



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE **NEWSLETTER OF** **ST. MARK OCEAN PARK** **NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Prayer Corner November 20, 2022

“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:3-4 (NIV)

Father God, like your people of ancient days, we mourn the losses that have left us a remnant of the congregation we used to be. We desire to be a growing flock that welcomes all to be nurtured in the knowledge of your love and power, majesty and mercy. Gift us with awareness.

Thank you for the encouraging words of Jeremiah that speak of your faithfulness and your good plans for your people. Gift us with endurance, patience and joyful hope.

Thank you for Jesus The Christ who holds all things together and reconciles all things to you.
Thank you for Jesus The Good Shepherd who tends your flock with his rod and staff.
Thank you for Jesus who gave himself that we might be made righteous in your sight.
He is our refuge and strength, saviour and sure guide.

Thank you for Reverend Stephen Laskey, the good shepherd you have provided to be our interim rector. We pray for the next good shepherd you will bring to this congregation.

Thank you for Sarah Autio, the good shepherd you have provided for our youth. We pray for a good shepherd for our children.

CHRISTMAS ON THE PENINSULA: The 14th annual Christmas on the Peninsula Festival is being held at the White Rock Community Centre and other uptown event places on Saturday Nov. 26 from 10 am-5 pm. It is a free family event featuring, Christmas Market, crafts, entertainment, Town Centre Walkabout, Christmas parade at 4 pm, carollers, The Mayor's Christmas tree lighting at 4:30 and carol singalong at 4:15. Visit: www.christmasonthepeninsula.com.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN -- is provided this week by Joy Prior: “The eyes of your understanding enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward, who believe, according to the working of his mighty power (Ephesians 1:23) which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. – King James Version Bible, Ephesians 1:18-19

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Shirley Parel in remembrance of her precious husband Cass who passed away a year ago.

SAVE THE DATE!!! HOLLY BERRY FAIR, Saturday December 3, 2022

The Holly Berry Fair has a long history at St Mark's. This event doesn't happen without the support of many volunteers. Here are some of the ways you can help: Donations of:

- New and nearly new items for our gift baskets
- Baking, Preserves, jams
- Crafts, knitting
- Treasures, antiques and collectibles
- Jewellery
- Volunteer time - set up, kitchen help, serving help, sales, cleanup

Donations can be brought to the church on any Sunday morning, placed in the Rubbermaid bins in the Hall. If you have any questions please see contact Linda O'Donovan at lindaodee@hotmail.com or 604-536-7983.

Library News

"It's time for you to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit and experience the fresh strength, fulfilling purpose, and vigorous life he offers." **Max Lucado's** new book **Help Is Here**, will give you the tools and encouragement you need.



PURDY'S CHOCOLATES are once again available for purchase to support the Ladies Guild this Christmas season. You will find catalogues in the Narthex. Please submit your paper order by Sunday November 27 to any Guild member or to Isabel or Linda. You can also order your chocolates online (before November 30) by using the following link. It takes you to our account at Purdy's and your order will roll up to our account (41550) Your chocolates will be available for pickup on Sunday December 11.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/932138-99763> Please contact isabelchernoff@telus.net 604-531-6828 or lindaodee@hotmail.com if you have any questions Make your plans to prepare your favorite hot dish for our next Sunday **POTLUCK LUNCH** after the 10 am service on the 27th. Soup, casserole, sandwiches, appetizers – your choice. We hope to see you there.

2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are now available for pick up in the Narthex.

OFFERING UPDATE – LEGACY FUNDS & BEQUESTS

We gratefully offer our sixth instalment about ways to give to St. Mark Ocean Park. The generosity of all members of our church family is always appreciated, and financial gifts are acknowledged along with a tax receipt, shortly after the end of each year.

Many are not aware of the option to give an endowment gift called a Legacy Fund, either during your lifetime or as part of your Will. It is funded with cash or appreciated assets and tax relief is immediate. Your gift of capital is invested to earn income and this income is used to support your Legacy Fund, increasing the church's capacity to fund ministry. These can be permanent, or lifetime endowments and they are effective giving opportunities for people to express their gratitude to God, while also encouraging a family legacy of philanthropy.

Finally, if you are reviewing your Will, consider making a bequest to the church. By making a bequest or other special gift, you ensure that those ministries and activities supported with your time, talent and treasure during your life will continue to flourish and be enhanced for many future generations. If you are able to do so, please consider adding a provision for the parish as part of your legacy. Visit the Diocesan

website for more information about Legacy Funds <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/parish-development/giving-in-gratitude-for-gods-abundance/pages/gifts-of-endowment-through-legacy-funds> and Bequests <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/parish-development/giving-in-gratitude-for-gods-abundance/pages/gifts-through-wills-bequest-legacies>

If you have questions about this or other ways of giving, please contact Brenda Horner (Donation Secretary) bhenze@shaw.ca; speak to the Treasurer; or contact the church office for assistance.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6



SOUPER SUNDAY NEWS

Thank you for your support of your Community Outreach Ministry, with your soup purchase. These funds will help Mothers and children who participate in the Lunch Basket Program to purchase healthy foods. Please return your jars with the lids to the Church kitchen. Thank you!

The ACW is collecting for the Mission to Seafarers, which supports Seafarers around the world. The Mission has the Flying Angel clubs in 200+ ports around the world, these are safe places for all Seafarers. For more information go to www.flyingangel.ca/about. You will find we have set up a table in the Narthex to collect items for the Mission to make into gifts for all the Seafarers in the Port of Vancouver at Christmas. Please remember that COVID has prevented the Seafarers from going outside the port. The items needed are socks, with some wool content, mitts, gloves, work gloves, toques, and cowls, (scarves are not allowed on board ships due to the danger they could cause, such as strangulation), also needed are toiletries for both male and female, toothpaste is one item with a big need, toothbrush, shaving cream, nail files and so on. Also, magazines such as National Geographic, Our Canada, Beautiful British Columbia, Readers Digest and sports. Also puzzles, cards and stuffies. The stuffed animals are kept as items that can be obtained by Seafarers heading home, they often have no time to shop but would like something to take home to their families. Thank You for helping us support this cause. For any information, please contact Kathryn by e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone (604-560-1455/778-549-0858).

READINGS FOR SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 20 – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Song of Zechariah Canticle 19a, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

ANNUAL SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be back this year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in conjunction with the regular SAVVY SENIOR'S gathering. A 3-course hot lunch will be followed by entertainment by Kerry O'Donovan. Invitations will be available soon. If you have not previously attended this event, and would like to, please advise the office or one of the event leadership team. This event is intended for our Super Seniors – approximately 80+ but we welcome anyone who would like to be a guest and we also welcome younger seniors to be part of the event team. Please contact one of us with any questions. - Isabel Chernoff, Sue Indridson, Linda O'Donovan, Lynne Brownridge

ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings here 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities and connection. St Mark's Youth Group now has an Instagram page! You can find us under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as the Church calendar and FaceBook. Please connect with Sarah via yministryrsvp@gmail.com if you want to join us.

St Mark's Youth Ministry is welcoming all who are interested in the Safe Adult program. Please reach out to Sarah, via yministryrsvp@gmail.com for more information.

SAVVY SENIORS Get Together with chat, and a variety of games that include cribbage, scrabble, bridge and rummicube. in the Parish Hall this **Wednesday November 30**, from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to nine single mothers and 17 children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2022 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly Pulse. The suggested donation of \$70 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication.

November 27	Elizabeth Darbyshire & Michael Weller
December 4	Irene Snow
December 11	Les & Jean Edmonds
December 18	Pat Aiken & Janet Scott

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS FOR OUR FLOWER

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar, please see the chart below. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

November 27	Lawrence and Lynne Hurd
December 4	Charles and Isabel Powell
December 11	
December 18	

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS? If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 778.386.1973 klaverfamily@shaw.ca

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at lynneh1@telus.net or you may phone at 604.542.2772.

St Mark's Family, Youth and Children's Time

Subscribe to our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO_iOFX3hJNg or follow the link from our webpage. <http://stmarkbc.org/>

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

How To Reach Reverend Stephen Laskey - Please use the following email address to contact Reverend Laskey: PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com Also, you can call him at the Church Office (604.535.8841). If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and your telephone number for Reverend Laskey. He will check voicemail messages and will return your call.

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022				
	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	25,149.76	223,145.54	306,375.00	(83,229.46)
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,831.61	292,627.72	306,375.00	13,747.28
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,681.85)	\$ (69,482.18)	\$ -	\$(69,482.18)



Holly Berry Fair

Saturday Dec. 3, 2022
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

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| A Delicious Lunch | Jewellery |
| Sumptuous Baking | Treasures |
| Handmade Crafts | Antiques |
| Preserves | Collectibles |
| Gift Baskets | Raffle Prizes |



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