

Monthly Calendar for November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>10am</u> All Saints Day <u>11am</u> Potluck Meal <u>5pm</u> Treats for Kids <u>7pm</u> AA	November 1	2 <u>7pm</u> AA	3 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	4 <u>12pm</u> Book Club <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	5 <u>7pm</u> AA	6
7 <u>10am</u> AA Awareness Sunday <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	8	9 <u>7pm</u> AA	10 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	11 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	12 <u>7pm</u> AA	13
14 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	15	16 <u>7pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Monte Ecum Thansgiving	17 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>6:30pm</u> Bishop Committee	18 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	19 <u>7pm</u> AA	20
21 <u>10am</u> Healing Service <u>7pm</u> AA	22	23 <u>2pm</u> Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab <u>7pm</u> AA	24 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	25 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	26 <u>7pm</u> AA	27
28 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>11am</u> Potluck Meal <u>7pm</u> AA	29	30 <u>9:30am</u> Worship Team <u>7pm</u> AA	December 1 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	2 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	3 <u>7pm</u> AA	4

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Birthdays:

John Fry 11/13
 Wanda Wahl 11/18
 Eric Heikkinen 11/25
 Corby Varness 12/5
 Rev. Dorothy McMeekin 12/9
 Elaine Olsen 12/14

Anniversaries:

Robert & Rev. Lorraine Dierick 11/4
 Gilbert & Shirley Johnson 11/20
 Mary Linth 12/10

Please continue to pray for our Deacon, The Rev. Dorothy McMeekin, as she recuperates from surgery. She is now at Montesano Health & Rehab, and does welcome visitors. Your continued prayers and thoughts are welcomed.

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.

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.

Feed Your Spirit Book Club, Monthly on Second Thursdays, 12 noon at the Library

This new monthly book club has started, and meets at the Montesano library. Meetings are from 12 - 1 (but the room is reserved from 11:30 - 1:15 to give us time for set up and clean up.) Next meetings are: Nov. 4 (there were scheduling issues with the other Thursdays in Nov.) and Dec. 9. For November the book is: *When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Directions for Life's Sacred Questions*, by Sue Monk Kidd. For December the book is: *The Outside* by Jeanine Cummins. 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!

Upcoming Events

All Saints Celebration (10/31), 10:00AM at St. Mark's

The All Saints Day celebration, usually on November 1 each year, will be held during the Sunday worship service on October 31 this year. We will have a table for displaying pictures of those loved ones who you would like to remember during the service, and some candles to light also as you pray for them. After the service, we will have a potluck meal. Invite a friend to share in this celebration and meal.

Annual Halloween Treat for Kids (10/31), 5:00PM at St. Mark's

We will be giving out treats for the kids on Halloween again this year, and having our parish hall open for coffee for the parents, the restrooms for a break (as needed), & chance to get warm.

Alcohol Awareness Sunday (11/7), 10:00AM at St. Mark's

Ruth Adams from the Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse (CASA) from the Diocese will visit us to talk about their work and how we can respond to these issues with those we know and meet.

Decorating for Christmas and Christmas Service Planning at St. Mark's

We will decorate the church for service in two parts. The outside lights and the Christmas tree and stairway decorating will be done before the Montesano Festival of Lights on December 11th. **Decorating of the worship space** will be done after the worship service on **Sunday, December 19th**. Our **Christmas Eve** service will be on **Friday, December 24th at 5:00PM**, with a festive communion service with Christmas hymns, and refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

Recent News

Annual Blessing of the Pets Sunday Service at St. Mark's (10/3/2010)

We celebrated our 7th or so annual event of this fun service. Twelve dogs, one cats, two birds, and a

horse (in absentia!) received their annual blessing and most got treats after the service. The people were also treated to the joy of this event and the entertainment from our wonderful pets, and visiting with each other. Pictures are posted at: www.stmarksmonte.com/article.php?id=203. A short video link is also posted at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDx4HQGwrCc.

Remembrance of the Reiter Family at St. Mark's (9/12/2010)

The Reiter family, who were active at St. Mark's back in the late 1940s until well into the 1970s, returned to remember their father (Herbert Campbell Reiter) on what would have been his 100th birthday today.

The large wood sanctuary cross behind the altar was given back in 1974 in memory of Herbert, and was made by a local artisan, Andrew Jonassen. Michael, Dorrit, and Nancy celebrated their father's birthday with the people of St. Mark's. (Fittingly, this also is close to the annual date for the celebration of Holy Cross Day, on September 14th.)

Annual Church Picnic at the Averys' (8/29/2010)

Our worship service at 10am at St. Mark's included Sarah Monroe (our hopeful postulant) giving a great sermon, followed by a picnic at Lee and Joyce Avery's house on the Oaksridge Golf Course. Again, the weather was cool, so the event was in their garage! Plenty of food, 26 people attended and it was a wonderful time to visit our friends. Four from St. Luke, Elma also were able to attend. And, we sent off our seminarian Sarah Monroe to Episcopal Divinity School near Boston with a few cards and some money to help her get settled there. A few pictures from the event are at:

www.stmarksmonte.com/article.php?id=195.

An Update from Our Seminarian at EDS

Dear People of St Mark's,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. My first 6 weeks in seminary have been very full and busy. I'm taking a very full load of classes, so I'll probably remember to cut back a bit next semester. At the same time, I am enjoying every one of them. The professors here at EDS are amazing and I am learning so much. The seminary community has also been very welcoming. We have twice daily worship during the week and I've had the opportunity to serve many times leading morning or evening prayer. I am also serving on chapel staff. Every day, I am amazed that I am actually here and that God has brought me this far in my journey. I've made many friends and we are learning together how to build community.

Cambridge is a beautiful old city, full of historical sites and lovely old churches. Just going to the store can be a history lesson. The weather is changing and it is getting colder. The leaves are changing and the colors are so vibrant. I have found my favorite spot behind the seminary in the Longfellow gardens, underneath the old trees. It reminds me a bit of home, though I do really miss the evergreens and mountains.

I miss you all very much and St Mark's is often in my thoughts and prayers. My love to each of you!!

Peace and Love in Jesus,
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)

41 Where else can you be considered a "young person" until you are 40 years old? *Leslie M. Adams, Diocese of Rochester*

42 We honor tradition but do not fossilize it. *Lee Canipe, Diocese of Virginia*

43 We welcome the faithful, the seeker, and the doubter. *Diane Smith, Diocese of Washington*

44 We promise to welcome you in Christ's name. We will honor the gifts you bring. We will invite you into our community, or wish you well if you choose another path. *Dorothy Isabel Crocker, Huron, Canada*

45 We celebrate a Christmas Season and not just a Christmas Day. *The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey, Diocese of Rochester*

Summary of St. Mark's Finances—10/19/2010

Net Operating Year to Date—+\$1,581.88 (Previous month—+\$2,811.82)

Projected revenues vs. expenses for the rest of the year will result in using most of this present surplus, but will leave us near balanced at year end. We will have been able to meet all planned expenses, plus begin work on the memorials display cabinet, support our seminarian's with her health insurance costs, and add \$2000 to savings more than planned within our budget and still have a small surplus for the year.

Total Operating Expenses--\$21,504.66 (Previous month--\$18,381.58)

- Highlights—Overall expenses are still projected to be a little less than the budget plan at year end. At this point we have still spent almost nothing for Other Education and Evangelism, and have to finish our allocations on Outreach spending. We also have paid the full scholarship fund amount for Sarah Monroe, our seminarian, to EDS for her medical insurance (\$1771). All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$3,186 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$2,431

Total Operating Revenues--\$23,086.54 (Previous month--\$21,193.40)

- Highlights—Total revenues are slightly ahead per the budget plan. We are overall slightly ahead on all Pledges received, as some have paid ahead or more generously than expected, and are well ahead on Plate Offering (due to 100th anniversary celebration revenues).

Non-Operating Revenues--\$1,403.70 Non-Operating Expenses--\$2,157.98

Net Non-Operating Year to Date— -\$754.28

The revenues are mostly made up of funds received from the sales of the history books (53 sold to date, 6 given away--\$800 received), and the first \$250 received for the Seminary fund. The costs are mostly from the expenses to print and ship the books (\$1559), and for some payouts from the clergy discretionary fund. For the rest of the year this will be a drain against the surplus we have in the operating account fund, but will be less each time we sell another book. The plan is to sell books at all events any of us go to around the Diocese, including the Diocesan Convention in October. Think Christmas presents!

Net All Operating and Non-Operating Year to Date--\$827.60

Funds Summary—Total is \$16,080.85 (Previous month--\$17,280.31)

- Checking Account—\$4,387.98 (Previous month--\$5,587.92)
- Savings Account--\$517.90 (Previous month--\$517.82)
- Memorial Fund--\$980.87 (Previous month--\$980.47)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$9,700.69 (Previous month--\$9,700.69)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$493.41 (Previous month--\$493.41)

October 23, 2010

To Everyone In Our Church Community at St. Mark's,

For 2010, we continued with another year of excitement and new opportunities at St. Mark's. Your energy and commitment to ministry here moves ahead with the grace of God.

Our facility continues to be used not only for our weekly worship services, Bible studies, and other special functions, but also by several Alcohol and Gamblers Anonymous groups, and is available for weddings, funerals and receptions. Our worship space is now being fully decorated in the colors of the church season, and has a warm, welcoming feel, and others who have visited enjoy worshipping here. The sound system has several new components, and is now working well for worship and for other uses in our parish hall.

We celebrated our 100th Pancake Day celebration in February this year, with our Diocesan Bishop Greg Rickel briefly able to visit us for this event. Our 100th anniversary as a mission church in this diocese was celebrated on April 25th, tying in with the annual time for celebrating St. Mark, the Evangelist, the namesake of our church. We had several old friends and members of our church visit us, and we have produced a nice 90 page full color history book for purchase about our efforts in ministry in Montesano over the years.

Our church website continues to improve, with added content/information for those who read it, both in and outside of our church. You can and should use this site for all of your church informational needs. Look at our site at: www.stmarksmonte.com

We have been fortunate to have a nice young woman, Sarah Monroe, be a part of our church community this past year plus. Sarah preached at St. Mark's several times, helped with Bible study, reading in the services, and has been a faithful pledger and giver. St. Mark's discerned with Sarah about going to seminary to become a priest, and is now supporting her call to this ministry with the Diocese. She has started work in seminary at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts near Boston this fall, and St. Mark's financial support now includes paying for her health insurance for the 2010-11 school year.

Our worship experience on Sunday morning is uplifting, with a variety of services each month, and we thank the ministry team for their consistent efforts to make the services meaningful each week. We thank everyone at St. Mark's for your generosity and commitment to do all of the everyday ministries that make our community vital and healthy.

Our community outreach for this year will be about \$5,100 out of our 2010 annual operating budget of about \$25,000. Ministries funds distributed to in 2010, or still planned:

Coastal Harvest (GH Food Dist Center)

Episcopal Relief & Dev. (Haiti Relief)

Willapa Region Ministry

Good Friday Offering

Camp Michael

Montesano Food Bank

Camp Victory

PAWS & Pawfect Connection (Blessing of Pets Sunday Plate Offering)

Union Gospel Mission

Domestic Violence Center

Nursing Home Birthday Cakes

Montesano-Elma Food Bowl

Children's Advocacy Center

Montesano Community Center

Future building maintenance—we have moved \$3,500 into our long term savings reserve (Diocesan Investment Fund), and plan to put \$1,500 more before year end into this fund.

We ask each of you to think and pray about how God has blessed you and what St. Mark's church and its community of people mean to you, and decide to commit (either for the first time, or to continue and maybe increase your commitment) to St. Mark's and its work for Christ in this community for 2011. Our Bishop Greg Rickel has stated that it is very important that each person who professes they are a member of a church to sign a card expressing that commitment, regardless of the \$\$ amount they might decide to pledge. At St. Mark's, we hope you will consider this carefully and officially commit to support our ministry here. Any \$\$ commitment can be changed if needed during the year, simply by contacting the treasurer.

The enclosed commitment card makes it very easy to show your commitment; we will be gathering these cards and giving thanks for all commitments at our worship service on November 28th, just after Thanksgiving Day. We continue to be blessed by God, and we pray and hope to continue to serve this community well with our money, time, and talents in 2011.

Your St. Mark's Bishop's Committee

John Tennefoss, Sr. Warden

Jim Campbell, Jr. Warden & Treasurer

Martha Krug, Clerk of the Bishop Committee

Mary Venske, Bishop Committee

Natalea Brumfield, Bishop Committee

Kevin Varness, Bishop Committee

Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Priest

Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Priest