

Monthly Calendar for January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm AA</u>	27	28 <u>2pm</u> Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab <u>7pm</u> AA	29 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	30 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	31 <u>7pm</u> AA	January 1
2 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm AA</u>	3	4 <u>7pm</u> AA	5 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	6 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	7 <u>7pm</u> AA	8
9 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm AA</u>	10 <u>12pm</u> Book Club	11 <u>9:30am</u> Worship Team <u>7pm</u> AA	12 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>6:30pm</u> Bishop Committee	13 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	14 <u>7pm</u> AA	15
16 <u>10am</u> Healing Service <u>11:30am</u> Annual Meeting <u>7pm AA</u>	17	18 <u>7pm</u> AA	19 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	20 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	21 <u>7pm</u> AA	22
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30 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>11am</u> Potluck Meal <u>7pm AA</u>	31	February 1 <u>7pm</u> AA	2 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	3 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	4 <u>7pm</u> AA	5

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Birthdays:

Zack Fry 1/1
Keith Heikkinen 1/13
Martha Krug 1/20
Steve Crass 2/7
Rev. Joyce Avery 2/21
Joyce Davidson 1/7
Rev. Lorraine Dierick 1/15
Charles Marr 1/31
Rev. Bonnie Campbell 2/18
John Tennefoss 2/27

Anniversaries:

Bill & Natalea Brumfield 1/4
Steve & Loni Crass 1/25
Stan & Debbie Fry 2/8

Continuing Activities

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:00AM at St. Mark's

Our weekly Bible study generally uses the weekly Lectionary readings used in the Sunday worship services—no preparation is needed! Please join us for this study each week from 10:00-11:30AM at the church.

Feed Your Spirit Book Club--Now Monthly on Second Mondays, 12 noon at St. Luke's, Elma or at St. Mark's

This monthly book club has met for four months, and is changing to the second Monday each month, and will begun meeting at either St. Luke's, Elma or at St. Mark's. We read a new book each month and discuss each one for an hour (or more as some might feel led to do, over your brown bug lunch). Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! The next meetings and books are:

January 10, 2011--"Journey to The Common Good", by Walter Brueggemann.

February 14, 2011--"Strength in What Remains", by Tracy Kidder.

March 14, 2011--"Anam Cara, A Book of Celtic Wisdom", by John O'Donohue.

St. Mark's History Books for Sale

St. Mark's has published a 90 page full color history of their ministry in Montesano, at their 100th anniversary of becoming a mission church of the Diocese of Olympia. The books are 8 1/2" x 11" full size paperback style, and are only \$15 each. To purchase a copy, please contact Jim Campbell at jbcmonte@comcast.net or by phone at 360-612-0205.

Upcoming Events/Recent News

St. Mark's Annual Meeting (1/16/2011)

The annual church meeting will be held after the worship service on January 16. A presentation of the 2010 actual finances report, as well as the approved 2011 budget will be provided, as well as election of any new Bishop's Committee and Convention Delegates. Discussion of other items as desired will occur, as well.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day (3/8/2011)

We start our second 100 years of annual Pancake Day events this year. Come and join us for the best pancakes, ham, and beverages--all for a generous cash donation of your choice to help with our outreach ministries.

Christmas Events at St. Mark's (12/11-24/2010)

December 11--a very successful Festival of Lights in Montesano, even with very poor weather. A few of the St. Mark's faithful viewed the parade from inside on the Calder Hall stairway, watching the parade flow up Spruce Street.

December 15-24--Angel Tree ministry, church members provided gifts for children of parents in the local jails at Christmas time.

December 22--A short Blue Christmas service was held at the start of Bible study, to remind us of those people (even us!) who may not be having a merry Christmas time. We prayed for a better time for everyone--more peaceful, comforting and hopeful.

December 24--A beautiful and uplifting Christmas Eve festive communion service was held at 5:00PM, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Rev. Bonnie Campbell presided, Corby Varness gave a beautiful sermon, and 34 of our church faithful, relatives and friends (and 2 dogs!) attended and sung the traditional carols/hymns of Christmas we always do. Pictures are available at:

<http://www.stmarksmonte.com/article.php?id=219>

Damage to Our Church Bell, Steeple and Cross (12/13/2010)

Late Monday evening a strong wind blew over our church steeple and cross onto the yard below, and forced the bell and its broken structure over onto the roof. Some minor damage to the roof itself occurred, too. All will be rebuilt in good order by next spring.

An Update from Our Seminarian at EDS

Dear St Mark's,

I hope you all had a blessed Advent and Christmas season. It was wonderful to see you all briefly! While I love my new home in Boston, it is impossible to replace St Mark's!

In this Epiphany season, when we remember our mission to give Christ's light to the world and anticipate the healing of the Christian community, I feel very blessed to be in seminary preparing for what God has called me to do. I will hear from BACOM in early January regarding their decision for postulancy. In the meantime, I will be studying on the Arizona-Mexico border in Tucson and Nogales for the first three weeks in January. I was excited to receive a grant to work with churches in that area on immigration issues (and maybe work a bit on my Spanish!). It will be interesting to spend my time on the border during Epiphany, which is the time we pray for barriers between people to be torn down.

I will return in time for Spring semester to begin and my classes once again look amazing. I will continue my study of Spanish for pastoral ministry, as well as jump into Bible and theology courses. I have learned so much here that I hope will be useful for my future ministry. I appreciate the strong emphasis on the priesthood of all believers at this seminary and it fits nicely with all I learned and observed at St. Mark's.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support. I so appreciate all the notes and emails I have received. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. This Epiphany, I am so grateful for the light of Christ that you all display to the world.

Many Blessings and Much Love,
Sarah Monroe

Sarah's Blog at EDS: tangledcircumstances.blogspot.com/ (posts are made by Sarah about her reflections in seminary on a semi-regular basis)

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

46 Where God's unconditional love for all of us is celebrated every day. *Sen. Marge Kilkenney, Diocese of Maine*

47 In the Episcopal Church doubt is so okay that we name some parishes "St Thomas". *Louie Crew, Diocese of Newark*

48 Being an intelligent, strong woman is not a drawback in the Episcopal Church. *Cynthia Jo Mahaffey, Diocese of Ohio*

49 Episcopalians may spend a lot of time arguing with each other about important matters inside and outside the church. And often the arguments are very public. Sometimes they go on for years and seem to reach no definite resolution. But Episcopalians are confident that in and through this kind of engagement with each other, they will come closer to understanding what God is up to and who God wants them, as a church, to be. *Ellen K. Wondra, Diocese of Rochester*

50 As an Anglican I can be myself. I can be authentic and feel accepted and respected. *Glauco Soares de Lima, Bishop Primate of Brazil*

2011 Approved Budget and the 2010 Actual Expenses (12/28/2010)

	Budget for Total Year 2011	% of Budget 2011	Actuals for Total Year 2010	% of Budget 2010
Expenses	Apr-12/15/2010		Proj-12/28/2010	
Diocesan Assessment (12)	\$3,389.72	14.3%	\$2,918.00	10.9%
Outreach (13)	\$4,750.00	20.1%	\$5,123.89	19.1%
Operating Expenses-Total (14)	\$15,550.00	65.6%	\$18,783.48	70.0%
Gifts for Service	\$400.00	1.7%	\$525.00	2.0%
Conferences (training/seminars/convention/clergy gifts)	\$1,600.00	6.8%	\$1,473.38	5.5%
Continuing Education--Ministry/Leadership (includes seminary support)	\$2,150.00	9.1%	\$1,871.00	7.0%
Auto (IRS/mile)and/or Travel Allowance(s)	\$150.00	0.6%	\$109.13	0.4%
Worship/Service (vestments/altar supplies/music, etc.)	\$1,150.00	4.9%	\$1,088.75	4.1%
Education (training/materials/supplies, etc.)	\$400.00	1.7%	\$279.84	1.0%
Evangelism (Ads, etc.) or Other	\$150.00	0.6%	\$25.00	0.1%
Website & Office Supplies (postage/bulletins/printing)	\$1,000.00	4.2%	\$1,250.21	4.7%
Kitchen (supplies, Pancake Day expenses, etc.)	\$700.00	3.0%	\$679.84	2.5%
Telephone (e-mail/modem/fax, etc.)	\$550.00	2.3%	\$535.13	2.0%
Utilities (fuel/lights/water/sewer, etc.)	\$3,600.00	15.2%	\$3,574.75	13.3%
Property Insurance & Taxes	\$1,200.00	5.1%	\$1,161.00	4.3%
Property Maintenance & Repairs, Minor Improvements	\$1,000.00	4.2%	\$1,560.45	5.8%
Capital Savings/Reserve	\$1,500.00	6.3%	\$4,650.00	17.3%
Operating Expenses-Total (E)	\$23,689.72	100.0%	\$26,825.37	100.0%
Major Improvements & Cap. Expenditures (15)	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Expense for congregation's outreach & mission (16)	\$0.00		\$1,558.98	
Transmittal of Funds to Other Organizations (17) (18)	\$600.00		\$782.90	
Non-Operating Expenses-Total (F)	\$600.00		\$2,341.88	
Total Expenses (G)	\$24,289.72		\$29,167.25	
Income (Revenues)				
Plate Offerings (3)	\$2,800.00	11.8%	\$4,492.75	16.7%
Pledge Payments from Congregation (2) (3)	\$16,000.00	67.5%	\$17,230.00	64.2%
Contributions from Congregation's Organizations (5)	\$2,200.00	9.3%	\$2,142.51	8.0%
Investment & Endowment Income (Net) (4)	\$0.00	0.0%	\$145.28	0.5%
Other Operating Income (Incl. Unrestricted Gifts, AA donations) (5)	\$2,700.00	11.4%	\$2,818.00	10.5%
Checking Account Interest (4)	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Operating Revenues-Subtotal (A)	\$23,700.00	100.0%	\$26,828.54	100.0%
Assistance from Diocese for Operating Budget (7)	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Operating Revenues-Total (B)	\$23,700.00		\$26,828.54	
Cap. Funds/Add to Investments (8&9)	\$0.00		\$155.02	
Cont. for Outreach/Mission & Funds to other Orgs (10&11)	\$600.00		\$1,433.73	
Non-Operating Revenues-Total (C)	\$600.00		\$1,588.75	
Total Income (Revenues) (D)	\$24,300.00		\$28,417.29	

Oper. Revenues over/under Oper. Expenses	\$10.28	0.0%	\$3.17	0.0%
Total Income (Revenues) over/under Total Expenses	\$10.28		-\$749.96	

Saints Celebrated During the Christmas & Epiphany Seasons

Some of the early church people who lived out this witness of Jesus Christ in their world are recognized by the church now with their own Feast Days, along with a few other key figures from the Bible or with the ministry of Jesus. During the seasons of Christmas & Pentecost these Feast days are:

December 26th—St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr (moved to 29th this year, due to 26th falling on a Sunday)

Stephen was tried by the Sanhedrin for blasphemy against Moses and God and speaking against the Temple and the Law. While on trial, he experienced a theophany in which he saw both God the Father and God the Son: "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." He was stoned to death (C.E. 34–35) by an infuriated mob encouraged by Saul of Tarsus.

December 27th—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. John was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of James, another of the Twelve Apostles. Christian tradition holds he was the last surviving of the Twelve Apostles and died around the age of 94—the only apostle to die naturally. The Church Fathers identify him as the author of several New Testament works: the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation.

January 18th—Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

The Confession of Peter is a statement made by Saint Peter the Apostle in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, in which he emphatically acknowledged Jesus as the "Messiah" or "Christ" (meaning the Anointed One). Jesus asked his disciples: Whom do men say that I (the Son of man) am? The disciples varied in their answers, claiming that Christ was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets. Then Jesus asked them: But whom say ye that I am? Only Simon Peter answered Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

The Conversion of Saint Paul, refers to the event in the life of Paul of Tarsus which led him to cease persecuting Early Christians and become a follower of Jesus himself; it is normally dated by researchers to 33 - 36 AD. This event is the source of the phrases "Pauline conversion" and "road to Damascus". Paul never met Jesus before Jesus' crucifixion and was not a follower of Jesus before the crucifixion; instead he persecuted the early Christians. Although Paul refers to himself as an "Apostle" of Jesus, it is clear that Paul was not one of "The Twelve". Rather, Paul's conversion occurred after Jesus' crucifixion, and the accounts of Paul's conversion experience describe it as miraculous, supernatural, or otherwise revelatory in nature.

February 24th—St. Matthias, Apostle

Matthias was the apostle chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his suicide. In the days following the Ascension of Jesus, the assembled disciples, who numbered about one hundred and twenty, chose one to fill the place of the traitor Judas in the apostolate. They proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Matthias first preached the Gospel in Judaea, then in Aethiopia (now in modern-day Georgia) and was crucified in Colchis.