

# The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## Pancake Day is Coming to St. Mark's !



Hungry for food and caring relationships? Forget the local diners if you're craving breakfast for dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:00P.M. On Shrove Tuesday, widely known as Pancake Day, the Men of St. Mark's will be serving hot-and-fresh pancakes, sausage and bacon. Come feast and celebrate "Fat Tuesday"!!

This free supper will be served to the community at 7615 FM 762 in Richmond. Donations accepted.

For more information call 281-545-1661 or visit [www.stmarksfortbend.org](http://www.stmarksfortbend.org)




## The Samuelson Family's Gingerbread Cookie Recipe



½ cup butter, softened  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup molasses  
1 egg  
2 ½ cups flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
1 rounded teaspoon cinnamon  
1 rounded teaspoon ginger  
½ teaspoon cloves

Cream together butter, sugar and molasses, and then beat in egg. Combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl and add to creamed mixture. Mix well at low speed of mixer. Divide dough in half, and wrap each in a piece of plastic wrap. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Roll each piece to ¼ inch thickness on floured parchment paper, and cut into heart  shapes. Decorate with raisins, currents, cherries and/or candy. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in 350 degrees oven.

**Plan on making gingerbread heart cookies with your family this February 14<sup>th</sup> !**



The loving family of Fairis and Frances Samuelson follows their tradition of making gingerbread cookies together.



## A Gathering of Men:

### Draw Closer to the Love of God and Each Other



The Men of St. Mark's will be gathering for a weekend of recreation, food, and fresh Bible teaching all designed with men in mind. This will be **your** time to enjoy what you like to do with friends.

**Date & Time:** Friday night, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday morning, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, returning to St. Mark's for the 11:15 A.M. worship service

**Place:** The Leaman Ranch in Eagle Lake

**Who:** All men and young men of St. Mark's

**Cost:** No fees!

Please sign up so we know how much manly food to get. Some great eating will be happening. Come to a relaxing atmosphere where new friendships will be formed and old friendships will be deepened. Come connect with God through fun, rest and manly discussions.

## February Dates to Know

- **Feb. 6-7** Friday & Saturday: 166<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Diocesan Council at The Woodlands Marriott Hotel & Convention Center Sunday: The Bishop (Harrison) is Coming! 11:15A.M. worship service with reception to follow
- **Feb. 15** Tuesday: Pancake Day at St. Mark's (Shrove Tuesday) – 6:00P.M.
- **Feb. 17** Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Services at 6:00A.M., 12:00P.M., and 7:30P.M.
- **Feb. 18** Friday-Sunday: A Gathering of Men at the Leaman Ranch
- **Feb. 20-21** Tuesday: Vestry Meeting – 6:30P.M.
- **Feb. 24** Wednesday: Evening Lenten series begins with Calvary Episcopal Church; Soup/salad, learning, & worship
- **Feb. 25**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13:34***



# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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## THE BISHOP IS COMING!



On Sunday, February 15 Bishop Suffragan Dena A. Harrison will be with us to lead us in worship at 11:15A.M. This day will be a wonderful one, as she will confirm both youth and adults. Confirmation is a pastoral rite in The Episcopal Church which is defined in The Book of Common Prayer as “a nature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism”. At Confirmation, individuals receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop, thereby affirming their own faith and visibly connecting to the broader Body of Christ.

Bishop Harrison serves as Regional Bishop in the West Region of the Diocese, overseeing pastoral and administrative needs in the region. She is the Executive for Ministry, overseeing the Commission on Ministry and the ordination process. She is also the Executive for World Mission, and nationally, she serves on the board of Episcopal Relief & Development and on the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Everyone is invited to attend a celebratory reception following our 11:15A.M. worship service. Come show Bishop Harrison St. Mark's well-known gracious hospitality!

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. *1 Corinthians 13: 4-8*