

Monthly Calendar for July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <u>10am</u> Morning Prayer <u>7pm AA</u>	28	29 <u>7pm AA</u>	30 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	July 1 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	2 <u>7pm AA</u>	3 <u>12pm</u> Women's AA
4 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm AA</u>	5	6 <u>10am</u> Worship Team <u>7pm AA</u>	7 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	8 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	9 <u>7pm AA</u>	10 <u>12pm</u> Women's AA
11 <u>10am</u> Holy Communion <u>7pm AA</u>	12	13 Childrens' <u>7pm AA</u>	14 Bible	15 Camp <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	16	17 <u>12pm</u> Women's AA
18 <u>10am</u> Healing Service <u>7pm AA</u>	19	20 <u>7pm AA</u>	21 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	22 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	23 <u>7pm AA</u>	24 <u>12pm</u> Women's AA
25 <u>10am</u> Morning Prayer <u>7pm AA</u>	26	27 <u>2pm</u> Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab <u>7pm AA</u>	28 <u>10am</u> Bible Study	29 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> Gamblers Anon	30 <u>7pm AA</u>	31 <u>12pm</u> Women's AA

Birthdays:

Jason Dierick 7/8
 Chris Stubb 7/8
 Julie Fry 7/9
 Vernice Trenckman 7/21
 Chris Boardman 7/29

Anniversaries:

Denny & Julie Dierick 7/27
 Jeff & Anne Williams 7/29

Monthly Calendar for August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 1 <u>10am</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	2	3 <u>10am</u> <u>Worship Team</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	4 <u>10am</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	5 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Gamblers Anon</u>	6 <u>7pm AA</u>	7 <u>9am</u> <u>Annual Rummage Sale</u> <u>12pm</u> <u>Women's AA</u>
8 <u>10am</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	9	10 <u>7pm AA</u>	11 <u>10am</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	12 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Gamblers Anon</u>	13 <u>7pm AA</u>	14 <u>12pm</u> <u>Women's AA</u>
15 <u>10am</u> <u>Healing Service</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	16	17 <u>7pm AA</u>	18 <u>10am</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>6:30pm</u> <u>Bishop Committee</u>	19 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Gamblers Anon</u>	20 <u>7pm AA</u>	21 <u>12pm</u> <u>Women's AA</u>
22 <u>10am</u> <u>Morning Prayer</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	23	24 <u>2pm</u> <u>Birthday Party @</u> <u>Monte Health &</u> <u>Rehab</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	25 <u>10am</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>6:30pm</u> <u>Potluck Meal</u>	26 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Gamblers Anon</u>	27 <u>7pm AA</u>	28 <u>12pm</u> <u>Women's AA</u>
29 <u>10am</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> <u>7pm AA</u>	30	31 <u>7pm AA</u>	September 1	2 <u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Gamblers Anon</u>	3 <u>7pm AA</u>	4 <u>12pm</u> <u>Women's AA</u>

Birthdays:

Lee Avery 8/19
 Bill Stewart 8/22
 Shawn Dierick 8/28

Anniversaries:

Please pray for our Deacon, The Rev. Dorothy McMeekin, as she deals with heart-related issues. She is scheduled for surgery during this week for possible heart valve replacement and possible arteries bypass/stents, while also dealing with low kidney function. She is at St. Peter's in Olympia. Your 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.

Upcoming Events

Annual Ecumenical Childrens' Bible Camp at St. Mark's (7/12-7/16/2010)

We will be hosting the preschoolers again for the Montesano churches ecumenical children's Bible Camp. To help with this activity, contact Corby, Bonnie, or Lorraine.

Annual Rummage Sale at St. Mark's (8/7/2010)

We are planning for this event for the first Saturday in August. Start getting your donations ready and bring them to the church so we can be ready to go. We hope for another successful event.

Recent Events

New Bible Study Series at St. Mark's (started 5/26/2010)

We are offering a special bible study called "Your Bible! The Study Begins", which started Wednesday, May 26 at 10:00am. This is an excellent overview of the library of books which form the foundation of our faith. This course takes seven (or so), one hour weekly sessions on Wednesdays, and provides a refreshing orientation to the Bible. Bible study at St. Marks is a fun, interactive experience for all who participate. The public is welcome to join in this interesting study. For additional information, please contact Corby Varness at 249-3888.

Pentecost Sunday Celebration at St. Mark's (5/23/2010)

We celebrated the birth of the church, with the Holy Spirit and Red displayed everywhere! Rev. Bonnie Campbell presided at the Communion worship service, we read the Pentecost story from Acts together, the Rev. Lorraine Dierick gave a great sermon about the power of the Spirit, while reminding us of the power from the 30 year old Mt St Helen eruption events. The Rev. Joyce Avery prepared a beautiful strawberry banana cake for the celebration. Pictures from the event can be found on our website, from the link in the middle of our Home Page.

Total Common Ministry Retreat at St. Christopher's, Westport (5/14-15/2010)

Lorraine, Corby, Joyce, Jim and Bonnie attended parts or all of this event, along with people from the TCM churches in Allyn, Anacortes, Cathlamet, South Bend, and Westport. All but Bonnie received the required Diocesan training for Safeguarding God's Children, needed to work with any children at St. Mark's. (Bonnie had received the training previously.) Bonnie and Jim attended the rest of the events. This included a talk with Rev. Kathleen Patton from the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, to clarify their latest policies and programs about working with TCM church circles; Carl Knirk from the Diocesan Stewardship/Evangelism office, to hear about stewardship ideas and legacy giving; and Kerry Allman, Diocesan Internet Strategist, who gave a presentation on website design and best practices. Pictures from the event can be found our website, from the link to the Recent Events Page on the right side of our Home Page.

Reasons to Be Episcopalian

(from the book of 101 Reasons, compiled by Louie Crew)

31 The Book of Common Prayer allows a degree of uniformity in prayer while leaving room for the diversity of cultures, languages and liturgical styles. *The Very Rev. David G. Bollinger, Diocese of Central New York*

32 The Episcopal Church taught me that Jesus came to challenge, not just comfort; to overturn, not maintain; to love, not judge; to include, not cast aside. *The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz, Diocese of New Jersey*

33 Episcopalians try to love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act as if we were the body of Christ. *Prof. Willis H. A. Moore, Diocese of Hawaii*

34 I spent Good Friday with the folks at St. Paul's Chapel. There I talked with a young firefighter who has been volunteering at Ground Zero for several months. In the midst of his sharing he said: "If it weren't for this place, I wouldn't be able to smile." *Sharon Moon, Diocese of Washington*

35 Because it's one religion where laughing at our own absurdities is a basic spiritual discipline and we're invited to rejoice in how much we have still to learn of God instead of how much we know. *L. William Countryman, Diocese of California*

Summary of St. Mark's Finances—6/18/2010

Total Operating Expenses--\$10,275.17 (Previous month--\$9,541.86)

- Highlights—Overall expenses are basically tracking or are even less than the budget plan. At this point we have spent almost nothing in Continuing Education, Other Education, and Evangelism, and have held back quite a bit on Outreach spending. The only area we have spent more than the original budget is for our sound system upgrades and for the new display cabinet (Property Maintenance), but this total cost is well within the overall budget expenses. All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$1,260 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$1,458

Total Operating Revenues--\$13,229.52 (Previous month--\$11,450.86)

- Highlights—All revenues are tracking roughly per the budget plan. We are still slightly behind on Pledges received, but are well ahead on Plate Offering (due to 100th celebration revenues) and donations for use of the facility by outside groups.

Net Operating Year to Date—\$2,954.35 (Previous month—\$1,909.00)

We have an increasingly significant positive balance, even after paying out the first funds for the display cabinet (\$400), and funding of sound system upgrades (about \$800). From this month through the summer and early fall our normal operating expenses will be fairly small.

Non-Operating Revenues--\$1,022.94 Non-Operating Expenses--\$1833.98

Net Non-Operating Year to Date— -\$811.04

The revenues are mostly made up of funds received from the sales of the history books (48 sold to date, 8 giving away--\$725 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.

Net All Operating and Non-Operating Year to Date--\$2,143.31

Funds Summary—Total is \$14,285.24 (Previous month--\$13,215.61)

- Checking Account—\$5,535.33 (Previous month--\$4,100.06)

- Savings Account--\$867.82 (Previous month--\$867.71)
- Memorial Fund--\$979.23 (Previous month--\$978.81) (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$6,259.96 (Previous month--\$6,626.13)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$642.90 (Previous month--\$642.90)

Saints Celebrated During the Pentecost Season

The emphasis in the season of Pentecost is the life and work of the church, empowered through the Holy Spirit, to enable the people of God to witness for Jesus the Christ. It provides a powerful impetus for churches, to recover this season of the church year, so that it is not just "Ordinary Time". There is tremendous opportunity to use this sacred time to call people to renewal through the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Some of the early church people who lived out this witness of Jesus Christ in their world are recognized by the church now with their own Feast Days, along with a few other key figures from the Bible or with the ministry of Jesus. During the season of Pentecost these Feast days are:

June 11th--St. Barnabas the Apostle. One of the earliest Christians in Jerusalem, traveled with St. Paul to Cyprus and Antioch, and a defender of Gentile converts against demands of stricter church leaders.

June 24th—Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Christians believe that John the Baptist had a specific role ordained by God as forerunner or precursor of Jesus, who he baptized, and this date is recognized as more important than John's death.

June 29th—St. Peter & St. Paul the Apostles. This day commemorates the martyrdom of these two great Apostles, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67.

July 22nd—St. Mary Magdalene. A devoted follower of Jesus, entering into the close circle of those taught by Jesus during his Galilean ministry. Became prominent during Jesus' last days, accompanying him during his travels and following him to the end. She witnessed his Crucifixion and burial. According to all four Gospels, she was the first person to see the resurrected Christ.

July 25th—St. James the Apostle. One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, he was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Less. James is described as one of the first disciples to join Jesus.

August 15th—St. Mary the Virgin. Referred to by Christians as the Virgin Mary or Saint Mary and occasionally Madonna, was a Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, and identified in the New Testament as the mother of Jesus Christ.

August 24th—St. Bartholomew the Apostle. One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Along with his fellow apostle Jude, Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. Thus both saints are considered the patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

September 21st—St. Matthew the Evangelist. A former tax collector from Capernaum, who was called into the circle of the Twelve by Jesus. Later in his ministry, he would travel to Gentile nations and spread the Gospel to the Ethiopians, Macedonians, Persians, and Parthians.

September 29th—St. Michael and All Angels. Michael is the greatest of all the archangels and is honored for his defeat of Lucifer in the battle for the heavens in the Bible. The archangel Michael is

one of the principal angelic warriors, seen as a protector against the dark of night, and the administrator of cosmic intelligence.

October 18th—St. Luke the Evangelist. A Greek-speaking Syrian physician who lived in the Greek city of Antioch in Ancient Syria, a disciple of the apostle Paul and later followed Paul until his [Paul's] martyrdom, and the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

October 23rd—St. James of Jerusalem. James the Just is also James the Less, and in line with "most Catholic interpreters", that he is therefore James, son of Alphaeus as well as James the son of Mary. James the Just was the leader of the Christian movement in Jerusalem in the decades after Jesus' death.

October 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles. Simon was often called "the Zealot." Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Persia, in the land we now call Iran.

November 1st—All Saints Day. There is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living. Those who have died and are with God watch over those still living, and the saints are held to intercede with God on behalf of the living. On their part, the living pray to the saints and remember in intercessory prayers to God all who have died, particularly their deceased relatives/friends.

Pentecost Season--Ordinary Time

Most of the Seasons of the Christian Church Year are organized around the two major festivals that mark sacred time, Christmas and Easter. The Christmas Season encompasses the time of preparation during Advent and the celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas and Epiphany in early January (the 6th). The Easter Season encompasses the time of preparation during the 40 weekdays of Lent and Holy Week, and is linked with Pentecost Sunday 50 days later. While there are other individual holy days within the church year, these seasons mark the movement of sacred time within the church calendar.

The rest of the year following Epiphany and Pentecost is known as **Ordinary Time**. Rather than meaning "common" or "mundane," this term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means **counted time** (First Sunday after Pentecost, etc.), which is probably a better way to think of this time of the year. Counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday or the Reign of Christ the King (last Sunday before the beginning of Advent).

The 23 to 28 Sundays after Pentecost are used to focus on various aspects of the Faith, especially the mission of the church in the world. The Lectionary readings for these Sundays tend to be semi-continuous readings through certain sections of Scripture, especially through the Synoptic Gospel of the year. However, many ministers use Ordinary Time to focus on specific themes of interest or importance to a local congregation rather than building sermons around the Lectionary readings. The sanctuary color for Ordinary Time is dark green, although other shades of green are commonly used. Green has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. Even in Hebrew in the Old Testament, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing hope of new life.

Taken from The Voice, CRI/Voice Institute, Dennis Bratcher

Seventy Years

By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter-century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of life in bed. Other estimates of how most of us spend our waking hours during those 70 years: 11 years working, 8 years in hobbies and leisure activities, 6 years eating, 5 years bathing and grooming, 4 years being educated, 3 years talking, 2 years reading, and 6 months in worship. Maybe Sunday worship isn't so long as it seems after all. *From the Anglican Digest, Summer 2010*

Definition of Stewardship

“Stewardship is one dimension of the Christian life of faith. It is not a program, not an every-member canvass, not a fund-raising campaign, not an occasion for people to vote whether they like or do not like how the church spends their money or treats them. Stewardship is what we do after we say Credo, we believe, that is, after we give our love, loyalty, trust and obedience to God, the God of our faith.”

The Rev. Dr. John Westerhoff
From the book, “Grateful & Generous Hearts”

Stewardship as Conversion

- STEWARDSHIP is a not program. STEWARDSHIP is a process, ... a process of CONVERSION.
- When God breaks in on a sufficiently prepared people, a new belief and practice of STEWARDSHIP is developed, and a joyful generosity emerges.
- Good STEWARDSHIP centers upon the conversion of people, not the collection of more dollars.
- Good STEWARDSHIP enables church leaders to talk about money in ways that transform lives.
- God loves us just where we are in our spiritual journey ... but doesn't want us to stay there.
- There are more people who act their way into a new way of thinking than there are people who think their way into a new way of acting.
- STEWARDSHIP is about living with an assumption of abundance.

Good Stewardship Means Accepting That the Difference Between What We Say

and What We Do is Reconciled By Jesus

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