

# **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

**The Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park  
Anglican Church**



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**Please read and bring this Report to the February 17, 2019 Vestry meeting.**



*OUR MISSION*

*To be a community of God's Servants*

*Fed by the Word*

*Led by the Holy Spirit*

*Reaching out to all people with Good News*

*Of Christ's saving Grace and Love*

*By our words, thoughts and actions.*



# IN MEMORIAM 2018

## Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park

Rea Anderson
Ralph Darbyshire
David Falconer
Michael Houston
Todd Kargl
Alvin Myhre
Corry Van Benton

### Statistical Information 2018

Membership	502
Baptism	5
Confirmation	0
Weddings	2
Funerals	6

### Staff

Rector	The Reverend Craig Tanksley
Pastoral Assistant	The Reverend John Mash
Music Director	Emily Worden-Kwok
Music Assistant	Cecilia Wong
Youth Coordinator	Joshua Brown
Custodians	Heather & Geoff Higginson
Office Administrator	Sheila M.F. Johnston

### Parish Council 2018

Rector	Reverend Craig Tanksley
Pastoral Assistant	Reverend John Mash (until May 2018)
Rector's Warden	Barb Walks
People's Wardens	Ken Miles, Ed Prior
Recording Secretary	Isabel Chernoff
Treasurer	Barbara Carington Smith
Synod Delegates	Isabel Chernoff, David Soy, Brenda Horner, Ben Schmit
Alternate Synod Delegates	Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Clifford Neyedli, Holly Zhang
Members at Large	Heather Higginson, Art Go, Katherine Mercedes Reynolds, Lauren MacPherson
Youth Synod Delegate:	Kate Herron

### Trustees

Rev. Craig Tanksley, Barb Walks, Barbara Carington Smith, Ken Miles, John Ritchie, Lynne Hurd, Ann Colman



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**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

**PRESIDING CHAIRPERSON:** Catherine Featherstone

**PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE:** 102

Catherine called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Josh Brown opened the meeting with Prayer, giving thanks for the church that we serve, thanks for the leaders and asked for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our meeting today

**1. WELCOME** Catherine welcomed everyone to the meeting with her following address:

In the Anglican Church we have Low Anglicans and we have High Anglicans and all the degrees of Anglicanism in between. For me, I've never worried about high or low. It's always been about the fellowship. But something more strikes me about a church and that is it's resiliency. St. Mark's strikes me as a resilient church. As we've gone through the Strategic Planning process, and contemplate change, we've seen differences of opinion, different sense of the direction St. Mark's should take. But throughout, I've never doubted that St. Mark's has the strength of character to withstand all of that, to emerge as a tight knit fellowship, committed to the Lord's work. My sense is that we don't all agree all the time but we never "lose the plot" and forget Whom we serve. All the wonderful ministries, and all the people selflessly giving of their time testify to that.

I remember one of my children saying when we first came here "You know what I like about St. Mark's? The old people are so nice." I've never forgotten that and I continue to see that positive witness here in this place.

**2. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- a) Circulation of Register
- b) Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Isabel Chernoff
- c) Canon 1401 -- Eligibility to vote -- read by Catherine Featherstone
- d) Canon 1402 -- Provision of Notice -- read by Catherine Featherstone
- e) Memorial Recognition -- Lynne Hurd recognized St. Mark's members who have died in the preceding year

- f) Greetings to: His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury; the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; the Most Reverend Fredrick Hiltz, the Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon and the Archbishop of the Diocese of Kootenay; the Most Reverend John Privett, the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster; the Right Reverend Melissa Skelton.
- g) Appreciations: Catherine Featherstone. We would like to thank a number of people for their involvement in preparing for this year's Vestry. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all the Ministry Leaders for submitting their reports on time. A special thank you to our treasurer, Barbara Carington Smith for her work in preparing the financial statements to include in the Annual Report. To Sheila Johnston and all those involved in the assembly of the report, and to Isabel Chernoff for acting as Vestry Clerk. Thank you to Vanessa Musherue and Simon Featherstone for looking after the children this morning. And a heartfelt thank you to the Men's Club for setting up the hall and to the ACW for providing a delicious lunch once again for all of us to enjoy, and to members of the parish who donated cookies and squares. Thank you in advance to those people who volunteer to clean up after our meeting.
- h) Appreciations: Maintenance Volunteers: Ken Miles extended special thanks to the team of Ken Miles, Don Hamilton and Phil Tubbs for their continued dedication to making repairs as required to our physical plant. He also welcomed Alan Marsh to this team. Thanks were also extended to the dedicated team of office volunteers for their ongoing work.

### **3. APPROVAL OF VESTRY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**MOVED** Sue Indridson, 2nd Roger Hussen that the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 19, 2017 be accepted as circulated. **CARRIED**

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business arising from Vestry Minutes of 2017

### **5. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

Bob Pedersen, Ann Thiessen, Roger Hussen

### **6. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2108**

- a) Recognition of Outgoing Parish Council Members: Thanks were given to the members of Parish Council who have completed their terms: -- Catherine Featherstone, Rector's Warden, Art Go -- People's Warden, Gertrude Musherue and Brian Walks -- council members.
- b) Appointment of Rector's Warden: Barbara Walks
- c) Appointment of Treasurer: Barbara Carington Smith
- d) Appointment of Parish Recording Secretary: Isabel Chernoff

- e) Report of Parish Nominating Committee: Barbara Carington Smith, Catherine Featherstone and David Soy
- f) Call for further Nominations for all positions: None
- g) Election of Parish Council and Trustees: Seeing no further nominations, all were elected by acclamation.
  - i. People's Warden – Ken Miles, Ed Prior
  - ii. Synod Delegates:(4) Isabel Chernoff, Brenda Horner, Ben Schmit, David Soy
  - iii. Alternate Synod Delegates (4): Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Cliff Neyedli, Holly Zhang
  - iv. Members at Large (4): Art Go, Heather Higginson, Lauren MacPherson, Katherine Mercedes Reynolds
  - v. Youth Delegate: Kate Herron
  - vi. Trustees: Barbara Carington Smith, Ann Colman, Lynne Hurd, John Ritchie,
  - vii. Appointment of Donations Secretary: Kathy Chambers
- j) Appointment of Eucharistic Servers, Lay Administrators and Acolytes:  
 Holly Bear Tanksley, Josh Brown, Barbara Carington Smith, Isabel Chernoff, Mark Davies, Roger Hussen, Shelagh Huston, Michael Klaver, Robin Klaver, Lauren MacPherson, Vanessa Musherure, Verina Musherure, Shannon Poulson, Maria Schmit, Carel Schoch, Anne Schreck, Scott Tolhurst, Phil Tubbs, Brian Walks, Vivian Wu
- h) Appointment of Home Eucharistic Servers: Leslie-Ann Hebb, Lynne Hurd, John Mash, Anne Schreck, Janet Scott, Brian Walks

## **7. ACCEPTANCE OF 2018 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORTS**

**MOVED** Holly Bear Tanksley, 2nd Cliff Neyedli that all Annual Reports be accepted as circulated: **CARRIED**

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT & LONG TERM FINANCIAL PROJECTS**

Barbara Carington Smith presented the Financial Reports for 2017 using a Powerpoint Presentation. She reviewed highlights from the documents including any major changes from the previous year. Details of the Financial documents can be found in the Annual Report on pages 28 - 31.

**MOTION:** Moved Ed Prior, 2nd Ann Colman that the Financial Report for 2017 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

## **9. 2018 BUDGET**

Barbara spoke to the proposed budget for 2018. Questions were asked and answered. Suggestion was made to encourage all contributors to increase their giving by 5% to eliminate the ongoing operations deficit.

**MOTION:** Moved Barbara Carington Smith, 2nd Ken Miles that the 2018 Budget be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Ken Miles spoke to the 5 year Capital Budget including plans to replace the Northwest exterior staircase this year (\$6,000) and to complete the roofing repairs on the flat roof sections that were not done when the hall roof was replaced (\$53,000)

**MOTION:** Moved Ken Miles, 2nd Roger Hussen that repairs to the Northwest exterior stairway and some flat roof sections of our buildings be approved as Capital Expenses for 2018 for approximately \$60,000. **CARRIED**

#### **10. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Bernie Schneider reviewed the work that the Stewardship Committee has been doing and encouraged everyone to Give Regularly and Give Significantly. Of the 250 households at St. Mark's, 80% give regularly and he encouraged the other 20% to consider giving regularly. 50 households have joined the PAD (Pre-Authorized Donation) and he encouraged others to do so as this is a very efficient way of managing donations.

#### **11. THE SPIRIT TEAM**

Ben Schmit introduced the Spirit Team of Craig, Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Ken Miles. They have been tasked with implementing the findings of the Strategic Planning Committee. He posed the question -- What is the best way to communicate in today's digital society -- text, email, facebook, snapchat?? The team is looking to improve communications at St. Mark's.

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

Phil Tubbs reported that high speed internet is now available throughout the buildings. Ask Phil or Don Hamilton for the password if you need to use it. He also reported that the Sound Ministry has been making good progress on improving sound quality throughout the buildings.

#### **13. RECTOR'S REPORT**

In his report, Craig stressed his thanks to the faithful who contribute so much to parish life and in supporting the work of St. Mark's. He added his thanks for the faithful financial support especially to the less fortunate around our community. Thanks also to the staff whose ministry extends to many years of service. He gave thanks to his wife and family for their unwavering support. He asked for prayers for wisdom and guidance and for leadership to move forward with the power of God.

**14. VOLUNTEERS** requested to assist with clean-up.

**15. COMMISSIONING** Craig led a prayer for commissioning of all elected and appointed persons.

**16. CLOSING PRAYER** led by Craig

**17. MOTION TO ADJOURN** Laurie Stephenson

**18. The Grace**

## RECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is with a deep sense of joy and thanksgiving that I submit this report for the year 2018. We saw the loving hand of God's provision and blessing throughout the year. This report is a testimony of God's goodness.

The Lord has provided people. Our membership holds up strong and healthy. There is always the flow of transition as our beloved friends pass into the eternal kingdom. We will name them today in this Vestry. But God continues to bring others into our fold. So many of these new members have already taken up the mantle of volunteer ministry and leadership.

Our children's ministry has prospered well under the leadership of Linda Zeal. We enjoyed another summer of ministry to children with the help again of our summer intern, Kate Herron and the wild man from 8AM, Laurie Stephenson. The VBS grew significantly in its second summer with that leadership team. Children are being taught, loved and cared for in Christ Jesus!

Joshua Brown has developed a truly fine program of teaching and fun activities with our youth. A new batch came into the group at the beginning of the summer, having graduated from Sunday School. That group of youth brought new energy and friends into the mix and so our youth group keeps growing!

Pastoral Care is a vital area of ministry for our parish since we have a high percentage of elderly, shut-in and mobility challenged members. Lynne Hurd oversees her team of phone callers and visitors providing a network of care that is available to anyone in our parish who needs it.

Our clergy staff has transitioned with John's retirement and we welcomed Rev. Sue Foley-Currie to our team as an Honorary Assistant. She has offered a wonderful resource of ministry and support to us through her preaching and pastoral care. The further good news is, that although Rev. Mash is officially retired, he is still available for emergencies to preach and preside. He also continues to offer some time as a volunteer for pastoral care and visitation. Dorothy organized our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner again this year with a record-breaking attendance.

Worship is at the centre of our life together. We have seen the music team transition as the interim team of Emily and Cecilia became our ongoing music ministry team. Cecilia has been involved at many levels helping with the Sunday evening Taize services, the Journey of Christmas, our Men's Club BBQs and many other events. We have also had the blessing of music ministry from the whole Wong family!

Emily has brought new energy and creativity to our worship through her ingenuity and creativity. She pours enormous work into the choices of music for worship. She also gathers the resources to support all who are participating in planning, preparing and performing music. We have an eclectic Music Planning Team that meets quarterly to support Emily in the choosing of music for worship.

Our worship together is also supported by a large team of volunteers who are preparing and serving the Eucharistic meal, welcoming at the door, reading, praying, singing, playing instruments, running sound and serving in the kitchen. We are enormously indebted to these gifted and faithful volunteers.

I want to offer a special thank you to our Administrator, Sheila, who works quietly and steadily in the church office to support all of the ministries of our parish. She is an enormous blessing. Somehow she produces fine bulletins weekly, manages the extensive flow of calendar events, supports the many data processing and record keeping tasks and the list goes on and on. It is a big job and I am truly grateful for her.

In our baptismal covenant we promise to *"continue in the Apostles' teaching."* When I ask candidates what that means, most do not know that the Apostles' teaching are given to us in the Holy Scriptures. In order to follow them we must read and study the Bible. Our members are encouraged to read the Bible daily and we make a devotional available every quarter called, *"Forward Day By Day."* We also have several Bible studies that meet regularly throughout the week. It is my hope that we can expand the number of Bible studies offered in this coming year.

We have one of the finest church libraries I have ever seen in an Anglican church. It is well organized and promoted weekly in our Parish Pulse. Let me commend that library to you and encourage you to take advantage of it.

Last year our Lenten study was titled "*Led By The Spirit.*" It was written and moderated by Rev. Shelagh Huston and led with the support of her leadership team. This study was superbly done and so popular that an afternoon group had to be offered in order to accommodate the numbers! This year again we are planning a very special Lenten Course titled, "*A Fresh Walk On Ancient Paths.*" This course will be co-taught by Rev. Scott Tolhurst and Dr. Mark Davies. These two gifted teachers will lead us on a journey to learn about prayer from some of the classic pioneers of our faith.

We have also enjoyed some unique worship experiences this year. We used our forested cathedral, the outdoor chapel, not just once in September, but on Wednesday services throughout the summer. We celebrated again this year the Feast of St. Francis along with the blessing of our animal friends. But there was one new service that was entirely unique in our parish history. For the very first time we offered a blessing for motorcycles and their riders followed by a group ride out to Ft. Langley. What fun it was!

In May our parish was privileged to play a key role in the diocesan Mission Conference. A large number of our members were supporting and teaching at this event. It is a testimony of how many talented and dedicated people the Lord had given to us!

In the Spring my wife and I took 33 people, most of them members of our parish, on a pilgrimage journey to the Holy Land. We traveled throughout Israel and Jordan seeing and experiencing the land of the Bible and the historic places of our faith. We have heard their testimonies, not only of how memorable but also life-changing the experience has been.

Throughout the year, our Strategic Planning, Innovating, Recruiting and Implementation Team (SPIRIT) has continued to meet. They are pressing forward toward the goals and directives that we as a congregation have given them. Out of six priorities we established, they have focused their energies particularly on two, worship and communication. Our worship team has worked hard this year to offer increasingly creative and beautiful worship.

SPIRIT has developed, through the creative talent of Jock Ferguson, an outstanding E-Newsletter that has been produced almost monthly. These articles along with photos are telling the story of our life together. There is so much to share and this new tool has really raised the bar of communication in our parish. SPIRIT will be presenting to this Vestry a proposal for a new staff position that will focus on communication; on telling our story within our parish, to our diocese and to the larger community around us.

Philippians 4:19 says, "*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*" Once again God has provided for us all that we have needed in 2018. We have seen the financial needs met as the report from our Treasurer will testify. We owe special thanks to our Financial Stewardship Team, *The Four 'B's*, for a new and innovative way of giving through our home-built Donation Station. My heartfelt thanks to all of our faithful givers!!

We have seen God meet every need for leadership and volunteers in every area of ministry and they are many; buildings and property maintenance, kitchen, Altar Guild, Men's Club, ACW, Ladies Guild, just to name a few.

The nominations committee will present to us the names of those who have served and are willing to serve us as Parish Council Trustees and Wardens in the year ahead. God has supplied and will continue to meet every need, and every challenge that is ahead for this parish! This I believe with all my heart and soul, and I am so very deeply grateful for the gifts of life and service that have been offered by so many.

With thanksgiving and praise to God and gratefulness to this parish, I offer this report to you,

Rev. Craig Tanksley

## RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT

In February, 2018 I attended a Diocesan sponsored conference put on by Music that Makes Community. They use oral methods of learning music that help reduce the paper used for Sunday Services. One of these pieces was the Introit "*While We Are Waiting Come*" used for our Advent services.

In May we celebrated Rev. John Mash's retirement from ministry with us and the Diocese. We are delighted to still have him and Dorothy sitting in the pews and helping out from time to time.

Along with many members of the Parish, I helped to hostess Inside Out Church, the Diocesan Mission Conference on May 26. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other members of the Diocese and to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

I have enjoyed spending time with the children in Summer Sunday School and VBS, seeing how God is working in their lives. It is amazing to watch as they reach out to others (including those they don't know) with God's love. Thank you to Laurie Stephenson, Kate Herron, and their team of helpers.

A big thank you to Linda Zeal and her team of faithful volunteers; Heather Higginson, Judith Hardman, Lynn Reynolds, and Kate Hoos, for another fantastic year of Children's Ministry. The children and families really appreciate their enthusiasm, creative ideas, inspired teaching, hard work and love that they give throughout the year on Sundays, and other events through the year especially the inspiring Christmas Pageant. Many thanks also to Josh Brown for guiding and sharing with our youth. It has been wonderful to watch both the youth and children develop and mature in their faith.

I started working with the Screening In Faith materials. These include Ministry Descriptions, Criminal Record Checks, The Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy Training (now known as Safe Church), and the Diocesan Anti-Racism Policy Training. I have been working on Ministry Descriptions with various ministry leaders to make sure that the descriptions reflect the ministries. Almost all of them have been revised. A Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy training workshop led by Rich Phillips was well attended at St Mark's on Saturday, June 2. In the fall parish leaders attended workshops for the Diocesan Anti-Racism Policy training.

This fall after more than 2 years wait, God has called Maggie Ferguson as new coordinator for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Many thanks to Mary Brown for many years of compassionate and faithful leadership.

October 12-14 with 6 other St Mark members, I attended Pro Mundi Vita. This was a Diocesan spiritual retreat on contemplative prayer held at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast. The next one, now titled "Vita", is being held at Loon Lake Lodge Retreat Centre in Maple Ridge, on March 22-24, and this time requires no ferry. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for re-centering their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, Nov. 24, I attended Christmas on the Peninsula along with Rev. Sue Foley-Currie and at least 18 other St Mark folk. It is always a joy to get together and work with other Christians and community leaders in our community to publicly start the preparations for the Christmas season. Making crafts, reading of the Christmas story, the parade culminating in the arrival of baby Jesus, and the community caroling are my favourites.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Journey of Christmas is the highlight of my Advent season with St Mark's reaching out and welcoming the community to our church. Thank you to Rev. Craig for the privilege of asking me to serve, and to Ken among others for mentoring me.

Blessings in His service,  
Barb

## PEOPLE'S WARDENS REPORT

To repeat a sentence in my first report for the year 2016, I have always believed that God has preordained a task for each of us. I also believe that if God gave us something we must pass it onto the next owner in better condition than we received it. With these two thoughts in mind, all of us began a journey three years ago that is not quite complete at this time but will be in the near future. You, the congregation provided the moral and financial support to allow Don Hamilton, Phil Tubbs, Alan Marsh, Anne Schreck and the undersigned to complete a massive rebuild of our buildings and grounds in just over three years.

Over the past year we have completed the re-roofing of the flat roofs that were not done two years ago. This means that the only roof structure that should need attention over the next 20 years is the steel roof over the sanctuary. In theory, this roof should last 50 years with periodic re-tightening of the retaining bolts. It is my understanding that these bolts were re-tightened some years ago and without a known date, it is only a guess as to when they have to be redone. This will probably be in the next ten years and will not be cheap.

In the past few months, the north and south east fire escapes have been rebuilt. The new escapes were built out of pretreated wood and painted prior to assembly. Attention was paid to the assembly of the stairs so that the wood would not come into contact with the earth. Due to this attention being paid to the building of the new stairs, they will last longer than the old stairs which was approximately 25 years.

In addition, the original irrigation system in the memorial garden, the garden along the front wall of the church and the dahlia and rose garden in the quadrangle was replaced with a drip system thus improving the efficiency of delivering water to the plants and reducing our costs.

There were several other minor maintenance problems including some work in the rectory which in the majority were dealt with by your maintenance staff of volunteers. In reality these people have saved us several thousand dollars over the past three years.

There is one more major item to be done around the church buildings and this is covered in the five year plan attached to this report. In reality the great majority of major repairs has been done but the major amount of our capital funds has been spent. We as a congregation have to start replenishing the capital funds so that in the years to come the church will have the funds to carry out repairs as needed.

Once again thank you for your support, encouragement and understanding during the past three years because without it, our team of volunteers would not have accomplished what they did. Finally, thank you choosing me over the past three years to be your servant.

God's Blessings be with you. Ken Miles

### **Additional notes from Ed Prior:**

As one of the People's Wardens for 2018, I would like to thank Ken for all his assistance and guidance to me in this role this past year. I also would like to personally congratulate Ken on an outstanding term.

In addition to the items Ken detailed above, other items that have been completed/are in progress include:

- repairs to our dishwasher (completed)
- the location and marking of the property lines on all three sides of the property (completed)
- planning and preparation for erecting the St. Mark's lion in our narthex continued, and was completed in early January 2019
- plumbing work continues

The strengths of this team will certainly ensure success in the following year for St. Mark's.

Ed Prior, People's Warden

### **8am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS REPORT**

What a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers we have at the 8am service, covering sidesmans duties, reading and making sure we have "special" refreshments afterwards.

This year we have had two people (in their 90's) retire and one passed on to be with the Lord. Fortunately two others have filled the gap. God is good and we are blessed.

Once again, we got together for a pre-Christmas pot luck lunch at Brian and Gillian's, a chance to socialize with our Christian friends.

Yours in His service,  
Pat Zammit and Brian Jones

### **ADOPT-A-STREET-TEAM REPORT**

Volunteers from St. Mark's pledge to keep our street free of trash and debris by performing litter pickup at least once a month with the Adopt-A-Street Program.

Benefits of volunteering are to contribute to the beautification of our community. We clean 2.5 km of road from 140<sup>th</sup> St. to 128<sup>th</sup> St. on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.

We have six teams that clean twice a year with some going out twice a month if needed. Our roster of volunteers has worked hard over the years and we hope to add some new recruits this coming year to keep our clean street going.

Mari Anne Hussen

### **ALTAR GUILD REPORT**

Another year has come and gone, we have passed through advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter as we followed our Lord through his life. The Altar Guild has set up for Sunday Services, Wednesday and special services like Weddings and Funerals as well as one dinner (the Seder).

I would like to thank all the Altar Guild members for all their work as well as Brian Walks and his team of helpers for the help they give us in turning the Altar and carrying boxes up and down for decorating.

The Altar Guild has two duties, setting up for the upcoming services and arranging the flowers. At this time we have all the flower people we need. We do need more people to help with the general Altar Guild duties.

Currently we have four teams and as a result we are on duty every four weeks. During the week we spend 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours on Saturday morning (9:30) to set up for the Sunday service. After the 8am service we need 20 minutes or so to wash and change the vessels for 10am. Following the 10am service we wash up and set up for Wednesday.

We have three meetings each year following the 10am Wednesday service. It starts with coffee and refreshments, followed by the meeting which we aim to finish by 12noon, no later than 12:30. Our next meeting is on Wed. Feb. 20, at which we will plan for the Lenten and Easter services. We will also address any feasts or special services over the summer.

Our second meeting is prior to Thanksgiving where we address Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day services. Our third meeting is before the start of Advent so we can plan for all the services for Advent, Christmas, and any special services up to Ash Wednesday.

If you would like information on the Altar Guild, our duties and responsibilities, I would be more than happy to talk to you about it. If you feel that you would like to join the Altar Guild, please talk to Rev. Craig.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathryn Smith

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (A.C.W.) REPORT**

This has been another very busy, action packed and successful year for our small, but energetic group. On average, there are 13 members attending our meetings. We also have homebound members who enjoy keeping up with our activities.

Our group caters many functions at church including funerals, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries. We also prepared a lovely retirement party this year for Rev. John Mash. Our refreshments, especially our sandwich selections and cheesy toasts, are very popular. It's always fun working in the kitchen together telling stories, laughing and creating great memories for our hard-working members.

In May, we hosted the Diocese meeting and it was a wonderful day.

In June, we held our Annual Spring Sale and Luncheon. It was one of our most successful sales in many years. Everyone enjoys the homemade crafts and goodies, spectacular raffle baskets, creative silent auction items and delicious lunch. We also hosted an Appreciation Luncheon to thank members of the church who helped us throughout the year with the spring sale and receptions.

We are blessed to have a very talented group of ladies who are always busy making gorgeous crafts for our sales and also for donations to our many charities. We continue collecting items and knitting for the ACW House and the Bales to the North program. We have a very dedicated group of knitters within our membership and outside of our membership and to date, we have sent out over 3500 fish and chip tunics.

Our group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm. We would love to see our membership increase, so all ladies of the church are welcome and we know you would be very pleased to join our fun-filled group.

Wishing everyone a great year ahead.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Emery  
Secretary

**ST. MARK'S ACW FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018-2019**

Balance forward December 31, 2017 \$ 5,608.76

**CREDITS**

Catering and Funerals 6,244.42

Membership 170.00

Calendars 431.00

Fellowship of the Least Coin 41.60

Tea Money, Interest and Miscellaneous 1,286.15

Crafts and Sales – (Spring Luncheon & Hollyberry Fair) 7,005.83

**TOTAL CREDITS \$ 15,179.00**

**DEBITS**

Catering and Funerals 3,608.18

Membership 300.00

Craft Supplies 587.70

Miscellaneous 2,289.70

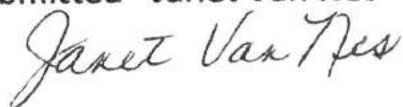
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2018 Fellowship of the Least Coin 100.00

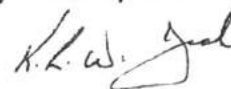
**TOTAL DEBITS \$ 11,937.58**

**BANK BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2018 \$8,100.18**

Respectfully submitted - Janet Van Nes



Reviewed by – Kerry Zeal



## CHANGE OF HEART CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYERS REPORT

### What is Contemplative Prayer?

*'The root of prayer is interior silence. We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words, but this is only one of its forms. Contemplative Prayer is the opening of mind and heart, body and emotions — our whole being — to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond words, thoughts and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing — closer than consciousness itself.'*

From: Father Thomas Keating, Contemplative Outreach Network

### History:

The Change of Heart Contemplative Evening Prayer gatherings were initiated in the parish in February 2016, under the leadership of Scott and Miriam Tolhurst, as a weekly Lenten offering on Sunday evenings. By the end of the six weeks, it was apparent that there was a great hunger within many parishioners to continue to grow more deeply in our daily walk with God. In response to an expressed desire for regular opportunities for communal contemplative prayer, it was decided by the group that we would gather twice a month on Sunday evenings for on-going Change of Heart Contemplative Evening Prayers, with continued facilitation by Scott and Miriam. In January 2017, Scott had to step down from his role as Facilitator of Change of Heart as he responded to a call to ministry in Regina.

### Leaders:

Since February 2017, Change of Heart Contemplative Evening Prayers have been led by a team of Facilitators. Lynne Hurd, Miriam Tolhurst and I have supported this ministry since its inception. Sandra Lumb joined the Team in September 2018. After prayerful consideration, Miriam stepped down from her Leadership Team responsibilities in January 2018 and Lynne in December 2018. It has been a privilege to follow God's call to guide this ministry over the past two years with these dedicated Facilitators.

Since the commencement of monthly Taize-Style Contemplative Evening Prayers in October 2018, Cecilia Wong, St. Mark's Music Assistant, has graced us with her leadership with the music for these sung prayer gatherings. She has been joined intermittently by St. Mark's Music Director, Emily Worden-Kwok, as well as other musicians.

### Gatherings:

In 2018, we offered our Change of Heart Contemplative Evening Prayers in the Family Room twice a month from January to December with a break over July and August. The focus of these evenings has been to gather, as a community, to practice spiritual disciplines such as Chanting, Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer that will open us up to receive the gift of Contemplative Prayer, the gift of God's intimate and loving presence in all of life.

Joining forces with the choir, we also offered a sung, contemplative prayer service in the Sanctuary, with songs from the Iona Community in Scotland, on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week. Partnering with the SoulStream Community in May, we provided parishioners with a day-long retreat opportunity to learn about and experience the spiritual practice of walking the Labyrinth as a vessel for contemplative prayer.

On a Feedback Survey in October 2018, one parishioner reflected on the Change of Heart experience:

"I have found some peaceful times, opportunities to rest in the mystery and some sympatico companions."

Whether you are new or experienced with contemplative prayer practices, please consider joining us for Evening Prayers in 2019, on the second and fourth Sundays every month in the Family Room at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Scott

Coordinator

## CHILDRENS' MINISTRY REPORT

The Children's Ministry has had a very active and enthusiastic 2018 year. We invited the youth to join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast in February. Younger children set the tables and prepared fruit plates while the older children and the youth prepared the batter from scratch and cooked the pancakes. A great meal was had by all.

We also discussed having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise funds to help kids in Rwanda and Kolkata, which was greeted with much enthusiasm. During March we were pleased to have a visit by Sheila Johnston to discuss her travels to Kolkata and the street children in particular.

In April Barbara Walks was our guest speaker and she shared with us a video from her time in Rwanda. This helped the children to understand better what we were going to raise funds for. April found us very busy with making posters, placemats, and announcements for our very first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We were very fortunate to have Ian Reynolds step up to the plate and prepare this wonderful dinner for us. The children, with the assistance of some of the youth, had such a good time and it was so successful that they want to do it again, so we can all look forward to another Spaghetti Dinner in 2019.

May is Missions Month in our Children's Ministry and we collected enough food to prepare 70 lunch bags for the Food Bank Lunch Bags For Children Program. The Food Bank always lets us know how much the parents of the children appreciate the beautifully decorated lunch bags prepared by the Sunday School. We also prepared Mother's and Father's Day gifts for the church parents during May and June.

The children spent time outside cleaning up around the trees they had planted the year before. We finished off our school year Sunday School with a very successful barbeque and swimming pool party towards the end of June, hosted by Lyn Reynolds and James.

During the months of July and August, Kate Herron provided the Summer Sunday School program, as well as Vacation Bible School.

Thank you to Kate and Rick Hoos for overseeing the Hot Dog Social during the month of September – another big success. This social is the Children's Ministry's way of saying "thank you" to all the members of the church who provide us with so much support during the year.

During the month of October Anne Schreck blessed us with her presence and we went out to plant new trees because some of the earlier trees planted did not survive our very hot summer. We celebrated the end of October with a pumpkin themed Bible lesson, decorating pumpkins and pumpkin shaped cookies.

We started preparing for the Christmas Pageant during the month of November, leading up to the performance on December 10. Our Children's Ministry was also pleased to be part of assisting a needy family this Christmas.

We celebrated our last day of Sunday School for 2018 with a short video depicting the true meaning of Christmas together with cinnamon buns and mandarin oranges.

A big thanks to all the helpers: Judith Hardman, Lyn Reynolds, Heather Higginson and Kate Hoos, for their assistance with the Children's Ministry. Also to the youth, Vanessa Musherure and Vivian Wu, for their assistance when called upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Zeal

## **COFFEE HOUR REPORT – 10am**

"Coffee" Hour that follows the 10am service at St. Mark's each Sunday is prepared, served and cleaned up by a team of 4 or 5 volunteers. Coffee, Tea, Juice and Cookies are offered at no cost. Team captains lead their teams to do the service on their assigned dates which come up once each quarter. A schedule is prepared and distributed electronically just prior to the start of each quarter. It is also on the bulletin board. Quarters start in: March, June, September and December.

This time of fellowship is very much enjoyed by church members and guests alike. The contribution by volunteers who make it happen is much appreciated by all. Thank you everyone for your dedicated and constant service.

Thank you also to St. Mark's Ladies Guild for supporting this ministry by supplying the funds for the coffee service, and to St. Mark's Men's Club for their support with a constant supply of cookies.

If you would like to serve the St. Mark's community by joining a coffee hour team, we welcome you to join us. We can always use another pair of hands and you will enjoy serving, and the fellowship.

Isabel Chernoff  
Coffee Hour Coordinator  
isabelchernoff@telus.net

## **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM REPORT**

The big news this year is the launch of the monthly e-mail newsletter, edited and published by team member Jock Ferguson. Jock relies on all of you to submit news and photos of the many events around St. Mark's to fill the pages of this necessary addition to the St. Mark's communications plan. Jock accepts short articles and photos celebrating personal accomplishments such as baptisms, graduations and ODNW.

The Communications Team meets quarterly to plan our Peace Arch News coverage both in news and advertising. Team members are also hard at work to make sure that the sign out front gets used when appropriate, Parish Pulse updates are made with lots of advance notice and contacting Randy Murray when we wish to have Diocesan coverage. Communications Team members are well aware of the busy church schedule between mid-November and the end of December and do our best to ensure that all events get the promotion that they deserve without conflicting or overlapping media coverage.

Thanks so much to Sheila Johnston for coordinating our ads with the Peace Arch News and for distributing the monthly e-newsletter.

The Communications Team also updates our St. Mark FaceBook page (<http://www.facebook.com/stmarkbc>) and with Josh's kind technical help, our St. Mark website, including our event calendar (<http://www.stmarkbc.org/events>.)

Members: Rev. Craig Tanksley, Jock Ferguson, Roger Hussen & Brian Walks

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT

St. Marks Community Outreach Ministry is beginning its 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2019.

As with all Ministries, we change, we grow, learn and move forward. Your Community Outreach Ministry has changed over the years emerging as one with a strong commitment of giving a 'hand up' to those who need our help. Almost all projects and organizations we support are local and here in the South Surrey area. During this past year, there have been changes in those whom we support, and some we no longer support. All changes made in this Ministry, are led by prayer and guided by a dedicated group of people.

The direction of your Community Outreach Ministry is guided by the Mission Statement taken from St. Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 35 to 40 as follows:

**I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me water  
I was a stranger and you took me in;  
Naked and you clothed me; ill and you comforted me;  
In prison and you visited me.  
And the King said, "what you do to the least of these my people, you do unto me".**

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### HISTORY

The late Pat Louis, a strong and vibrant parishioner of St. Mark's began this Ministry in early 1999. This Ministry was originally called "The Front Room" in recognition of "The Front Room", which is a homeless shelter in Whalley. This organization supports and assists those who are homeless, mentally ill or struggling with addiction.

This Ministry began with teams making sandwiches in the church kitchen and serving them at the Front Room in Whalley. The Community Outreach Ministry has grown and is now supporting the various organizations and programs outlined in this report.

At the end of that first year, the 'Front Room Ministry' had \$2000 in operating funds. As of 2018, the Community Outreach Ministry supports projects both here in the South Surrey area and at the Front Room in Whalley, and now has an operating budget of \$10,947.19.

### LEADERSHIP

The planning and administering of the programs are the responsibility of the Steering Committee which is comprised of members of the congregation: Barbara Grantham (Chair), Pat Aiken, Betty-Ann Bainbridge, Roberta and John Braddock, Lynne Brownridge, Karen Buchanan, Ann Colman, Lawrence Hurd, Peggy Spriggs, Shannon Poulsen, and Darlene Wiegand.

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The past year's financial support came from the following sources: the Parishioners of St. Mark's, the Ladies Guild, the Sunday School and the Men's Club, along with members of our community who are aware of what St. Marks is committed to and want to support it. The Souper Sunday sales have enabled this Ministry to provide some 'extras' and 'wish list' items for the groups currently supported.

The following financial statement documents funds received and the distribution of these funds to each project. It should be noted that the Community Outreach Ministry operates on a receipts-based reimbursement basis for any and all expenditures.

**Financial Statement**

**Year ending December 31, 2018**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>10,947.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>19,009.38</b>
<b>Dispersements</b>	
AMA House (Senior Women)	476.58
Food Bank	600.00
HIV/AIDS Milk Donation-Food Bank	600.00
Lunch Basket for Hungary Children	7970.00
Protein Project	960.68
Souper Sunday	969.09
Special Projects	700.00
Stepping Stones	1126.23
Women's Place	1115.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>14,519.58</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>4489.80</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>15,436.99</b>

The Blanche Biddle Fund was created by, guided, and cared for by Alvin Myhre. With Alvin's blessings before his passing this past year, the balance of \$2011.03 was transferred into the Community Outreach General Funds.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS --- 2018**

Your Community Outreach Ministry maintains a continued contact with all of the organizations supported through the Ministry. The programs and items donated are reviewed to ensure that what is being provided to each organization is best suited for their current needs. Representatives from these organizations are invited to attend Ministry meetings to discuss their organizations and challenges they face.

## **Soup Making for Women's Place**

Regrettably, we were advised that due to Food Safe Regulations, we were no longer permitted to deliver soup to Women's Place each week. In place of this, monthly funding (65.00) is provided to help defray the costs of preparing these hot lunches. This new initiative is working well. Women's Place continues to serve upwards of 60 women each day for a hot meal at lunch. Thank you to all who donated their time, the preparation and delivery of the soup.

## **Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children Program helped to support six families in 2018. In 2019 your Outreach Ministry will be able to increase the number of families supported to **eight families** with a total of thirteen children. St. Marks will provide funding to support these **eight** Single Mothers whose children and youth would otherwise go to school hungry. This includes not only single Mothers but a grandmother who cares for her three grandchildren on a full time basis. These families are identified to St. Marks from Women's Place. The participants are all reviewed on a regular basis with Women's Place.

- Safeway Gift Cards to the value of \$60/child per month and are distributed monthly to young Mothers to purchase food for their children.
- Extra Gift cards valued at \$50 per family are given out for special holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas and provided to the families who participate in the Lunch Basket Program for Hungry Children. These families can enjoy some extras at these holiday times as do others in the community.
- Christmas Dinner Gift Cards for Safeway were provided to these families in the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children Program this year. This change was due to special food and diet considerations for the families.
- Christmas Hampers are also provided from various Groups and Bible Studies to those participating in this program.

Financial support for the Lunch Basket is received through contributions made by St. Mark's parishioners. The Donor Pledge Calendar posted in the Parish Hall is where these pledges can be made. It is now suggested a donation of \$60 be pledged. A Thanksgiving or Memorial donation is recognized weekly in the Parish Pulse.

Thank you to Peggy Spriggs, who delivers these Gift cards each month to Women's Place and to Darlene Wiegand who cares for the Lunch Basket Donor Pledge Calendar. Thank you to these ladies for their ongoing effort to keep the program running smoothly.

## **The Protein Fund**

Stan Hodgson, a long time member of St. Marks originated this program to purchase high protein food for those who participate in the 'Lunch Basket' program. Beef, chicken and pork and other high protein foods are purchased with donations received from within the parish. These 'Protein' packets are made up by Penguin Meats and delivered to Women's Place each month.

Thank you to Roberta Braddock for her dedicated time and organization of this program.

## **Christmas Hampers**

Each year, those families who are participants of the Lunch Basket Program and The Protein Fund receive Christmas Hampers. These Hampers are organized by the Outreach Ministry and supplied by The Sunday School, Ladies Guild, ACW, Men's Club, Bible Studies, Savvy Seniors and the Outreach Ministry itself. Gift Cards are given early in December, so that the parents have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their children, and food for their Christmas dinners.

Thank you to Ann Colman for organizing and delivering these gift cards.

## **Launching Pad**

The Launching Pad Addiction Rehabilitation Society is a non-profit organization offering programs which lead men to achieve and maintain sobriety. Located here in South Surrey, the programs offered here help men to maintain sobriety, to improve their level of physical, mental and spiritual health. The residents become accountable, self-reliant and responsible.

The vegetables from the Altar at Thanksgiving were donated to the Launching Pad.

## **Stepping Stones**

Stepping Stones is a non-profit organization which welcomes all pregnant and parenting youth between the ages of 12 and 24. Most of these young parents come from unsupportive homes and have nowhere to turn for support. These young Moms are faced with overwhelming odds and challenges. Young Mothers, and now Young Fathers, attend programs to improve their circumstances.

Monthly funding was provided to Stepping Stones for young Mothers to purchase bus tickets so that these young parents can attend workshops and support groups at this non-profit organization

Funds were also donated from the Souper Sunday sales for the Annual Family Christmas Party for those who are supported through this organization.

## **AMA Transition House**

AMA Transition House is the first transition house of its kind in Canada. Accessible to women 55+ who are experiencing abuse – AMA House serves a community where the number of seniors per capita is twice the national average. There are no geographical limitations for access. This 'First Stage' residential care home provides immediate assistance to Senior Women in need.

Monthly funding provides bus tickets and personal items for women who are residents of AMA House.

Thank you to Isabel Powell for her continued support with the purchase and donations of the many pairs of socks for the women at AMA House.

## **Funding to Purchase Fresh Vegetables**

As in the previous years, \$100 each quarter was sent to both Women's Place and the South Surrey Food Bank. The funds are designated for fresh vegetables. This program was originated to replace the fresh vegetables delivered from A Rocha. The funding enables both the Food Bank and Women's Place to purchase vegetables on a regular basis at a reasonable price.

## **'Souper' Sunday 2018**

Again in 2018 Souper Sunday was a wonderful success. During this past year we have been blessed with the ongoing donation of all of our soup making supplies. This has enabled your Outreach Ministry to donate the total profits from the sale of the soup to the designated recipient.

The Committee members meet on the Saturday to prepare soup for Sunday morning sales. We have great choppers, mixers and sellers that all enable this program to be so successful. This homemade soup is for sale after both the 8am and 10am services.

The 'Souper Sunday' project has been able to assist in purchasing and delivering items on 'wish lists' to the following organizations:

AMA House	\$400 was spent to purchase pajamas and slippers which were donated to AMA for the new residents at the house.
Launching Pad	Purchase of a rice maker, and other kitchen equipment which are always in great need for the kitchen which serves all the meals to the young men.
Stepping Stones	Funding was provided for the Annual Christmas Dinner to purchase 'wish list' items for these young parents and their extended families. 200 people attended this dinner.
South Surrey/White Rock Food Bank	<p>Again this year, all soup sales for January were donated to the Food Bank -- as this month is one of the slower donation months of the year.</p> <p>Thank you to Roberta Braddock for shopping for all of the soup supplies and organizing the soup preparation in the kitchen.</p>

**THE CONTANERS IN THE CHURCH HALL** are for the following:

### **WHITE ROCK/SOUTH SURREY FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank basket located in the Hall is for food and used wearable clothing may be placed. A list of preferred food is attached to the basket.

Thank you to Pat Aiken for delivering the items weekly to the Food Bank.

### **FRONT ROOM**

This basket, also located in the Hall, and labeled Front Room is for small toiletries, brushes, combs, socks, gloves and small items for those who are living on the street, and is delivered to the Front Room regularly.

Thank you to Michael Klaver who delivers these items to the Front Room.

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## **WITH THANKFULNESS**

The Community Outreach Ministry would like to thank St. Mark's parishioners for your prayers, and ongoing support of this most important, vital and outstanding Ministry.

Thank you again to the Ladies Guild, ACW, the Men's Club, Savvy Seniors and Sunday School for their support of the various projects under this ministry. This ongoing support enables St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry to continue to help needy people in our community.

A Special thank you also to Sheila Johnston, Church Administrator for her support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Grantham, Chair

## **CREATION CARE MINISTRY REPORT**

Thank you to all who continue to work as a faith community to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant with God to "...safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the earth." Thank you to all of you who have so faithfully worked to maintain the beauty and the safety of the gardens and the forest at the Parish of St. Mark and to literally keep tons of metal from entering the landfill while we work to streamline all recycling on this 3 acre site.

In 2018 the drip irrigation system in the rose/dahlia bed and to the hanging baskets was completed to both reduce the amount of water required. The work is less labour intensive and the tripping hazard of hoses on the sidewalks in the courtyard should be eliminated. All gardens are now on timed irrigation and drop systems.

While the challenges of a changing climate, very wet springs followed by these past two years of drought-like summers and other factors meant that the western red cedars saplings that the children planted in 2016 did not survive; the children planted new hedging that will be transplanted in time to replace a massive tinder-dry dead cedar hedge that was removed by the Tuesday morning work crew. St. Mark's forest and grounds will require diligence to reduce the hazard of fire.

The expense for preventive management of the forest will continue as the City of Surrey not only requires permits to remove dead trees but also the cost of the city's dictated replacement trees that are monitored for two years.

We've worked with our neighbours in the process of removing further dead trees in 2018. On December 22 some of the Tuesday morning work crew met with a professional surveyor to locate the iron pins that mark our property boundaries. With this work done, our property lines will soon be visibly marked and this will greatly facilitate all future work and discussions with the City of Surrey and our neighbours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Schreck

## DONATIONS SECRETARY REPORT

All donations are received in the strictest confidence and are receipted for income tax purposes at year end. On behalf of Irene Snow, we thank all those who count each Sunday. The team consists of twelve individuals (and 3 spare counters) who donate their time and talent on a regular basis to this important ministry.

The Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PAD) was started in 2009. It provides an opportunity for you to make monthly donations via a debit to your bank account or credit card. This reduces the work of our counters each Sunday since PAD donations are not processed by the counters.

Please ensure your cheques are made out correctly. Cheques should be payable only to Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park, the same name that is printed on the envelope. You may request either Weekly or Monthly envelopes to be used for your cheque or cash donations. Thank you for your attention to detail as you prepare cheques or cash and record the designated amount on the outside of your envelope. Also, if you are designating funds to a Parish Ministry, please mark this clearly on the outside of the envelope; e.g. Food Bank.

The following summarizes the financial donations by the parishioners of St. Mark Ocean Park in 2018 with comparative figures for 2016 and 2017.

Respectively submitted  
Kathy Chambers  
Donations Secretary

<b>Envelope Receipts</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Ministry/Maintenance	337,149	335,693	354,459
Open	8,792	9,089	8,026
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>345,941</b>	<b>344,782</b>	<b>362,485</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>			
ACW	55	50	69
Altar Guild & Flowers	2,090	2,245	2,562
Arocha	240	240	240
Capital	5,445	5,855	7,460
Church School	732	1,325	835

Community Outreach	6,353	7,145	8,108
Protein Fund	1,700	1,050	400
Lunch Basket	4,180	3,295	2,170
Creation Care	950	1,625	1,230
Designated - Other	2,730	13,495	655
Discretionary	657	300	-
Food Bank	2,705	2,830	2,415
Fire Fund White Rock	-	-	1,180
Library	25	60	140
Memorial Garden	800	825	885
Men's Club	30	50	25
Missions	240	490	420
Other			290
PWRDF **	3,080	2,270	2,090
Prayer Shawl	340	170	155
Syrian Family	2,745	5,745	20,265

Vacation Bible School	1,220	980	325
Youth	630	1,335	1,150
YWAM	2,400	2,500	2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>385,288</b>	<b>398,661</b>	<b>417,954</b>

\*\* Does not include donations sent directly to PWRDF

#### Identifiable

<b>Donors</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Envelopes			
Weekly	66	83	85
Monthly	44	59	62
Pre-Authorized (PAD)	73	52	60
Donated (No Envelopes)	10	7	7
Visitors	42	44	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>280</b>

### ESL BIBLE STUDY REPORT

Last spring our regular ESL Bible Study group carried on as usual. Then, due to busyness and the Mandarin study group that also meets on Mondays, we decided to change it up in the Fall. In September we began a beginners class along with the translation capabilities and loving care of Sharon Ma. This has been a blessing and lots of fun, drawing in some of our newest neighbours. Holding the class on Tuesday evenings allows our members' teenagers to attend the Youth class. There have been a number of enquiries over the Christmas season from folk dropping into church. The study will begin again after Chinese New Year.

Respectfully  
Holly Bear Tanksley

## **EUCCHARISTIC SERVER, LAY ADMINISTRATOR & ACOLYTE COORDINATOR REPORT**

We continue to work as a solid team in support of Craig and Sue at 8am and 10am on Sundays, as well as the added services during Easter and Christmas. There is a lot that needs to be remembered by those committed to this service in support of the centerpiece of our faith as Anglicans – Holy Communion, so I am thankful for the attention to detail offered by the team. We lost two Acolytes: Verina and Vanessa Musherure, last year because Verina moved away for university and Vanessa had too much on her plate. We are thankful for their commitment over the time they were part of the Eucharistic Server/Lay Administrator roster. As I have said in previous years, we are always happy for others to join our team. We offer extensive training for those who want to commit to this service at St Mark's.

### **Eucharistic Servers, Lay Administrators & Acolytes:**

Bear Tanksley, Holly (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Carington-Smith, Barbara (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Chernoff, Isabel (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Hussen, Roger (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Klaver, Michael (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Klaver Robin (Lay Administrator)  
MacPherson, Lauren (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Poulson, Shannon (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Schmit, Maria (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Schoch, Carel (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Schreck, Anne (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Tubbs, Phil (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Walks, Brian (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)  
Wu, Vivian (Acolyte)

**Server Coordinator:** Carel Schoch

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

**"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7**

The Financial Stewardship Team had a busy and successful year. Our mandate is to encourage "giving regularly and significantly, depending on your means". To support this, the committee developed various initiatives in 2018, including:

- 1) **Pre-authorized Donation (PAD):** PAD is the preferred method of giving, since donations are consistent and predictable, which provides stability and security for the church's finances. 2018 saw an increase of 22 PAD donors, to a total of \$14,983 monthly. This equates to an increase in PAD of \$4,254 per month, over 2017. As of January 2019, we have five additional PAD contributors.

- 2) **Financial Statistics:** We regularly receive financial updates in the Parish Pulse showing our income and expenses vs. budget. A request was made to provide more details regarding the size categories of donations vs. what it costs per person to run the church. These statistics were provided near the end of 2018 and the response was overwhelmingly positive. One of the committee's values is transparency, so this is an important statistic to share with our Parish. The chart published is below:

<u>2017</u>					
<u>Number of Donors for Maintenance &amp; Operations</u>					
Per Week	Less than \$10	\$10 to 29.99	\$30 to 49.99	\$50 to 69.99	\$70 or more
Donors	130	71	25	14	25
Per Month	Less than \$44	\$44 to 129.99	\$130 to 214.99	\$215 to 299.99	\$300 or more
%	49%	27%	9%	5%	9%

2018  
Church Expenses per donor required for Maintenance & Operations  
 \$125 per month per donor

- 3) **Electronic Donation Station:** On November 25, 2018 the Electronic Donation Station (EDS) was launched as another method of giving. The interest shown and response to this project since Day One has been overwhelmingly positive. As of the first week of January, thirty-six (36) people used the station, donating \$7,597. Many comments came from all age groups, including:

*"This is going to work. Anything I can do so I don't have to carry cash is wonderful" (Senior)*  
*"Can I use my debit card? I'd like to donate some of my allowance to the church." (Child)*

We are excited to offer electronic giving, in addition to regular Envelopes and PAD. It is designed especially for visitors and those wishing to make additional donations above their usual form of giving.

Given its successful launch, the EDS is now part of the 'fabric' of the church, so going forward all clergy, wardens and ministry leaders are responsible for ensuring the station is open and ready for all services (including weddings and funerals) and events that sell tickets. The committee encourages all leaders to take ownership and associate the Electronic Donation Station with their ministry.

Most importantly, may our giving always be to the Glory of God.  
 Respectfully submitted,

**St. Mark's Financial Stewardship Team**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

2018 had its usual cash flow challenges, slowly improving in the last quarter. Income was consistently above the prior July to November. I think this can be attributed to the work of the Financial Stewardship Committee and the increase in PAD Donors which has made a difference. It was also a busy year with the many capital works accomplishments. Our continued gratitude and thanks go to our volunteers and illustrious leader, Ken Miles for their dedication in these projects.

The Operating Fund Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018, reflects our commitment and steadfastness.

♦	Total Contributions and Revenues -	\$389,223.66
♦	Total Expenses -	<u>\$383,833.74</u>
♦	<b><u>Net Surplus</u></b> -	<b>\$ 5,389.92</b>

I appreciate and thank every ministry and their leaders for their good financial stewardship. In addition to the operating contributions and revenue, we also received \$5,445.00 in Capital Funds, \$53,424.30 in contributions to Community Outreach, Syrian Family Sponsorship, PWRDF and other ministries

This is not including funds raised by ACW, Ladies Guild and Men's Club – as always, well done good and faithful servants! The Parish of St. Mark - Ocean Park is richly blessed by your love and faithfulness of the countless hours of "Time and Talent" to which many, many volunteers so willingly and faithfully contribute. I cannot say this too often. For this, we give God all the praise and glory!

Total GIC Investments at year end is \$292,071.57. It was necessary to redeem GICs in the amount of \$65,000.00 to provide the cash flow for the capital projects done during the year. Capital expenses of \$68,134.59 was disbursed for Roofing Project, Replacement of Emergency Exit Stairs, Refrigeration Refurbishment, Arborist for Back Forest Area, New Projection Screen and various improvements.

Thank you to those that have their contributions processed by P.A.D. (pre-authorized donations). This is especially helpful with cash flow management in the summer months. Please consider signing up if you have not already done so.

Nancy Rickett of McDonald Rickett, Chartered Accountants has performed a "Review Engagement" for the year ended December 31, 2018 as required by the Charities Act. Her Review Engagement Report is included in the Annual Report with the Financial Reports.

A very heartfelt thank you to Sheila Johnston for her help and support with data entry, to the Donation Secretary, Kathy Chambers and support from the Financial Stewardship Team, also the Clergy, Wardens and Trustees for your input and encouragement.

A special thank you to the Prayer Shield Team who covers us in prayer as we meet and seek God's will for the Parish. The Lord's guidance and presence is very much felt in these meetings.

The budget for 2019 reflects a realistic assessment of the expected operating costs of the Parish as we know them. Again, this year we have added a Contingency component for the unexpected and unknowns. It is our goal to reflect budget and ministry costs as accurately and transparently as possible while providing for the well being of the growth and development of the parish.

Blessings to all, for your faith, commitment and support - God blesses us, when we Honour Him!

Thank you for the honour and privilege of serving you and our Lord.

Barbara Carington Smith, Treasurer

## **Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report**

To the Directors of Parish of St Mark, Ocean Park

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Parish of St Mark, Ocean Park which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Practitioner's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### **Conclusion**

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Parish of St Mark, Ocean Park as at December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Burnaby, British Columbia  
January 22, 2019

  
McDonald Rickett  
Chartered Professional Accountants

**PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Current Assets:		
CASH		
Coast Capital Chequing	\$ 54,771.94	\$ 25,798.29
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
INVESTMENTS		
Anglican Youth	5,956.16	5,916.33
Youth Missions	3,479.99	3,466.16
Youth Endowment	11,485.42	11,408.62
Capital (Temporarily Restricted)Designated	61,648.93	75,928.78
Bequest (Temporarily Restricted)Designated	201,202.56	244,798.81
Minstry/Operating Reserves	8,298.51	29,272.41
Total Investments	<u>292,071.57</u>	<u>370,791.11</u>
RECEIVABLES		
P.A.D. Receivable	14,893.00	10,729.00
GST Receivable	2,292.23	3,174.44
Accrued Interest	2,040.70	2,366.33
Total Receivables	<u>19,225.93</u>	<u>16,269.77</u>
PREPAID EXPENSES	6,050.00	6,350.00
Total Current Assets	<u>372,319.44</u>	<u>419,409.17</u>
Fixed Assets:		
Church Buildings	1,148,348.41	1,148,679.22
Church Land	148,350.00	148,350.00
Church Rectory	90,625.00	90,625.00
Improvements	57,333.94	54,687.38
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,444,657.35</u>	<u>1,442,341.60</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,816,976.79</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,861,750.77</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accrued Accounting Payable	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,675.00
Damage Deposits	2,225.00	1,625.00
Total Liabilities	<u>5,900.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Total Fund Balances	1,811,076.79	1,856,450.77
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,816,976.79</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,861,750.77</u></u>

**PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING FUND</b>				
Surplus	\$ 15,808.57	389,223.66	383,833.74	\$ 21,198.49
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>				
Land, Buildings, etc	1,442,341.60	68,134.59	65,818.84	1,444,657.35
Capital Fund	75,928.78	45,945.00	68,134.59	53,739.19
Total Capital Funds	<u>1,518,270.38</u>			<u>1,498,396.54</u>
<b>BEQUESTED &amp; MEMORIAL FUNDS</b>				
Bequests	244,798.81	5,000.00	43,596.25	206,202.56
Memorial Funds	5,000.35		384.13	4,616.22
Parish Life & Ministry	1,449.23	6,063.60	5,365.79	2,147.04
Total Bequested & Memorial Funds	<u>251,248.39</u>			<u>212,965.82</u>
<b>YOUTH &amp; CHILDRENS MINISTRIES</b>				
Sunday School Missions	1,955.51	2,709.71	2,698.98	1,966.24
Youth Programs	519.30			519.30
Youth Missions	3,503.47	8.35		3,511.82
Anglican Youth	6,097.07	86.80		6,183.87
Youth Endowment	11,832.26	91.51		11,923.77
Total Youth & Childrens Ministries Funds	<u>23,907.61</u>			<u>24,105.00</u>
<b>MINISTRY &amp; OUTREACH PROGRAMS</b>				
Altar Flowers	407.11	2,239.23	2,515.00	131.34
Christian Education/Alpha	1,380.17		404.94	975.23
Concert Fund	2,580.27	-	-	2,580.27
Journey of Christmas	2,792.52	1,183.61	2,671.98	1,304.15
Creation Care Garden Funds	(1,338.46)	3,964.89	1,318.24	1,308.19
Memorial Garden Funds	11,612.78	900.00	37.86	12,474.92
Prayer Shawl	250.88	447.85	101.21	597.52
PWRDF/Missions	675.00	19,715.63	19,440.63	950.00
St Mark's Community Outreach	10,947.19	19,009.38	14,519.58	15,436.99
Syrian Family Sponsorship	15,907.33	2,745.00	-	18,652.33
Hungry Children Bequest	2,001.03	-	2,001.03	-
Total Ministry Program Funds	<u>47,215.82</u>			<u>54,410.94</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,856,450.77</u></u>			<u><u>\$ 1,811,076.79</u></u>

**PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK**  
**STATEMENT OF PARISH OPERATIONS**  
**December 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions:		
Envelope Maintenance	\$ 337,074.08	\$ 336,115.20
Open Collection	8,914.54	9,448.95
Ministry Contributions	3,454.75	4,350.00
Total Contributions	<u>349,443.37</u>	<u>349,914.15</u>
Revenue:		
Hall Donations	10,755.80	11,467.60
Interest Income	1,259.49	5,471.80
Miscellaneous Income	565.00	7,066.93
Rectory Rental	27,200.00	23,000.00
Total Revenue	<u>39,780.29</u>	<u>47,006.33</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE</b>	<u><u>\$ 389,223.66</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 396,920.48</u></u>
<b>DIOCESE ASSESSMENT</b>	\$ 74,178.00	\$ 78,708.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating Expenses:		
Accounting - Review	3,587.50	3,575.00
Insurance	10,812.60	10,384.00
Maintenance	30,993.33	33,250.62
Miscellaneous	325.95	850.02
Office	19,108.55	17,581.30
Property Taxes/Utilities	14,601.01	14,776.05
Telephone & Utilities	14,844.74	15,216.23
Total Operating Expenses	<u>94,273.68</u>	<u>95,633.22</u>
Worship & Ministry		
Advertising & Promotion	3,533.25	5,688.56
Children & Youth	3,139.68	3,663.46
Music	1,373.96	1,673.80
Parish Life Ministries	2,671.26	2,598.44
Worship	4,067.21	2,069.48
Total Worship & Ministry Expenses	<u>14,785.36</u>	<u>15,693.74</u>
Salaries and Benefits:		
Administration	42,768.00	41,922.00
Auto Allowance	9,762.14	11,212.56
Benefits	32,128.83	36,589.35
Clergy	82,637.81	89,347.48
Ministry	33,299.92	32,502.95
Total Salaries & Benefits	<u>200,596.70</u>	<u>211,574.34</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u><u>\$ 383,833.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 401,609.30</u></u>
<b>(DEFICIT)SURPLUS</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,389.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (4,688.82)</u></u>

## Notes to the Financial Statement and Budget

### Cash:

Our ending cash balance is \$54,771.94, which is adequate for the monthly cash flow and payables in the first quarter.

### Investments:

The yearend balance of \$292,071.57 for Investments represent "Trust Funds" for Ministry Programs, Youth and Children's Ministries, Bequests and Capital Funds and Operating Surplus. At the 2018 yearend, our surplus operating funds are \$21,198.49. During the year \$65,000.00 of our investments were redeemed to finance the Capital Projects.

### Receivables:

P.A.D. (Pre-Authorized Deposits) Receivable of \$14,893.00 is applied to our monthly remittance to the Diocese for payroll and the Diocesan Assessment, reducing our monthly cash payment. GST Receivable of \$2,292.23 is the expected refund for 2018. Accrued Interest of \$2,040.70 – is interest earned to December 31, 2018 on the GICs.

### Fixed Assets:

Changes in Church Buildings and Improvements are the additions of Capital Improvements less depreciation for the year. As a note of interest, on the 2019 Property Assessment Notice, the Assessed Value is \$7,700,900.

### Liabilities:

Accrued Accounts Payables are the Year End Accounting fees of \$3,675.00, Damage Deposit of \$1,625.00 for the Rectory and \$1,100.00 deposits for Funeral Services.

### Fund Balances:

By reviewing the Report of Fund Balances, one can clearly see the Fund Activity for the year. The Balances brought forward from prior year is Opening Balance, Total Income and Total Expenses for the year giving the Closing Balance of each Fund and Ministry at year end.

### Income:

Contributions for 2018 decreased marginally by \$470.78, and the Revenue decreased by \$7,226.04. Total Income for the year was \$389,223.66.

### Expenses:

Operating and Ministry Expenses were below budget for the year. Total expenses were \$383,833.74 resulting in a **SURPLUS** of **\$5,389.92**.

### Budget 2019

The proposed 2019 budget for Income Required has remained the same as 2017. Although there is a cost of living increase in staff salaries and two proposed staff increases, the reduction in the Diocese Assessment and Clergy staff have compensated for these costs. Expenses have been analyzed to reflect the realistic cost of operations with a contingency factor of \$10,000. Therefore, the amount of Contributions required by parishioners has not increased for the operation of the parish.

This Budget was reviewed and endorsed by Finance Committee and Parish Council for presentation for approval at Vestry.

**PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK**  
**Comparative Budget Statement**

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Diocese Assessment</b>	74,178	74,178	70,969
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>			
Advertising	3,533	3,500	3,600
Children & Youth	3,140	3,700	3,700
Music Ministries	1,374	2,000	2,000
Parish Life Ministries	2,671	3,500	4,000
Worship Ministries	4,067	3,500	4,500
<b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>	<u>14,785</u>	<u>16,200</u>	<u>17,800</u>
<b>Administration</b>			
Audit/Review	3,588	3,575	3,600
Computer Maintenance	1,338	1,000	1,500
Credit Card Fees      PAD	3,208	2,000	3,500
Office Supplies	3,069	3,000	3,000
Photocopier	10,575	10,000	10,000
Postage	919	1,000	1,000
Telephone/Internet	3,665	3,800	3,800
<b>Total Church &amp; Office</b>	<u>26,361</u>	<u>24,375</u>	<u>26,400</u>
<b>Property</b>			
Insurance (including Rectory)	10,813	10,665	11,847
Janitorial & Cleaning	3,556	2,500	3,500
Janitorial Services	12,365	12,000	12,500
Kitchen Supplies	347	1,000	500
Light & Heat	11,180	12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	326	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	11,362	11,000	11,750
Rectory Maintenance	963	1,200	1,200
Security Fees	2,400	2,400	2,400
Property Tax/Water	14,601	15,000	15,000
<b>Total General</b>	<u>67,913</u>	<u>68,765</u>	<u>71,697</u>
<b>Staff Expenses</b>			
Music Ministries	22,800	23,500	23,985
Office Administrator	42,768	42,768	43,880
Children Coordinator *			6,000
Youth Leader	10,500	10,500	10,773
Communications Staff *			4,790

**PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK**  
**Comparative Budget Statement**

	<u><b>2018 Actual</b></u>	<u><b>2018 Budget</b></u>	<u><b>2019 Budget</b></u>
Staff Benefits	11,365	10,000	12,600
Total Staff Expenses	87,433	86,768	102,028
<b>Clergy Expenses</b>			
Salaries	82,638	91,575	79,986
Clergy Car Allowance	9,762	10,825	8,660
Clergy Benefits	20,764	24,600	21,000
Total Clergy Expenses	113,164	127,000	109,646
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>383,834</b>	<b>397,286</b>	<b>398,540</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Hall Rentals	10,756	10,000	12,000
Interest Income	1,259	3,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	565	1,000	1,000
Rectory Rental	27,200	27,200	27,200
Total Revenue	39,780	41,200	42,200
<b>Contributions Required</b>	<b>\$344,053</b>	<b>\$356,086</b>	<b>\$356,340</b>
<b>Contributions</b>			
Open Collection	8,915	9,000	9,000
Ministry Contributions	3,455	3,346	3,600
Total Ministry/Open Revenue	12,369	12,346	12,600
<b>Envelope - Maintenance</b>	<b>337,074</b>	<b>343,740</b>	<b>343,740</b>
<b>Contingency</b>		<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total Income Required</b>	<b>\$331,684</b>	<b>\$353,740</b>	<b>\$353,740</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,390</b>		

## FIVE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET PLANNING REPORT

This is a plan to attempt to provide a guesstimate of funds that will be required over the next five years for our building and the forest out back beginning in the year 2019. This is a dynamic plan and as such some years might change along with planned costs.

Equipment replacement or renovations that have been done in the last 9 to 10 years have not been considered as part of this plan as their lifetime should exceed the time period of this plan.

However, before attempting a plan of this magnitude, it should be remembered that there are certain items that, if they failed, would result in a shutdown of some or all facilities. These items have been identified and funds reserved for this possibility.

These items are as follows:

- 1) Two of the three furnaces in the Hall are in the range of 16 years of age (I have been led to believe that one furnace was replaced recently and thus the remaining two are approaching the end of their useful life. Both furnaces appear identical and at \$8000 a furnace a total of \$16,000 should be allotted. It should be noted that it might be possible to combine two furnaces into one and this should be investigated over the next year.
- 2) There is one small hot water tank in the building and it is at least 7 years old and \$1,000 should be allowed for replacement. - Insurance does not cover tanks over 12 years old.
- 3) In the Christian Education Center, there is a heat exchanger which produces the heat for the center. If this were to fail, there would be no heat for the Sunday School. Cost of replacement \$7,000.
- 4) The steel roof over the Sanctuary should have its bolts tightened sometime in the next ten years. To do this should cost approximately \$30,000. However there is a condition, and that is if the bolts will not tighten, the steel will have to be removed, new wood installed and the cladding reinstalled. This will be a very expensive operation and probably cost around \$100,000 and possibly more. This \$100,000 will not be used in this report but it is something we should consider at some time over the next five years.

All remaining critical pieces of equipment (except the kitchen freezer) that have been replaced or renovated over the last six years should have a useful life with proper maintenance exceeding the five year scope of this plan. The above four items total \$53,000. It would be unrealistic to assume that all will fail in one year. Therefore it is recommended that \$30,000 be reserved for emergencies. This money is in excess of the money for the five year plan.

### FIVE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN

#### Year 2019

Reroof Rectory - \$14,000

Replace carpeting in the Hall between the Hall itself and the choir rooms with either tile, or laminate \$15,000

Repairs to Sanctuary: Repair cracked window - \$500, Repair and/or improve lighting \$1,200. Install anti-draft vent closers - \$1500

Total Sanctuary \$3,200.

Install new kitchen fan for dishwasher - \$500

#### Year 2020

Replace all carpeting in the choir room, choir director's office and Family Room with either laminate or carpet - \$12,000

**Year 2021**

Paint the outside of the buildings, re shingle the south side of the Hall - **\$25,000**

**Year 2021**

Renew the two furnaces only if required – **\$12,000**

Replace carpet in Christian Education Centre - **\$14,000**

**Year 2022**

Tighten the bolts on the roof – **\$25,000**. If the furnace items for year 2021 are not required move this item into the year 2021.

**5 Year Budget Consideration for St. Mark's Back Forest**

There are several factors at play in projecting an estimated cost for a preventive approach to managing the health and safety of the forested area of St. Mark's.

- i) There was no oversight of the forest for (30+ years) until 2015
- ii) Climatic changes in the past 2 years have greatly increased the fire hazard of accumulated debris on the forest floor & further changes in extremes are predicted
- iii) The City of Surrey governs all tree removals and the replanting of designated species through an expensive process of permits, deposits and the monitoring of replacement trees. Their process has become increasingly stringent over the past 10 years and most often requires the consultation of an arborist
- iv) While there are some able-bodied and available volunteer parishioners and the semi-annual clean-up contract with our Scout Group; most of the forest maintenance clean-up of the forest has been done at no cost to the Parish
- v) The recent marking of Parish property boundaries will now allow improved communication with our neighbours and facilitate any action to prevent illegal cutting of trees or dumping on site.
- vi)

Our best estimate of the cost of managing the forest given the above would be \$3,000 per year with 10% annual increase. In addition to this any increases in City Fees would have to be factored in, as would a reduction of Parish volunteers or the loss of assistance by the Scouts.

2019     \$3000

Ken Miles  
Peoples Warden

Anne Schreck  
Creation Care

## **FLOWER MINISTRY REPORT**

The Flower Ministry is about the distribution of the Altar flowers after the 10am Service each Sunday, except during Lent. There are 6 teams of 2 who create 3 or 4 bouquets from each flower display and distribute them to shut-ins, the sick, or those in hospital, those celebrating anniversaries, or others bereaving a loss or going through a difficult time. The recipients are very grateful for this evidence of concern for them from the Church, which makes it very rewarding for those involved. There is always an opportunity for others to participate in this Ministry and the coordinator would love to hear from you.

Michael Weller  
Coordinator

## **GREETERS/USHERS TEAMS REPORT – 10am Service**

Every Sunday at the 10am service at St. Mark's the duties of Greeting and Ushering are handled by one team of volunteers. The duties include making sure that all parishioners, newcomers and visitors are made to feel welcome, as well as the duties of ushering during the service. We have 8 teams doing these duties on a rotational basis. Teams are made up of 7 or 8 members, including one family group on most teams. The presence of children welcoming parishioners at the door each Sunday has continued to be very well received by everyone.

This is a very faithful and reliable group of people serving the congregation each week. Thank you everyone for your continued dedication to this service. We are blessed at St. Mark's to have so many people who willingly share the workload.

2 or 3 people have had to step back from this service for various reasons, and we thank them for their service. I am happy to welcome 2 new members to our teams. If you would like to consider serving on a team please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Isabel Chernoff  
Team Coordinator  
isabelchernoff@telus.net

## **INTERCESSOR MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Intercessor Ministry consist of 7 members who regularly lead our congregation in the Prayers of the People. We are fortunate to have many people involved in this key ministry as it brings many unique voices, styles and outlooks into the Prayers of the People, bringing a varied tapestry into our Sunday services. We also involve the Youth and Sunday School children in this ministry.

Several people have mentioned they like to hear the traditional BAS Litany, as prewritten in the BAS, occasionally as the Prayer of the People, so a year ago we introduced reading it 4 times a year – once per quarter – in place of a custom written prayer.

We hope this important ministry speaks to you, and more importantly speaks for you. As Intercessors, our role is to bring the petitions of the people to our Heavenly Father – it is your prayers and we aim to never lose sight of this.

There is always room for more to participate in this Ministry. If The Spirit speaks to you and leads you in this direction, and you would like to participate, please let me know. As well, always let me know what feedback you have on how we are doing – we are responsive to the congregation!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Klaver  
Coordinator

## **JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS REPORT**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Journey of Christmas was memorable for the celebration service and themed meal, two nights closed to a power outage and great attendance after the emergency closures. This year, volunteers signed up quicker than ever to ensure that we had full coverage every night including our busiest night, Christmas Eve. 146 visitors came through on Christmas Eve, which is the best attendance for that night in years. We had 538 visitors and there were lots of positives to carry us forward. I want to thank the volunteers, especially my wife Barb for her support, keeping me on task so that we can open on time.

Our wonderful Arts Showcase brought the Christmas spirit through music every night. The variety of the music being offered is a credit to the arts community in this region of the Lower Mainland.

We publicized through Facebook, the Parish & Diocesan websites. Our visitors found other websites by googling "Journey of Christmas" or "Christmas displays." We gave out 250 posters. Tracy Holmes of the Peace Arch News wrote an inspiring article promoting our 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Tom Zytarek toured "Journey of Christmas" on Dec. 22 and wrote about our message in the Christmas Eve edition of the Surrey Now-Leader and Peace Arch News. Tom "plagiarized" himself from an article that he found in the Hall that he wrote 19 years ago. We gave out over 250 posters beginning with the Holly Berry Fair.

This is the last year that I chaired the "Journey of Christmas" after 12 years at the helm and the only original member left from the committee that launched it in 1999.

I addressed Parish Council on Tue. Jan. 22 to look at ways to move this Christmas tradition forward. We have to approach the future with open minds.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord.  
Brian Walks.

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE REPORT

St. Mark's kitchen has been very well used over the 2018 calendar year. We thank all users for following the guidelines that are mounted on the wall above the sink area. As we all learned in the food safe course the best sanitizing practice is to wipe all counters down with bleach or Lysol wipes at the end of each cleaning.

We appreciate your vigilance in this procedure.

A cleaning company, Simply Spotless, comes in twice a year to power clean the hood, fan and vents. This cleaning schedule is required by law twice a year. The approximate cost is \$900 per year.

Fraser Valley Fire Protection is scheduled to do routine checks several times a year of the church and kitchen. The average cost of their inspection is \$1,100 per year. This is required by law.

The pantry continues to be a very integral part of our kitchen. Most large or seldom used items are stored on well-marked shelving in the pantry. Please continue to return clean items to this storage space. Any fabric or plastic items are stored in marked bins to prevent the access of silverfish and other creatures.

Several items have been purchased for use in the food service areas: new coloured cutting boards, storage bins, tablecloths, water pitchers, trivets, etc.

Food Safe level one was offered at St Marks in September. The church education fund payed for 25 parishioners to take this course. We are required to have one person with current food safe qualifications in the kitchen at all times food is being prepared. These high standards enable our kitchen to run efficiently.

We are pleased with the cooperation provided by each of our user groups. We thank you for your support in this hospitality ministry.

Kitchen Coordinators, Isabel Chernoff and Roberta Braddock

## LADIES GUILD REPORT

### Guild Prayer:

*O Lord whose holy apostle has taught us that as members of Thy Body we all have our part to play in the whole life of Thy Church; we thank Thee for this work which thou hast given us to do together, and we pray Thee to give us grace to persevere in it and through it to serve Thee to Thy honour and Glory. AMEN*

The Ladies Guild members enjoyed another year of fellowship, fun, education and service. We welcomed guest speakers throughout the year. Dorothy Mash spoke in January, speaking on finding balance in our lives. In February Barbara Walks spoke to us about her mission trip to Rwanda and the work Embrace Rwanda does. May saw us welcoming Rig David and Sheila Johnston from the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service Society. David Soy was our speaker in September, with an informative talk on his work with Kairos prison ministry.

During 2018 we co-hosted the Pancake Supper with the Men's Club in February. In March we hosted our Lenten Lunch on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We also shared our facilities with two other churches for them to be able to host a Lenten lunch. We were happy to support them.

The Holly Berry Fair was another successful event co-convened with the ACW on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are so grateful to the many members of St. Mark's who helped us in this event by donating items to sell, baking, serving and volunteering. Although this has traditionally been a Guild event we consider this a Parish led event and we would not be able to continue without your support.

The Ladies Guild branched out this year by hosting a new event, our Nygard Sample Sale on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was free to attend and was well attended. There was a wide variety of clothing in all sizes and accessories for sale at greatly reduced prices, and the Ladies Guild received a percentage of the total sales. We

have already booked the Hall for Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, for our second sale. Further details will be in the Parish Pulse. We also appealed to everyone's sweet tooth with our Purdy's fundraiser in November, just in time for Christmas gift giving! We will receive a percentage of total sales and this will be reflected in the 2019 Financial Statement.

While our members enjoy our fellowship and social time at all our meetings, in June we have our summer wind-up social, and in December our Christmas social. In June we gathered at the clubhouse at Linda O'Donovan's home for a delicious pot luck lunch and in December we enjoyed a meal in the Family Room, followed by some Christmas activities.

We thank God that we are able to continue our activities which enable us to contribute financially, both to the needs of the Parish and the needs of many organizations locally, in Greater Vancouver, and to many areas of the world. We welcome new members to our meetings at 2pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted

Linda O'Donovan, President

**St. Marks Evening Guild**  
**Financial Statement**  
**December 2018**

	December	Year to Date
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,219.51</b>	<b>\$ 9,204.92</b>
 <b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Holly Berry Fair	6,069.20	6,109.20
Bank Interest	0.03	0.60
St. Mark's Pancake Supper (with Men's Club)		495.00
Lenten Lunch (Proceeds go to PWRDF)		2,038.20
Sample Sale		823.41
Purdy's	321.00	2,482.29
Donations (Funerals)		
	<u>6,390.23</u>	<u>11,948.70</u>
 <b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
Hollyberry Fair	491.24	2,052.71
Missions/Outreach	3,100.00	8,650.00
St. Mark's Coffee Hour	-	696.31
Lenten lunch expenses	159.13	353.02
Lenten lunch distribution to other participants	-	1,630.56
Lenten lunch distributbution to PWRDF	-	407.64
Bursary		1,000.00
Purdy's	2,484.04	2,484.04
Kitchen Equipment		494.01
Guild Supplies	38.57	38.57
Seniors Lunch	263.00	273.00
Expenses (Funerals,)		
	<u>6,535.98</u>	<u>18,079.86</u>
 (Deficit) Surplus	<u>(145.75)</u>	<u>(6,131.16)</u>
 <b>Balance</b>	 <u><u>\$ 3,073.76</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 3,073.76</u></u>

Reviewed by Lawrence Hurd

*L. E. Hurd*

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

The generosity of the congregation has continued in 2018 with many wonderful donations to the Library. New books have been purchased, adding to popular authors as well as introducing some new ones. Our DVD collection has increased and a start has been made on purchasing Talking Books and Large Print Books. New bookcases were purchased and the Fiction Collection has been reorganized for easier access.

Respectfully submitted

Morny, & Stephanie

## **MEN'S CLUB REPORT**

Members of the St. Mark's Men's Club continue to contribute greatly to the daily ministry both here at the church and in the community. Men's Club members are present almost daily with maintenance projects, helping with set-up and take down not only of parish events but with funerals and weddings as well.

This year, we hosted our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Chicken Bar B Q in June and the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Salmon Bar B Q in September. Attendance for both events increased from the previous year. Les Edmonds continues to canvas local businesses for door and raffle prizes, which adds to the excitement of each event. Thank you to Linda Zeal and Mari Anne Hussen for the superb job of MC'ing these events. The Chicken Bar B Q will be held on June 15, 2019. The Langley Ukulele Association is booked to play again for the Chicken Bar B Q. The Salmon Bar B Q will be served on Sat. Sept. 7.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper continues each year with the support of the Ladies Guild and our #1 man on the pancake grill, Steve MacPherson. Mark Tue. March 5 on your calendar for our annual pancake supper with fruit toppings, ham, sausage and whipped cream.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Men's Club Christmas dinner was held on Sat. Dec. 8 with 82 attendees who enjoyed the live music of the Domaren Recorder Trio during our Happy Hour. Then we feasted on our Christmas dinner prepared par excellence with the help of Ian Reynolds, Richard Phillips, Cam MacPherson and Christopher Walks. Cecilia & members of the choir led with us with carol singing after dinner.

We also hosted a great line-up of guest speakers this year. In January, we were entertained by the Gilbert & Sullivan Society Singers. In March, former CKNW reporter George Garrett shared many stories with us. In April, Embrace Rwanda missionary Barb Walks showed us photos and short videos from her work in Rwanda in Aug. 2017. In May, Rig David, Bishop Biswas and Sheila Johnston gave a presentation on the work that is going on at the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service in India. In July, Bob Pedersen organized our annual summer Bar B Q in the courtyard. In October, Scott Tolhurst returned to us to talk about the current situation with politics and Christianity within a very wide perspective. In November, the ladies joined us for Rev. Craig & Holly Tanksley's presentation about last spring's parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

On December 1, Denny O'Donovan sold holly and bird feeders, while Brian Maxwell, the Pie Guy, sold pies at the Holly Berry Fair to raise money for the Men's Club.

Les Edmonds has attached the financial records for the Men's Club.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work to continue the ministry of the Men's Club. It is much appreciated.

Brian Walks

**Men's Club Unaudited Financial Statement 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>	<b>Balance \$</b>
Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017		\$5078
<b>Revenue</b>		
Monthly Meals	1656	
Chicken BBQ	1558	
Salmon BBQ	2120	
Pancake Supper (with Ladies Guild)	990	
Set-up Hall	815	
Holly Berry Fair	594	
<b>TOTAL</b>		7733
<b>Outreach / Donations</b>		
Surrey Food Bank	500	
Stan's Outreach-Protein Breakfasts for schools	500	
Salvation Army Summer Camp	350	
Union Gospel Summer Camp	350	
St. Mark's Christmas Hamper	250	
Gilbert and Sullivan	250	
Elks Summer Camp	350	
White Rock Hospice	423	
Embrace Rwanda	250	
The Launching Pad	250	
Operation Christmas Child	150	
Vacation Bible School	300	
Seniors Lunch	200	
Volunteer Cancer Society Driving	250	
Surrey Hospice	250	
Arocha Children's Camp	350	
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	250	
Ronald McDonald House	250	
Ladies Guild (50% of Pancake Supper receipts)	495	
Sunday Cookies	883	

Flowers – Mother's Day	89	
St. Marks Garden Supper	287	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7227</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018</b>		<b>5584</b>

## MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2018 was a year of confirmation and growth for St. Mark's music team. This fall Cecilia became the Music Assistant and Accompanist, and Emily became the Music Director. This allowed us to each continue to learn and grow in our respective roles. We of course had Geoff on bass guitar and Mari Anne on rhythm guitar most Sundays, and we occasionally had Irvine join us on drums, with a few members adding tambourine or shakers as the spirit led. Although we've gotten away from separate band songs versus choir hymns I think our amalgamated music team provides the variety of instruments needed for our range of musical styles.

The choir, band and congregation has continued to learn the new Marty Haugen Eucharistic setting called the Mass of Creation. We sing this in full every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Several people did not want to lose the previous sung Eucharist known as the Feast and Celebration also by Marty Haugen. Therefore for most of 2018 we have rotated weekly between 4 settings: 1) Feast and Celebration, 2) Schubert, 3) Mass of Creation and 4) Mass of St Denis for our Eucharistic setting.

This year the Junior choir has performed several times and very much enjoy adding instruments to their performances. The hand bells are always well received and fun to include.

This year we continued to ask for song suggestions and have received several "go to" hymns that we include as often as possible. We continue to figure out what is known and what is new for the choir and congregation. Knowing what is new is important as we aim to only have one new song each week, but with so many different backgrounds coming together sometimes what I know as an old favorite you may not know at all. Your feedback on the good and the not so good is important in our mutual appreciation for a wide variety of music. I've included the latest list of favorite songs below and ask that you let us know what's missing.

A huge thank you to the music selection team. Every 3 months Emily, Barb, Mercedes, Craig and Cecilia get together and pick the music for the upcoming quarter. I truly appreciate their commitment to this ministry and hope that we satisfy as many as possible. With any large church, music selection is often about compromise and seldom do we make everybody happy. But we still try...

If you or someone you know would like to get involved in the music at St. Mark's please don't hesitate to let me or any of the music team know.

I am always open to suggestions and feedback so feel free to send me an email at [emily0707@yahoo.com](mailto:emily0707@yahoo.com).

Emily Worden-Kwok

## **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY REPORT**

As our congregation ages each year we have new people who are no longer able to come to church on a regular basis. Years ago, Olive Pociwuschek made it her mission to be certain that no one was left out of the community. She began and ran a ministry for many years whereby volunteers go out on a regular basis and visit those who are shut-in or otherwise unable to come out to church events. Olive stepped down from the ministry a few years ago, but it continues to be an important part of our outreach.

We currently have 26 members of our congregation who visit 30 members of the congregation on a more or less regular basis. We are always grateful when you bring to our attention those who might need a visit. We are also always looking for more people to do the visiting. It is a blessed and fulfilling ministry to be involved in. Visits may consist of a short visit to the member's home, an outing, or any number of other variations that work for both persons. Visitors may commit to visiting once or twice a month to weekly, and may see more than one person, depending on their availability.

It is a lovely way to learn of the history of our church and to embrace those who often were building blocks to what we now enjoy at St. Mark's. If you feel called to this ministry, we would be so happy to hear from you. Please speak with one of the Clergy or myself, Lynne Hurd, if you have questions or would like to put your name forward.

We have a few members of the congregation who provide rides to people needing to go to medical appointments.

The Archbishop has also licensed five members of our congregation to take reserved Sacrament out to people who would like to have a Home Eucharist once a month. This ministry provides great comfort to those for whom communion is a very important part of their Spiritual life.

We have a team of wonderful conversationalists who regularly keep in touch with members of the congregation by phone. They are coordinated by Mary Brown who is pleased to hear about new people needing phone calls, or new volunteers for the phoning. Please contact her at 604-535-6408

Respectfully submitted  
Lynne Hurd, Coordinator

## **PRAYER CHAIN REPORT**

One of the "silent" ministries at St. Mark's is our prayer chain of 20 men and women who daily pray for the requests given to them by you, the congregation. The requests are sent out by email to the members of the chain by a coordinator who serves in that capacity for three months at a time. The current coordinator is always listed in the Pulse with both their phone number and their email information.

We pray for the request for two weeks, or longer if the need is conveyed to us. We appreciate that the persons giving us the request will also keep us updated as to the changes in the situations for which we are praying, to better inform our prayers.

We have a strict code of confidentiality about the information that is shared with us. The blessings that flow from the answers to the prayers not only touch those for whom we pray but also each member of the prayer chain.

Each Sunday, names are placed on the list on the lectern at the back of the church for the intercessor to read out during the service. These names do not go to the Prayer Chain unless you contact the coordinator to make that happen.

Should you be interested in joining this ministry, please speak to one of the Clergy, or to myself.

Respectfully submitted  
Lynne Hurd, Coordinator

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT**

As we come up to our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary the prayer shawl ministry continues to craft shawls in all colours & sizes, then cover them with well used prayers. They are given to members & friends of St. Mark's who are in need of comfort & prayer. Our numbers are consistent with other years ... over 50 shawls donated in 2018 and our cedar chest remains full.

Like other small ministries we chose to assess our past & look to the future this year. In our case it was with an April Sunday morning "Blessing of the Shawls" after asking those of the congregation who had knitted, received or given a shawl to wear one to church that day. We were overwhelmed by the display & agreed to carry on, though still continuing our 2 year search for a new leader. In October we were delighted to have Maggie Ferguson drop in for tea then later that day accept the offer of Leadership. We are so blessed & grateful to have Maggie join us as leader & facilitator! Our team is complete again & we are looking ahead with enthusiasm!

With sincere gratitude and respect,

Mary Brown

The Prayer Shawl Team thanks Mary for her many years of developing & leading this Ministry. She has done a wonderful job & become a friend & councillor to many.

Maggie Ferguson

## **PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF) REPORT**

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) continued many activities throughout Canada and around the world during the past year. Appreciation is extended to all at St. Mark's who provided general and specific donations. The PWRDF responds to international and national emergencies. It is our world-wide Canadian Anglican Church's Outreach, as well as providing assistance within Canada to specific needs. Examples and information about PWRDF activities are monthly printed in our Parish Pulse.

St. Mark's raised \$3,073 in 2018. Our deep appreciation is extended to each donor! Thank you all!

John & Roberta Braddock

Parish Representatives

## **READERS' MINISTRY 10am SERVICE REPORT**

I am very thankful for the dedication of the readers for the 10am Sunday morning services throughout the 2018 year. A total of 47 readers were active in this ministry. A few readers have moved out of our parish or have decided to step back from the ministry at this time. We thank them for sharing their gifts in this ministry. For those who have moved, we wish them every blessing as they find their place in new parishes.

A schedule of the year's lectionary readings is handed out in January, along with a list of readers' names and their phone numbers.

For those interested in joining this ministry, please contact Lauren MacPherson at 604-531-6828 or email me at [climac@telus.net](mailto:climac@telus.net).

Lauren MacPherson

## **SAVVY ST. MARK'S SENIORS MINISTRY REPORT**

Looking over the past 12 months, there have been many exciting activities for our group of seniors, ranging from plays and pantomimes at the Surrey Arts Centre, to concerts performed wonderfully by the Langley First Capitol Chorus, Orpheus Men's Choir, Vancouver Welshmen's Choir; two Shakespeare plays at Bard on the Beach; a TUTS production in Stanley Park; Royal City Musical Society performance; two day trips to Krause Berry Farm and Cheesecrafters. Our annual overnight trip to Chemainus took place over Halloween and included a surprise outing to the Raptor Centre in Cedar near Duncan where we all were enthralled by the talk about, and flight demonstrations of, the many birds of prey that are cared for there!

Savvy Seniors gatherings on alternate Wednesdays all year long have grown in numbers to 30-35 attendees regularly. Bridge and Rummicube are the favoured games in the Church Hall while the chatting group in the Family Room has produced copious knitted products for outreach, Holly Berry Fair and A.C.W. projects.

None of this would be possible without the organization and help of many people: Janet and Arthur Cormode who set up and clean up for every Wednesday gathering, Ann Colman who looks after our petty cash fund which pays for the needs of our refreshment times on Wednesday, as well as cards for birthdays and other group wishes -- one of which is to sponsor a family at Christmas through St. Mark's Outreach ministry. Merrilee Trask, Valerie Frost (a new member this fall), Pamela Hall, Doris MacKellar, Pat Zammitt, Sharon Ma and countless others help to bake and serve the refreshments each Wednesday. A number of our members drive those who are no longer able to -- to all of you many thanks -- our fellowship would not reach so many without your willing transportation. Major thanks go to Denny O'Donovan who provides bus transportation to all events and trips outside the White Rock area in his wonderful buses -- safely, cheerfully and at a very reasonable cost. Thank you to his wife Linda who helps him in this wonderful ministry.

God bless you all with a very Happy Healthy New Year! We would be delighted to welcome more seniors from the White Rock and south Surrey peninsula to join us for all the exciting activities planned for 2019. Please contact Sue or Janet for more information or to receive e-mail or printed updates.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sue Indridson     Janet Cormode

## **SOUND MINISTRY REPORT**

We have six dedicated members on our team and we welcomed Ian Girvan onto the team near the end of the year.

Changes made this last year involved removal of the small white speakers in the sanctuary because they were causing echo; purchase of a new, larger screen for the Hall; and donation by Don Hamilton of a newer television for the Hall.

This coming year we may have to replace the projector which is old and technologically dated, although as long as the bulb lasts, we will continue to use it.

Submitted by Phil Tubbs

**“SPIRIT”**  
**Strategic Planning Innovation Recruitment Implementation Team**

This past year, Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Ken Miles, Ben Schmit, David Soy and Rev. Craig Tanksley met monthly. They are working together to facilitate the changes that were identified by the Parish during the various presentations held during 2017. These initiatives are being brought forward and completed as we move forward in the renewal and growth of St. Mark's. The initiatives that were identified as important as we move forward in the renewal and growth of St. Marks and completed in 2018 are:

- The Church Membership Photo Directory completed and is a wonderful success.
- The E-Newsletter is published on a regular basis and is being emailed to parishioners.
- Sunday Sermons are recorded weekly and uploaded to the website, and are being made available to various Bible Study groups and the ESL Bible Study Groups.

Moving forward into 2019, we will be led by:

OUR MISSION: Fed by the word, led by the spirit, reaching out to all.

OUR VISION: A vibrant, living congregation of all God's people

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Grantham

**SPONSOR CHILD REPORT**

Child sponsorship is the most personal, effective way to fight poverty. When you sponsor a child, you build a special relationship that encourages them with hope for the future. A number of parishioners provide a monthly sponsorship donation through a number of organizations to assist children and their communities in providing opportunities for education, access to clean water, medical access and nutrition.

Along the way, they get to watch their sponsored child grow up and to celebrate their success by exchanging letters and emails, and tracking their community's progress.

Mari Anne Hussen

## SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Syrian Refugee Committee consists of Chris and Dot Roulson, Lawrence Stephenson and Michael and Robin Klaver.

In 2017, our one year sponsorship of Fouad and Lewa Elia concluded in the fall, and they have settled in nicely to their new life in Canada, in New Westminster, close to their children and grandchildren.

Also in the fall of 2017, we submitted the official sponsorship paperwork to the Diocese, and through them to the Federal Government, to apply to sponsor the Syrian family in Dubai that awaits our sponsorship – Khaldoun Al Nouisser, his wife Samah and their three children Katherine, Jamal and Natali.

Their application has progressed well. They have had their interviews with Immigration Canada officials overseas completed and they have passed that stage of the process. They are in the process of completing medical evaluations, and we anticipate their arrival sometime in the fall of this year.

In the meantime, we need to build our fund to support them when they arrive, so please continue to fulfil any outstanding pledges, and continue to financially support this important, and life changing, ministry.

Also, please support Khaldoun, Samah and their children with your regular prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Klaver  
Chair

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REPORT

Laurence Stephenson, Director  
Kate Herron, St Mark's Summer Intern, Assistant Director

This year, we had not only returning "campers" but many new and younger ones in attendance. This augurs well for continued growth and viability for the VBS Outreach Program, as it goes forward.

A few observations that I can make, based on my own perception and interaction, are offered. This being the second year of my "appearance" on the stage might account for it, but I felt that the campers got into the spirit of things much quicker, with song participation and enthusiasm. Although younger, it seemed a good mix and it was good to see the older "more experienced" campers helping the younger ones. As well they were "eager" to participate although at their younger age, tended to become shy after the initial burst!

I cannot take credit for this. I think the adult and junior leaders were fantastic in shepherding their groups and participating in the motivation of their campers.

The music really caught on – now whether this was their youthful enthusiasm or the calibre of the music is moot – they enjoyed it! Of note is that they liked songs that I was less enthused about, so be wary of being too "adult orientated!" [Lesson learned!]

I had one parent, with 2 new children, say to me how happy she was to find the VBS program – which had been at her church but discontinued! Her kids enjoyed it and they took some of the props for use at a birthday party! I remark on this because my estimate is that less than 50% (even as low as 40%) of the children were regular or from families who regularly attend at St. Mark's. So this is a tremendously successful outreach program for us to be enthused about. Our timing is good in that we are able to utilize materials from other VBS programs in the Peninsula. Further promoting a vibrant Christian fellowship. We had props from both Star of the Sea (Catholic) and White Rock Baptist – for which I am very appreciative.

The success of the VBS program remains our volunteer staffing. We should anticipate continued growth and participation. This I would base on the fact that Linda Zeal built the reputation for 9 years of the VBS and, as would be expected, last year we saw a substantial reduction in numbers with a new "unknown director". But the rebound and increase in "campers" this year suggests that we can anticipate that the numbers Linda was getting (over 70) will be reached in short order. As indicated above, the youthfulness of the participants augurs well for returning to the VBS in 2019!

On last comment: one camper when seeing me prepare for the final day "experiment" remarked, "Oh like last year when you had the stuff foam all over?!"

We don't necessarily recognized what is important for the children but I perceive more recognition from the children of who I am than I did last year. That I was unknown then and am more so now, or that I murdered the pronunciation of Toucans and Sloths ... remains to be concluded!

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurence Stephenson

Director – VBS

## YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

*"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."* - James 3:17-18

Another year of ministry has flown by, and the one constant is always our mission to develop disciples of Jesus Christ. I selected the above passage from James as it sums up what our focus has been for much of this past year: to seek to become truly wise. There are many ways to think of wisdom, but James wanted the church to know that true wisdom comes in walking with the Spirit as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. It's a blessing to be able to do this in community while having a great time together!

On Sundays, we regularly reflected on the weekly Gospel lesson through our **ReThink Sunday** classes while spending time in prayer and worship. This Fall we also focused our time on the life of Christ through an animated film which helped bring Jesus' ministry to life. We are also proud of our students who were involved in the intercessory prayer team, music, Eucharistic, and readers' ministries, and leading the children in Sunday School and VBS. We have a group of students who love to serve and it's a joy to see them share their talents in these ways!

We promoted the Operation Christmas Child project again this year, collecting hundreds of dollars in donations which we used to purchase gifts to put together twelve boxes. It was quite the packing party! In total, we collected 80 boxes which were delivered to children around the world who would have gone without a gift this Christmas. Even better than the gifts is the Gospel message shared with them through local church programs. Thank you for partnering with us again to make this campaign a success.

Our **Thrive Tuesday** meetings had new life this year as we welcomed five new students who moved up from the Sunday School program, along with new families that have joined us at St. Mark's. On Tuesdays it's always fun to look forward to worship through song, prayer, and enjoy each other's company through games and activities (some this year included Spoons, Bucketball, Pie in the Face, Pumpkin Carving, Gingerbread House Contest, board games and more). Early in the year we started our Bible study all the way at the beginning with the Book of Genesis and ended with an in-depth look at the Book of James. Special guests this year included Barb Walks who gave us a fascinating presentation on her mission's trip to Rwanda, as well as David Soy who shared his experience in prison ministry and gave us the opportunity to write cards to prisoners. Each quarter we continued to help with St. Mark's commitment to the Adopt-a-Street program.

**Breakout Events** are events focused on building a sense of community through fun activities. This year we went paintballing and lazer tagging, hosted movie nights, enjoyed pizza on the beach, played board games, watched a meteor shower, enjoyed chocolate fondue, and went to the BC Lions Faith and Family night. A highlight again was our annual Christmas bowling party at Sandcastle Lanes followed by a gift exchange.

As James reminds us (James 1:5), let's ask God for true wisdom to live out the Gospel in our everyday lives, that we may be as Christ to our neighbours and an example of true faith. Continue to pray for our students and their families as we enter a new season of ministry together – we appreciate your loving support.

In Christ,

Joshua Brown  
Youth Director

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***“GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD ALMIGHTY,  
FOR THE LORD IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.”***

- Jeremiah 33:11

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