

Faithful To Our Mission

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission Statement

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a steadfast community of Christians dedicated to providing opportunities for worship, service, personal and spiritual growth, fellowship and comfort to all people in a caring environment.



GOD OF THE SEASONS TURNING,
THE YEAR 2014 HAS COME AND GONE AND ONCE AGAIN WE WILL GATHER FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



To our church, we will bring all the celebrations, the joys, and the sorrows of the last twelve months.

We will pause to remember those whose lives we have celebrated. We will remember the highlights of 2014: Bishop Doyle's dedication of our new Education Building, offering two Sunday worship services, the opening of the St. Mark's School, the St. Mark's Feast Day celebration, increased participation in Christian Formation, the parish-wide survey and new strategic goals, the launching of the Dinner Group Ministry, Bible Study & Beer, The Tongues of Fire Salsa Contest, the summer youth mission trip, Lunches of Love outreach, the Kids Hope USA program, creating our new playground, Parish Hall, and sacristy, re-energizing the Men's Ministry, a successful stewardship campaign, new staff members, new church members, and always the jubilant sounds of wonderful music!



We will also gather to look forward to what 2015 has in store. As we come together to meet and discuss the life and work of this Parish, we pray Lord that you will be a part of our discussion. Remind us that we are called to be bearers of Christ's life, light, and love to all we meet. Draw us all together into one great company of disciples, together serving him in his mission to the world in 2015.



DATE: Sunday, January 18, 2015
TIME: 10:15 a.m.
PLACE: St. Mark's Episcopal
Church Sanctuary





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LET OUR STRONG RELATIONSHIPS LIFT US UP IN 2015

As we start a new year, let us more and more live what we are taught in the New Testament:

- **love** one another (John 13:35)
- **be devoted** to one another (Romans 12:10)
- **live in harmony** with one another (Romans 12:16)
- **build up** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- **accept** one another (Romans 15:7)
- **care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- **use the gifts that God has given us to serve** one another (1 Peter 4:10)
- **forgive** one another (Colossians 3:13)
- **be patient with** one another (Ephesians 4:2)
- **be kind and compassionate** to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- **teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)
- **comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- **encourage** one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- **show hospitality** to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- **pray** for one another (James 5:16)



Let us cherish our relationships as one body of Christ with those who are at St. Mark's now and with those whom God will send us in the future.

Help me, O God...in my relationships with people to create a safe place for them, a place where they can lay down their burdens and find rest, a place where they can breathe freely and deeply and simply be, a place where they can express themselves without fear of criticism, where they can share not just their faith but their doubts, not just their joys but their sorrows, not just their peace but their frustrations.

(Prayer by Ken Gire, Author & Founder of the Reflective Living Ministry)

Come together to study the Holy Bible beginning on January 25, 2015 as Rob Hamon leads a book study of Philippians. Please join the group in Room H on the 2nd floor of the Education Building at 10:10 a.m.