



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

Farewell Craig and Holly!

There is a box available after Sunday Services and at the reception for collecting cards and envelopes for Rev. Craig & Holly Tanksley.



SOUPER SUNDAY IS TODAY!

The proceeds from January's Souper Sunday will be donated to our local FOOD BANK . This local location provides weekly support services to over 600 people in the White Rock/South Surrey area.

Sources White Rock/South Surrey Food Bank is a member of Food Banks BC and Food Banks Canada, providing community members in need a minimum of 2 days' worth of food per person per week. Extra healthy food items are also provided for each school age child as well as formula and diapers for babies.

Bakers Wanted for Craig & Holly's Retirement Reception

A sign-up list is posted in the Hall for those who can bake finger food desserts for the reception. Baked items must be dropped off at the church no later than Friday, January 17 at 9AM. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered in various capacities.

Creation Care Ministry – "Old Christmas Lights"-- As part of St. Mark's enhanced recycling strategy there will be a bin to collect old Christmas lights today AND next Sunday, January 19, on the table against the South Wall of the Parish Hall, in front of the Creation Care Ministry Posters.

This strategy is part of our baptismal commitment to "strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth."

2020's Parish Metal Drive event will be on Sat. Nov. 15. Our aim is to keep all metal that we can out of the landfill. We are not competing with the City Recycling Program, but rather we aim to supplement it by providing an opportunity for parishioners to contribute any amount of any metal as well as any length and gauge of electrical cord to be recycled through a major metal recycling facility.

We shall collect only Christmas lights and other electrical cord at this time. For further information please contact Anne Schreck at the display on Sunday, or call 604.536.0072, or email: anne_schreck@shaw.ca

Please pray for your Canonical Committee (Search Committee):

Rector's Warden - Barb Walks
Peoples Wardens - Ken Miles
 - Mari Anne Hussen
Synod Delegates - Isabel Chernoff
 - Brenda Horner
 - Ben Schmit
Alternate Synod Delegates - Art Go
 - Lauren MacPherson
 - Heather Higginson
 - Mark Davies
Youth Synod Delegate - Vivian Wu
Alternate Youth Delegate - Kate Herron

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is provided this week by Barbara and Jamie Grantham to the Glory of God and in thankfulness and gratitude for family and friends as we begin this new year.

Bible Readings for January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:14-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Contact for the Prayer Chain – is now Lynne Hurd. She can be reached at 604-542-2772 or lynneh1@telus.net.

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 is Monday.

Only a few more reports remain to be submitted:

ACW Report
Altar Guild Report
Contemplative Evening Prayers Report
Community Outreach Ministry Report
Creation Care Ministry Report
Donations Secretary Report
Flower Ministry Report
Ladies Guild Report
Music/Choir Report
Prayer Shawl Ministry Report
Readers 10am Ministry Report
Sound Ministry Report
SPIRIT Team Report
VBS Report

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

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

Feb. 4 – 1pm – Prayer Shawls

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

Feb. 11 – 2pm – ACW meeting

Feb. 11 – 6pm – Men's Club meeting

Sun. Feb. 16 – COMBINED Service – 10am – Vestry Meeting to follow

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

Mon. Feb. 17 – OFFICE CLOSED

Tues. Feb. 18 – 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting

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

Tues. Feb. 24 – 9am – Set up for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 14

2pm -- ACW – Family Room

6pm – Men's Club Meeting

6:30pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, January 15

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, January 16

1pm – Outreach Committee meeting – Family Room

Friday, January 17

9am – Set Up For Saturday's Party – Hall/Kitchen

9am – Exercise – EdC

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

Saturday, January 18

8:30am – Set Up for Saturday's Party – Hall/Kitchen

2pm – Party – Hall

PWRDF NEWS

Indigenous microfinance organization supports youth entrepreneurs

On a speed boat that's zooming across the waters of Clayoquot Sound in Tofino, B.C., an employee of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) speaks about the impact of their partnership with PWRDF.

"It has opened doors for our communities," says Serena Read, Special Projects Officer with NEDC. "It means we can help new, small businesses get off the ground while also investing in our youth."

Indigenous artist Richie Brown, 19, received funding to help grow his business. It's this focus on young people that brought members of the PWRDF Youth Council to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth territory of western Vancouver Island, home to 14 separate Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations, in March 2019. For many years, NEDC has provided expertise and financial support to small businesses within these nations, helping spur local economic development. Thanks to a partnership with PWRDF, they also recently strengthened their focus on youth entrepreneurship via the Indigenous Youth Business Strategy program. Launched in 2017, the program provides mentorship, coaching and micro-finance investments to help Indigenous youth start or grow their small business. The program is making entrepreneurship a viable option for many local youth who otherwise may not have access to business expertise or traditional financing.

In 2018-2019, NEDC updated its online application process to be more youth friendly and continued to establish solid partnerships with financial institutions, such as the Canadian Centre for Aboriginal Entrepreneurship, Business Development Bank of Canada and Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program. Nine trainees have fully participated in the program and seven new youth are going through the training and mentorship process. Seven more youth are being considered for the program now.

"I want to thank my funders for helping me grow my business and become more established in this field," says Richie Brown, the Indigenous artist who is now learning from his father and uncles how to carve Coast Salish design jewellery in silver and gold. "This will benefit me a lot going forward into my line of work."

Over their two-day visit, PWRDF Youth Council members met with NEDC staff to learn about their vision for the program and see first-hand the impact of PWRDF partnerships, whether across the globe or here in Canada.

Learning about the commitment of NEDC – and PWRDF – to invest in youth was clearly inspiring for the group.

"We know that youth can make a difference," says Read. "This new program will help get them where they want to be."