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# "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

<u>UNDECK THE HALL TOMORROW</u> - Your help is required to take down the Christmas trees in the hall as well as the stage on Mon. Dec. 30 from 9 am-noon. The lights around the poles in the courtyard and for the Christmas star will be removed as well. Your participation is appreciated.

<u>THANK YOU</u> – *from Sheila in the Office*. So many parishioners have dropped by during Advent to wish me and my husband Simon a blessed Christmas. We truly appreciate the cards and the gifts and the love you have shown us. See you in 2019.

Our prayer for you: May God continue to bless all St. Mark's members with love and peace and hope and joy.

# **Ministry Report Deadline Information for the Annual Report**

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020. The deadline for your 2019 Ministry Report is: *Monday, January 13, 2020.* 

Reports we are gathering: 8am Service Volunteers Report Adopt-A-Street-Team Report **ACW Report Altar Guild Report Contemplative Evening Prayers Report Communications Team Report Community Outreach Ministry Report Creation Care Ministry Report Donations Secretary Report ESL Bible Study Report Eucharistic Server Report Financial Stewardship Report** Flower Ministry Report **Ladies Guild Report** Men's Club Report Music/Choir Report **Pastoral Care Ministry Report Prayer Chain Report People's Wardens Report Prayer Shawl Ministry Report Readers 10am Ministry Report Rector's Report** 

Rector's Warden Report
Savvy St. Mark's Seniors Ministry Report
Sound Ministry Report
SPIRIT Team Report
Sponsor Child Report
Syrian Refugee Committee Report
VBS Report

<u>Help wanted for Craig & Holly's Retirement Reception</u> to be held on Saturday, January 18 at 2PM. There are sign-up sheets for food prep, serving, and clean-up posted on the Parish notice board in the Hall. This is to be open to everyone interested in helping with St. Mark's Food Services.

Any questions please contact Mari Anne Hussen: <a href="mailto:mhussen@gmail.com">mhussen@gmail.com</a> or (604)531-6084.

<u>The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children</u> is given by Kathy Chambers to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all His many blessings.

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u> - The flowers are given this week by Merrilee Trask to the Glory of God and his many blessings as well as remembering the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her New Year Eve wedding with beloved husband Larry.

Bible Readings for January 5 – Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18, Psalm 147:12-20

<u>Contact for the Prayer Chain</u> – the Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Please send your prayer requests and updates to Maggie at <u>maggieferguson@telus.net</u> or call 604.538.6160.

## **QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

Mon. Dec. 30 – 9am to noon – Hall – Take Down the Christmas Trees

Tues. Jan. 7 – 1pm – Prayer Shawls

Wed. Jan. 8 – 1pm Seniors Get Together

Fri. Jan. 10 – 2pm – Funeral Service for Nina Insell,

with a Reception in the Hall to follow

Sat. Jan. 11 – a.m. in the Kitchen Prepare Soup

for Souper Sunday

Sun. Jan. 12 – Souper Sunday soup sales

Tues. Jan. 14 – 2pm – ACW Meeting

Tues. Jan. 14 - 6pm Men's Club Dinner

with guest speaker Dr. Bernie Toews

Sat. Jan. 18 – 2pm Retirement Party

for Craig and Holly Tanksley

Tues. Jan. 21 – 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Wed. Jan. 22 – 1pm Seniors Get Together

Tues. Jan. 28 - 7pm - Parish Council

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday December 30**

Office Closed

9am to 12noon - Undeck the Hall

1pm - Party Planning Meeting - Family Room

# Tuesday, December 31

Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed

#### Friday, January 3

9am - Exercise - Hall

7:30pm - Bible Study - Family Room

Sat. Feb. 8 – a.m. in the Kitchen Prepare Soup for Souper Sunday

Feb. 9 – Souper Sunday soup sales

Sat. Feb. 8 - Funeral for Ms. Kerry Doyle with a Reception in the Hall to follow

Sun. Feb. 16 – 11:30am – Annual Vestry Meeting

Mon. Feb. 17 – OFFICE CLOSED

Sat. Feb. 22 – 3pm – Coldest Night Of The Year Walk For The Homeless

Tues. Feb. 25 – 5:30pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

# **Christmas Offering Envelopes...**

...opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

- *Matthew 2:11* 

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, please remember the gifts that God has given you. Special donation envelopes are available for anyone wishing to share their treasures this Christmas. They may be placed in the offering plate with cash or cheque, or use the Electronic Donation Station if you prefer to use a debit or credit card. Thank you for your generosity.