



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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“PARISH PULSE”
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK’S CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 31, 2015

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT

In spite of our revenue being higher than last year's our revenue is below the budget by **\$(32,810.51)**.

Thankfully our expenses are below budget by \$5,418.54

WE REMAIN IN A DEFICIT OF \$(27,391.97)

Details and the full Treasurer's Report is posted in the Hall.

Dear Parish Family,

At Vestry, we committed to the budget presented. A budget that supports the work serving our Lord Jesus and the stewardship of the gifts given us. Many work long volunteer hours from which we all benefit and are grateful for. This is a time of unity, let us rise up and honour our commitment to God and each other. Please help, as you are able, to finish the year with a balanced budget.

Yours Faithfully, Treasurer

All Are Invited-Please join us – Charles and Isabel Powell – as we celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary, in the Hall after next week's 10am Service. On Sun. Nov. 22 lunch will be served. All members of our St. Mark's family are welcome...including youth and children!

The Healing Service-Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** "...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective."

Readers Ministry-If you would like to read the Lessons at the 10am Service on Sundays, please contact Roberta Braddock at 604-538-8642.

The 7th annual "Christmas on the Peninsula"- takes place at White Rock Community Centre and 12 other event venues around White Rock on Sat. Nov. 28 from 10am-6:15 pm. Come for the Christmas Market and Christmas carolers all day at the White Rock Community Centre. Between 12noon and 4pm look out for carol singing along Johnston Road. There is also the Christmas parade at 4pm, the Christmas tree lighting at 4:15pm and, rounding out the day, is "Carols by Candlelight" at St. John's Presbyterian at 5:15pm featuring the White Rock Children's Choir. Lots of activities for the kids, too!! Check out the Peace Arch News insert on Wed. Nov. 25.

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

Holly Berry Fair – Sat. Nov. 28-The annual parish bazaar is fast approaching. Parishioners are invited to be involved in a number of ways including **DONATIONS**: small items, bric-a-brac, décor items or jewellery for our Treasures and Jewellery tables; vintage or antique items for the Antiques and Collectibles table; gently used toys, books and games for the Sunday School table; new or gently used items for gift baskets; & food for the raffle baskets. **HELPERS**: we can always use extra volunteers for a variety of tasks. And most importantly!! **CUSTOMERS**: If you haven't been to the bazaar before check it out. You can start your Christmas shopping, have a delicious lunch, buy delicious cakes, pies and goodies, and find something new to entertain your children all in one place. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information call Linda O'Donovan at 604-536-7983, or email at lindaodee@hotmail.com or Debbie Maxwell at 604-538-6319 or email debmax@shaw.ca

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Margaret and Lorne Appleton to the Glory of God for all His blessings, and in memory of Martha, Fred and Cecil; and also by Lynne and Lawrence Hurd in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings of family and friends.



Singing Prayers-An hour of sung prayer for all ages! At 6 pm tonight.



TODAY IS SOUPER SUNDAY! The last sale until January!

Available in the church Hall after both the 8am and 10am Services today. The total soup sales will be donated to 'Stepping Stones', a local organization providing both practical and emotional support to struggling moms who are courageously facing overwhelming obstacles in raising their children. Your Community Outreach Ministry is blessed with your continued support! If you would like to know more about this Ministry please contact Barbara Grantham.

Placement of City Disposal Bins Near the Church

The Fire Prevention Division of the City of Surrey has requested we move all bins at least 10 feet from our wooden building structure. This is a fire safety prevention measure. Captain Dan Shell met with Anne Schreck, Environmental Steward, Roberta Braddock, Kitchen Coordinator, Ken Miles, Building Coordinator, and myself. He approved our new placement of the bins around the periphery of the fire pit. Please do not move these bins unless they are being taken to the curb for pick up, or the fire pit is in use. This applies to the black garbage bins, blue recycling, and the green organic, and any other colored bin we may obtain from the City in the future.

We thank you in advance for your compliance.

Christmas Cards-The Men's Club is collecting unused Christmas cards to be delivered to the Surrey Remand Centre for the use of the inmates to send to their friends and families. The collection box will be available in the Narthex until next Sun. Nov. 22.

Lost and Found-A new, labelled bin has been placed in the coat closet to collect lost and found items. Please check there if you have lost something. Uncollected items will be donated to charity once a year. Thank you.

Prayer Chain Contact- Lynne Hurd is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-542-2772, or at Lynneh1@telus.net.



Library News

Hot off the press **7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness** by **Eric Metaxas** is a must read. World changing figures such as Corrie ten Boom, Hannah More, Rosa Parks and more have their stories told. Strong faith, the courage to give up personal comfort and safety, compassion for others, and deep convictions are just some of the common denominators of the Seven Women.



Advent Challenge

Two weeks till Advent - Still wondering about a Spiritual Journal...well the good news is there are no rules. There is no right or wrong way to keep one. You can write one word or one hundred pages - it is up to you. The journal is to help you see God at work in your life, even on the bad days. Come to the Library and pick up an information sheet. We also have two books on Spiritual Journaling for you to have a look at.

Next Sunday Bible Readings-2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-19, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37.

Mission Missive-Please submit articles for the Winter Mission Missive to Toni Wallis no later than tomorrow, Nov. 16.

ACW News-the 2016 edition of the Canadian Church Calendar is for sale in the Narthex; the bin for donations for Bales to the North is in the Narthex, as is the Christmas tree for donation of socks for the Mission to Seafarers. Please make your donations before Sun. Nov. 29.

St. Mark's Youth- Youth Nights are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Room. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth.

Bits 'n Pieces-bits of Brass and pieces of Pipe – Let St. Mark's Creation Care Team help you with your indoor fall clean-up or downsizing. We shall collect small bits of brass, like door knobs, old water faucets, kitchen cupboard hardware, etc., and pieces of copper cast-offs, wiring, pipe (preferably copper, but also lead)...any amount will be accepted. Don't think that any amount is too small! These materials will be refunded at the Metal Recycling Depot and will help fund Creation Care projects. **The collection date is Sat. Nov. 21 10am to 12noon.** For earlier drop off, or assistance, please Contact Anne Schreck: 604-536-0072.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation in the Family Room and games in the Hall, from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Alternate Wednesdays until mid-December. The next one is this Wed. Nov.18. For information regarding other outings please contact:
sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

Operation Christmas Child-The youth group invites you to share the love of Christ with a child this Christmas season by filling a shoebox! Pick up a shoebox with brochure in the Narthex. Drop off your box at the Church Office or in the Narthex **no later than TODAY**, Nov 15. You may also drop off boxes from Nov. 16-20 at South Langley Church between 9-4pm. Contact youth@stmarkbc.org if you have questions.

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 12 noon on Monday

9am to 3pm Tues. and Thurs.

9am to 12 noon on Friday

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 16

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

Tuesday, November 17

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7pm – Ladies Guild Meeting – Family Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, November 18

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Hall & Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19

1pm – Community Outreach Mtng – Family Room

Friday, November 20

9am – Exercise – Hall

Sunday, November 22

Powell's 60th Anniversary Luncheon – in the Hall
immediately following the 10am Service