

Our clergy are locally trained in our Diocese, side by side with other leaders called by the congregation to serve. None of our members or clergy, lay or ordained, receives a salary from St. Mark's, which means we have more resources to help in outreach to the larger community. Our outreach ministries cover a wide range of community needs. If you desire to serve, you will find many opportunities here.

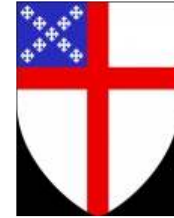
**WORSHIP**

Sundays at 10am

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 10am

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*



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“Large Enough to Share, Small Enough to Care”

## **We Welcome You!**

**We are a congregation alive with the  
GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ,  
BOLDLY sharing that love and joy with friends,  
family, and community.**

We believe that God values and unconditionally loves all people. We follow Jesus Christ as our model and teacher, we strive together to create an inclusive community. We value & unconditionally welcome all who wish to share our table.

**St. Mark's is a Total Common Ministry mission congregation  
of the Diocese of Olympia, under the leadership of the Right  
Reverend Greg Rickel**

We have a shared ministry in which clergy and laity serve and lead together. We look on our church community as extended family, and we accept the responsibility and welcome the privilege of sharing our gifts, resources and lives with each other, our community and the world.

### **Our Programs & Activities**

**Faith Formation:** Sunday worship, ministry circle, church school, bible study, community vacation bible camp, spiritual book club

**Pastoral Care:** Prayer chain, jail and nursing home ministries

**Outreach:** Local Food Bank, Union Gospel Mission, Episcopal Charities, Women's Shelter, AA Groups, other local charities

#### **Special Activities During the Year:**

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day (100<sup>th</sup> in 2010, February-March)
- Easter Egg Hunt for church school kids
- Maundy Thursday service/dinner with St. Luke's, Elma
- Participation in Community Ecumenical Services—Good Friday & Thanksgiving
- Annual Picnic with St. Luke's, Elma (August)
- Annual Rummage Sale (August)
- Blessing of Pets--St. Francis (October)
- Halloween Treats for the Kids (October)

### **To Our Visitors...**

Thank you for being with us for our worship service. We are glad you are here and hope that you find our services to be inspiring and uplifting. Please join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in Calder Hall to the left of the nave (worship area).

#### *About Our Service...*

Our main Worship Service of St. Mark's is the Holy Communion (or Eucharist). It is in two parts: The Liturgy (or Service) of the Word and the Liturgy of the Sacrament (or Communion), taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. During the first part of the service we hear the Word of God from the Old and New Testaments and respond in sermon, proclamation of faith, prayers of the people, and confession of sin. In the second part of the service, we celebrate and receive the elements of New Life: the bread and wine, as the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On the third Sunday of each month we also celebrate the service of healing, where we focus on the specific physical needs of our community, with prayers and the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

#### *About Holy Communion...*

We understand the Holy Communion celebration to signify the real presence of Jesus Christ in the spiritual food and drink of new and unending life. It is a holy meal, celebrated in remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His friends. The Common Cup is the enduring symbol of the family of faith and signifies the cup that Jesus shared with his disciples. All are invited to receive.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church and would prefer not to receive Communion, simply remain in your pew during the Communion time. Pray, sing, and praise our Lord, but do not feel uncomfortable in abstaining. However, if you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and just place your hands across your chest.