

## Monthly Calendar for August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u>
						<a href="#">9:30AM Willapa Region Meeting with Council</a>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<a href="#">10:00AM Holy Communion</a>		<a href="#">10:00AM Worship Team</a>	<a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<a href="#">Noon AA</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	
<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>		<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>		<a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>		
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<a href="#">10:00AM Holy Communion</a>		<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<a href="#">Noon AA</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	
<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>				<a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>		
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<a href="#">10:00AM Healing Service</a>		<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<a href="#">Noon AA</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	
<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>			<a href="#">6:30PM Bishop Committee</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>		
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<a href="#">10:00AM Holy Communion</a>		<a href="#">2:00PM Birthday Party @ Monte Health &amp; Rehab</a>	<a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<a href="#">Noon AA</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	
<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>		<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<a href="#">6:30PM Potluck Meal</a>	<a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>		
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					
<a href="#">10:00AM Morning Prayer</a>						
<a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>						

**Birthdays:**

Lee Avery 8/19      Jeff Williams 8/23  
Shawn Dierick 8/28

**Anniversaries:**

Bryan & Mary Dierick 8/15

## **Bishop Rickel Visit (9/6/2009) at St. Mark's**

Diocese of Olympia Bishop Greg Rickel will visit St. Mark's for his first official visit on September 6, as part of our Sunday worship and at lunch and a meeting afterward. This is a time for baptisms, confirmations, receptions and other blessings with the bishop here. We also will get to hear Bishop Greg preach and celebrate Communion with us. He will meet with us all to discuss whatever we want with him about our church and its future, as we near the 100th year anniversary of being a mission church of this Diocese.

**Baptism:** Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast. Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

**Confirmation, Reception, and Re-Affirmation of Faith:** In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands. Reception into the Episcopal by those already confirmed in another church of faith, or any person already confirmed in the Episcopal Church wanting to re-affirm their faith can do this with the bishop at this time.

We will also have an instructed Communion service on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, so that anyone being baptized or confirmed can get most of their instruction on this day. For the rest of our church people, this is a great refresher about what all parts of the worship service mean to us. (Our normal Morning Prayer service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will move to August 30<sup>th</sup>.)

Please contact either Rev. Lorraine Dierick (360-249-3816) or Rev. Bonnie Campbell (360-612-0205) soon if you would like to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirm your faith, so they can plan for this during Greg's visit.

### **Mission Insite Demographics Review Data for Montesano, Washington**

Below are the summary highlights from a review of detailed demographic data for Montesano, Washington (2008), along with projections by 2013. We will be discussing this information and how it affects our look at the future of St. Mark's, when Bishop Greg visits in September. To look at the detailed data: go to St. Mark's website, on the Administration Page, and click on the links on the lower right, at:

<http://www.stmarksmonte.com/article.php?id=6>

**Population:** The estimated 2008 population within the study area is 6,014. The 2013 projection would see the area grow by 535 to a total population of 6,549. The population within the study area is growing somewhat faster than the statewide growth rate. While the study area is projected to grow by 8.9% in the next five years, the state is projected to grow by 6.1%. The study area's estimated average change rate is 1.8%.

**Phase of Life Trends:** The age groups most expected to increase from 2008 to 2013 are: age 20-35 and over 55. Those age groups which will only stay near the same total size are: age 10-19 and age 35-54.

**Racial/Ethnic Trends:** There are expected to be slight increases in Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and Two or More Races people (1-2%), but as part of the overall population their totals will still be very small as compared to the White population.

**Average Household Income & Per Capita Income:** Average Household Income and Per Capita Income indicate the level of financial resources within a community. Average Household income reflects that average income for each household, whether family or non-family. Per Capita Income is a measure of the average income by all persons within a household. For family households, this would include all children. It does not mean that each person actually draws the average income from work. In this study area, the estimated current year average household income is \$77,255. The average household income is projected to grow by 18.7% to \$91,724. The estimated per capita income for the current year is \$27,888. The Per Capita Income is projected to grow by 12.8%.

**Households & Children Trends:** Of the households with children under 18, married couple households are decreasing as a percentage while single parent households are increasing (married-62.4% down to 55.6%, single-34.3 up to 41.9%).

**Education Status:** In 2008, the education levels of adults are significantly higher than the state average levels for those who had had some high school (but no diploma), high school graduate (or GED), and those with some college (but no degree), and less or much less than the state average for those with associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, or graduate or professional degrees.

**Employed Population:** This area is close to the state average for White Collar workers. It is well above the state average for Blue Collar workers.

**Styles of Living:** The top 4 styles of living in this area:

- Comfy Country Living (44%)—Older empty-nesting college-educated couples and retirees reside in quiet small-town communities
- Prime Middle America (27.1%)—Mix of young, upper middle class couples and families living in small towns working in well paying white-collar and blue-collar jobs
- Working Rural Communities (16.4%)—Middle-class empty-nesting couples, middle-aged families and single seniors living in older, industrial towns skilled in blue-collar construction and manufacturing jobs
- Mid-Market Enterprise (12.4%)—Households with mix of middle-aged and middle-income singles and couples with high school degrees and some college education

**Charitable Giving:** In 2008, it is estimated that households in this study area are somewhat below the state average in their contributions to charities. Giving to private foundations or educational institutions was estimated to be somewhat above the state average, while giving to religious, social concerns, or other public charities was estimated to be somewhat below the state average.

**Religious Practices:** Both individually and taken together it is estimated that people in this study area are about the same as the state average. Those who enjoy watching religious TV programs (21.5%) are well above the state average, Those who consider themselves religious persons (48.1%) and those who believe it is important to attend religious services (19.9%) are similar to the state average, and those who consider themselves evangelical Christians (28.5%) or those who feel their faith is really important to them (12.6%) are somewhat below the state average.

### **St. Mark's Church Worship Space Proposed Changes**

Rev. Janet Campbell, from St. Stephen's, Seattle, and an expert on liturgy and worship space planning, will be visiting us on Sunday, August 16 to worship with us, to see how we use our worship space, and then talk with us about possible changes and the theology behind them.

*The intent of these proposed changes when completed is to: promote a more pleasant, intimate and accessible worship experience. This includes making all aspects of the worship service closer to all for better vision and hearing, to be able to worship as a closer*

*community, and make it easier and safer to bring forward the communion elements and the offering and for everyone to receive communion.*

The first group of changes is in the nave part of the worship space. As a trial for 2 months, beginning in August, the changes are: setting up a baptismal area in the back of the nave (using the baptismal font, the paschal candle and a baptismal icon); moving out the two modesty screens in front of the pews in the nave; and moving the lectern down into the nave nearer the people.

The liturgical concept behind these changes:

- 1) Define a specific baptismal area, a place that reminds us every time we look at or walk by, of our own baptisms and our call to Christ's mission.
- 2) Provide a place for the readings and sermon that is among the people. (The first half of our regular Sunday worship is the Service of the Word, and is best carried out within the people. The second half, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is carried out at the altar.)

None of these changes have a cost involved, although a baptismal icon/picture could be purchased for the baptismal area to help identify it as such and add some interest to the space. After the trial period, the items will be moved back and we can then discuss how things worked with the old and new arrangements.

Other changes in the future being considered are all in the chancel/sanctuary area of the worship space. More information about those changes will be provided after this first group of changes has been tried.

To look at more detailed information: go to St. Mark's website, on the Home Page, and click on the link on the lower right, at: <http://www.stmarksmonte.com>.

### **Weekly Bible Study at St. Mark, Wednesdays at 10:00AM**

Our weekly Bible study for this summer/fall season is on the book of Acts of the Apostles, or as the actual more correct translation says, Acts of Apostolic Men. This study gives us the opportunity to learn about those early Christians who received the Holy Spirit and starting the church. Please join us for this study each week from 10:00-11:30AM at the church. There is no preparation for each week's study and we also share our concerns and prayer needs.

### **Summary of St. Mark's Finances—7/14/2009**

#### **Total Operating Expenses--\$12,541.15 (Previous month--\$11,204.05)**

- Highlights—All expenses are tracking per the budget plan, except for Conferences, Worship, and Kitchen. Several other areas will likely come in under budget for the year. All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$3,027 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$2,116

#### **Total Operating Revenues--\$13,988.44 (Previous month--\$12,241.74)**

- Highlights—All revenues are tracking well per the budget plan.

**Net Operating Year to Date—+\$1,447.29 (Previous month--+\$1,037.69)** From now until the fall we normally have significant positive cash flow with low expenses over the spring and summer.

**Non-Operating Income & Expenses—none to date**

#### **Funds Summary—Total is \$10,567.98 (Previous month--\$10,071.47)**

- Checking Account—\$2,785.24 (Previous month--\$2,375.64)
- Savings Account--\$517.45 (Previous month--\$517.39)
- Memorial Fund--\$474.98 (Previous month--\$474.88) (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,631.09 (end of June report not received yet)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22 (Previous month--\$1,209.22)