



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 2017

Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week to the Glory of God in memory of Blanche Biddle.

Today's Congregational Meeting -The Strategic Planning Committee continues to dialogue with parish groups, evaluate information gathered, and form some recommendations for Parish Council. Many meetings have taken place, some have been cancelled due to weather, and some groups have been overlooked. At this point we would like to meet with the congregation to further this process. Please join us for a short consultation meeting in the Hall after the 10am service today.

VESTRY MEETING – SUN. FEB. 19, 2017

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mark Ocean Park will take place on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 following a combined Morning Prayer Service at 10 am, and a lunch in the Parish Hall. During the past two weeks we collected email addresses after the Sunday services. On Friday Jan. 27, Sheila emailed Vestry Notice Letters to those parishioners. If you're one of those people, please check your email for your Vestry Notice. Today, paper copies of the Vestry Notice letter are available in the Narthex, for all other parishioners. Please pick up your paper copy of the Notice as soon as possible, to help us reduce mailing costs. Any Vestry letters not picked up, will be mailed on Monday February 6, 2017. We encourage every member to attend our Vestry, and pray for this annual business meeting, as it is an important time to gather as a community and make important decisions based on where we see the Lord leading us as a Parish.

Prayers for Upcoming Vestry - Please pray for God's choice for People's Warden and may those who are suitable and available for this position carefully consider this important and fulfilling ministry.

Valentine's Day Dance Party – Saturday, February 11 at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Hall on Saturday, February 11 starting at 6:30pm for lots of fun, music and dancing. Jive, hip hop, disco, line dancing and more. Please bring a bag of chips, or a snack to share. Tea, coffee and water will be provided. If you want them, please bring your own soft drinks. The cost is only \$5 per person to cover our wonderful DJ Francis. All ages are welcome. Get set to rock the place!



10 am COFFEE HOUR ROSTER is now posted in the Hall for March/April/May and has been emailed to those who have given me an email address. Please check your date and try to make a trade if your assigned date does not work for you. Then please let the 2 captains know. I am away until the end of March. Kathy Tubbs has kindly agreed to cover for me for urgent requests. 604-531-0847. Thank you everyone for your continued service. - Isabel Chernoff, Coordinator.

Adopt a Street: The members of this committee work quietly in the back ground cleaning the road sides along 20th Ave., from 128th to 140th. Team Herron did a great clean on Dec. 31 despite ice and snow. Team Bainbridge, O'Donovan and Hussen were blessed with sunshine as they cleaned Jan. 20th. When asked what the best part of this job was the answer was to see the clean street on the way to church. The worst part of the job was to see fresh garbage as you drive home from spending the morning cleaning the street. Can you believe over 80 lbs. of trash were picked up in December and January including construction materials?

St. Mark Child Sponsors - Dear members of St. Mark's. It is time for a facelift for our Child Sponsors Bulletin board. Many of the child sponsor photos and information I have is over a year old. If you are like us we have had a change in sponsorship this year as well as newer photos of children. We would love to see how your child is growing. Please let me know if you have a new photo to add to the board or wish to make some changes regarding the information I already have. I would love to hear from you. You can email me at mhussen@gmail.com. God Bless - Mari Anne

Prayer Chain Contact – Please note for this coming week that there is a change in Prayer Chain Coordination. Joyce Ness will be your contact person from Wed. Feb. 1 to Mon. Feb. 6. You may reach her at joybill@telus.net OR ag 604.535.0460. On Tues. Feb. 7 Lynne Hurd will be back and resuming Coordination. She may be reached at lynneh1@telus.net or at 604.542.2772. Thank you for your flexibility in this change.

Contribution Envelopes - If you wish to pick up your envelopes, please ask one of the Greeters to help you do so.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 30

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, January 31

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 1

9am – Yoga Exercise – Education Centre

10am –Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Savvy Seniors – Hall & Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, February 3

9am – Exercise – Hall