



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018

Holly Berry Fair

The Holly Berry Fair is over for another year and the ACW, Ladies Guild and Men's Club want to thank everyone who helped make it the great success it was. Thank you, thank you to all the volunteers and patrons! Watch this space for a "save the date" in the new year!

2019 Contribution Envelopes - Please pick yours up in the Narthex.

Purdy's Chocolate Orders - You can pick up your order at church on today, or direct from Isabel Chernoff by arrangement. Thanks everyone for your support of the Ladies Guild's ministries.

BAKERS please remember St. Mark's for the Shortbread and Mince Tarts special coffee hour on Sunday, December 23. Thank you. – Isabel Chernoff

Readers' Ministry - We prepare the readings each week. If you are not currently a reader and are interested in participating in this ministry, please come talk to me. In order to save paper, I would like to provide the 2019 schedule, phone list, and lectionary via email. If you are on the readers' list, and are not sure whether I have your email address, please email me. If you would prefer a paper copy, please see me:
Lauren MacPherson climac@telus.net 604-531-6828.



Library News

Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy are at it again this Christmas. The Angels have been sent to earth to solve a Christmas problem of the heart. Three different stories make this a perfect read for the holiday season.

Christmas Season Office Hours

The office is open on Monday, Dec. 24, from 9am from 12noon.

The office is closed Christmas Day, through New Years Day, and will re-open at 9am on Wed. Jan. 2, 2019

Ministry Report Deadline Information for the Annual Report:

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

The deadline for your 2018 Ministry Report is: Mon. Jan. 14, 2019.

ACW News – the 2019 Flowers for the Altar Chart is now up and available for "sign up" on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Here is the list of who is on stage at the Journey of Christmas Arts Showcase:

- Sun. Dec. 16 5pm Cecilia & Friends
- Mon. Dec. 17 6pm Scouts Canada Night
- Tue. Dec. 18 6pm Domaren Trio (recorder trio)
- Wed. Dec. 19 6pm Langley Ukulele Ensemble
- Thu. Dec. 20 6pm St. Mark's Choir
- Fri. Dec. 21 6pm St. Cuthbert's Choirs
- Sat. Dec. 22 6pm Gilbert & Sullivan Society Singers
- Sun. Dec. 23 6pm Debra daVaughn, Chris Simmons & daughter Casandra

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS TOUR GUIDES & KITCHEN HELP:

We are signing up tour guides & kitchen help. We need help each night from 6-9pm except Sunday, December 16 when we start at 5pm.

Christmas Eve we need your help from 3:30-9pm or whenever you can help. Westminster House seniors are coming on Thurs. Dec. 20 from 1:15-3:15pm. We will need 2 tour guides and 2 to help in the kitchen that day.

The Contact for the Prayer Chain for December, January and February. Please send your requests for prayer to Lynne Hurd at lynneh1@telus.net, or by phone at 604-542-2772. We currently have twenty men and women who will pray daily for your request for two weeks after receiving it, unless there is an update from you changing the timeline, or amending the request. This ministry has been a great blessing to those prayed for, but also to those privileged to pray for your loved ones.

Bible Readings for Dec.23 – Genesis 3:1-15, Jeremiah 23:5-8, Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 9:1-6, Luke 1:26-38, John 1:1-14, Matthew 28:16-20

Flowers for the Altar - The flowers are given today by Brenda Horner to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father Geoff Horner, and other dear family members. And by Shelagh Huston in thanksgiving to our loving God for all the blessings received and shared by David Soy during a long and happy life, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, December 18, 2018.

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is provided this week by Don Boyd and Patti Thorne to the Glory of God and in memory of all of those who have gone before us.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart

The 2019 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 till the end of the year. These donations go to help young Moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated this past year. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please contact Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Donation Station Launched!

The Financial Stewardship Committee is excited to present the St. Mark - Ocean Park Electronic Donation Station! This provides an 'on the spot' option for parishioners and visitors to make donations using their debit or credit card, especially convenient for those people who do not carry cash or cheques. In addition to allocating donations toward church operations, users can choose that funds go toward other church ministries (e.g. altar flowers, lunch basket, PWRDF, etc.) or special events (Men's Club BBQ tickets, raffle tickets, Journey of Christmas donations, etc.). Attendees at weddings, funerals, concerts or other events can easily make donations to St. Mark's and receive a tax receipt. Pre-authorized Donation (PAD) application forms may be picked up and deposited at the station, and PAD users may also request changes to their PAD contributions using the 'Parishioner' envelope. Lastly, the Donation Station also provides a solution for individuals who miss the offering plate during the service, since they can put their regular offering envelope in the donation slot afterward. The Donation Station is in the Narthex. If you haven't done so yet, stop by and check it out!

Dear brothers and sisters, it is with gratitude Cecilia and friends will be gathering at **Journey of Christmas on December 16** celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. If you play an instrument or sing, and like to be included in practices, please join us.

PWRDF – This is the final report in a series of 10 “partners & innovative ideas that have made a world of difference” articles: Mitigating climate change in Bangladesh – Bangladesh has been faced with increasing vulnerabilities as a result of climate change and flooding. One particular effect flooding has had on rural agricultural communities is the lack of seed diversity. PWRDF partner UBINIG has been helping these communities with Nayakrishi Andalon, an agricultural movement focused on biodiversity and empowering the role of women as seed bearers. The movement has helped women in Bangladesh return to a level of socio-economic power and have helped catalogue more than 3,000 diverse rice seeds.

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Tonight, Sun. Dec. 16:

4pm Journey of Christmas 20th Year Celebration Service

5pm Journey of Christmas opens

Tues. Dec. 18 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Mon. Dec. 24 3:30pm Journey of Christmas extended hours until 9pm

Mon. Dec. 24:

5pm Christmas Eve Service

7pm Christmas Eve Service

11pm Christmas Eve service

Tues. Dec. 25 10am Christmas Day Service

Thurs. Dec. 27 9am to 1pm take-down of Journey of Christmas

Wed. Jan. 2 – Seniors Get-Together

Tues. Jan. 8 – Prayer Shawls

Tues. Jan. 8 – ACW Meeting

Tues. Jan. 8 – Men’s Club Meeting

Sun. Jan. 13 – Contemplative Prayer Service

Wed. Jan. 16 – Seniors Get-Together

Sun. Jan. 20 – Souper Sunday

Tues. Jan. 22 – Ladies Guild Meeting

Tues. Jan. 22 – Parish Council Meeting

Sun. Jan. 27 – Taize Evening Service

Wed. Jan. 30 – Seniors Get-Together

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 17

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Tuesday, December 18

10am – Tour of Journey of Christmas

2pm – Ladies Guild Meeting – Family Room

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Wednesday, December 19

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

10:30am – Tour of Journey of Christmas

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

7:30pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

1:30pm – Tour of Journey of Christmas

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Friday, December 21

9am - Exercise – Education Centre

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Saturday, December 22

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Sunday, December 23

6pm to 9pm – Journey of Christmas

Monday, December 24

3:30pm – 9pm – Journey of Christmas

5pm –Service – Sanctuary

7pm –Service – Sanctuary

11pm –Service – Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25

10am – Service - Sanctuary

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT " FINANCIAL STATUS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2018

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	35,577.85	342,875.79	297,784.51	45,091.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,650.46	345,629.75	297,784.51	(47,845.24)
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