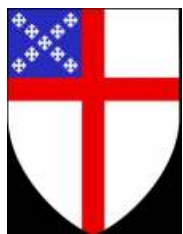


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**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

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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**

## **March-April, 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 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 Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Event (3/4/2014), 11am to 6:30pm, at St.**

**Mark's** Another year--more pancakes!! It's time again to raise funds to support local needs--Montesano Food Bank, Childrens Advocacy Center, and Coastal Harvest. We usually serve well over 1000 pancakes, ham, applesauce, and beverages to our friends from Montesano, Aberdeen, and other parts of Grays Harbor. Thanks to all who help us, and contribute to this successful event.

This year we have a new commercial griddle, replacing our long time one used for the past 57 years. Come and join us for fellowship, great food, and help us raise important funds for local needs. And, we will be remembering our recently departed Deacon Dorothy McMeekin, who was a big part of this congregation for many, many years.

#### **Ash Wednesday Service (3/5/2014), 6pm, at St. Mark's**

A service of the imposition of ashes and communion, followed by wonderful soups and bread meal to begin Lent, will be held.

#### **Lenten Lunch/Prayer Series (Fridays), 11:30am, at Various Churches in Montesano**

Once again the Montesano Ministerial Association is sponsoring the Lenten Lunch Series on the Fridays during Lent. There are several opportunities for you to participate in this Lenten Series:

- 3/7 Lenten Luncheon #1 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Montesano Church of God
- 3/14 Lenten Luncheon #2 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Montesano United Methodist Church
- 3/21 Lenten Luncheon #3 @ 11:30 a.m.  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- 3/28 Lenten Luncheon #4 @ 11:30 a.m.
- 4/4 Lenten Luncheon #5 @ 11:30 a.m.
- 4/11 Lenten Luncheon #6 @ 11:30 a.m.

Lunch of soup will be served beginning at 11:30 with a short 30 minute service beginning at 12:15. This will give you the opportunity to stop in during your lunch time for the Lenten Series and not miss any work.

#### **Easter Season Events at St. Mark's:**

*Palm Sunday Communion Service:* April 13th, 10:00AM—reading of the passion story and blessing of the palms.

*Maundy Thursday Communion Service:* April 17th, 6:30PM—includes foot washing like Jesus did for his disciples, and a meal after the service.

*Good Friday Service:* April 18th, 12:00 noon at St. Mark's.

*Good Friday Ecumenical Service:* April 18th, 7:00PM at Calvary Chapel.

*Easter Sunday Communion Service: April 20nd, 10:00AM—celebration of the Risen Christ (plus baptisms of anyone who would like this). Contact Rev. Lorraine Dierick or Rev. Bonnie Campbell if you would like more information. (Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at 11am, too!)*

## **Recent News**

### **Church Annual Meeting (2/16/2014), 11:30AM after Worship, at St. Mark's**

This meeting was held following the Sunday morning Holy Communion service, in the Parish Hall. A great lunch of pancakes, and egg casserole, sausages, and fruit was served. (Our new griddle was used for this—a trial for its full use on Pancake Day.) Review of the last year at St. Mark's, the 2014 approved budget, the status of our funds (increased greatly in one year), discussion about our outreach support and other plans. Elections for the Bishop's Committee (adding Lee and Joyce Avery and Natalea Brumfield) and Delegates for Convention (Mary Stubb, Mary Linth and Martha Krug) were voted in. And, brief discussion about possible other kitchen changes were mentioned--checks into electrical and plumbing mods needed for a tankless electric water heater and also what it will take for a small commercial dishwasher to be installed.

### **Summary of St. Mark's Finances—2/25/2014 (end of January)**

#### **Net Operating Year to Date-- \$-841.27 (Last--\$-13.60)**

With the annual property/liability insurance payment, and expected routine expenses, cash flow is a challenge right now.

#### **Total Operating Expenses-- \$3,815.79 (Last--\$1,278.12)**

Highlights—All routine bills are paid current. Outstanding bills for the heat pump repair (over \$700), and reimbursements to the Campbells for materials for the new parish hall baseboards and painting (over \$300) need to be covered with either regular income soon, or with a withdrawal from the DIF. Outreach to Date--\$42 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$417

#### **Total Operating Revenues-- \$2,974.52 (Last--\$1,264.52)**

Pledges are slightly behind at this point, but it is too early to be a trend yet.

#### **Non-Operating Revenues--\$20.00 Non-Operating Expenses--\$2,596.02**

#### **Net Non-Operating Year to Date--\$2,576.02 (Last--\$20.00)**

#### **Net All Operating and Non-Operating Year to Date-- \$-3,417.29 (Last --\$-13.60)**

#### **Funds Summary—Total is \$31,540.60 (last--\$34,957,89)**

- General/Designated Checking Account—\$107.41 (last--\$3,544.72)
- General/Designated Savings Account--\$518.62 (last--\$518.60)
  - Operating Fund (General)--\$626.03 (last--\$4,063.32)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account--\$586.24 (last--\$566.24)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$30,328.33 (last--30,328.33) (No update for end of January yet.)

## Other Articles on Faith and Other Things

### Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid and, because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.....

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke (you're going to love this): "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

*"Blessed are the cracked, for they are the ones who let in the light."*

Contributed from our Fellow Church Member—April Collett

### What Would Have Happened if the Reformation Went This Way? Diana Butler Bass

#### Church board meeting, 1523

*President:* The young people are asking that we put Bibles in the church.

*Member1:* But reading is, well, so individualistic. It makes me uncomfortable to have people reading in worship. It is a sacred time.

*Member2:* How will the students ever concentrate on the sermon if there are Bibles in the pews?

*Member1:* So distracting. All those pages flipping. How could you even be sure what they are reading? They might even be reading Song of Solomon!

*Member3:* Not everyone in the congregation can read. We will create two classes of people if we do this.

*Member1:* That's right we can't make our older members feel bad.

*Member2:* And Bibles are so expensive. We just can't afford it.

*Member3:* It is just a fad.

*President:* But many people are saying that through reading the Word of God they are experiencing God anew.

*Member3:* That's not how I experience God.

*Member2:* Me neither.

*Member1:* They are only being entertained.

*Member3:* Besides, I've heard that reading may actually change the way we think about the world. Someone told me that reading may "rewire" the brain. That is pretty scary.

*President:* So, no Bibles?

**Vote: The Church Board unanimously rejects the proposal brought by the youth group to have Bibles in church.**

Signed, the Church Secretary.

## March 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

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

### Birthdays:

Sarah Monroe—14<sup>th</sup>  
Anne Williams—23<sup>rd</sup>

Jim Campbell—16<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Dierick—25<sup>th</sup>

Caleb Williams—18<sup>th</sup>  
Tessa Fry—31<sup>st</sup>

### Anniversaries:

Kevin & Corby Varness—25<sup>th</sup>

## April 2014 Monthly Calendar of Events

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

### Birthdays:

Jamie Dierick—3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Kristy Fry—12<sup>th</sup>  
 Callee Madrid—18<sup>th</sup>

Bill Brumfield—10<sup>th</sup>  
 Aaron Williams—12<sup>th</sup>  
 Denny Dierick—28<sup>th</sup>

Kevin Varness—11<sup>th</sup>  
 Kim Dierick—16<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries:

Jim & Rev. Bonnie Campbell—15<sup>th</sup>