



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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### Library News

**The Advent Tree of Kindness** is by the Library door and we need your help to decorate it. Balls are available in the Library. Write your Act of Kindness on the ball and put it on the tree.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Chris and Leslie Ann Hebb with praise and thanksgiving to God, especially for how He has blessed us in our parents and children.

### **Sunday School Information for Nov/Dec:**

**Sunday, December 3** - we would appreciate having all children there to go over complete rehearsal for pageant also it is White Gift Sunday. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A GIFT FOR UNDER THE TREE IN THE SANCTUARY FOR WHITE GIFT SUNDAY.

**Saturday, December 9** – **Pat's Christmas craft morning from 10am-12noon**, followed by lunch and a complete pageant rehearsal in the sanctuary. Donations of sandwiches, cookies and fruit for the lunch would be appreciated; all food must be peanut free.

**Sunday, December 10** - Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 17** - last Sunday School class before Christmas.

**Prayer Chain Contact** – Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. She can be reached by calling: 604.538.6160. Her email is: [maggieferguson@telus.net](mailto:maggieferguson@telus.net)

**JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS SET-UP** - Tue. Nov. 28 is our annual set-up for our outdoor Christmas presentation "Journey of Christmas" at 10am. If you wish to work inside, you can decorate the Hall and the 25 Christmas trees. It is an all-day event so plan accordingly. Shannon Poulsen will prepare a hot lunch for us about 12:30pm. Please invite friends that you think would like to help. We return to the Hall on Wednesday morning to complete the decorating.

## **"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY NOV. 26, 2017**

### **Deadline Information for the MINISTRY REPORTS for the Annual Report:**

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018. The deadline for your 2017 Ministry Report is: **Mon. Jan. 8, 2018.** If the Office does not receive your report by that date we cannot guarantee that it will form part of the 2017 Annual Report.

Please email your Ministry report in 10-point Arial font, Microsoft Word, to: [office@stmarkbc.org](mailto:office@stmarkbc.org).

### **Change of Heart Sunday Evening Contemplative Prayers**

At 7pm tonight, November 26, we will gather in the Family Room for Change of Heart Sunday Evening Contemplative Prayers. This week, we will continue to contemplate living the Advent journey more intentionally through gifting ourselves and others with Presence and Grace. All are welcome! Please join us!

- Janet, Coordinator, Change of Heart

### **Bible Readings for Dec. 3 = White Gift Sunday**

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

**Flowers for the Altar** - The flowers are given this week by Margot McDermott, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

### **HELP WANTED**

There are a few vacancies on 2 teams for the 10 am Sunday service.

**Greeters** teams are on duty about 7 times per year. **Coffee hour** volunteers are scheduled 4 times per year.

Please contact [Isabelchernoff@telus.net](mailto:Isabelchernoff@telus.net) at 604-531-6828 if you feel that you could serve either of these ministries.

*The "Help Wanted" segment (above) is a new feature in the PULSE. If you are a Ministry Leader, and if you are seeking volunteers, please submit content for the "Help Wanted" feature to the Office by the PULSE deadline = Wednesdays at 4pm.*

**The Prayer Shawl Team** has placed baskets of yarns & needles in the Library and Hall so all may contribute to the knitting of our annual Parish Prayer shawls again this year. The simple instructions are on each basket. The shawl will be given to the next recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. Thank you for your participation in this Parish Project! Blessings from the Prayer Shawl Team.

**THE LUNCH BASKET MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING FUND DONOR PLEDGE CHART**

The 2018 chart has now been put up in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program, starting in January, and filling in the blanks until the end of the year. These donations go to help young single Moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated. 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. Looking forward to a successful year ahead.



**Mystery Knit-A-Long  
Clue 4 Available**

Clue 4 is ready for pick up in the Library. This is the final clue so please bring those finished shawls into the Library to show them off. I hope you are having fun so far. Don't forget if you need any help or clarification of instructions drop into the Library and we will be happy to help you. Happy Knitting.

**A QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

- Tues. Nov. 21 – 2pm – Ladies Guild Meeting
- Sat. Nov. 25 11 am-2 pm Holly Berry Fair
- Sun. Nov. 26 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer
- Tue. Nov. 29 10 am-4 pm Journey of Christmas set-up outside/hall & tree decorating inside
- Wed. Nov. 30 9 am-12 noon Hall & tree decorating in the Hall
- Sun. Dec. 3 – White Gift Sunday
- Fri. Dec. 8 7 pm Alex Browne's reading of "A Christmas Carol" with the St. Mark's Choir
- Sun. Dec. 10 10 am Christmas Pageant
- Sun. Dec. 10 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer
- Tues. Dec. 12 – 2pm, ACW meeting
- Thurs. Dec. 14 – Senior's Christmas Lunch
- Fri. Dec. 15-Sat. Dec. 23 6-9 pm Journey of Christmas outdoor display

- Sun. Dec. 17 8 & 10 am Readings & Carols – shortbread cookies & Mincemeat tarts are requested for Coffee Hour – please contact Isabel Chernoff
- Tues. Dec. 19 – 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting
- Sun. Dec. 24 10 am Advent Morning Prayer  
3:30-9 pm Journey of Christmas  
5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 Christmas Eve Services
- Mon. Dec. 25 10 am Christmas Day Service
- Wed. Dec. 27 9 am Journey of Christmas Take down

**LOST AND FOUND**

The lost and found bin is located in the coat room. If you are missing anything please check this location. Each year items not claimed are donated to charity.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> is White Gift Sunday** - For over a decade St. Mark-Ocean Park has worked with the local Salvation Army to make Christmas more delightful for underprivileged children in our community, we invite you to bring a new (or mint-condition previously owned) toy, wrapped in white paper, to the 10am Service on Sun., December 3.

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, November 27**

9am – Exercise – Hall

**Tuesday, November 28**

All Day – Set Up Journey of Christmas - Hall  
9:30am – Bible Study– Family Room  
7pm – Youth – Youth Room  
7pm – Parish Council Meeting – Family Room  
7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

**Wednesday, November 29**

Morning - Set Up Journey of Christmas - Hall  
9am – Yoga – Education Centre  
10am –Service – Sanctuary  
7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**Thursday, November 30**

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

**Friday, December 1**

9am – Exercise – Hall  
10am – Set Up the Hall for Memorial Reception  
1pm – Memorial Service for Pat Weimer's daughter- Sanctuary

**Saturday, December 2**

9am – Set Up for Men's Club Christmas Dinner – Hall  
6pm – Men's Club Christmas Dinner - Hall