will have served in a Parish, a number of Parishes, and/or the Diocese, in an outstanding manner, on committees, parish councils, special outreach, etc. for a minimum and continuous period of ten years, although not confined to one activity, or in one parish. Written nominations, together with the supporting justification, may be submitted by any member in good standing, to the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Rector, no later than **Sunday December 14, 2014**, preferably by email, to: tanksly@smarrt.com. Please note that nominations submitted in previous years are no longer valid, and if you wish an individual to be considered, he or she must be nominated again.

Prayer Chain Contact-is Lynne Hurd for the months of November, December and January. You may contact Lynne at 604-542-2772 or lynneh1@telus.net with your prayer requests and updates.

Serenity Garden-The Serenity garden is closed for the next few weeks due to maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library News

Come on in and see our display of Bibles. We have a variety of translations from the old favorite King James to the newest Action Figure Bible. If you are looking for gift ideas for Christmas or want to put a Bible on your own wish list or just want to see what is available, don't be shy; we even let you take them for a test read.

St. Mark's Youth-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God". Also join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know some interesting characters from the Old Testament. For more information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Ian and Betty-Ann Bainbridge to the Glory of God and in celebration of our daughters' 30 birthdays and in loving memory of Nell and George Bainbridge. Flowers are given this week by Peggy Hutchings to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her Mom and Dad and Brother - the Williams family of Crescent Beach - who have passed on.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon-Please telephone Olive at 604-535-2228 and leave a message at that number stating your name and if you need transportation to the Thursday, December 11th event.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart

-The 2015 Chart is now posted in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations go to help single young moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated this past year. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please call Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 if you have any questions or concerns.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is December 10, at 1:00pm

Brian the Pie Guy-Order your pies from our resident Pie Guy – Brian! \$12 for each full pie, or \$6.50 for each half-pie. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any "combo" of berries. Or, order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie for \$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie. Need a brunch or dinner suggestion? Savoury Tourtiere pies are \$18 each or \$9 for a half-pie. Brian can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at thepiegyu@shaw.ca

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

9am to 3pm

Friday: Office Opens at 10am

Office Closes at 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 1

11am – Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Schreck – Sanctuary (Luncheon to follow in the Hall)

Tuesday, December 2

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room
1pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting – Family Room
7pm – Bible Study – Office
7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

Wednesday, December 3

9am – Exercise – Education Centre
10am – Service – Sanctuary
10am – Set Up for Journey of Christmas – Hall
6:30pm – Alpha Course – Education Centre
7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, December 5

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

Saturday, December 6

5:30pm – Men's Club Christmas Dinner - Hall

Sunday, December 7

White Gift Sunday Service at 10am
Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am Service in the Sanctuary



DATE	EVENT
Dec. 1 – Mon.	
Dec. 2 – Tues.	
Dec. 3 – Wed.	10 am Service of Holy Communion & Set up Journey of Christmas
Dec. 4 – Thurs.	
Dec. 5 – Fri.	
Dec. 6 – Sat.	Men's Club Christmas Dinner
Dec. 7 – Sun.	8am Service & 10am White Gift Service & Training Session for Server/Lay Adminstrator (after 10am Service)

Dec. 8 – Mon.	
Dec. 9 - Tues.	ACW Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 10 – Wed.	10am Service of Holy Communion
Dec. 11-Thurs.	Senior's Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 12 – Fri.	White Rock's Children's Choir Concert
Dec. 13 – Sat.	Pat's Christmas Crafts & White Rock Children's Choir Concert
Dec. 14 – Sun.	8am Service & 10am Family Service with Christmas Pageant & 7pm Opening Night of Journey of Christmas (includes a concert by the White Rock Children's Choir)



DATE	EVENT
Dec. 15 – Mon.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 16 - Tues.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 17 – Wed.	Service of Holy Communion & Journey of Christmas
Dec. 18-Thurs.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 19 – Fri.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 20 – Sat.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 21 – Sun.	8am Service & 10am Lessons & Carols Service & Journey of Christmas

Dec. 22 – Mon.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 23 – Tues.	Journey of Christmas
Dec. 24 – Wed. Christmas Eve	5pm Service & 7pm Service & 11pm Service & Last Night of Journey of Christmas (Office Closed)
Dec. 25-Thurs. Christmas Day	10am Service (Office Closed)
Dec. 26 – Fri.	Office Closed
Dec. 27 – Sat.	Take Down of Journey of Christmas
Dec. 28 – Sun.	8am Service & 10am Service (No Sunday School)

Dec. 29 – Mon.	(Office Closed)
Dec. 30 – Tues.	(Office Closed)
Dec. 31 – Wed.	(No Service)
Jan. 1 – Thurs.	(Office Closed)
Jan. 2 – Fri.	(Office Closed)
Jan. 3 – Sat.	
Jan. 4 – Sun.	8am Service & 10am Service

Jan. 5 – Mon.	Office Re-Opens
Jan. 6 – Tues.	
Jan. 7 – Wed.	
Jan. 8 – Thurs.	
Jan. 9 – Fri.	Epiphany Party (evening)