

Monthly Calendar for October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>2</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> 10:00AM Blessing of the Pets 7:00PM AA	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 10:00AM Worship Team 7:00PM AA	<u>7</u> 10:00AM Bible Study	<u>8</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>9</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u> 10:00AM Holy Communion 7:00PM AA	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>14</u> 10:00AM Bible Study 6:30PM Bishop Committee	<u>15</u> Noon AA Diocesan Convention 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>16</u> Diocesan Convention 7:00PM AA	<u>17</u> Diocesan Convention
<u>18</u> 10:00AM Healing Service 7:00PM AA	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>21</u> 10:00AM Bible Study	<u>22</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>23</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> 10:00AM Morning Prayer 7:00PM AA	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 2:00PM Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab 7:00PM AA	<u>28</u> 10:00AM Bible Study 6:30PM Potluck Meal	<u>29</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>30</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>31</u> Halloween for Kids

Birthdays:

John Fry 10/3 Stan Fry 10/8
 Julie Dierick 10/16 Debbie Fry 10/25
 Shirley Johnson 10/28
 Gilbert Johnson 10/30

Anniversaries:

Annual Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 4th, 10:00AM

Our annual blessing of the Pets Sunday worship service is coming up! Bring your pets for a special blessing, and they get treats afterwards. And, let your friends know about this event so they can have their pets blessed, too.

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.

Diocesan Convention, October 15-17, at Vancouver, Washington

Your clergy, delegates and alternates will be attending this important diocesan event. The 2010 diocesan budget (showing an almost \$400k reduction from the 2009 budget due to reduction in expected revenues from the economic downturn) will be discussed and ratified. There will also be opportunities to discuss in large sessions and in small groups a few resolutions and other issues important to the church, and for the first time there will be ordinations of five deacons during the convention Eucharist service.

Halloween for Kids, October 31, at the Church

We'll have the church yard decorated, the parish hall open, treats for the kids, and coffee for the adults again this year for Halloween. Plans and details to come.

Reasons to Be Episcopalian (from the book of 101 Reasons, compiled by Louie Crew)

1 When Anglicanism is at its best, its liturgy, its poetry, its music and its life can create a world of wonder in which it is easy to fall in love with God. Urban T. Holmes, III

2 From smells and bells to speaking in tongues—we have it all. Sheena A. Lawrence, Diocese of Atlanta

3 I became an Episcopalian because of an invitation in a Sunday bulletin: "All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table." The state of my life, my marriage, my lostness didn't matter. I responded to a community's magnanimity of spirit. Through them I learned of God's abiding love affair with us through the risen Christ in whom we live and move and have our being. The Rev. Jessica A. Hatch, Diocese of Utah.

4 We have a faith not afraid to reason and reason not ashamed to adore. The Late Rt. Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle

5 The seasons are color coded. Bungee Bynum, Diocese of Lexington

Summary of St. Mark's Finances—9/22/2009

Total Operating Expenses--\$15,761.60 (Previous month--\$13,913.93)

- Highlights—All expenses are tracking per the budget plan, except for Conferences, Worship, Kitchen, and Maintenance. Several other areas will likely come in under budget for the year. All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$3,240 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$2,721

Total Operating Revenues--\$18,376.76 (Previous month--\$15,786.95)

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

Net Operating Year to Date—+\$2,615.16 (Previous month—+\$1,873.02)

From now until the fall we normally have significant positive cash flow with low expenses over the spring and summer.

Non-Operating Revenues--\$760.11 Non-Operating Expenses--\$160.00

Revenues--includes a gift to Memorial Fund, collection for Bishop's discretionary fund, and additions to the Clergy discretionary fund. Expenses--includes outreach gifts from the Clergy discretionary fund.

Funds Summary—Total is \$12,867.07 (Previous month--\$11,780.39)

- Checking Account—\$4,175.11 (Previous month--\$3,210.97)
- Savings Account--\$517.52 (Previous month--\$517.45)
- Memorial Fund--\$975.57 (Previous month--\$975.16) (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$6,051.40 (Previous month--\$5,917.59)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,147.47 (Previous month--\$1,159.22)

Working Definition of Christian Stewardship

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.

Stewardship is lived out in:

- living and telling the Good News;
- sharing God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe;
- wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships;
- sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion;
- providing for future generations, sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and of its mission

Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God's world.

Stewardship has also been defined as:

What I do, with all that I have, after I say, "I believe." And, Using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.