



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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**Gratitude Expressed**-On behalf of myself and all my family, I want to express our deep gratitude to all the members of St. Mark's who made the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jean, and the reception that followed, such a memorable and heart warming experience. Together with many cards of sympathy and condolence that we received we saw love in action. - Michael Weller

**2015 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 business envelopes in alphabetical order in a separate tray. Should you not find your donation envelopes, or if you want a set of 2015 donation envelopes, please contact either Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at 604-535-9599 or the Church Office at 604-535-8841.

**Wanted: Flat Screen TV**-Are you buying a new TV for Christmas and want to get rid of your "old" but still working smaller flat screen TV? Please consider donating your "old" flat screen TV to us. We'd love to have a flat screen TV (somewhere between 21 and 40 inches) to use in our Hall for slide presentations during funerals, meetings, etc. Please speak, to one of your Wardens if you can help us with this.

**TODAY's Training Session**-After the 10am Service those interested in the position of Server and Lay Administrator are meeting with Carel Schoch for a training session/lunch.

**Sunday School**-Focus this week is Mark 1:1-8 - The voice of the messenger. Pageant rehearsal after today's 10am Service. Next Saturday, Dec. 13, there will be a Pageant Rehearsal. And don't forget Pat's Christmas Crafts Morning in the Hall that day.

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings**-Isaiah 61:1-11, Cantic 18 (Luke 1:47-55), 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Prayer Chain Contact**-is Lynne Hurd. You may contact her at 604-542-2772 or at [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net)

**Flowers for the Altar**-are given today by Rose Anonby to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel.

## "PARISH PULSE"

### NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2014**

#### **Silverfish Cleanup and New Storage Guidelines-**

As some of you may know, we currently have a silverfish infestation in our church buildings. We'd like to try to deal with this without using chemical sprays. As the first step to help us to contain this infestation Parish Council has recommended that we strengthen our storage policies and is asking that all St. Mark's ministries clean their storage areas. To do the cleanup we'd ask each ministry group to please empty and vacuum its storage area. If there are any spots that require sealing or caulking to prevent the travel of insects, along the baseboard for example, please speak to People's Warden Brian Switzer and he'll arrange for that to happen. Please sort all stored items and discard anything not needed. Package all the items to be re-stored in sealable lidded plastic containers or bins. All lids should fit snugly. Nothing should be stored in plastic bags, paper bags or cardboard boxes of any kind. Silverfish can chew through plastic bags and love to eat paper and cardboard. Sheila, our Office Administrator, has emailed all ministry leaders cleanup and storage guidelines. If anyone has questions about these guidelines, please speak to one of your wardens. Thank you so much for your prayers, patience, understanding, and your help in starting to deal with this infestation. God bless.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**-is provided this week by Morny White to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for those dedicated to the care and spiritual guidance for the children and youth.

**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/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/)

**Seniors News**-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is on **Wed. Dec. 10** Games are in the Family Room & chatting is the Library from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm.

**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@smartt.com](mailto:tanksly@smartt.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.

**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.

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

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

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday**

**9am to 3pm**

**Friday 10am to 1pm**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, December 8**

9am Exercise - Hall

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

2pm – ACW Meeting - Hall

7pm – Bible Study – Office

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

9am Exercise - Hall

10am –Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get Together – FR/Library

6:30pm – Alpha Course - EdC

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, December 11**

11:30am – Senior's Christmas Lunch – Hall

#### **Friday, December 12**

9am Exercise - Hall

#### **Saturday, December 13**

10am – Pat's Christmas Crafts – Hall

12:30pm – Pageant Rehearsal – Hall

#### **Sunday, December 14**

Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am

Service in the Sanctuary

*Journey of Christmas Begins*

