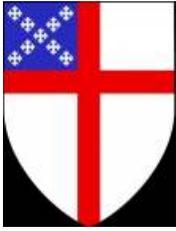


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**Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Priest**  
**Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Priest**  
**Rev. Joyce Avery, Deacon**  
**Corby Varness, Preacher**  
**Jim Campbell, Preacher**

**Worship**  
**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

## **St. Mark's Newsletter**

Click on Newsletters in the middle left of our Home Page.

## **St. Mark's Church Video**

Click on St. Mark's Video in the upper right of our Home Page.

## **St. Mark's Sermons**

All of the sermons from our Sunday worship services are placed on our website to be read and studied further within a couple of days of being preached on Sundays. Click on Recent Sermons in the middle right of our Home Page.

## **St. Mark's Bishop's Committee Minutes**

A list of all meeting minutes from 2009 on is found below the Upcoming Meeting Agenda. Click on Administration in the middle left of our Home Page, then click on BC Meeting Minutes in the right side of the page

**Adult Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**

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# **St. Mark's Episcopal Church Newsletter**

## **May-June, 2014**

### **Continuing Activities**

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

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

#### **Feed Your Spirit Book Club--Monthly on Second or Third Mondays, 12 Noon**

Our monthly book club generally meets on the second or third Monday each month. We read a new book every other month and also discuss other books people have read for an hour (or more as some might feel led to do, over your brown bag lunch). Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! The webpage is at: <http://www.stmarksmonte.com/article.php?id=193>

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Painting of St. Mark's Worship Space Ceiling (week of May 12/2014)**

Stark Painting will be working on cleanup, caulking and repainting of our worship space ceiling. During this time we will have all things (pews, chairs, worship items) from that space moved into Calder Hall and the office. This will complete the work that has been done in upgrading our worship space over the past several years.

### **Recent News**

#### **Ordination of Sarah Monroe as Priest at St. Andrew's, Aberdeen: (4/23/2014)**

"And make her a priest in Christ's church." A wonderful service and reception for our own Sarah, who St. Mark's presented as her sponsor at the start of the service. St. Mark's also provided the funds for her beautiful vestments created by Cole Adams. We are very proud of her!! Pictures from St. Andrew's Facebook page are [here](#).

#### **Easter Season Events at St. Mark's: (4/13-20/2014)**

*Palm Sunday Communion Service:* April 13th--reading of the passion story and blessing of the palms.

*Maundy Thursday Communion Service:* April 17th--included foot washing like Jesus did for his disciples, and a generous potluck meal after the service.

*Good Friday Service:* April 18th, noon at St. Mark's.

*Good Friday Ecumenical Service:* April 18th, 7:00PM at Calvary Chapel. A beautiful reflective service with over 100 in attendance.

*Easter Sunday Communion Service:* April 20th--celebration of the Risen Christ, renewal of Baptismal vows, an Easter Egg hunt for the kids, too!

#### **Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday (3/5/2014) at the Montesano Post Office**

Revs. Bonnie Campbell and Lorraine Dierick from St. Mark's in Montesano impose ashes at the Montesano Post Office (including the drive through) today from noon to 2pm, just missing out on the rain that has fallen since. Included in their "customers" were the Catholic and Presbyterian ministers in our town.

#### **104th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Event (3/4/2014) at St. Mark's**

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in our 104th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day event at St. Mark's (11am-7pm today). Special thanks to the people from the Church of God and the Methodist Churches who helped us make this happen this time. We raised a record gross total of almost \$1600 and will net out at over \$1200 to give to the Monte Food Bank, Children's Advocacy Center, and Coastal Harvest. And another \$200 separately given to our clergy discretionary fund, which also helps with short term needs here in the community. A lot of pancakes, lots of fellowship, and plenty of tired feet--but a lot of fun, too for this Montesano community that comes together each year for this.

Pictures are [here](#)!

One fun thing that occurred at lunch was that an entire class of kids from Montesano High, who were next door at the Church of God for a weeklong seminar on world business, descended on Pancake Day--and were served almost at once so they could get back for more of the seminar. Super well behaved, and they got a "taste" of how pancakes fit in with the Christian church year.

### **Summary of St. Mark's Finances—5/1/2014 (Last--middle of March)**

#### **Net Operating Year to Date-- \$-2,462.07 (Last--\$499.19)**

Several expected and one not expected item were paid out in operating expenses during the past 5 weeks (last report)--Pancake Day Thriftway expenses (\$311) and funds for outreach (\$1,275), new church laptop (\$470), Clergy Conference & Clergy Dues (\$635), Sarah's ordination vestments (\$625), and Oso Relief outreach (\$1,000). Otherwise, revenues exceeded expenses easily on normal operating items.

#### **Total Operating Expenses-- \$10,739.55 (Last--\$5,724.28)**

Highlights—All bills are paid current.

Outreach to Date--\$2,434 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$833

#### **Total Operating Revenues-- \$8,277.48 (Last--\$6,223.47)**

Pledges are somewhat behind at this point, and it is known why. Other revenues are as expected.

#### **Non-Operating Revenues--\$1,301.45 Non-Operating Expenses--\$3,701.86**

#### **Net Non-Operating Year to Date--\$-2,400.41 (Last--\$-2,335.17)**

#### **Net All Operating and Non-Operating Year to Date-- \$-4,862.48 (Last --\$-6,164.02)**

#### **Funds Summary—Total is \$30,095.41 (last--\$33,121.91)**

- General/Designated Checking Account—\$6,183.36 (last--\$9,447.86)
- General/Designated Savings Account--\$518.64 (last--\$518.63)
  - Operating Fund (General)--\$6702.00 (last--\$9,966.49)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$22,607.17 (last--22,369.18)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account--\$786.24 (last--\$786.24)

### **Other Articles on Faith and Other Things From the Episcopal Café and Other Sources (as noted)**

#### **Living into the season of Easter**

Are you having a joyful Easter season so far? Allan Bevere writes at Christian Century: ... it is Easter that is the theological culmination and beginning of the Christian year. So the question is why many Protestants who observe Lent, do not observe, in similar fashion (in reference to importance), the full 50 days of the Easter season. Why is the greeting, "He is risen!" reserved only for Easter Sunday and not for all of Eastertide? Why is resurrection absent from some Protestant preaching the Sunday following Easter Sunday?

On Ash Wednesday we are invited to observe a holy Lent for 40 days. Why are we not similarly invited to observe a joyful Easter for 50 days following the morning the empty tomb is discovered? At our parish, we are working to create a joyful atmosphere from now 'til Pentecost. We had a parish Easter party three days after Easter Sunday, and we are offering classes on living into the Joy of Resurrection. Our priest, a workaholic, made a personally challenging commitment to do "something fun" every day during the Easter season. What ideas do you have for living more fully into the Great 50 Days of Easter?

**Posted by Theresa Johnson on April 26, 2014**

"If it can't be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned, or removed from production." --Pete Seeger

**Contributed from our Fellow Church Member—Anne Williams**

### **Presiding Bishop visits Nashotah House**

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori visited Nashotah House yesterday. It was a visit marked by controversy since the board consists of both Episcopalians and members of churches that broke away from the Episcopal Church.

Still, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports, she was received graciously by the seminary community. ...[T]he seminary works to nurture an ethos — something it calls Pax Nashotah — in which individuals with theologically diverse views live and work respectfully together. "The idea that no matter where you come from, we are all one in Christ, and that's all that matters," said Father Steven Peay, Nashotah's dean of academic affairs, who teaches homiletics and church history. "We don't want to let the daily politics get in the way of trying to live as Jesus intended."

Jefferts Schori, who received a gracious welcome at Nashotah on Thursday, said that is true of all Episcopal seminaries, but that she was grateful to experience it firsthand at there. "That's one of the gifts of bringing students together from different parts of the church. But it has been wonderful to see it with my own eyes and hear it with my own ears," said Jefferts Schori, who met with students, faculty, clergy and bishops throughout the day and took part in an Evensong service at which she delivered the sermon. "This place has such a long tradition in the Episcopal Church," she said. "I value that, and I want to see that it continues. The witness of this place is important to who we are as Episcopalians."

The decision to extend the invitation to Schori prompted the resignation of Nashotah House's longest-serving trustee, and an honorary trustee, both founding members of the Anglican Church in North America. Bishop Jack Iker of Fort Worth, whose diocese broke with the Episcopal church and has been sued over church property, resigned, saying he "could not be associated with an institution that honors her.

**Posted by Andrew Gerns on May 2, 2014**

### **Georgia bishops say no guns in church**

In the aftermath of Georgia's loosening of gun possession and carry laws, the bishops of the dioceses of Georgia have said no to carrying guns in church (except on-duty law enforcement personnel): Firearms will not be permitted in buildings or on property of any Episcopal church anywhere in the state of Georgia, bishops of the two Georgia dioceses have said.

Diocese of Atlanta Bishop Rob Wright and Diocese of Georgia Bishop Scott Benhase were responding to Gov. Nathan Deal's April 24 signing of what is called the Safe Carry Protection Act of 2014. Each sent letters to clergy and lay leaders last week. The law, which expands broadly where guns may be carried, takes effect July 1. Places of worship may allow the carrying of weapons, but that permission must be granted by the ecclesiastical authority which, in the case of the Episcopal Church, is the diocesan bishop. Illegally bringing a gun into a house of worship will be considered a misdemeanor with a \$100 fine. On-duty law enforcement officers will be exempt from the restriction.

**Posted by Ann Fontaine on April 30, 2014**

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would take his new pet to church with him.

He asked the centipede "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." There was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings" but again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

**Contributed from our Fellow Church Member—April Collett**

## Asking Too Little

In the course of my interim ministry and training work I have been observing churches and their lives. I am coming to a conclusion that we ask too little of people and the result affects our church growth, both in numbers and in our depth of life in Christ. I do not have any hard evidence or measurable data just my experiences.

My thinking about "are we asking too little," came from a person who started attending church with her husband. He had grown up in the Episcopal Church but she had grown up in what we now call the "none" church. She had no knowledge of or feelings (positive or negative) towards church. After they had attended for a while she wondered to me why they did not ask anything of her. She felt they were nice and welcoming but shouldn't there be more? I have heard this from others since that time.

This was the beginning for paying attention to what I see as a failure to ask enough of those who are coming to church to find something more than a social club. In the old days church was just a thing people did. They joined to find friends or for business contacts or to look like a good person. Now none of those reasons for church are necessary. At least in the Pacific NW people get those needs met elsewhere. The only thing we have to offer that is different is Christ and a way of life.

As I see growing churches I see churches who raise the bar on membership. Just showing up occasionally and having ancestors who were once active is not enough. All are welcome but to really be a member requires more. Can we be totally welcoming as a church, offering all we have: sacraments, ministry, and care, unconditionally, to those who walk through the doors? At the same time can we ask more of those who want to be part of the decision making and shaping of the life of the church? It is a fine line and one that invites continual reflection.

"Below the fold" is an example of one church's process. The result is increased numbers, more commitment, and increased depth of faith. The essential steps were looking at the core values of the church and if they are the values it wants to continue, developing a mission statement, in the language the church uses, that reflects those values and asking people to make a commitment to be present and support the church through service and giving.

This example is just one way a church can develop a process of deepening faith and life and commitment. Development will vary according to the core values of each church. I believe it is essential to do the work of discovery before any other steps.

What I have come to believe is that we often ask too little of people. And they go away saying, "is this all there is?" Instead let us be bold and share the gift we have been given so people will find spiritual nurture, a place to center their hearts and exercise their gifts. **The Rev. Ann Fontaine lives on the Oregon Coast and oversees communications for her local St Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church. She is a trainer and mentor in the Education for Ministry program and an editor for Episcopal Café. Her book is Streams of Mercy: a meditative commentary on scripture**

## Church is an option

Portlandia takes a look at religion in a video featuring Ed Begley, Jr., as Father Timothy who reminds us that "church is an option."

Matt Wilstien on Mediaite:

Portlandia, the IFC sketch show created by and starring Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein, is best known for skewering the hipster culture of Portland, Oregon, from 1890s fashion to the millennial generation's misguided attempts to get political. But what does religion look like in Portlandia?

In this preview from Thursday night's episode, Ed Begley Jr. is Father Timothy, a religious leader who wants you to know that "church is an option." He's the commensurate "cool" priest who will do whatever it takes just to get you in the door. "Organized religion is stuffy and dogmatic," he says in the commercial parody. "What do you want, disorganized? We can do that." Instead of praying, he embraces vision boards. Instead of organ music, "how about some rock 'n' roll?" And if Sundays don't work for you, he says you can drop by anytime you want.

**Posted by Andrew Gerns on April 25, 2014**

### **What if your church never gets another member?**

What might happen if your church never gets another member. Thoughts from Derek Penwell at D-mergent: When your dreams cannot be fulfilled as a church or personally what can you do? What if you stopped making plans for a future membership explosion? (I'm not saying it couldn't happen. I'm just saying, "Imagine." Play along for a moment.)

What if your congregation never got another member? What if you could no longer afford to wait for somebody to join and finally make of you what you're convinced you ought to be? How would that change what you do, and how you understand what is required of you, given what you already have? If you put aside the idea that there's someone (or a whole bunch of someones out there) who are going to come and save your congregation from extinction, what might that do to the way you do ministry?

5 ideas:

- 1) **Well, for one thing, it would finally let you stop doing cost/benefit analysis on doing the right thing.** You wouldn't have to wonder if you opened a latchkey program for low income families, for example, whether you might get any of the parents to come to your church. You could just make the decision to do it or not based on whether or not you thought it was what God wanted.
- 2) **It might also free up psychological resources.** Having set down the terror that there's something wrong, that there's some secret everyone else seems to have access to but that has remained elusive to your congregation, you might begin to value the people and the gifts that you already have. Instead of thinking that there's some superstar out there who will magically reshape the contours of the landscape in which you serve, you might finally see that you have some pretty amazing people there right now—none of whom is destined to be Billy Graham or Mother Teresa, but who are capable of living faithful, committed lives in pursuit of the reign of God.
- 3) **You could invest more time and resources in "non-useful" stuff like spirituality.** Since you're not in an endless pursuit of something useful, which you're certain will turn you into a megachurch, you can begin to devote your energies to practices that seek not some tangible return on investment, but the presence of God. Since your calculations about utility have taken such a broadside, you can begin to make investments in areas that confound conventional wisdom.
- 4) **It might ease the financial stress.** You're not saving all your stuff to bequeath to some future generation of young people, that most likely doesn't want all your stuff anyway. They're too busy to maintain it. You could finally use it. You might recklessly spend money from the endowment not to tuck point the brick that's falling apart, but to establish a food bank for migrant workers, or to fund suicide prevention efforts, or to do advocacy work for non-violent felons. I don't know. Use your imagination.
- 5) It might finally prompt you to get back to work. Instead of waiting for the stars to align, so that you could do remarkable work, you might just start doing remarkable work. Since expectations will have been recalibrated, you won't be plagued by the fear that doing something new and courageous will prevent the world altering revival you've always been sure was just right around the corner. You won't have to be afraid of failure, because nobody expected anything significant from you anyway.

You start living like this ... and you might find that all those people who've avoided you all those years just might start showing up to see who the lunatics are that are running this wild outpost of faithfulness.

Posted by Ann Fontaine on April 22, 2014

## May 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	28	29 <u>7pm</u> AA	30 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	May 1 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	2 <u>7pm</u> AA	3
4 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	5 AA	6 <u>7pm</u>	7 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>12pm</u> Monte Ministerial Association Meeting <u>6:30pm</u> Bishop Committee	8 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	9 <u>7pm</u> AA	10
11 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	12	13 <u>7pm</u> AA	14 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	15 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	16 <u>7pm</u> AA	17
18 <u>10am</u> Healing Service <u>7pm</u> AA	19 AA	20 <u>7pm</u>	21 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	22 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	23 <u>7pm</u> AA	24
25 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	26	27 <u>2pm</u> Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab <u>7pm</u> AA	28 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	29 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	30 <u>7pm</u> AA	31

### Birthdays:

Colby Madrid—16<sup>th</sup>    Kyron Dierick—17<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Linth—27<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries:

Lee & Rev. Joyce Avery—3rd  
Charles & Sandy Marr—9th

## June 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 1 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	2	3 <u>7pm</u> AA	4 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>12pm</u> Monte Ministerial Association Meeting	5 <u>12pm</u> <u>6:30pm</u> Willapa Region Meeting <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	6 <u>7pm</u> AA	7
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### Birthdays:

Natalea Brumfield—6<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Miller—24<sup>th</sup>

Candy Miller—12<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Stubb—29<sup>th</sup>

Bryan Dierick—22<sup>nd</sup>

### Anniversaries:

Jim & Candy Miller—20<sup>th</sup>