

St. Mark's Church Family Happenings....



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Your Elected Vestry for 2014

In the Episcopal Church the Vestry is a body of lay members elected by the parish to manage the secular or temporal business of the parish. The Vestry includes the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and in our church, five other lay ministers. The Senior Warden is the chief legal official of the church and has authority in legal and financial matters. The Junior Warden is responsible for the building and maintenance and also is an assistant to the Senior Warden. The role of the Rector is to preside at Vestry meetings. Your Vestry members are your official representatives and want to hear from you with questions, ideas, and feedback.



From left to right: Chris Abbott, Susan Pinter, Ruthie Hurta, Lee Leaman (Senior Warden), Fairis Samuelson (Junior Warden), Barbara Scheibner, and Sarah Peters.

St. Mark's Dinner Groups are Launched!

St. Mark's is excited to announce the start of a new Dinner Group Ministry that will get members connected to others in a small group setting of eight to twelve members. Dinner groups will meet once a month at a host's home and occasionally go to a restaurant if agreed upon. These groups will allow for fellowship times of food and fun, time for prayer and testimony, and meaningful Christian discussion. For any questions, contact Melissa Hamon at the church office or email at mhamon@stmarksfortbend.org.



Welcome New Church Members!



Jennifer & Greg Kirkland with Grey & Delores Baldwin



Romesh, Tania and Daniel Draviam

At the Newcomer Event, our new friends shared why they have chosen St. Mark's as their church home. The Baldwins said "the peaceful feeling of belonging" and the fact that this church "feels like home". The Kirklands shared that St. Mark's "felt like a great fit" and that "it feels right". The Draviam's "love the people and the sermons" and "feel comfortable here". The entire church is excited to have these families join this body of Christ!

Luke wrote a Gospel, but do you know the other "best seller" that he wrote?

Did you know that Luke was a doctor? Do you know why the Book of Acts got its title? Do you know about Lydia and Silas? If you don't have these answers, then attend the Adult Christian Formation classes led by Rob Hamon every Sunday at 8:45 am. Rhonda Yamauchi says that "at each Bible study class, I find another piece of the puzzle that fits. I come away from every class with a clearer picture".



Rob Hamon





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Come Celebrate Eastertide with Us



Frank D'Antuono and his grandson, Tyler Mac Townsend, celebrate singing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"



The Lenten fish fry kitchen crew included Bettegene Coyle and Ruthie Hurta with Jeanne Reaves.



In May the St. Mark's church family celebrates Eastertide, the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Many think of Easter as a one-day affair of new clothes, jubilant hymns, and Easter egg hunts. In fact, Easter is a seven-week season in the church year, a time of spiritual growth, celebration of the resurrection of Christ, and finding deeper intimacy with God. The implications of the resurrection are more than we can adequately contemplate in one day. Eastertide gives us an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the wondrous meaning of the resurrection of Christ.

As you celebrate the joyful season of Eastertide, say this prayer of Easter from *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 225.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.