



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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### **E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

#### **Prayer Corner November 6, 2022**

“His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed” Daniel 7:14

In many ways these are troubling times. We see and hear of wars and violence and injustice. We grieve as so many governments and institutions act with disregard for your statutes. O God, your prophets knew this would be the way of the world until your kingdom has fully come. Let us not be alarmed or dismayed. Let us fix our eyes on Christ Jesus our King and our Hope. We open ourselves to receive your strengthening, guiding, comforting Holy Spirit that we would live with perseverance and joy, faith and love, wisdom and powerful witness.

We praise and thank you that you are still giving rain and sun for our crops, binding up and healing wounds, lifting up the downtrodden, protecting and strengthening your people, guiding through your word with wisdom and mercy and justice. Give us eyes to see these gifts more clearly. Show us where you would have us join you in what you are doing. Equip us and give us courage for this work.

**THANKS! St. Mark's Youth** would like to sincerely thank all the parents and wardens and especially The Rev. Laskey for helping make our All Saints evening a huge success! We welcomed 31 youth and 5 parents and 2 other youth leaders to help support and make the event special and memorable for the youth.

This event not only was a great opportunity for youth to connect but was a great way for St. Mark's to connect with other Parishes close to us. With Blessings and Grace. Youth Leader Sarah.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!! HOLLY BERRY FAIR, 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](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com) or 604-536-7983.



**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](mailto:isabelchernoff@telus.net) 604-531-6828 or [lindaodee@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com) if you have any questions

### **OFFERING UPDATE - ENVELOPES**

We gratefully offer our fourth 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.

A longstanding and traditional offering method is via envelopes, in which donors may give cash or a cheque. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate when it is circulated during the service. These are pre-printed with a number that is unique to each donor, to help maintain anonymity. Envelopes are provided at no charge to the donor and are available for weekly or monthly donations. The funds received are counted and deposited into the church's bank account each week. Donation envelopes are ideal for individuals who vary their giving, do not wish to use a debit or credit card, and attend in-person services regularly. If you would like to request envelopes for 2023 or have questions about this or other ways of giving, please contact Brenda Horner (Donation Secretary) [bhenze@shaw.ca](mailto:bhenze@shaw.ca); speak to the Treasurer (Cecilia Wong); or contact the church office for assistance.

"So that your giving may be in secret.  
And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."  
- Matthew 6:4

### **Library New**

Now that the rainy weather is here how about a real page turner to keep you occupied. **The Deadly Shallows** by **Dani Pettrey** has all the ingredients needed to keep you awake into the early hours. A mass shooting, and a stolen weapon capable of immense destruction, this action packed thriller is sure to please.



**The Next Men's Club Meeting** will be held on Tues. Nov. 8th with appetizers at 6pm and dinner served at 6:30pm. The highlight of the meeting will be a talk by Percy Smith on some of his memories of the second world war. We will also be discussing our annual Christmas Dinner scheduled for Sat. Dec. 10. This dinner is open to all members and their partners, plus widows of members who have passed away. We look forward to seeing you there and please let Ken Miles know you are coming at: [kengmiles@telus.net](mailto:kengmiles@telus.net).

**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](http://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](mailto:hkmasmith@shaw.ca) or phone (604-560-1455/778-549-0858).

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 13** – Wisdom 3:1-9, Psalm 116:1-8, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 11:21-27

**We are happy to announce that our 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



**SOUPER SUNDAY IS BACK !!**

Your Community Outreach Ministry is back in the kitchen making homemade soup!

We will take orders in the Narthex for our popular & savoury Hamburger Soup today, Nov 6.

\$10.00 per Litre and \$5.00 for Half Litre.

Take your pre-ordered soup home on Sunday, Nov. 13

All the funds raised will go to the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children program.

**#1 Update! - ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP** - To help make the Refundable drive for our Youth Group more accessible to you. An account has been opened at the White Rock Return it Depot! You can now bring your refundables to the depot instead of dropping them off here. Refundables will no longer be collected in the Church Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support.

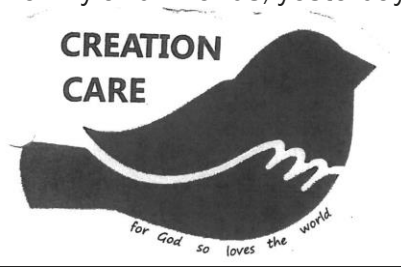
**ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP** welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings here 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities and connection. St Mark's Youth Group now has an Instagram page! You can find us under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as the Church calendar and FaceBook. Please connect with Sarah via [yministryrsvp@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 16**, from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson [sinder@shaw.ca](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca) 604-531-4931

**THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN** - is provided this week by Elli Mitchell and Nick Timms to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings to us throughout the year.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** are given today by Barbara and Charles Carington Smith to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for all the Blessings of Family and Friends, yesterday, today and tomorrow.



## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

### **Turn Trash into \$ Cash \$**

10<sup>th</sup> and final metal recycling event!

Check the table at the west wall of the Hall for Re-Use-ables and keep it out of the landfill.

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 11am, dropped off behind the church.

11am to 12noon load and transportation to the depot.

3 pickup trucks or trailers required.

- Anne Schreck 604-536-0072

**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 13	Joy and Doug French
November 20	Joy Prior
November 27	Elizabeth Darbyshire
December 4	Irene Snow

### **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](mailto:hkmasmith@shaw.ca)

November 13	Ken and Pat Miles
November 20	Shirley Parel
November 27	Lawrence and Lynne Hurd
December 4	Charles and Isabel Powell

**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](mailto:klaverfamily@shaw.ca)

**PRAYER CHAIN** – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto: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\\_i0FX3hJNg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO_i0FX3hJNg) 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](http://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](http://www.stmarkbc.org) and click on "St Mark Online Worship Services". Alternatively you can use these links: [tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel](http://tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel) OR [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO\\_i0FX3hJNg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLIO_i0FX3hJNg)

**How To Reach Reverend Stephen Laskey** - Please use the following email address to contact Reverend Laskey: [PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com](mailto: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.

### **PWRDF NEWS**

PWRDF has contributed \$20,000 to a flood response in Pakistan with three other Anglican agencies: Episcopal Relief and Development in the U.S., Anglican Board of Mission in Australia, and the U.K.-based United Society Partners in the Gospel. The contributions total approximately \$66,000 (Cdn).

This project will respond to the emergency relief appeal of the Church of Pakistan, a member of the Anglican Communion, to assist the flood affected communities in Punjab Province. The humanitarian situation remains dire in flood-affected areas of Pakistan, with widespread damage to physical infrastructure, including roads and bridges. Preliminary estimates indicate that 7.6 million people may be displaced due to the heavy rains and floods, and approximately 575,000 people are living in camps. More than 1.1 million houses have been damaged. More than 5,500 undamaged schools are reportedly being used to shelter people who have been displaced. The Church of Pakistan is responding to the flood-affected people with food and water; tents and tarpaulins; hygiene kits and awareness services, jerry cans and support for people with disabilities, orphans and separated children. The Church of Pakistan is working with local government agencies, community-based organizations and the affected communities to prioritise and coordinate the response on the ground.

### **How you can help**

Donate online or go to [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today) and click on Flooding in Pakistan. You may also send a cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2, indicating Pakistan Flooding on the cheque. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call.