



..Growing in Grace...

GROUNDBREAKING NEWS!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Issue 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH: COME CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE!

Groundbreaking Service

Scripture teaches us that Christ is the rock of ages and the foundation and cornerstone of our lives. With this truth in mind, we will join together in the construction of our new Education/Preschool Building by digging where its foundation will be placed. Everyone is invited to join in the "turning of the first sod" at the building site during St. Mark's official Groundbreaking Celebration on Sunday, April 7th.

A special worship service anticipating the groundbreaking will be held at 10AM. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held outdoors at 11AM, followed by a barbecue lunch reception. Childcare and a special lunch for children will be provided for young children in the nursery from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



The Vision: New Education Building

Shovel Contest

Have you ever seen a decorated garden shovel??? Come to our groundbreaking and enter your own special shovel in St. Mark's World Championship of Shovels!

Trophies will be awarded in four categories:

- Biggest shovel
- Smallest shovel
- Best decorated shovel
- Best representation of one or more of St. Mark's core values (Gracious, Rooted, Authentic, Christ-centered, Empowered)



Building Committee looking at the architectural design plans...

LEADERS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION BUILDING SUCCESS

Building Committee

Many people have been involved in bringing us to the point where our new Education/Preschool Building is becoming a reality. The vision has been cast. The drawings are done. Funds have been raised, and now the long-awaited building construction will begin. The St. Mark's Building Committee is now charged with providing the overall leadership during our building's construction. Members of the Committee are Lee Leaman (Chair), Mat Coyle (Chief Supervisor), Dwayne Dawlearn (Supervisor), Dorothy Dawlearn, Rob Hamon, Jan Leaman, Jeannie Reaves, and Barbara Scheibner.

St. Mark's Preschool Board

In the fall of 2014, St. Mark's Preschool will open for students ages 2, 3 and 4-years-old. The newly-formed Preschool Board will oversee accreditation, policies and procedures, and curriculum development rooted in the Episcopal Church. Members of the Board include The Rev. Bert Baetz (Ex-officio Chair), Kim Janke, Janice Knight, Executive Director of Lamar Educational Awards Foundation, Jan Leaman, and Jeannie Reaves.

Growing in Grace Follow-Up Committee

The goal of the Follow-Up Team will be to keep you informed about the progress of the Capital Stewardship Campaign and about the construction of our new building. Communication with you is the utmost priority, as well as offering special events related to building progress. Members of this team include Benno and Barbara Scheibner (Follow-Up Directors), Bill and Chris Abbott, John and Kathy Barzilla, and Rhonda Yamauchi.

Your Role

Please pray asking God to give these groups wisdom, direction and strength in accomplishing their missions. When you have questions, ideas, or opinions, please find one of these committee members and share what's on your mind. These endeavors will be a great walk of faith as we look to God to lead us. Please walk by faith with us.



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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Honor the Lord with
your wealth and
with the first fruits
of all your produce;
then your barns will
be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be
bursting with wine.**

Proverbs 3: 9-10



PROGRESS TO DATE

Total Number of Pledges:
45
Amount of Capital Campaign Pledges:
\$496,000
Total pledge Contribution:
\$270,643.45
Amount Given Not Pledged:
\$3,510
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:
\$274,153.45

PROGRESS THIS MONTH

Total Contribution:
\$26,303.12
New Pledges This Month:
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EXPENSES

Expenses this month:
\$6,270.36

Expenses Year To Date:
\$40,246.75



With Thanks....

St. Mark's gives thanks to God for all its members who so generously committed funds to the capital stewardship campaign. We, the people of God, have come together to build a place of learning in which thousands of people will be influenced and the young leaders of the future will be nurtured.