



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018

2019 Contribution Envelopes

Please pick yours up in the Narthex.

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.

Memorial Service For Deacon Richard Roberts' wife Jenny who died after a lengthy illness & there will be a m service for Jenny on Friday Dec. 7 at 1:30pm at the Langley Presbyterian Church, 20867 44th Avenue, Langley.

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. Finally, the donation station also provides a solution for individuals who inadvertently miss the offering plate during the service since they can put their regular offering envelope in the donation box afterward.

The Donation Station is in the Narthex. Stop by and check it out!

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT OCTOBER 31, 2018				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	33,555.73	307,297.94	330,871.68	(23,573.74)
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,073.11	313,979.29	330,871.68	16,892.39
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 1,482.62	\$ (6,681.35)	\$ -	\$ (6,681.35)

Many thanks to all donors for helping us reach our 2018 budget goals.

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.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Tue. Dec. 4: We need your help to set up the theatres, install the lights around the path, install 10 stereo systems, put up lights around the entrance area poles and decorate the Hall. There are a few people arriving at 8:30am to get the mannequins outside and the trees inside. Best time to arrive for decorating and staging is around 10am. Shannon is preparing a delicious lunch for us. Invite your friends and neighbours and make this a community event!

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

TOUR GUIDES & KITCHEN HELP:

Today we will begin 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 will change tomorrow, Dec. 3, and will be in effect for the next three months – 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. 9- Christmas Pageant Sunday – Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79 (Psalm), Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



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. 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 DVDs 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.

Flowers for the Altar - The flowers are given today by Irene Snow, to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgivings for my beloved husband Bill.

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is provided this week by Morny White and her husband Alan to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving to those dedicated to the care and spiritual guidance for our children and youth, and in thanksgiving for our three grandchildren.

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.

ACW News – Calendars are available. They are \$8/each. AND...the time has come to make our drive for the Mission to Seafarers. The Mission will be packaging gifts for all the Seafarers in the Port of Vancouver over Christmas. Needed: socks (must contain wool), work gloves, warm mitts and gloves, cowl scarves, candy and toiletries (both male and female). To see the complete list it is on the table in the Narthex. For candy we will take your leftovers from Halloween. All donations must be at the Church by today.

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 send me an email at cecibert@gmail.com. Don't forget to suggest your favourite Christmas Carol.

PWRDF – This is the 8th in a series of 10 “partners & innovative ideas that have made a world of difference” articles: Letting the light shine with solar suitcases in Mozambique In Mozambique many babies are born in clinics without electricity for proper lighting. This presents a challenge for nighttime deliveries, when nurses have been known to hold their cellphones in between their teeth to provide light. To solve this problem PWRDF partnered with EHALE and We Care Solar to install solar suitcases at health care facilities in 2016. Volunteers were trained to mount the bright yellow plastic suitcase to the wall of a clinic and wire it to a solar panel on the roof. The suitcase is equipped with headlamps for health care workers, flashlights, a Doppler to monitor the newborn's health, and charging stations for cellphones. Currently 30 solar suitcases are welcoming babies into the world at night.

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Tues. Dec. 4 8:30am set-up Journey of Christmas
(inside & outside)
Tues. Dec. 4 1pm Prayer Shawls
Wed. Dec. 5 9am Decorate the Hall for Christmas
Wed. Dec. 5 1pm Seniors Get-Together
Sun. Dec. 9 Christmas Pageant
Sun. Dec. 9 7pm Contemplative Evening Prayer
Tues. Dec. 11 2pm ACW Meeting
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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am – Set Up Journey of Christmas - Hall
9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room
1pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting – Family Room
6:30pm – Youth – Youth Room
6:45pm – ESL Bible Study – Office

Wednesday, December 5

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

Friday, December 7

9am- Exercise – Education Centre
10am – Set Up for Men's Club Dinner – Hall

Saturday, December 8

9am – Set Up for Men's Club Dinner – Hall
1pm – Rehearsal of Pageant – Sanctuary