



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 2017**

Vestry Notice – Email Collection – In one week we will have the official Notice available for our upcoming Vestry (Sun. Feb. 19). As we did last year, we would like to email the Vestry Notice, to help us save paper, envelopes, photocopying & postage. If you would like us to email your Vestry Notice to you, one of us will be in the Narthex after both Services to collect your permission to do that, and your email address. Even if you gave us your email address last year, please give it to us again, as we need to ask for your permission each year. Thank you and God bless. – Your Wardens

Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84:1-7, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week by Pat Aiken to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wendy.



SOUPE SUNDAY is today.

Cold Weather/Hearty COUNTRY CHICKEN SOUP! Soup available in the Hall after both the 8am and 10am services.

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 on Sun. January 29.

LOST – St. Mark's audiovisual projector was last used by the Men's Club in November, and stored in the Sound Storage Room, off the Hall. It is now missing. Does anyone have knowledge of its whereabouts – or – where it might have been relocated? The projector is stored in a black, zippered canvas case which looks like a small suitcase. Appreciate your help. – Call Don Hamilton or Phil Tubbs. Many thanks.

Library News



Are you in the mood for a romance? **Tracie Peterson's Steadfast Heart (Book 1 of Brides of Seattle)** might be the book for you. Lenore is looking for true love and trying to avoid the marriage planned by her father. Kolbein is a young lawyer looking for his sister who answered an advertisement for mail-order brides. Will love find them? This is a good book to curl up with to avoid the rain.

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.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Janet Cormode to God's Glory and with thanks for all His blessings and healing.

ACW - Although Vancouver and area are blessed with warming weather, other parts of BC are still under the snow. The ACW is collecting winter clothing for elementary school age children. The box is in the Narthex and we ask you to think of those cold students and be generous, as you always are.

Prayer Chain Contact - The Coordinator is Lynne Hurd. You may reach her at lynneh1@telus.net or at 604-542-2772

Morning Bible Study – starts again on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 9:30am (to 11:30) in the Family Room.

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

PWRDF UPDATE

The community of Nanganga, Tanzania is home to a small health clinic supported by PWRDF and the Diocese of Masasi, with funding from Global Affairs Canada. Blandina Corobinani is a mother who lives just a few minutes walk from the clinic. Blandina is happy to have the clinic so near to her house, and is quite satisfied with the services she and her family receive from it. She lists nutrition as the number one concern of the community. "Some women in the community, knowing they cannot feed their children even before they have them, feel guilty about being a mother," she said.

The Diocese of Masasi is working closely with the people of Nanganga, and is already working to begin to address the food security issues there. Staff from the Diocese are working with families to build enclosures for cows, goats, guinea fowl and other animals, and education sessions on composting have been held to help families to have better yields from their home gardens. Further work by the Diocese and by the people of Nanganga will continue to help families have enough to eat. And the clinic will continue to meet the health needs of the community.

LOST AND FOUND – The lost & found bin is located under the coats in the hallway. Items left anywhere in the Church are placed in this bin. Clean food service items are left on the counter in the kitchen for two weeks, then moved to the lost & found bin. The items left in the bin for six months are donated to charity. If you have lost something please check the lost & found bin.

At Holy Trinity – On Fri. Jan. 27 there will be a Dinner & Dance, featuring the music of "Silverstars". Tickets are \$30. There are few tickets remaining so call 604-531-0884 to reserve yours.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 23

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, January 24

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, January 25

9am – Yoga Exercise – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, January 27

9am – Exercise – Hall