

Monthly Calendar for July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> 10AM Bible Study	<u>2</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>3</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 10:00AM Holy Communion 7:00PM AA	<u>6</u> Children's Summer Bible Camp	<u>7</u> Children's Summer Bible Camp 7:00PM AA	<u>8</u> Children's Summer Bible Camp	<u>9</u> Children's Summer Bible Camp Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>10</u> Children's Summer Bible Camp 7:00PM AA	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> 10:00AM Holy Communion 7:00PM AA	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 10:00AM Worship Team 7:00PM AA	<u>15</u> 10AM Bible Study 6:30PM Bishop Committee	<u>16</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>17</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 10:00AM Healing Service 7:00PM AA	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>22</u> 10AM Bible Study 6:30PM Potluck Meal	<u>23</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>24</u> 7:00PM AA	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> 10:00AM Morning Prayer 7:00PM AA	<u>27</u> Canon Atta-Baffoe Visit	<u>28</u> 2:00PM Birthday Party @ Monte Health & Rehab 7:00PM AA	<u>29</u> 10AM Bible Study	<u>30</u> Noon AA 7:00PM Gamblers Anon	<u>31</u> 7:00PM AA	

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

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

Upcoming Events

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 up or help will be posted. St. Mark's will be working with the preschoolers again this year.

Monthly Church Potluck Meal (7/22/2009) at the Campbells

Our monthly gathering for July will be at Jim & Bonnie Campbells (812 N Blakeley St. in Montesano). We are planning to barbecue some items, as well as have all of the other foods everyone brings to share—detailed to worked out and made known ahead of the event.

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 on September 6, as part of our Sunday worship and at a reception afterward. This is a time for baptisms, confirmations, receptions and other blessings with the bishop here. We also will get to hear Bishop Greg preach and celebrate the Communion with us. He will meet with us all at the reception to discuss whatever we want with him about our church and its future, as we near the 100th year anniversary of being a church of this Diocese.

Please contact either Rev. Lorraine Dierick or Rev. Bonnie Campbell if you would like to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirm your faith, so they can plan with you how to do this during this visit.

Summary of St. Mark's Finances—6/8/2009

Total Operating Expenses--\$ 11,204.05 (Previous month--\$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, Sanctus Lights, and materials for vestments and hangings. All current bills are paid to date.
- Outreach Given to Date--\$2,659 Diocesan Assessment Required/Paid--\$1,814

Total Operating Revenues--\$12,241.74 (Previous month--\$10,324.41)

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

Net Operating Year to Date—+\$1,037.69 (Previous month--+\$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 \$10,071.47 (Previous month--\$9,199.30)

- Checking Account—\$2,375.64 (Previous month--\$1,553.47)
- Savings Account--\$517.39 (Previous month--\$517.39)
- Memorial Fund--\$474.88 (Previous month--\$474.78) (\$200 for Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,494.44 (end of May report not received yet)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22 (Same as May)

From the Province VIII House of Bishops

Beloved in Christ,



We are writing to each of you about one of the most urgent issues facing our world today: global climate change, a crisis caused by rapid increases in the emissions of global warming gasses such as carbon dioxide. Most leading climate scientists believe that we have a very limited time in which to address this situation effectively. We must act quickly and decisively if we are to avert catastrophic and irreversible changes to life on this planet. Climate change is already affecting people around the world, particularly those living in or near poverty.

Our recent meetings at Canterbury with colleagues from across the Anglican Communion at Lambeth have caused us to become more acutely aware of the gravity of the challenge that we face. We know what is ahead

if we don't find a way to change course quickly: more droughts and floods around the world, more severe storms, a rise in infectious diseases, desperate shortages of fresh water, millions of environmental refugees, and, as one study recently reported, a possible sea level rise of seven feet within this century.

As Christians, we proclaim that God created the Earth and that God delights in it ("God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good," Genesis 1:31). God entrusted the Earth to human care, and as faithful stewards of God's Creation, we need to understand the devastating impacts that global climate change will have and is already having on human communities around the world. As faithful witnesses to the power of the Risen Christ, we need to work together to become healers of God's Creation and to do everything in our power to reduce the world's output of greenhouse gas pollution.

We ask each of you as members of this province, as dioceses, as family members, neighbors, and citizens to respond to this crisis in ways that bring healing to our Earth and all its creatures. We appeal to you:

AS MEMBERS OF A CONGREGATION

We ask that you establish a faith and environment group in your congregation. We ask you to support it in determining your church's carbon footprint (your production of greenhouse gases from lights, heat, and other sources) and in completing an energy audit of all your buildings. We ask you to take measures to increase energy efficiency and conservation throughout your church, and to educate each other about sustainable living. We ask that you engage in this work with our young members, those who will live out their lives in the world we leave for them.

AS MEMBERS OF A HOUSEHOLD

We ask that you assess your personal and family carbon footprints, and find ways to decrease and offset your greenhouse gas pollution. For instance, where possible, walk rather than drive, or use public transportation. Turn the heat down; avoid or turn up the air conditioner. Re-use, recycle, and buy products that are re-cycled. Use compact fluorescent bulbs, and turn off unneeded lights.

AS CITIZENS

We encourage you to advocate for public policies at local, regional, national, and international levels that serve to decrease global warming emissions, conserve fossil fuels, and build an economy that is based on clean, safe, and renewable energy. We urge you to vote for political candidates who will help our country make a swift transition to clean, safe, and renewable energy. We urge you to support the Millennium Development Goals developed by the United Nations, which include preserving the natural environment as an essential part of relieving human suffering around the world. As Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori commented in her testimony to the U.S. Senate in 2007, "We cannot triumph over global poverty... unless we also address climate change, as the two phenomena are intimately related."

AS EPISCOPALIANS PREPARING FOR GENERAL CONVENTION

We urge you to support the Genesis Covenant, an initiative by which the Episcopal Church will commit to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from every facility it maintains by a minimum of 50% in ten years (<http://genesis covenant.org>). We urge you to encourage delegates not to buy bottled water, but instead to bring metal or ceramic water bottles that can be refilled with tap water.

There are numerous resources available to support us. Some dioceses have formed diocesan-level Care for Creation groups, such as the Bishop's Committee for the Environment in the Diocese of Olympia. Province VIII also has a Faith and Environment network that will gladly assist you in identifying which measures to take, and in networking with other congregations and dioceses that want to become better stewards of God's Creation.

The Genesis Covenant website offers a helpful list of theological and practical resources for greening congregations and households, such as David Gershon's [Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds](#). The website of The [Regeneration Project and Interfaith Power and Light](#) offers a wide range of resources, including an online store for energy-efficient products and a tool for calculating your church's carbon footprint.

This is a crucial moment in human history, a time when people of faith have a powerful opportunity to bear witness to hope. As author and environmentalist Bill McKibben has observed, this is the kind of time for which the church was born.

We ask that you pray about this challenge, that you seek wisdom and guidance for your decisions and responses, and that you trust in God's goodness and love for each of you.

Emboldened by the Spirit given to us by the crucified and risen Christ, we have an opportunity to proclaim: our reverence for the Earth that God has given us to cherish and protect; our commitment to the poor, who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change; and our concern for future generations, who depend on us to pass on to them a habitable world.

With God, In Christ and By the Holy Spirit,

Signed by the Bishops of Province VIII, including:

The Rt. Rev. Sanford Hampton, Bishop of Oregon

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Olympia & Bishop of Eastern Oregon

Energy Project Results

It's been one year since we completed our large energy project. The results of this project have been dramatic in terms of savings in \$\$ and energy use:

Year Timeframe	Cost (\$\$)	Energy Use (Kw)*
June, 2007-May, 2008	\$3818	87,630
June, 2008-May, 2009	\$2175	26,684

*Calculation of the total Kw involved converting the gas usage in Therms to Kw.

Due to increases in gas costs in the past year, our energy costs this past year would have increased even more without doing this project, by about 15-20%, to about \$4400.

Other benefits from this project have included:

- Control of the heating costs throughout our building via the 3 programmable thermostats, virtually eliminating concerns of outside users failing to set back the thermostats after their use.
- No drafty areas in the building anymore--the insulating and sealing work eliminated these.
- The parish hall thermostat is now set at 62 degrees when not used, as compared to 60 degrees before the project. The worship space thermostat is now set at 60 degrees when not used, as compared to 55 degrees before the project. There are no longer areas that can get musty in the winter, due to having to set the thermostats so low or in a few places before that had no ducting to provide heating (sacristy and office).
- The worship space (and especially the narthex) has so much better natural light with the new windows, and the windows can even be opened easily too, if desired.
- The building overall stays cleaner with the forced air heat pump system, as compared to the old natural gas furnace system.
- The heat pump has also provided cooling when needed.

Finally, this project allowed St. Mark's to reduce its carbon footprint by using way less energy and converting most of its energy use to electricity, which comes mainly from water power instead of burning natural gas.

The energy project consisted of the following: (the cost of the entire project was about \$38,500)

- replacement of the 42 year old dual gas furnaces system with a new single split electric heat pump system, including full new and enhanced ductwork, and 3 zones for programming and controls*
- replacement of the old open gas log in the parish hall fireplace with a fully enclosed gas fireplace insert. (The gas fireplace insert is only used by church members when we are in the parish hall for small meetings or after church on Sundays.)*
- full insulation of the building*
- replacement of all of the old windows in the worship space*

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Worship Space Planning

St. Mark's is reviewing its worship space, especially the Chancel and Sanctuary spaces, to determine changes that will make the space more usable for our worship experience. Rev. Bonnie Campbell started leading this effort in September, 2008 as part of her participation in the diocesan sponsored Resurgent Church program. Bonnie has since contacted a diocesan known expert on worship--liturgy/space design, the Rev. Janet Campbell to work with us on this project. The Bishop's Committee in March agreed to move ahead with Rev. Janet Campbell and set up plans to meet with us. We met with Rev. Campbell on June 2nd to begin this process with her. **Rev. Campbell is now planning to visit us on Sunday, August 16 to worship with us, to see how we use our worship space, and then talk with us about possible changes and the theology behind them.** For more details on this process to date, please visit our church website and look for and click on Worship Space Planning on the lower right of our Home Page.

St. Mark's Sermons

Did you know? All of the sermons preached at our Sunday worship services by our ministers and preachers are placed on our website to be read and studied further within a couple of days of being preached on Sundays. Visit our church website and look for and click on Recent Sermons on the middle right of our Home Page.