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#### <u>Annual Vestry – Attention St. Mark Ministry</u> <u>Leaders – Ministry Reports</u>

Our annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sun. Feb. 14, 2016. We need your 2015 Ministry Report by Mon. Jan. 11, 2016 as we are under very tight timelines to produce the Annual Report to Vestry. If we do not receive your report by Jan. 11 we cannot guarantee that it will be included in the Annual Report. Please email your 2015 Ministry Report in an Arial, 10-point font Microsoft Word document to Sheila at office@stmarkbc.org.

**Readers Ministry**-Readers ministry: the new readings for 2016 are available and ready to be picked up in the narthex.

- Roberta & John Braddock

# Poinsettias Provided by: the ACW in memory of Past Members, and by Margot McDermott.

**<u>Bible Readings for Jan. 3</u>**-Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Flowers for the Altar-are given Dec. 24 – 27 by Doris and Bob MacKellar to the Glory of God and in remembrance of our parents Reta and Russell Taylor and Sarah and John MacKellar; and by Bea Ross to the honour and glory of almighty God and in thanksgiving for the love and blessings of family and friends.

#### Mark Your Calendars! For the EPIPHANY

**DANCE** for ages 2 through 92! Friday, January 8, 2016 between 6 and 9pm in the Hall. More information is on the attached poster.

<u>Seniors News</u>-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. The next Wednesday gathering takes place on Jan. 6. For information regarding other outings please contact: Sue at 604-531-4931 or Janet at 604-531-9585

<u>Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u>-is provided this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Blanche Biddle.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart-The 2016 Chart is now posted in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations go to help young single 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.

# "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

<u>Journey of Christmas</u> – <u>THANK YOU</u> for all your support for this year's Journey of Christmas. Tomorrow, Mon. Dec. 28, from 9-11:30am we will have to bring in the outdoor displays. The cool, damp weather is not kind to the mannequins and the sound systems. The Christmas trees, decorations and the stage in the Hall will stay up until Sat. Jan. 9, the day after the Epiphany Party.

<u>Baptismal Candidate Rick Cao</u> is on a spiritual journey and welcomes your prayers as he prepares to be baptized on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 10, 2016.



#### Spiritual Journal

Well, Advent is over but the challenge was for the whole year so keep that journaling going. Have you checked out the blog to see how Charlie is doing? You can get to it from the church web site, go into Library and click on blog. Feel free to comment, Charlie likes to know he has friends out there.

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

**St. Mark's Youth**- Youth Nights are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Room. We will be meeting on Tues. Jan. 5. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at <a href="https://www.stmarkbc.org/youth">www.stmarkbc.org/youth</a>.



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Monday, Dec. 28

Office Closed

9-11:30am - Outdoor Displays Taken Down

#### Tuesday, December 29

Office Closed

#### Wednesday, December 30

Office Closed

No 10am Service

#### Thursday, December 31

Office Closed

#### Friday, January 1

Office Closed

#### Sunday, January 3

8am – Service - Sanctuary 10am – Service - Sanctuary

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9am to 12 noon

on Monday

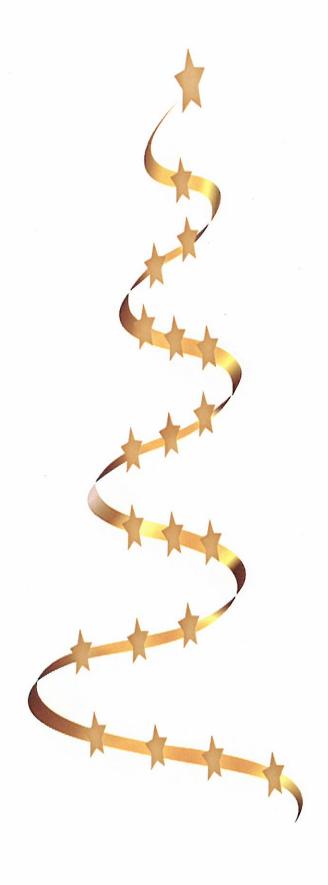
9am to 3pm Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

9am to 12 noon

on Friday

### Office Hours during the Christmas Season:

Monday, Dec. 28
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Thursday. Dec. 31
Friday, Jan. 1
Monday, Jan. 4
Office Closed
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FRIDAY

January 8

6 - 9

Come in Costume
Be a King or Queen!

St. Mark Ocean Park Hall Bring a Friend



# EPIPHANY DANCE

AGES 2 TO 92

Join DJ Francis for a fun evening of great music and dance.

We welcome contributions to our snack table.

Please bring a ready to serve finger food.

Suggested Minimum Donation \$5 per person.