



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY DEC. 10, 2017

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2017				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	27,877.95	328,416.95	362,729.59	(34,312.64)
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,803.23	357,288.53	362,729.59	5,441.06
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (5,925.28)	\$ (28,871.58)	\$ -	\$ (28,871.58)

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

TO FINISH THE YEAR BALANCED AND TO CLEAR THE CURRENT DEFICIT

THIS MONTH IS THE LAST CHANCE TO DONATE & GET A 2017 TAX RECEIPT

'SPIRIT TEAM' NEWS

Thank you to all of those who attended the presentation last Sunday. Your time, participation, comments, and follow up emails are an important part of this process. We have met to review all of the information. More updates to follow!

WEDDING INVITATION

Please join Heather Davies and her family and friends in the Sanctuary at St. Mark's at 1pm on Sunday, December 17, for her wedding. Heather invites the whole congregation to be present and to be guests at the ceremony.

RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS LETTER - Please pick yours up in the Narthex today.

2018 CONTRIBUTION WEEKLY & MONTHLY ENVELOPES - Please pick yours up from the Narthex.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN - is provided this week by Ian and Betty-Ann Bainbridge with praise and thanksgiving to God and for His blessings of family and friends.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS ARTS SHOWCASE PERFORMERS

The Journey of Christmas committee is pleased to announce our Arts Showcase performers. Come any night and support our arts community as they donate their time and talent to bring the joys of the season to you.

Friday Dec. 15: Boy Scouts host, serve and entertain

Sat. Dec. 16: Gilbert & Sullivan Society singers

Sun. Dec. 17: Chris Simmons & Debra DaVaughn

Mon. Dec. 18: Domaren Recorder Consort

Tue. Dec. 19: Langley Ukelele Association (children's ukelele ensemble)

Wed. Dec. 20: Ashley, Cierra and Jordon Van Nes

Thu. Dec. 21: St. Mark's Choir

Fri. Dec. 22: Florence & Rosemary (Rwandan Singers)

Sat. Dec. 23: Cecilia & Friends

Sun. Dec. 24: We open at 3:30 for your convenience.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY - We are putting together a new photo directory, with the help of, once again, IPC Canada Photo Services. Parishioners can sign up beginning in early January to have their photo taken, here at St. Marks, somewhere between January 31 and February 10, 2018. There is no pressure to buy photographs, although many people take this opportunity to have lovely new family photos taken. We encourage everyone to be involved so we can have a complete directory for use within the congregation. If you cannot make it for a sitting at that time, photos can be submitted instead. If anyone would like to help with this project, we will need a sign-up crew throughout January and hosts and hostesses during the sessions. Please speak to Catherine Featherstone, Louise Ritchie or wardens, Ken or Art.

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.



LIBRARY NEWS - Yes they are out and ready for you . . . the Christmas books and DVDs are waiting to be taken home and enjoyed. So that as many as possible have a chance to read or see all the Christmas selections, the Books are on **2 week** loan and the DVD's are on **1 week** loan. Please return them in a timely manner so that others can enjoy them as well. And while you are enjoying a Christmas story or movie, check around to see if you have any missing books or DVDs. The Library's wish for Christmas is that all overdue books and DVD be returned before the New Year. Check the bulletin board in the Library to see if you have something overdue that you have forgotten about.

THE PRAYER CHAIN Coordinator is Lynne Hurd. She can be reached at 604.542.2772 or at lynneh1@telus.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER

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

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - The flowers are given this week by Ian and Betty-Ann Bainbridge to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents – Nell, George, Betty and George.

CHANGE OF HEART SUNDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS

At 7pm tonight, December 10th, we will gather in the Family Room for Change of Heart Sunday Evening Contemplative Prayers. On this second week of Advent, Miriam Tolhurst will facilitate our contemplation of 'The God Who Comes' through a reflection from Rob Des Cotes. If you are longing for an evening of quiet prayer amidst the busy pace of the holiday season, do consider joining us! All are welcome! This will be our final gathering of 2017. - Janet Scott, Change of Heart Coordinator



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.

AMENDED 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: **Monday, January 15** 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.

DECEMBER 17 BIBLE READINGS - Isaiah 40:1-8, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Zechariah 9:9-10, Haggai 2:6-9, Isaiah 35:1-6, Luke 1:26-35, 38, Mark 1:1-15

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.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

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

5pm, 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Services

Mon. Dec. 25 10am Christmas Day Service

Wed. Dec. 27 9am Journey of Christmas Take down

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD - continued

Tues. Jan. 9 1pm – Prayer Shawl meeting

Tues. Jan. 9 2pm – ACW meeting

Tue. Jan. 9 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting; Guest speakers from the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and a short musical program.

Sun. Jan. 14 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Jan. 16 2pm Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. Jan. 17 10am Healing Service

Sun. Jan. 21 Souper Sunday

Sun. Jan. 28 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Jan. 31-Feb.10 Pictures taken for new photo directory. More details to come.

Tues. Feb. 6 1pm Prayer Shawl meeting

Sun. Feb. 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Feb. 13 2pm ACW meeting

Tue. Feb. 13 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wed. Feb. 14 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sun. Feb. 18 11:30am Annual Vestry Meeting

Tues. Feb. 20 2pm Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. Feb. 21 10am Healing Service

Sun. Feb. 25 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. March 6 Prayer Shawl meeting

Sun. March 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. March 13 ACW meeting

Tue. March 13 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting. Guest speaker: George Garrett, CKNW investigative reporter 1956-99

Tues. March 20 Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. March 21 10am Healing Service

HELP WANTED

We need more people to join the Intercessory Prayer Teams at 10am Sunday Service during Communion.

Please contact Linda Millar:
604.536.5270

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.

A.C.W. Announcement

The flower chart for 2018 is up. If you have a favourite date please put your name on the chart. We want to keep it to 2 bouquets per week. When using your envelope to pay for the flowers; instead of writing on the cheque, please mark on the outside of your envelope "Altar Flowers". We will continue the price at \$50 per month. If you want the Altar Guild to buy the flowers for you circle **YES**.

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 11

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, December 12

2pm – ACW Christmas Gathering – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, December 13

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am –Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 14

11:30am – Seniors Christmas Lunch - Hall

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

Friday, December 15

9am – Exercise – Hall

6pm – Journey of Christmas Opens – Hall

Sunday, December 17

1pm – Wedding of Heather Davies in the Sanctuary & all members of the Parish are welcome.