



NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

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 Welcome Centre. 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 direct you to nursery care for children 2yrs and younger.

Ushering Team –December: — Marie M^cClurg, Men Van Huynh, Jennifer Ford, Ruth Ann Willis
Sunday Coffee Volunteers – December: — Carol Anne Borland, Bart & Victoria Graff, Kim Howell
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator – December: — Elizabeth Bohaychuk – 416-446-1293

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

Monday	Jan. 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Wednesday	Jan. 3	9:00am	Quilter's	Games Room
		2:45pm – 2:30pm	Fitness Class	Knox Hall
Thursday	Jan. 4	10:30am	Cupid's Luncheon Committee	Knox Hall
		6:30pm	Toastmasters	Knox Hall
Saturday	Jan. 6	9:00am	Ultreya	Knox Hall
Sunday	Jan. 7	10:30am	Epiphany Sunday	
		10:30am	Children & Youth Programme	
12:30pm – 7:00am Myung Sung NEW YEAR'S SERVICE – Augustine Room/CE Wing/Knox Hall/Sanctuary				

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR 2017:

Budgeted amount for envelope givings	\$140,000
Actual received as of Nov 30th -	\$108,695
Deficit - (amount we need to meet budget)	\$31,305

As of November 30th, we are **\$31,305** below budget in our congregational donations. Any extra you are able to give will be a blessing. Thank you!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017. This is your last opportunity to give to St. Mark's and contribute to your 2017 tax receipt. We are hoping to receive all donations by Sunday, December 31st. All donations received after that date will be allocated to the 2018 tax year.

DONATION ENVELOPES, 2018. The envelopes will be set out in alphabetical and not numerical order. Please note, this year there have been a number of changes made in envelope numbers so you may not have the same number as you have had in previous years. **PLEASE, do not use your 2018 envelopes until JANUARY, 2018. It would be helpful if you would please print your name on the envelope for the first 2-3 times to ensure the name corresponds with the number. Thank you!**

* **CHRISTMAS VACATION** – Our Church Administrator, Veronica Horner, will be away for Christmas vacation. The office will therefore be closed between December 21 – January 8. Regular office hours will resume beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2018. **If pastoral care or other needs arise, please call any of the following:**
 Rev Dr. Stephen Farris, Guest Minister 647-341-4681 Rev Richard Fee, Interim-Moderator, 647-224-8554
 Mr. Bill M^cGowan, Session Clerk, 416-444-2000

* **EVANGEL HALL SANDWICHES** – Please speak to Mary M^cCaffrey if you would like further information on our monthly delivery of sandwiches. Sandwich drop off to St. Mark's is Monday, January 29, 2018 between 9am-2pm. Delivery date to Evangel Hall will be the morning of Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

* **EVANGEL HALL CLOTHING** – Urgently needed items for winter: **Adult Clothing:** New underwear and socks for men and women, sweatshirts, winter boots, winter jackets, track pants, large backpacks, sleeping bags. Food & Kitchen Items: Powdered milk, rice pasta, white sugar, peanut butter, tea bags, coffee. **Please bring clothing on the Sunday before our next delivery (Sunday January, 28, 2018) and not before.**

* **“DEFINITELY NOT FOR DUMMIES: THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY”** - Led by Stephen Farris. I will be offering a five week study of the Basics of the Christian Faith here at St. Mark’s Church, beginning in the New Year. It will take place **after church beginning at 12:00 noon and last for one hour. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to church for these studies. The dates of the meetings are: January 14, 21, 28 and February 11 and 18.** The studies will have two purposes. The first is as a preparation for making or renewing a profession of faith and becoming a member of the congregation. This is an especially important time for considering taking this step as we move towards calling a new minister. The right to choose and call our ministers is a precious liberty for which our spiritual ancestors struggled. It is the members of the congregation who vote to call a new minister and sign the call. Please consider whether this might be a good time to take up the privilege and responsibility of membership in the congregation. These studies will prepare you to become a member. There are also many who simply feel they need a refresher course in the basics of the faith. This set of studies can fulfill that purpose also. Please contact the church office to let us know if you are planning to attend these studies.

LOOKING AHEAD JANUARY, 2018.....

Wednesday, January 3 – 12:45pm-2:30pm – Fitness Class resumes

Thursday, January 4 – 10:30am – Cupids Luncheon Committee Meeting – Knox Hall

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany Sunday Worship, 10:30am

Sunday, January 14 – Basics Of Christianity – following Worship - 12noon – 1pm - basement

Friday, January 19 – Kids’ Zone – 8am – 5pm (TDSB elementary schools only)

Sunday, January 21 – Basics Of Christianity – following Worship - 12noon – 1pm - basement

Wednesday, January 24 – Board of Managers – 7:00pm – Games Room

Sunday, January 28 – Epiphany 4 Sunday/Food Collection/Basics Of Christianity – 12noon – 1pm - basement

Tuesday, January 30 – Session - 7:00pm – Knox Hall

LOOKING AHEAD – FEBRUARY, 2018.....

Sunday, February 4 – Communion Sunday

Saturday, February 10 – CUPID’S LUNCHEON – 11am-2pm. Watch for further details.

Sunday, February 11 – Basics Of Christianity – following Worship - 12noon – 1pm - basement

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, February 18 – LENT I

Basics Of Christianity – following Worship - 12noon – 1pm - basement

Sunday, February 25 – Annual Congregational Meeting after the Worship service

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Church Office – IN OFFICE WORKING HOURS 7am – 2:45pm Tuesday-Thursday. OFF-SITE WORKING HOURS Monday & Friday. Voicemails may be left at 416-444-3471 or e-mail veronica.horner@hotmail.com. Messages will be checked regularly and arrangements may be made ahead of time should you wish to access the church outside of in-office hours.