

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK & ST PHILIP
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

A Reflection on the Book of the Prophet Micah Chapter 6: 1-8 February 1, 2017

Micah 6:1 says " O my people, what have I done to you? In what way have I been a burden to you (v.3)? Yahweh argues with His people. We see God's Love confronting His people's indifference.

Micah is addressing a people without understanding. When they are in trouble or feel an inclination for religion, they think of expensive things: sacrifices, offerings and even the sacrifice of their children, according to the Canaanite religions.

To do Justice, to Love Mercy, and to Walk Humbly with your God (v.8). The answer is short and clear:

- Do Justice is Amos' message;
- To Love Mercy: see Hosea 2:21
- To Walk Humbly with God: see Micah 6: 8.

The Psalm of Hope which concludes the Book was inserted here later, in the time of Exile. The end of Micah Chapter 7: 1- 7 is similar to Habakkuk Chapter 3: 17; The Just One knows that while evil reigns, he must continue hoping for God's Justice.

The challenges and trials that we are experiencing at the moment are temporary. It may have been a year or so, but the Faith and pureness of our heart defines our commitment to move on and to trust in His Mighty Name. I am coming to all of you, again and again, that we should not be fainting. We must be encouraged to offer more prayers, powerful and pure so that God will surely hear us.

Remember, our world, our community/ society and our church need our fervent prayers. Let us continue to do so, and to love justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. In doing so, we are confident and sure that God will lead us. We may be experiencing many indifferences around us, but these things will never be enough to hold us back and shut our dear Faith to Him who is our Strong Tower. May God be with us all especially as we strive for Peace, Justice, Love and Mercy for His name sake. Amen.

In His Service Padi Joey

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Anglican Parish of St. Mark and St. Philip will be having their Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 26th, 2017 after the 12:30 PM service.

Anyone who is responsible for preparing a report and financials (if required) are asked to please email them to Katherine Hippe's home email address: khippe@telus.net by Sunday, February 5th at the latest so that she can prepare the annual report booklet to be distributed on Sunday February 19th. Thank you.

There will be a luncheon between the service and the start of the meeting. Everyone is asked to please bring a half loaf of sandwiches, finger desserts or cut vegetables or fruit. Beverages will be provided.

Watch for further details in your Sunday bulletin.

ELECTIONS

As we are getting close to our Annual Meeting (February 26, 2017), it is time to think about the various positions that need to be filled in our Parish Structure, according to the Canons of the Diocese.

It is our practice in this parish, to submit ballots for all elected positions. The ballot should look like this and contain the following information:

Name of Nominee..... Position to be filled.....
Nominated by..... Signature.....
Seconded by..... Signature.....

Nominees must be 18 years old or older, and a regular attendee of SMSP. They must also provide consent re: having their name stand for election.

Ballots will be available at the back of the Church. When filled in, they should be folded and placed in a box labelled for that purpose. (This box will be taken at the end of the service and kept in Padi Joey's office).

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be four positions to be filled this year for a two year term

LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD

There will be two synods this year (March 25 – a special two hour session) and October 13 and 14 (two day session.) We need to elect one person (two year term) for this position.

Please keep these positions in your thoughts and prayers. Leslie Miles

MEDITATION GROUP

Meditation group begins again next week, facilitated by Joan Kendrick. The theme for the Winter 2017 session is "Refresh Yourself at the Well", and the sessions consist of music, opening prayers, Scripture readings, questions for reflection, and meditation. All sessions run on 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings as noted below, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

- Feb. 07 Psalms 2, 23, C.S. Lewis
- Feb. 21 Peter with Christ
- Mar. 14 Surrender
- Mar. 28 Listening
- Apr. 25 Obedience.

Please enter through the 17th St. Door and meet in the Baptistry. We hope to see you there - all are welcome.

Joan Kendrick

BANKVIEW APARTMENT

Once again, this past Christmas, SMSP provided Wal-Mart gift cards to each tenant/family living in the Bankview apartment building, and Padi Joey has offered support and visitation to the tenants and staff of the building. Staff & tenants were very appreciative . Thanks to Ruth and Rebecca for their help in getting the gift cards and some Christmas cards to put them in (not easy to find Christian-themed Christmas cards!), and to Katherine for her help with creating and printing beautiful address labels .

PARISH OFFICERS

Interim Priest: Rev.(Padi) Joey Vallejo

Parish Officers:

Incumbent's Warden: Mary Smith People's Warden: Andrew Daye
Treasurer: Harold Hippe Envelope Secretary: Andrew Daye
Organist: Mary Ross Sunday School Coordinator: Stephanie Daye
ACW: Joyce Setters Prayer Partnership: vacant
Altar Guild: Neila Russell

*Parish Council: Sam Bird, Harold Hippe, Sharen Stevenson,
Leslie Miles*

Lay Delegates to Synod: Nina Chiba, Leslie Miles

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GOING INTO HOSPITAL??

If you are, it is helpful for the parish and clergy to know so that you can be remembered in prayer and visited. If you can't send a message yourself – let a family member, friend, or a member of the nursing staff know that your faith family is important to you and get them to phone and leave a message at the church: (403) 244-0198.

Don't forget- Automatic Debit is now available for your offerings. Please let Andrew Daye know if you wish to set up this automatic service.

The deadline for submissions for the December issue of the newsletter is Mar. 5, 2017. There is a submission box outside the church office, or you can e-mail your submissions to murmor01@telusplanet.net - (subject line: "SMSP Newsletter"). Thank you!