



**ADVENT I/HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, December 2, 2018**

St. Mark's extends a special welcome to our guests worshipping with us this morning. We pray that your time spent here is meaningful to you and that you will join us again. We invite you to sign the Guest Book, located in the Narthex. If you would like to know more about our community, please fill in the card provided in the pews. This may be given to one of our ushers or put on the offering plate. Ushers will also direct you to nursery care for children 2yrs and younger.

**Attending Elder:** - John Michie

**Ushering Team – December:** — Marie M<sup>c</sup>Clurg, Men Van Huynh, Jennifer Ford, Ruth Ann Willis

**Sunday Coffee Volunteers – December:** — Elizabeth Bohaychuk

**Pastoral Care Co-ordinator – December:** — Elizabeth Bohaychuk – 416-44-1293

**This Week at St. Mark's.....**

Monday	Dec. 3	7:00pm	Bible Study	Knox Hall
Tuesday	Dec. 4	6:30pm	Myung Sung Prayer Service	MS Office
Wednesday	Dec. 5	9:00am	Quilters	Games Room
		9:30am	Men's Club	Knox Hall
		12:45-2:30pm	Fitness Class	Knox Hall
		7:00pm	Pathfinders/Rangers	Knox H/Basement
		7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thursday	Dec. 6	1pm – 6:15pm	ACCESS Decorating for Xmas Party	Knox Hall
		4:45pm-6:30pm	SMiLe Violins	Sanctuary
		6:30pm	Toastmasters	Knox Hall
Friday	Dec. 7	9am-4pm	KIDS' ZONE	Knox Hall
		6pm-9:30pm	Myung Sung Intergenerational Worship	Sanctuary/Knox H
Saturday	Dec. 8	6:00am-8:00am	Myung Sung Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
		8am-10pm	ACCESS Tenant Christmas Party	Knox Hall
		2:00pm	Women's Advent Gathering	Sanctuary
Sunday	Dec. 9	10:30am	ADVENT II – White Gift Sunday – Rev. Daniel Cho	
		10:30am	Children & Youth Programme	
		4:30pm	ST. MARK'S & MYUNG SUNG CHURCH CHRISTMAS FANFARE & POTLUCK	

12:30-4:30pm – Sunday Worship & Programme/Augustine Room/CE Wing/Knox Hall/Sanctuary

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**TREASURER'S NOTES TO DATE**

**Envelope Givings:** \$109,435      **Shortfall:** \$15,565 needed to meet budget.  
**Presbyterians Sharing:** \$ 15,800      **Shortfall:** \$ 1,200 needed to meet our obligation  
 Maintenance expenses have skyrocketed in 2018 due to the age of our building.  
 To date we have spent in excess of \$21,000 on various maintenance problems.  
*We sincerely thank you in advance for whatever extra you are able to give.*

**Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms – see insert in bulletin. Please note that orders will be taken until Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> only. Thank you!**

\* **LET'S GATHER FOR BIBLE STUDY** and discussion in Knox Hall on Monday evening starting at 7pm, December 3, 10, and 17. We will reflect together on Advent/Christmas themes like relationship, community, gift, hurt, love, longing, identity and more. Let us learn to walk in faith more every day. All are most welcome!

\* **ADVENT WOMEN'S GATHERING:** The Christian Education Team cordially invites the women of St. Mark's to a seasonal time of fellowship and refreshment, entitled "Just As They Had Been Told." Leadership will be offered by Mary Beth M<sup>c</sup>Lean from our congregation, who will guide us through the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. Plan to join us at this afternoon opportunity, of interest to women of all ages, at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary on Saturday, December 8.

\* **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**: "Remembering God's Promises" will be presented as part of the worship service on Sunday, December 23. No advance rehearsals will be needed this year, as preparations will be made during Sunday class time. Participation will be open to all children in attendance on that morning. Parents, please speak to Jennifer if you have any questions.

\* **ARISE Ministry** - As the Advent Season begins, we are in need of your assistance with Outreach Supplies. The street-level outreach we do is made special by the pretty bags we distribute, and this time of year makes these gifts even more meaningful. On **White Gift Sunday, December 16, 2018**, we hope that you will be able to provide some of the items below. With gratitude and blessings! **Requested Outreach Supplies:** hand and toe warmers, gum, mini chocolate bars, lip balm, face cream, Makeup (lipstick, blush, eye shadow, mascara, foundation), travel-sized perfume, scented soap and/or candles, hair elastics and bobby pins, earrings, necklaces and bracelets, decorative pens and pencils, tampons, pick-sized hand sanitizer, moist towelettes (individually wrapped, no water needed).

\* **USHERS NEEDED** - Our monthly ushering teams are in need of additional volunteers to fill several vacancies. Please contact Brian Parkes or Veronica during office hours, should you wish to serve in this very important duty at St. Mark's. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

\* **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** - We invite anybody who wishes to put flowers in the Sanctuary to mark a special occasion or in memory of a loved one to contact Marion Kezes at 416-441-3727.

\* **EVANGEL HALL SANDWICHES** - Please call the office if you would like further information on our monthly delivery of sandwiches. **Sandwich drop off to St. Mark's is Monday, December 17 between 9am-2pm. Delivery date to Evangel Hall will be the morning of Tuesday, December 18, 2018.**

\* **EVANGEL HALL CLOTHING** - Urgently needed items: **Adult Clothing:** new underwear, jeans, sweatshirts, track pants, running shoes, T-shirts, rain ponchos, fall jackets, large backpacks, **Personal Needs:** toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm small shampoo and conditioner, bars of soap (regular and travel size) Rub A535, feminine hygiene products. **Food Items:** beans or meat, powdered milk, rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee. **Food Collection, Sunday, December 16. Please bring clothing on the Sunday before our next delivery (Tuesday December 18, 2018) and not before.**

### **LOOKING AHEAD.....DECEMBER**

Monday, December 3, 10, 17 - Bible Study 7pm Knox Hall

Friday, December 7 - KIDS' ZONE 9am - 4pm - Knox Hall. See Erin for further details

Saturday, December 8 - Women's Advent Gathering - Watch for further details

Sunday, December 9 - White Gift Sunday - 10:30am - Rev. Daniel Cho

Christmas Fanfare & Pot Luck - Combined Service with Myung Sung - 4:30pm

Wednesday, December 12 - Christmas Afternoon Communion - 2:00pm

Sunday, December 16 - Advent III - service of Worship with special Advent & Christmas music.

Christmas Fellowship Hour hosted by St. Mark's Session following the service.

Wednesday, December 19 - Solace Service & Anointing 7:30pm. For those who find Christmas celebration a bit of a challenge.

Sunday, December 23 - Advent IV Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service - 7:30pm

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**Church Office** - OFFICE HOURS 7am - 2:45pm Tuesday-Thursday. OFF-SITE HOURS Monday & Friday.

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