



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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### **E-PULSE** **NEWSLETTER OF** **ST. MARK OCEAN PARK** **DECEMBER 4, 2022**

#### **Prayer Corner December 4, 2022**

The Second Sunday of Advent: We light the candles of HOPE and PEACE

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

We pray for PEACE in our hearts, minds, bodies and souls.

We pray for PEACE in our families and communities.

We pray for PEACE in the world.

We Praise you, O God Our Father, for the PEACE that will come: “The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ...They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:6,9)

We are filled with HOPE as we meditate on this vision.

We acknowledge that this kind of PEACE comes only with the knowledge of the Lord and so we ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit: “the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord”. (Isaiah 11:2)

**MICHAEL WELLER** – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and witness of Michael Weller will take place at 11am, next Saturday, December 10, at St. Mark’s. Interment will take place in the Memorial Garden immediately following the Service. A reception will take place in the Parish Hall.

**Ministry to Children at St. Mark’s** – It has been a great concern to many parishioners that there has not been children’s ministry (Sunday School) in place at St. Mark’s this fall. We all realize just how important this ministry is for the nurturing and well-being of children and families to support them as they grow in understanding of faith. This past week, the parish council decided to address this by passing a motion to have an amount of money in the budget for 2023 to bring on a person who will re-establish and coordinate a Sunday School. This will entail gathering a few volunteers from amongst our parishioners who will be engaged and supportive in this ministry. This will be advertised immediately with the view that we will have this ministry in place, as early in January as we can. If you, or someone you know, has a heart for children and their growth in faith, who can be supportive of families and who is on their own faith journey, please speak with Steve, our priest-in-charge or with one of the wardens.

**Search Committee Update** - The applications were received, and we quickly moved into preparing interviews. First interviews have been done. Regretfully, the Search Committee has discerned they cannot recommend to the Bishop a candidate to proceed to a second interview.

The position for a Rector will be posted again to continue with the process.

Respectively, Barbara Carington Smith, Chair

**Please remember that St. Mark's is a scent free zone** - Several of our parishioners are adversely affected by perfumes and product scents. Please refrain from using such products before coming to church services, or other events, so that everyone is able to enjoy the gathering without having to leave because of allergic reactions or asthma problems.

**To St. Marks Ocean Park** - We would like to thank you for the loving comfort and help you gave to us as we celebrated and gave thanks for the life of Terry Allen.

Stephen was so kind and helpful as he guided us through the plans and the beautiful service.

With gratitude - Barbara Allen and Family

**MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER Saturday, DEC 10**

If anybody believes they should have received an invitation to this event and they have not received one, please contact Ken Miles at [kengmiles@telus.net](mailto:kengmiles@telus.net) and he will rectify the problem if possible.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** are given today Charles and Isabel Powell in gratitude for 67 years of happy marriage.

**THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN** - is provided this week by Irene Snow in memory of her beloved husband Bill. Thanks be to God for the years of joy and love shared, and the wonderful family we were blessed with.

**\*\*\*\*\*Ministry Report Deadline for the 2022 Annual Report\*\*\*\*\***

Please submit your 2022 Ministry Report to: [office@stmarkbc.org](mailto:office@stmarkbc.org)

by the deadline: **Monday, January 9, 2023**

**We will be setting up Christmas trees and decorating the Hall** on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Wednesday, Dec 7. Please email Lauren MacPherson ([maclauren99@gmail.com](mailto:maclauren99@gmail.com)) for more details.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 11** - Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-14, Matthew 3:1-12

**ANNUAL SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in conjunction with the regular SAVVY SENIOR'S gathering. Please contact one of us with any questions.  
- Isabel Chernoff, Sue Indridson, Linda O'Donovan, Lynne Brownridge

**SAVVY SENIORS Get Together** with chat, and a variety of games that include cribbage, scrabble, bridge and rummicube. in the Parish Hall **Wed. January 4** from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson [sinder@shaw.ca](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca) 604-531-4931

**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.

**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**

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**THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN** provides funding for lunches to 8 single mothers and 13 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.

December 11	Les & Jean Edmonds
December 18	Pat Aiken & Janet Scott
December 24	
December 25	

**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)

December 11	
December 18	
December 24	
December 25	

**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.

<b>PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL STATUS AT OCTOBER 31, 2022</b>				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>28,462.67</b>	<b>251,608.21</b>	<b>136,166.67</b>	<b>115,441.54</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,972.19</b>	<b>321,599.91</b>	<b>136,166.67</b>	<b>(185,433.24)</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (509.52)</b>	<b>\$ (69,991.70)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (69,991.70)</b>