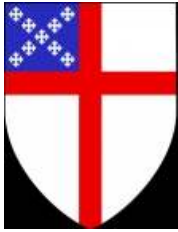


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Worship  
Sundays at 10 a.m.

## St. Mark's Newsletter

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## St. Mark's Church Video

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## 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**

## **September-October, 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**

#### **104th Diocesan Convention (11/7-8/2014) at the Seatac Hilton, Seatac**

Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Jim Campbell, and our lay delegates attend for St. Mark's.

#### **All Saints Celebration (11/2/2014), 10:00AM at St. Mark's**

All Saints Day, we celebrate those who came before us. We have a table for displaying pictures of those loved ones who we remember during the service, and some candles to light as we pray for them.

#### **Kids Halloween Treats (10/31/2014) at St. Mark's**

We hand out kids treats, dog treats, and provide coffee and restrooms for all in this evening of fun in the neighborhood. From about 5-7pm, many kids with their parents come by, and the costumes are awesome!

#### **Blessing of the Pets Sunday (10/5/2014) at St. Mark's**

This is our annual special service for dogs, cats, birds, several stuffed animals (for example, a ray or a manatee to remind us of the severe plight of animals like these now) and their owners. It is always a time of joy for all involved. The collection taken each year is split between the Grays Harbor PAWS and the Freedom Tails programs.

### **Recent News**

#### **Annual Church Picnic (8/31/2014) at St. Mark's**

We had it here at church! Inside!! We know not to test mother nature! And we were right again, as the weather was iffy! Labor Day weekend, so a small gathering of 11 of us met for a great worship service led by and preaching by visiting the Rev. Sarah Monroe. Following this, there was a potluck meal and fellowship. And then we supplied Sarah with 4 large pans of a great Italian recipe along with rolls, salad and cookies for her Chaplains on the Harbor Sunday evening meal at St. Andrew's, Aberdeen for the local homeless community.

#### **Back to School Supplies Drive at St. Mark's (Month of August/2014)**

We collected several hundred \$\$ of emergency/extra supplies for the local Montesano school kids again this year. Thanks to all for your help and generosity!

#### **Montesano Community Bible Camp (7/7-7/11/2014)**

Another fantastic ecumenical Bible Camp week! Over 190 kids participated, with St. Mark's having the pre-kindergarteners again.

#### **More Painting of St. Mark's Church (July 2014)**

Stark Painting completed all of the painting of the south facing wall of the building exterior and also all of the high white facia trim and steeple/bell tower base.

## Summary of St. Mark's Finances—8/24/2014 (Last--6/16/2014)

### Net Operating Year to Date-- \$32.92 (Last--\$-1,458.26)

July, August, and September revenues have exceeded expenses to put us in good shape to complete the year with a small surplus.

### Total Operating Expenses-- \$15,495.53 (Last--\$13,066.77)

Highlights—All bills received are paid current.

Outreach to Date--\$3,550 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$1,665

### Total Operating Revenues-- \$15,528.45 (Last--\$11,608.51)

Pledges income is slightly behind budget, which was estimated very conservatively, allowing for contingencies. Other revenues are as expected.

### Non-Operating Revenues--\$1,805.66 Non-Operating Expenses--\$11,858.93

### Net Non-Operating Year to Date--\$-10,946.73 (Last--\$-4,976.50)

### Net All Operating and Non-Operating Year to Date-- \$-10,020.45 (Last --\$-6,434.76)

### Funds Summary—Total is \$24,937.44 (last--\$28,523.13)

General/Designated Checking Account—\$755.41 (last--\$4,267.38)

General/Designated Savings Account--\$518.69 (last--\$518.67)

Operating Fund (General)--\$1,274.10 (last--\$4,786.05)

Diocesan Investment Fund--\$22,932.12 (last--23,005.86)

Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account--\$731.22 (last--\$731.22)

## Other Articles on Faith and Other Things

A story is told of a young man, an unsavory type, who falls in love with a saintly young woman. Knowing that she will not so much as look in his direction, he slips into the vault of the town cathedral, dons one of the masks of the saints used in the annual town festival, takes on the demeanor and behavior of a saint, and begins to woo her. Surely enough, over time, she begins to fall in love with him. As the relationship flowers and deepens, the young man's scoundrel friends finally become envious of his success with the saintly young woman and, one day, out of sheer spite, challenge him in the center of the town square, in the presence of his beloved, to take off the mask and reveal his true identity. Dejected, knowing that all is lost, he slowly removes the mask ... only to reveal that his face has become the face of the saint. *(From St. Timothy's, Chehalis newsletter, September, 2014)*

### Ten reasons not to visit All Saints Episcopal Church, Bellevue

10. You want to meet in a lavish church building. (They lease a nice space in a Bellevue Business Park.)

9. You want to be part of a large group where you can get lost in the crowd. (They are a small, but dedicated church community.)

8. You think that church is a place to get away from the responsibilities of the world.

7. You want lots of programs that you won't get involved with anyway.

6. You want one kind of music (classical, contemporary, folk, etc.)

5. You want a church that tells you what to think so you don't have to.

4. You want a church where everyone agrees about everything.

3. You want a church to do things for you.

2. You want a church to do things to you.

1. You want a church where the clergy do all the ministry.

(Items 9-1 also apply generally to St. Mark's!)

### You Know You Are a Episcopalian When: (From member April Collett)

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "And also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

### **A Collage of Little Kids Humor (From member April Collett)**

**NUDITY:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

**OPINIONS:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

**KETCHUP:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now, she's hitting the bottle'.

**MORE NUDITY:** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

**POLICE 1:** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?' 'Yes', I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

**POLICE 2:** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then toward the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

**ELDERLY:** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

**DRESS-UP:** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

**DEATH:** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

**SCHOOL:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

**BIBLE:** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

## September 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>11:15a</u> m Annual Picnic <u>7pm</u> AA	September 1	2 <u>7pm</u> AA	3 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>12pm</u> Monte Ministerial Association Meeting	4 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	5 <u>7pm</u> AA	6
7 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	8	9 <u>9:30am</u> Worship Team <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	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>7pm</u> AA	29	30 <u>7pm</u> AA	October 1 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>12pm</u> Monte Ministerial Association Meeting	2 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	3 <u>7pm</u> AA	4

### Birthdays:

Loni Crass—1<sup>st</sup>

Brad Fry—28<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries:

## October 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm</u> AA	29	30 <u>7pm</u> AA	October 1 <u>10am</u> Bible Study <u>12pm</u> Monte Ministerial Association Meeting	2 <u>12pm</u> AA <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	3 <u>7pm</u> AA	4
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### Birthdays:

John Fry—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Debbie Fry—25<sup>th</sup>

Stan Fry—8<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Johnson—28<sup>th</sup>

Julie Dierick—16<sup>th</sup>  
Gilbert Johnson—30<sup>th</sup>

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