



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **DECEMBER 12, 2021**

HOLLY BERRY FAIR – Linda O'Donovan writes: *We were so excited to be able to have an in-person Holly Berry Fair this year. For those who couldn't attend we did not serve a lunch, changed the time to 1-4pm and did not sell any jewelry. We have received many compliments on this year's format as it enabled customers to browse at their leisure while being able to be socially distant. Of course vaccine passports and masks were required.*

This event could not happen without the over 40 volunteers from Ladies Guild, ACW, Men's Club and many other members of the congregation. As the Convenor I can say it was a joy to co-ordinate this event. Thank you so much TO ALL THOSE who so willingly accepted the invitation to help. A special thank you to Sheila Johnston for her help. It was a true team effort!

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES orders are available for pick-up today. Please see Kathy Tubbs or Pam Hamilton for your order. Thanks everyone for supporting The Ladies Guild.

MEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISERS:

- **FRESH HOLLY & CEDAR BOUGHS FOR SALE:** Denny: O'Donovan is selling by donation holly and cedar boughs after the 10am service for your Christmas decorating. The Men's Club is the beneficiary of this fund-raising project. Thank you, Denny!!
- **PIE GUY:** Your order for Pie Guy's pies and mince tarts are available after church for pick up. See Brian.

FOOTPRINTS TO FAITH – Heather Higginson and Victoria Finley advise that during the School Break – Dec. 19/Dec 26/Jan 2 – there will be no children's program. It will start up again in the New Year.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP ... Please Pray and Consider

As we continue to navigate the pandemic while providing spiritual nourishment for our church family, the financial needs of the church continue. Therefore, please consider the following:

If you are already investing in St. Mark's...

Reflect on how your life has been enriched by the life of the community. When you have counted your blessings, then consider whether this is the time to increase your financial support.

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If you haven't given in the last year...

Consider whether this is the year for you to make a financial commitment to support the ministries that we as Christ's disciples in this place undertake to proclaim the good news. When you have, then give as you are able.

If you are reviewing your Will...

Remember how this community has been upheld by the generous gifts of Parish members who have gone before us. Please make a provision for the Parish so that our ministry may continue in the decades ahead.

If you have questions about donating via Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), the Electronic Donation Station (EDS), eTransfer or offering envelopes, please contact:

Barbara Carington Smith at 604-531-8436 or at bacarington@gmail.com , or

Brenda Horner at 604-535-6021 or at bhenze@shaw.ca

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 1 Chronicles 29:14

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2021				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Adj Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	20,987.20	304,425.44	302,500.00	1,925.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,168.96	303,966.46	302,500.00	(1,466.46)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (12,181.76)	\$ 458.98	\$ -	\$ 458.98

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Hand sanitizing and social distancing are encouraged &...

- the BC Provincial Health Officer has mandated that masks be worn in all public indoor spaces.
- Anyone attending our liturgies (worship services) to show proof of vaccination (double vaccinated).

- Sunday, December 19 - 10am A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- Wednesday December 15 - 10am Eucharist Service

Are You Missing the Journey of Christmas? - "The Journey of Christmas" was a step back in time featuring 9 theatres set in the woods behind St Mark Ocean Park Anglican Church. The multi-media exhibit featured an audio soundtrack, and murals, some painted by local school children and church groups. Mannequins of Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus, and other people from the Bible were created by artistically talented parishioners, and helped to tell the story of the first Christmas. We have used the soundtrack, photographs and drawings from "The Journey of Christmas" as part of a series of Children, Youth and Family videos. Each video includes a short lesson taking us from Advent to Epiphany. You may watch a new video each week on our website www.stmarkbc.org You may watch the entire series of videos on Dec 25, 2021.

SAVVY SENIORS – Notice for our Christmas Get Together—Wed. December 15, 1-3:30pm with a surprise musical performance to enhance our seasonal joy. There will be Christmas treats at tea, or coffee if you prefer, safely served, individually wrapped and all must be double vaccinated and wear masks when not seated! A collection will be accepted so that we can provide an honorarium to be presented to our performer. Please let me know if you plan to attend this event so we can adequately prepare!
Blessings, Sue Indridson 604-531-4931 sinder@shaw.ca

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Elizabeth Vallee to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Roger Henning.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Breda Horner and Ron Henze to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Brenda's father Geoff Horner and other beloved family members who we remember especially at this time of year.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES – December 19 – Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, Genesis 22:15-18, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-6, Luke 1:26-35, 38, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-16, Matthew 2:1-12, John 1:1-14

WE CONTINUE TO...

- LIVE STREAM our Sunday Worship.
- To access the online Service go to our Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org On the homepage that opens, click on the service's video, or where it says: "St Mark Online Worship Services".
- If you would like to watch or listen to some of our older services you may go into the YouTube archives through our Parish website www.stmarkbc.org and click on "St Mark Online Worship Services". Alternatively you can use these links: tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel OR https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO_iOFX3hJNg

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd from December 15 onward. You may reach her at 604.542.2772 or by email at lynneh1@telus.net

REVEREND BILLY'S EMAIL is: stmarks.op.rector@gmail.com

People wishing to meet with Rev. Billy are directed to this email to make an appointment to see him. Those with no access to email can call the Church Office to make an appointment: 604.535.8841

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS? If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 604.541.9598 klaverfamily@shaw.ca
lindaodee@hotmail.com 604-536-7983

ACW NEWS - calendars are available after Church or from me (Kathryn 778-549-0858, or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca). Price remains at \$8 each.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD Please e-mail the Church Office or brian.walks@gmail.com and we will add your event to the list of events. Double check with the Office to make sure the date and time that you want is available.

Tues. Dec. 14 2pm	ACW Christmas
Wed. Dec. 15 1pm	Coffee With Clergy, Crescent Coffee House, Beecher Street
Wed. Dec. 15 1pm	Savvy Seniors
Thurs. Dec. 16 2pm	Ladies Guild

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to five single Mothers and nine children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2021 or 2022 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly E Pulse. Email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication. The suggested donation of \$60 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office.

December 19	Barb and Jamie Grantham
December 26	Betty-Ann and Ian Brownridge
January 2	Darlene and Gary Wiegand
January 9	
January 16	
January 23	
January 30	

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS FOR OUR FLOWERS

Below is the flower chart for December & January. If you would like to offer flowers for the sanctuary those months, in Memory of a Loved One, in Thanksgiving for a birthday or Anniversary we would very much appreciate it. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith at 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

December 19	Pam and Don Hamilton
December 26	Doris McKellar and Bea Ross
January 2	Ladies Guild
January 9	
January 16	
January 23	
January 30	Gill and Barry Jones

