



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Parish Council 2015-Announcing your St. Mark Ocean Park Council for 2015! Please keep them in your hearts and prayers. **Clergy:** Rev. Craig Tanksley and Rev. Denise Doerksen, **Rector's Warden:** Catherine Featherstone, **People's Wardens:** Roger Hussen and Brian Switzer, **Recording Secretary:** Trish Herron, **Treasurer:** Barbara Carington Smith, **Synod Delegates:** Dianne Clou, Tom Mackie, Anne Schreck, and Linda Zeal, **Members at Large:** Peter Boorman, Lynne Brownridge, Gertrude Musherure, and Bob Pedersen, **Synod Youth Delegate:** Josh Brown, **Alternate Synod Youth Delegate:** Kate Herron.



TODAY is Souper Sunday – Get your soup in the Narthex. This is a Community Outreach initiative.

Tax Receipts-are available today for pick up in the Narthex. Any not picked up today will be put into the mail on Monday.

Display Board In The Hall-You may have noticed the display board for our sponsored children has been under construction. It has now been upgraded and is ready for your contributions. If you are sponsoring a child and would like to share your sponsored child's photo with the rest of the church I would love to help you out. There are several ways you can do this. If you have a hard copy you can bring it to Church and leave it for me at the Office. Please include your child's name, the organization through which you sponsor, and your child's home location. Please let me know if you would prefer not to have your name posted with your child's photo. Also, let me know if you would like the original back. You could also email me a digital photo to mhussen@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings – Mari Anne Hussen.

Coffee Hour-The new Coffee Hour list is posted in the Hall. Please check and see if it is suitable for you. If not telephone Olive at 604-535-2228.

Knives-The draw for the knives is this Sunday in the Hall, after the 10am Service. Tickets for the draw are on sale on Sunday.

NewComers-Calling all who are new(ish) to St. Mark's! You are invited to a NewComers Luncheon to be held next Sunday, March 1 directly after the 10am Service (approximately 11:30am). This light lunch will be held in the Family Room and will be an opportunity to learn a bit about St. Mark's and to meet some of the leaders. Please RSVP to Holly: 604-537-2231.

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

The Order Of The Diocese Of New Westminster-

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Order of the Diocese of New Westminster is Olive Pociwuschek. Olive has served as the Coordinator for Coffee Hour (23 years), Area Links Ministry (7 years), and the Visiting Ministry (20 years). Not only does Olive arrange visits to many who are unable to come to church, she herself makes approximately ten weekly visits. Olive served on Parish Council, has been an active ACW member, and provides support to the Eucharistic Home Servers Ministry. She has organized the Christmas Senior's Lunch since it began as a Christmas Tea in 1994. Recently, Olive organized a campaign to restock the church kitchen with a complete set of knives. Olive has been a faithful, driving force at St. Mark Ocean Park, bringing love and compassion to many. She truly exemplifies a loyal, kind and loving servant of God. Congratulations Olive!

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided today by Carolyn Brown in memory of her husband, Don, and for God's many blessings.

Ladies Evening Guild – Meeting Date Change-

A big thank you to Craig & Holly Tanksley for part one of their presentation. Please join us again on Tues. March 17 for part two! The presentation begins at **7pm** in the Hall. You can even wear your green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! RSVP to lindaodee@hotmail.com or call Linda at 604-536-7983.

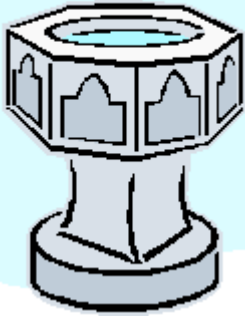
Volunteers Needed for Lenten Lunch – Please call Deb Maxwell if you can help at the St. Mark-hosted Lenten Lunch, 12 noon on Thurs. March 5 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. If you can (i) make soup beforehand, or (ii) serve at the lunch call Deb at 604-538-6319.

In the Footsteps of Giants; Walking the Way of Mission -Conference with Reverend Roger Simpson, Sat. March 14 and Sun. March 15 – registration sign-up in the Narthex. **Lenten Series: "Finding Your Spiritual Balance: A Four-Week Lenten Course on Spiritual Life"**-registration sign-up in the Narthex.

Prayer Chain Contact- is Joyce Ness. You may contact her at 604-535-0460 or at joybill@telus.net

World Day Of Prayer -1pm on Fri., March 6 – "World Day Of Prayer 2015" at St. Mark-Ocean Park *Everyone is Welcome* Kaye Kerlande, Speaker

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8: 31-38



Sunday School-Today's 10am Service is an Intergenerational Service with Holy Baptism so there is no Sunday School.

Seniors News-"Get Togethers" are alternate Wednesday afternoons. The next one is on **Wednesday, March 4** from 1pm to 3:30pm. Games are in the Family Room, chatting in the Library, and everyone gathers for refreshments at 2:30pm.

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



OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:
9am to 3pm

Friday: 10am to 12noon

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 23

9am - Exercise

Tuesday, February 24

9:30 – Bible Study – Family Room

10:15am – Israeli Folk Dance – Hall

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

7:15pm – Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, February 25

9am Exercise - Hall

10am –Eucharist Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26

1pm – Community Outreach Mtng. – FR

Friday, February 27

9am Exercise – Hall

Please Take Note: The Office will close at 12noon this Friday.

Sunday, March 1

Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am Service in the Sanctuary

11:30am – NewComers Luncheon - FR

Friday, March 6

1pm– "World Day Of Prayer" – Sanctuary and the Hall

Saturday, March 7

Lenten Day Retreat

9:30am – 4:30pm

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Abbotsford

A day of entering stillness, reflection and prayer with Facilitator – Cathy Hardy