

## Monthly Calendar for June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Worship Team</a> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>3</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<u>4</u> <a href="#">Noon AA</a> <a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>	<u>5</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Holy Communion</a> <a href="#">2:00PM Willapa Region Meeting</a> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>10</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a> <a href="#">6:30PM Bishop Committee</a>	<u>11</u> <a href="#">Noon AA</a> <a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>	<u>12</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Holy Communion</a> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>17</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a>	<u>18</u> <a href="#">Noon AA</a> <a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>	<u>19</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Healing Service</a> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>24</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Bible Study</a> <a href="#">6:30PM Potluck Meal</a>	<u>25</u> <a href="#">Noon AA</a> <a href="#">7:00PM Gamblers Anon</a>	<u>26</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> <a href="#">10:00AM Morning Prayer</a> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <a href="#">7:00PM AA</a>				

### Birthdays:

Bob Sagen 6/1      Bryan Dierick 6/22  
 Natalea Brumfield 6/6      Jim Miller 6/24  
 Candy Miller 6/12      Mary Venske 6/29

### Anniversaries:

Jim & Candy Miller 6/20

**Visit our church website at: <http://www.stmarksmonte.com>  
 for details about the schedule/ upcoming events.**

## Summary of St. Mark's Finances—5/11/2009

### Total Operating Expenses--\$10,108.89

- Highlights—All expenses are tracking per the budget plan, except for Conferences and Worship. This year we have had extra expenses in Worship for Candles and Sanctus Lights (not expected). All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$2,500 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$1,512

### Total Operating Revenues--\$10,324.41

- Highlights—All revenues are tracking well per the budget plan.

**Net Operating Year to Date—plus \$215.52.** From now until the fall we normally have significant positive cash flow with low expenses over the spring and summer.

### Non-Operating Income & Expenses—none to date

#### Funds Summary—Total is \$9,199.30

- Checking Account—\$1,553.47
- Savings Account--\$517.39
- Memorial Fund--\$474.78. (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,494.44
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22

## Upcoming Events

### **Pentecost Sunday Service (5/29/2009) 10AM at St. Mark's**

Be here for the excitement of the Holy Spirit revealed in our worship service on this special day. We will be displaying Red colors and urge all to wear Red, too. Special treats with the refreshments after the service too.

### **Worship Team Meeting with Rev. Janet Campbell (6/2/2009) at St. Mark's**

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting with Rev. Campbell at 10am to discuss our worship space, and provide her with inputs about what we like and also what we want to change. We can then get her thoughts and work with her further on possible changes in the future.

### **Montesano Ecumenical Children's Summer Bible Camp (7/6-10/2009) at several churches**

Our annual bible school for kids (preschool thru 6th grade) is coming up soon! More information about how to sign or help will be posted. St. Mark's will be working with the preschoolers again this year.

### **Bishop Visit (9/6/2009) at St. Mark's**

Diocese of Olympia Bishop Greg Rickel will visit St. Mark's for his first official visit. This is a time for planning baptisms, confirmations, receptions and other blessings we would like to do with the bishop here. We'll also get to hear Bishop Greg preach and celebrate the Communion, and he will meet with us at the reception afterward to discuss whatever we want with him about our church and its future, as we near the 100th year of being a church of this Diocese.

## Question: "What is Pentecost Sunday?"

**Answer:** Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost where Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire ([Matthew 3:11](#)). Jesus confirmed this prophesy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in [John 14:26](#). He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His Resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth ([Acts 1:3-8](#)).

After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the Church as we know it.

Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy lives in believers. During this service, [John 20:19-23](#) may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in [Matthew 28:19-20](#) saying; "as the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit ([John 20:21-23](#)).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first century church in [Acts 2:1-4](#). It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ([1 Corinthians 12:7](#)); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers ([Romans 8:9-11](#)). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call ([Acts 2:39](#)).