



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY JAN. 7, 2018

Thank you to the Ministry Leaders who have submitted their 2017 Ministry Reports for the Annual Report for Vestry 2018. If you are a Ministry Leader Please submit your report no later than **Monday, January 15** to: office@stmarkbc.org

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is provided this week by Darlene and Gary Wiegand to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for three healthy grandchildren, Taylor, Logan and Jackson.

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

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY - We are putting together a new photo directory, with the help of, once again, IPC Canada Photo Services. Parishioners can sign to have their photo taken, here at St. Marks, somewhere between Thursday, January 31 and Saturday, 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.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

St. Mark's hosted its annual Seniors' Lunch in December, with many willing hands involved in preparations. Special thanks to Isabel Chernoff and her hard-working kitchen crew for the wonderful meal, to the Men's Club for a great job setting up and taking down, to the table setters and "fluffer-uppers", to the enthusiastic and hospitable greeters, servers and "cleaner-uppers", including the dedicated dishwashers. We were very happy to have so many of our Choir members, including musician Cecilia, join us for lunch and lead us in a rousing romp through carols and seasonal music. Thank you all, not only for your time and hard work, but also for the joy which you brought to the day by showing how much our St. Mark's family loves and appreciates our seniors. - Dorothy Mash

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - The flowers are given this week by Louise Ritchie for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the long lives of Chesley Howard and Monica Davidson, mother and aunt.

Flowers are also given this week in loving memory of Joan and Colin Pickering, their lives and their love which they celebrated every year on Jan. 6. Still celebrate with you! – loving daughter Teri

THE LUNCH BASKET MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING FUND DONOR PLEDGE CHART

The 2018 chart is 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. 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.

HELP WANTED

We need people to help with sign up and hosting in order to make our new photo directory successful! If you can spare a little time before Church Service or during the first week of February, please speak to either Catherine Featherstone, Louise Ritchie, or Wardens Ken or Art.

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**.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

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.
Wed. Jan. 10 – Resumption of Seniors' Get-Togethers
Sun. Jan. 14 7pm Contemplative Prayer
Tues. Jan. 16 2pm Ladies Guild meeting
Wed. Jan. 17 10am Healing Service
Thurs. Jan. 18 1pm Community Outreach meeting
Sun. Jan. 21 Souper Sunday
Sun. Jan. 28 7pm Contemplative Prayer
Jan. 31-Feb.10 Pictures taken for new photo directory.

Tues. Feb. 6 1pm Prayer Shawl meeting
Sun. Feb. 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer
Sun. Feb. 11 Souper Sunday
Tues. Feb. 13 2pm ACW meeting
Tue. Feb. 13 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed. Feb. 14 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs. Feb. 15 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sun. Feb. 18 11:30am Annual Vestry Meeting
Tues. Feb. 20 2pm Ladies Guild meeting
Wed. Feb. 21 10am Healing Service
Thurs. Feb. 22 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sun. Feb. 25 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Thurs. March 1 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Tues. March 6 Prayer Shawl meeting
Thurs. March 8 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
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
Thurs. March 15 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sun. Mar. 18 Souper Sunday
Tues. March 20 Ladies Guild meeting
Wed. March 21 10am Healing Service
Thurs. March 22 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 8

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, January 9

1pm – Prayer Shawls – Library
2pm – ACW Meeting – Family Room
6pm – Men's Club Meeting - Hall
7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, January 10

9am – Yoga – Education Centre
10am –Service – Sanctuary
1pm – Seniors Get Together – Hall & Family Room
7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, January 12

9am – Exercise – Hall

Sunday, January 14

7pm – Contemplative Prayer – Family Room