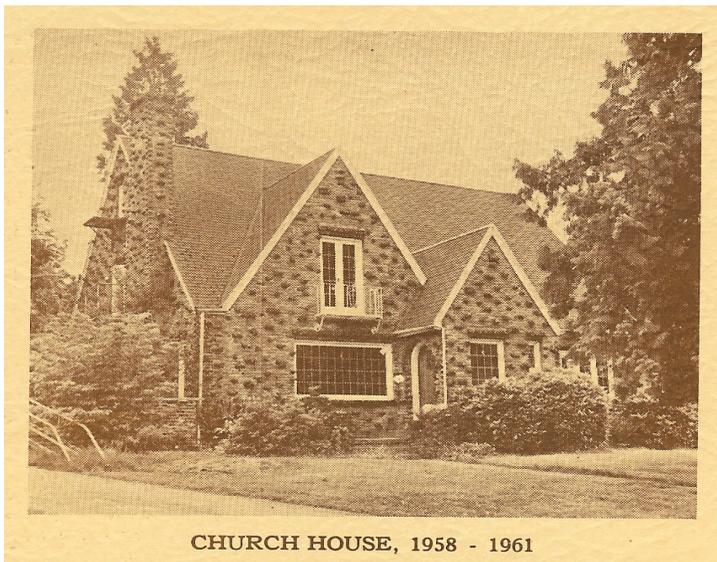


Palatine Hill/St. Mark Presbyterian Church History 1946-2006





St. Mark Church on Terwilliger Blvd, 2006

Palatine Hill/St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Charter Members

Joining on April 26, 1946

William and Nelda Lockwood
Donald E. and Margaret Fowler
Upton and Elizabeth Bickford
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bjorklund
C. A. and Edith Pyl
Robert C. Pyl
Dolores Pyl
Evelyn Sparlin
Raymond S. and Lucille Thompson
Valentine Dost
Mrs. Edward F. Baer
Walter and Florence Ango
Dallas and Rita Dennis
Adeline Dennis
Harold and Hermie Schegelemilch

Also joining in 1946

Nancy Schegelemilch
Neil Schegelemilch
James and Mary Sim
Mabel Sim
Helen Jensen
Lucina Marie Byrd

Joining in 1947

Marcella Horton Marich
Grayce Ransom
Volney and Maurine Faw
George and June Cape
Elvin Jackson
Donald and Kathleen Thomas
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Dewey
James and Denise Kildall
Mrs. Carl Rice
Yvonne McCauley
Mr. and Mrs. John Herron
George Murray
Virginia Murray Chaney

Palatine Hill/St. Mark Presbyterian Church Pastors

O. LeRoy Walter	April 1946 - Nov. 1946
John E. Ransom	Nov. 1946 - Jan. 1949
Fitzhugh J. Dodson	Nov. 1949 - Aug. 1951
Robert E. Rumer	Oct. 1951 - July 1958
Sydney Walker (Stated Supply)	Sept. 1958 - Dec. 1958
Samuel D. Crothers	May 1959 - Sept. 1960
Noble Mason Streeter	April 1961 - Dec. 1967
William B. Gamble (Stated Supply)	Feb. 1968 - June 1968
Richard L. Rohrbaugh	June 1968 - Aug. 1977
Patty Holt (Adm. Assistant)	Aug. 1977 - June 1978
William Green Tacey	June 1978 - Oct. 1980
Gail Michele Snodgrass (Assistant Pastor)	Jan 1978
John Anderson (Elected Pastor Emeritus)	Dec 1980
David Van Dyke (Stated Supply)	March 1981 -
Philip Park	April 1982 – August 31, 1987
Albert (Jack) Chan (Interim Pastor)	1987 - Aug, 1988

Joanne Cecelia Sizoo	Sept 88 – Aug, 1994
Chris Lieberman (Interim Pastor)	Nov 1994 – Aug 6, 1995
Bruce Cameron (Temporary Supply)	Feb-Aug 1996
David C. Lee	Aug. 1996 – Oct 1, 1999
Douglas Counsel (Stated Supply)	Jan 1, 2000 - Sept 2003
Barbara Campbell	Oct 2003 – present (2006)

Part One - 1946 - 1968

Part one compiled by Rita A. Leonard
(from church bulletins and other church records)

St. Mark Presbyterian Church has its roots in Lewis & Clark College, and as the Palatine Hill Presbyterian Church, met in the Copeland Memorial Chapel. In 1945, a new site was selected for the congregation. Five acres and a house were purchased at 10722 SW Boones Ferry Road at a cost of \$31,100. Volunteers were requested, and work was begun on a summer program. According to records, Rev. George Milne was in charge of our pulpit supply. Many notes in the church records reflect the history and concerns of the times.

1946

In 1946, Dr. O. LeRoy Walter, Executive Secretary of the Synod of Oregon, became the acting minister. On April 28th, 1946, the new church was organized officially as a Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. with 23 Charter members. (See List*) News articles indicate that on November 17, 1946, The Rev. John E. Ransom from Detroit, Michigan, was installed formally as pastor of Palatine Hill Presbyterian Church, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road. His moving and candidating expenses were listed at \$1,152.98.

Steering Committee members met regularly in homes, planning programs and budgets, and auditing pledges. "The Parish News" first appears in January, 1946, with such notes as: March 6 "First Party; 62 came. Now 59 in Church School. March 20 "Dr. Walter in Idaho, helping raise (a national goal of) \$27,000,000 for the Restoration Fund, slated for post-WW II efforts in Europe and Asia. Rev. William Easson served during the summer. The budget outlined \$225/month for operations and \$125/month for the minister. Pledges reached \$1,871 by June.

1947

The vigorous congregation spent 1947 growing programs. The Men's Activity program was founded, a Cradle Roll and Nursery School was begun, and the Women's Association coordinated Sunday School. Vacation Bible School was a joint venture

with Collins View Evangelical Church. The Women's Association's main fund-raiser was a snack counter at Lewis & Clark College, and a November Bazaar which brought in over \$200.

News from 1947 included: development of a Church Nursery, securing Vacation Church School craft supplies, and mention of a new camp, Camp Wyeth, located 50 miles east along the Columbia River. New altarpieces were presented in memory of W. D. Horton. World Service contributions included: one dress and one bathrobe sent to the Haines House in Alaska, and used baby clothing was requested to be sent to needy families in Greece.

Budget notes from 1947 shed a light on finances of the times. These include a January paper drive (6,700 pounds) that brought in \$54.06. The March 6 bank balance was listed as \$179.36, and on March 31, 75 hymnals were purchased for \$74.65. The April 4 budget "for unexpected demands" was only \$1.10; Custodian's salary was \$12.50/week; and the Organist's salary was \$5/week. The Women's Association contributed \$20 for a church sign.

1948

By 1948, the church listed a membership of 50, and finances were on solid ground. The projected annual budget was estimated between \$3,484 and \$4,784. The Palatine Reorganization Plan (now including Trustee representation) installed church signs and prepared Articles of Incorporation. Parking lot construction was completed near the chapel, and fire insurance was secured. A \$500 treasury bond was purchased, and the building fund was transformed into a savings account.

The 23-member Women's Association continued regular support for the church. Several clothing donations were sent to Haines House, Alaska and to Greece, and women's sewing meetings were held every Thursday. Sunday School supplies included purchase of furniture (\$15) and a piano (\$95). Church School teachers were offered training through a "sound movie and display of materials."

A historical note from June gave thanks for flood relief for the disastrous Vanport Flood. Several truckloads of food and clothing and \$1,219 were donated to flood victims. Church notes detail fellowship suppers and Lewis & Clark student music

participation. There were also notes on newcomers, members ill or injured, and those returning from vacation. On December 12, 1948, the Rev. Ransom announced his resignation for January 1949, whereupon he would become Minister of Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

1949

In 1949, the church participated in the “Executive Meeting of the Portland Presbyterial”, held at First Presbyterian Church in February. Children’s services begin to be noted in Sunday programs, and the Women’s Association was busy organizing social programs and Church School.

In July of 1949, the congregation unanimously voted to call Rev. E. C. Raue as their first fulltime pastor. In August, Dr. O’Dell, President of Lewis & Clark College, offered a lot for the pastor’s manse among the college faculty plots.

In October 1949, charismatic pastor-elect Rev. Fitzhugh J. Dodson, Jr., led a spirited discussion of C. S. Lewis’s “The Screwtape Letters.” With excellent credentials from Johns Hopkins U., Yale Divinity School, and Union Theological seminary in NYC, Rev. Dodson pledged to establish a weekly adult discussion group and “do things in an unorthodox way.”

Trained in journalism, TV & radio, Dodson was eager to develop informative youth discussions and reach out to people outside the church through radio. The year had a successful financial slate, increasing donations to the Benevolence Fund and also to the Lewis & Clark Building Fund.

1950

The year 1950 began with ten ambitious goals for increasing membership, pledges, and social and educational programs, including a Men’s Fellowship Quarterly. Activities for young people were promoted, including “mixer” parties, a radio program, and a new Vacation Church School program taught by the PCUSA-endorsed Leadership Training School for the Northwest, one of only twelve such programs in the nation.

Rev. Dodson initiated sermons based upon topics sent in by the community, such as predestination, the spread of Communism, and a psychologist's look at the Lord's Prayer. The Church School had grown to 75 students, and the Superintendent noted that the Sunday School Convention of Portland had dubbed them "The fastest-growing Church School in Portland."

In July, the Board discussed housing for Rev. Dodson and made plans to ask Dr. O'Dell for a church. In November there were discussions with an architect for developing manse plans, and by the end of the year, pledges had increased to 85% of goal, "Our Best Year Ever."

1951

The Church focus in 1951 centered on selecting a new pastor, building a manse, publicity, and improvements to the chapel and Christian education. Rev. Dodson's "Report to Church Investors" listed a doubling of numbers in Sunday attendance, budget, and benevolence. Church School enrollment was 186. Adult Christian education was provided through Dr. Anderson's Sunday Bible Class. A plan for a direct-mail campaign to the community was allotted about half as much in the budget as for the pastor and the manse.

The Women's Assn. continued with an active program, raising money through progressive lunches, pastry and cookbook sales. Mission work involved sending used clothing to Korea and gauze bandages to the Philippines. In August, the Rev. Robert E. Rumer of Fargo, ND, was recommended for the new pastor's position. His proposed salary was raised from \$3,600/year to \$4,400/year. Rev. Rumer was installed on 10-7-51, Worldwide Communion Day.

The Board of Trustees recommended sending a copy of *Presbytery Life* magazine to each member home, as well as decorative improvements to the chapel and altar. In addition, the board suggested the formation of a Church Library, setting the stage for professionalism into the second half of the century.

1952

Global concerns this year addressed the Korean War (1950-53) and fears about the spread of Communism. There was much discussion of "needed revisions in the

election process,” and political liberals described as “pink” were said to have pro-Communist views that promoted ignoring God.

Church School grades first to sixth studied Christianity in Latin America, and a March Fellowship dinner had a Fiesta theme. In June, the congregation approved architectural plans for a \$21,000 two-story manse/meeting place as an investment in the future of the church. Finances were in the black, but parishioners scrambled for last-minute funds for construction loans.

The Church Library promoted several new inspirational biographies. Over 100 members attended the July family picnic, and there was a waiting list for Vacation Church School. In September, the congregation voted to purchase a three-bedroom home and garage at 9535 SW 2nd Ave. for a parsonage. Cost was \$12,000.

An October potluck featured the “sound motion picture” *More For Peace*, about a Korean War veteran. The Oct 19 Sunday program indicated that the morning’s Hymn of Praise was “the only one in the hymnal from a Jewish source.” The Oct 28 issue of *The Good News* mentioned working for “the moral welfare of the whole community” by trying to outlaw gambling.

November news indicated that Rev. Dodson had relocated to Los Angeles for work and study; a church school mitten tree was stocked for overseas relief; and 398 pounds of food had been mailed to Korea “as an expression of faith and love.” National concerns were evident in the listing of “Worldwide Bible Readings” as a comfort to families with active servicemen.

In December, members were encouraged to attend a Lewis & Clark College play about the last years of Jesus’ life. They were also encouraged to purchase “seals” to help the prevention of tuberculosis; and also asked to send used toys to the Fire Department Toy & Joy Makers to help those less fortunate. Finally, it was noted that Kathryn Stafford, daughter of Lewis & Clark English Professor William Stafford, had become a newcomer in the Church.

1953

Rev. Rumer continued to lead church growth. The Fellowship Committee suggested locating facilities off campus, “so as not to be so dependent on Lewis & Clark College for monthly space.” Worship Committee goals included increasing Choir size, selection of favorite congregational hymns, and a broader responsibility for service flowers.

Overseas relief and interest in world affairs was reflected in continued shipment of clothing overseas, a guest preacher from Mexico, slide show on military service in Japan, a film about Africa, and a Thank You letter from a Korean missionary. In Feb. there was a request to help Holland, which had suffered “their worst flood in 500 years.” Donations were also sent to European and P.O.W. Aid, Korea, Okinawa, India-Pakistan, the Near East, Jamaica, and Columbia, among others.

March notes indicated that “a current wave of illness” limited turnout for church activities. Church School had a roll of 237, and pledges totaled \$6,600. The Women’s Assn. continued to sponsor the Church Nursery and Altar flowers, and sent a Christmas food box to the Nez Perce Indians in WA. Money from fundraisers was donated to the YWCA and the Manse Fund. Even the Men’s activities increased, as they built Church School furniture and prepared the manse kitchen for installation of automatic washers.

Local concerns mentioned a lecture series on the problems of alcohol and a public meeting at the Civic Auditorium on the separation of Church & State. Vacation Church School this year was opened up to all children in the Portland area.

1954

Notes from Jan. & Feb. noted a focus on Youth Services, and alluded to “an impromptu service” due to “The big snow.” Post WW II concerns still affected the Church. A focus on Early American goals noted that Christian Church Colleges “may be (our) greatest assurance” against the fear of communism. Fifty new Christian books were added to the Church Library, and members were encouraged to borrow these for summer reading.

In June, Church School promotions were noted, with Primary children awarded bibles for over 75% attendance and memory work. James H. Ashworth celebrated his 80th birthday. Salaries budgeted \$360-488 for the Organist, \$300-322 for Choir Director, and \$4,200 annually for the Pastor.

October was busy with Laymen's Sunday, a Jr. High UNICEF drive for Halloween, and a sermon on "Christian Responsibility in a Chaotic World". Choir Director Priscilla West was chosen Homecoming Queen at Lewis & Clark, and Rev. Rumer taught his first college class there on "Methods in Teaching Religion". Prayers were offered for a 1st grade Church member who had been stricken with polio.

1955

January notes membership at 150, with 193 children and Youth in regular attendance. Goals included deepening spiritual roots, organizing a young married couples club, and establishing a Building Fund, since Lewis & Clark Trustees turned down a request to build a church school and sanctuary on the campus.

The first Board of Deacons was elected, and meetings of Mothers of Preschoolers and the Senior High Fellowship were featured. The Church noted with pride that all bills were paid in full. Interest was stirred in supporting the Church Board of Pensions, since it was noted that retirement homes for ministers & widows served only 87, with a need for over 5,000! The average pension paid to retired ministers was noted as "less than \$600/year".

Projected goals for 1956 included: more member participation and home bible study; 10th Anniversary Celebration, and development of a membership directory. A bush was made to secure a building site and plans, purchase Audio-Visual equipment for the Church School, and establish an Altar Committee.

Service work promoted women's sewing and a continuation of clothing donations; a Heifers-For-Relief project; and supporting Manse work parties and small group meetings.

1956

This was a pivotal year in the life of the Palatine Hill Presbyterian Church. Their 10th Anniversary coincided with a series of Sunday bulletins detailing the history of the Presbytery in America (founded in 1706 in Philadelphia by the Rev. Francis Makemie and 6 other ministers).

A church planning worksheet for 1952-1957 detailed 11 ambitious goals for growth, including increasing programs and benevolence. Year-round visitation evangelism and direct mail advertising indicated outreach in the community. Plans were also made for a manse-building committee & fund, a youth budget, and a Men's Quarterly Fellowship group.

A history of PHPC's first decade (*see addition) and a membership directory were enclosed with the April programs. A special meeting was called for May 6 to act on a recommendation to obtain a church site on SW Terwilliger Blvd.

A letter from Dr. Odell dated 10-12-54 was attached to the planning worksheet (*see insert). This letter suggested that Lewis & Clark College could not accommodate further growth of the church and a new Sunday School building on campus, but would support the church locating to a nearby site. Some confusion of dates in May & June of 1956 showed an excitement in moving and a new sense of purpose for the church. New members were anticipated from the Oswego area, and a first meeting of "Fellowship Couples" offered a new social outlet for church members.

On May 8, a \$528 Thank-offering was dedicated to the new building fund, and a unanimous vote pledged to relocate the church on a three acre site on the west side of Terwilliger Blvd near the county line. By the end of May, plans were made to find a Director of Fundraising for the new building.

Other May news included a youth car wash to raise funds for a Korean orphan, a Men's Fellowship Sports Night instead of dinner, and further interest in world missions (Mayans, Native Americans, and Africans) through films, speakers, and recommended articles from *Presbyterian Life* magazine.

On June 5, Lewis & Clark ministerial student Bob Adkins, a KEX disc jockey, was welcomed to preach later in the month. Plans were made for Vacation Church School leadership training. George Bedell, who would arrive on Sept. 10, was welcomed as Director of the Building Funds Campaign.

A “Good News Extra” dated June 1 noted “We’re moving from the Lewis & Clark College campus to our New Church on its 5-acre site at 10722 SW Boones Ferry Road.” First service was scheduled for June 8, “in the chapel on the main floor of the house which will contain the entire program of the congregation until a sanctuary can be constructed” nearby.

Other notes around this time indicate, “By order of the Session, a special meeting is called for June 15 to consider the resignation of the pastor.” There was also notice of a Festival of Faith June 25 for Presbyterians United to merge 2 denominations into the PC, USA. Clearly, this was a time of great activity. A June service recognized over 50 Sunday School promotions, a Senior High report on a summer conference at Menucha, and the eldest church worshiper honored at his 82nd birthday.

A great bustle of plans and activities noted in the summer of 1956 highlights the excitement of a move and financing of the new building. In mid-June, “a Committee on Church Extension voted to investigate financial assistance to obtain property to locate a church in Oswego¹. Our Board of National Missions (has \$5.5 million) to help potentially strong but churchless congregations construct their first units.”

This note foreshadows the upcoming conundrum wherein PHPC appears “too established” to merit funding as a “new church”, necessitating the eventual name change to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, in order to secure funding from the National Board.

1957

A letter dated 11-26-1957 from Building Fund Committee Chairman Gerald Morgan to John Anderson indicates: “We now have a church home of our own”, meaning the Eisamen property and 5 acres. “This attractive English-style brick structure will welcome individual classrooms which will remain intact from Sunday to Sunday.” The property also included area for Association meetings, a kitchen, and

“our own church office and ample parking”. There was next a great bustle of fundraising activity. On December 16, a letter from the Board of National Missions to Rev. Rumer revolved around a check for \$3,000 to be used as down payment for a Manse.

1958

January through May church services were still held in Copeland Chapel of Lewis & Clark College campus. The congregation was characterized as “a church of young families, with church school enrollment of 195. Indications of family mobility were noted, as the automobile and new job opportunities created a more fluid congregation.

In a note from May 1958, Sunday School education and Association meetings were still a high priority of the PHPC congregation. Boy Scouts, Youth groups, and a Mariner’s Group showed continued expansion of church programs. The Mariners Group pledged to make new blackboards for the classrooms in the new, off-campus brick structure secured by the church.

1959

A note from January 1959 says, “Since our move off-campus, Sunday School attendance has remained near constant, in spite of being without a pastor for some time.” Already there was some overcrowding, and new committees significantly included a Remodeling/Furnishing Committee and a Financial Committee, with a view toward “moving to the site on SW Boones Ferry Road.” The Goal set was \$34,000.

Programs from March 8, 1959, indicate that Samuel D. Crothers was called as Minister. There was continued discussion of the needs and history of PHPC in this particular area of the Presbytery, due to frustrations with being active for such a long time without their own church building. Notes on Sept. 15, 1959, by H. A. Armitage, indicate the congregation had met at the Boones Ferry Road site for one and a half years. “The Congregation also owes \$7,444. on a Manse purchased for \$12,000. It is of interest that during the thirteen years of its history, this congregation has received no funds from our National Board, the Presbytery, nor the Synod for the purchase of land or buildings except for a grant mortgage from the National Board toward the purchase of the Manse.”

Further, this record “achieved under difficult and discouraging conditions, indicates a commendable spirit and a dogged refusal to be stymied or defeated. That is still the spirit of this group of Christian people, but they need help, financial help, and that quickly. We feel this help should be not less than the same measure as is usually given to new congregations. If we are unable to provide this aid, it is highly probably that the presbytery will have to dissolve the congregation (this) would be tragic, indeed.”

Notes from the Strategy Committee dated Aug 18, 1959 say, “Mr. Carruthers, the pastor, (said) that it is the considered judgment of the session and congregation that there must be a change in location; possibly a dissolution of the congregation and a reorganization under a new name; also sufficient financial aid provided to make possible an adequate plant if the work in this area is to continue. Such a plan involves the sale of the residence in which the congregation has met for the past two and a half years with the five acres of land attached and the purchase of a new site.”

Apparently, since PHPC had been in existence for thirteen years, it no longer qualified as a “new church” when requesting financial assistance. **This is the point at which a name change was considered, in order to qualify the “newly-named church” for “new building funds.”** Notes from an architect around this time indicate the desire to build a combination sanctuary and student apartment complex at the new site, in order to accommodate Lewis & Clark students nearby.

1960

Three small historic photos at the front of the 1960 file show: 1. A bare lot and sign; “New Site of St. Mark Presbyterian Church,” 2. An aerial view of an architect’s 3-D mock-up of the sanctuary and, 3. A photo of the first couple married at St Mark: Barbara Pyl and Larry Day, with Noble Streeter acting as Pastor.

Ground-breaking for the new church was dated November 11, 1960. An attached news article from May 61 noted: “Contemporary design features indirect lighting. Dedication will be held Sept. 24. Building is first of proposed 3 units, including housing for Lewis & Clark students. The congregation of 130 will worship for the first time in the new wedge-shaped sanctuary at 9750 SW Terwilliger Blvd under leadership of Pastor Noble Streeter.” Jensen & Gilham were cited as architects of the new wooden building.

The following notes were liberally condensed from the fine compilation entitled “Beginnings and Vicissitudes, 1946-1961”: The congregation was incorporated on Jan. 11, 1948, and registered April 16, 1948. The church had 100 members, a flourishing church school, but no home. The aid from the Board of National Missions was not continued after five years; a serious blow, but the church program did not falter. The lack of permanent building was met by constructing portable chests and cupboards that could be moved from place to place.

Manse property was needed. The usual house price of \$25,000 was beyond the church’s ability. The college offered a lot on Huddleson Lane, but construction and zoning problems, as well as price, were prohibitive. The congregation finally purchased the home vacated by the Sim family for \$12,000 and put in a floor in the basement for a Youth area.

After Lewis & Clark denied the building of a separate Sunday School building in 1954, PHPC officers found themselves on their own as an independent board of trustees. Presbyterian headquarters offered a plan by Monte Brown for a name change to dissolve PHPC and move it, to make the congregation eligible for funds as a “new church”. As a result, the Presbytery optioned a plot of land just over the Clackamas Co. line. The new church would serve PHPC and Lake Grove members. When the new church was under way, PHPC would be dissolved.

This plan began to divide the congregation. A church that was slowly declining could ask no loyalty, and left the minister in an awkward situation. Oswego City zoning regulations adversely affected the Board’s loan, so the entire plan was dropped. Next, the congregation explored purchase of the Franklin property on Boone’s Ferry Road. By 1957, Pastor Rumer reported that these constant changes were adversely affecting the future of the church.

With the acquisition of the Franklin property & five acres, the men of the church began working regularly to remodel basement, partitions, and heating units so the brick building could accommodate 100 church school children. A Conn organ was purchased with a gift of \$500 from Mrs. John Anderson’s mother, and other gifts were acquired. For the first time, this church family had a home. The Session planned to

occupy the house, pay on the property, and eventually seek a building loan for a sanctuary.

The occupancy of the building came in June, the last month of Mr. Rumer's pastorate. Interim Pastor Sydney A. Walker kept the work going. Services were held in the living-room, membership and choir participation increased. In May 1959, Samuel D. Crothers began his short pastorate. Mr. Crothers and church officers approached Presbytery. They were told that loans and grants were designated for new churches; old church loans had to be matched by the congregation. The church could not meet the old church figure with its small membership. This congregation, which had never been granted new church status, was still an orphan organization.

After much official consideration of the problem, Palatine Hill Church was granted new church status in the extension committee of Portland Presbytery. The Synod finally would make funds available. However, the Presbytery did not approve of the Boone's Ferry Site due to local land use plans. After weeks of work by Mr. Crothers and Pete Stangell of the Building Committee, the property at 19750 SW Terwilliger Blvd and the lot on SW 2nd Ave. were released from single house status to church property. The congregation was thrilled.

At the annual meeting of January 17, 1960, it was suggested to change the name "Palatine Hill" to a more distinctive Christian name, since the congregation was no longer located at Palatine Hill. Members discussed such names as Peace, Faith, John Knox, St. Luke, St Mark, & Geneva. Voting by ballot, St. Mark received a majority vote. The pastor explained that since Presbyterians do not dedicate buildings to saints, but to the glory of God, no possessive apostrophe belongs in the name. The building committee was authorized now to select an architect and proceed with plans.

The short pastorate of Samuel Crothers (resigned Sept. 30, 1960) marked a change from years of uncertainty. Palatine Hill Church, now St. Mark Presbyterian Church with a planned sanctuary, was headed for a new future. Again, Dr. Sydney Walker became Interim Pastor. The Boone's Ferry property was put up for sale, the Manse sold, and contracts on the new Sanctuary were let. New pastor Noble M. Streeter arrived in April 1961, and on July 23, 1961, the congregation began to occupy the St. Mark sanctuary. Although a few changes were introduced into the St. Mark worship

service, close connections were maintained with Lewis & Clark College, mingling students with family members of the congregation.

1961

Notes from The Good News advise that Dr. Sydney Walker gave St. Mark 100 hymnals in December of 1960. More curriculum and supplies were requested for Sunday School classes, which were still growing. Packing began on April 5 for moving and storage, preparatory to moving to the new sanctuary. An *Oregonian* news article from May 4 shows a photo of the new church during Sanctuary construction, built in a more “modern” style than traditional churches.

The Women’s Association, ever active, supported stewardship efforts in the Philippines, Native American sites in AZ and OR; gifts to the Ming Quong Home in NM, and supplies to India. There is also the first mention of meetings of “The Ransom Circle” and the “Mary Sim Circle.”

In July, the congregation looked forward with anticipation “to a wider, fuller ministry than was possible before. Memorials have been given for the Church Library and Furniture, and building needs included custodial items, a typewriter and mimeograph for the office, as well as a desire to extend the graveled parking area.” Green Stamp books were solicited for a Tea Service.

Through September 10, Sign-on and Sign-off devotionals were presented on Channel 6 and KOIN by the Rev. Noble Streeter, demonstrating the church’s increased evangelism through public media. It was noted that Lewis & Clark College Chaplain Rev. Roger Juckett had arrived in Portland with his family. Major construction of the St. Mark Sanctuary was completed from January to September, 1961. The congregation met on the Lewis & Clark campus until July 23, when the first service was held in the new building. The brick “Church House” secured earlier by PHPC, was used for educational and social purposes from 1958-1961.

The Festival of Dedication of the new St. Mark Presbyterian Church was held on Sept. 24, 1961. Historic notes indicate, “After much effort, the 2.6 acres at 9750 SW Terwilliger Blvd were purchased for the new church. The name “St. Mark” was chosen because the Gospel of Mark has been an inspiration to congregational life. The

name, without the possessive ('s) indicates that this is Christ's Church, which for identification is called St. Mark.

1962

"Planted for a Purpose" was the keynote phrase of the St. Mark Dedication ceremony. Accordingly, July plans highlighted finishing the landscaping and paving projects, and purchasing a lawnmower, fence, and building supplies. There was a renewed thrust for fundraising, and St Mark was ranked 25th in the nation among 428 churches of similar size in *per capita* giving.

Picnics and church work parties continued active within the St. Mark "family". The congregation continued to have an active interest in world affairs and causes, offering to act as sponsor to a Jordanian student for two years at Lewis & Clark College. There was expanded interest in supporting such Commissions of the Greater Portland Council of Churches as Jail and Court Ministry, Public Relations Commission, and Worship & Fine Arts Commissions. The Mariners Club continued active in service and travel.

In August, a Host Family Program was organized, since 27 new foreign students were expected soon at Lewis & Clark College campus. In recognition of the planet as a "global village," it was noted: "We are aware now that every geographical area of the world is a missionary area." The church maintained active world service programs, with the Women's Association hosting clothing drives for the United Clothing Appeal. A Halloween fund drive brought in \$85. for UNICEF.

With acquisition of the new building, much active pride was expressed in decorating and landscaping. A new church sign and lighting were installed, and much-needed drain tile was added to the grounds. Practical concerns for individual temptations in the 60s included recommendation of ten new "Sex Aid books for children and youth."

There was mention in The Good News of the Columbus Day windstorm "Frieda" of October 13 that caused postponement of the Mariners' Club Fall cruise. There was also a comment that a Choral Group rehearsal had been scheduled "The night of the earthquake." Clearly, the world was full of surprises in 1962.

1963

The Church continued active in social and civil rights concerns. In February, a petition was drawn up “to review the subject of Capital Punishment in contrast to Rehabilitation.” On November 6 there was a resolution filed to support strong Civil Rights legislation. Meanwhile, the Women’s Association continued to support World Mission efforts in Africa, focused on the plight of migrant workers, and searched for summer employment for international students.

April notes in The Good News indicate a need for student housing. Church spokesmen recommended educational TV programs to parishioners, and there was much inter-church social and service activity. The Mariners’ newsletter named Elvin and Barbara Green as historians, and there were many plans for trips and camps.

Pride in St. Mark Church showed up in thank you notes for various gifts such as shrubs, furnishings, and a donation of concrete drainage pipe for the parking area. Financial records show acquisition of drapes, candles, flowers, gloves, linens, office supplies, and other church needs. The Mariners had a “Cargo List” detailing 46 accomplishments. These included landscaping; church signs and sanctuary lighting; Christmas activities; fundraising dinners to pay for supplies and choir robes; and plans to set up a Blood Bank.

1964

In March there were meetings with an architect to design preliminary sketches for the Christian Education Building. “Our growing Church School is bursting at the seams,” said one note. The Church School budget was \$650 out of the total \$1,000 for Christian Ed. The pastor’s annual salary was listed as \$5,600. An Active Mariners’ Club schedule included publishing a church directory, complete with descriptions of “the symbols of our faith.”

Various notes from 1964, point to increased awareness of social issues. A May 13 letter to Judge Herbert Schwab asked that he take steps toward racial integration in the schools for progress toward citizenship. A note of condolence was received from Sapporo, Japan, on the death of President Kennedy. Regular prayers were offered

every week for places as varied as Indonesia, India, the Yukon, Japan, Cameroon, Egypt, Africa, etc.

The Women's Association noted Christmas card sales and a UNICEF donation of \$136 for the Milk Fund. Summer offerings supported missionaries in overseas hospitals. And more educational television programs were promoted to the congregation. When needed, the church shared parking with Collins View Grade School across the street.

A sense of church order included extensive instructions for Ushers, as well as thanks for gifts such as "Celtic crosses on our front doors, street lights, and thanks to Valentine Dost for three flowering cherry trees for our landscaping."

1965

The January Youth Sunday service featured classic 60's hymns: *Blowin' in the Wind*, *If I had a Hammer*, and *Go Tell It on the Mountain*. Weekly program notes suggested prayers for international citizens in Ecuador, Venezuela, the American South, and other places around the globe.

The Women's Association recommended that the Greater Portland Council of Churches expand the Friendship Club to include a Director, Housekeeper, and a Psychiatric Social Worker. This coincided with their outreach to Dammasch Mental Hospital, where they went to provide outreach with birthday celebrations.

October notes from the Women's Association cited clothing mended for the PTA Clothes Closet; books mended for the Highland School Library; and sewing kits made to send overseas. They also collected Green Stamps for a Friendly House station wagon.

1966

This year saw correspondence from our sister church in Sapporo, Japan. The theme for Vacation Church School was "The Church and the Wide World". There were prayers for India & Pakistani Hospitals, and for the Civil Rights movement in the southern United States. Over 300 pounds of clothing were donated to the Church

World Service. Parishioners reported much traveling, and regular biographies of church members appeared in *The Good News*.

Closer to home, the Women's Association held monthly visits and Songfests at Dammasch State Hospital, and remained active in sewing, cleaning, and sharing Christian witness. St. Markers explored inter-church relations. There were some property concerns centered on drainage problems and a neighbor's fence line adjacent to the church.

Church School enrollment was listed as 140 youth and 44 adults. Rev. Noble Streeter worked on developing midweek evening services, and gave thanks for the opportunity to attend two conferences in Germany and a trip to Italy the previous summer. The Host Family Foreign Student Program that had been started five years ago was still receiving interest, and current students ranged from Canada to Africa.

Work parties for church grounds and building, as well as the new classroom addition, continued to receive earnest support from congregational volunteers. Main projects for the future involved work on the kitchen and office areas. The Church School addition was estimated to cost \$23,216.

Interesting notes from 1966 advised: "The oldest Protestant Church in Alaska is First Church in Wrangell (est. 1879). An illuminated cross on top of the church is a landmark for vessels, and it is marked on navigational charts. This is one of 2 churches in the world so noted." Also, "Sheldon Jackson Jr. College in Sitka, Alaska enrolls about 200 students of Eskimo, Indian, and Caucasian backgrounds. John Anderson's son, Jim, is librarian here."

1967

Minister's annual salary was listed at \$9,314. A list of service organizations for outreach programs included collecting books for Asia. Arrangements were completed for our sister church in Sapporo, and there were still profiles of members printed in *The Good News*.

In March, St Mark celebrated Girl Scout Sunday, and the Women's Association helped at a Red Cross Blood Center. In April, it was noted that a couple of members

had “mono”. A new Baptismal bowl was presented in honor of Doris & Maurice Merrick’s 25th wedding anniversary. Also in April, the Greater Portland Council of Churches sponsored a Festival of the Fine Arts. World mission prayers and monthly Dammasch visits continued, although birthday parties were changed to Bingo parties, which the patients preferred.

There were more educational television programs recommended for Fall, and another Halloween UNICEF fundraiser. The year ended up with a December 31 congregational meeting to elect a Pastor-seeking Committee, since Rev. Noble Streeter was moving to Redding, CA.

1968

The unrest of the 60’s was mirrored in events at the church. Interim pastor William Gamble took over temporary leadership of the flock, while pastor Richard Rohrbaugh was expected to arrive on June 30. Member biographies continued to be printed in *The Good News*. Two meetings at the church focused on “US Policy in Asia,” and “Concerns About Viet Nam”. In September, three church members were lost in Viet Nam. In November, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield spoke on “The Church Looks at US Foreign Policy and the Draft.”

Billy Graham scheduled two Crusades in Portland; one in February, another in May. January films were offered on the topic of Drugs: *Hooked* and *LSD*. These were followed by missionary films in February. The Women’s Association hosted a flower arranging class and Patio Sale, but there was also a class given on Finances for Women. The women continued to collect clothing for the Church World Service.

While the St. Mark grounds were continually improved with plantings, herbicide spray, and applications of “sawdust,” encroaching blackberries and a colony of moles caused some problems. A Summer Crisis Program sought funds to serve children in the Albina ghetto, Hippies, street youth, and the Unemployed.

Priorities were mixed. A September Literacy Program hosted by the Women’s Association contrasted with a Folding Chair Drive and a Congregational vote to support the Tax Base Change for the Public Schools.

A list of Church Use Rules and requests to return missing office supplies indicate a greater use of the St. Mark Church building. There were also requests for volunteers for FISH emergency services, for a piano teacher, fluoride dispensers, and bus sight-seeing guides for Albina. Civil Rights issues focused interest on the plight of poor Black families, and an Albina Christmas Party was hosted for low-income children.

Part Two - 1969 - 2006

Part two compiled by Capi Reed (edited by Barbara Campbell)
from Session minutes and weekly bulletins.

“1969”

“While there is still war in Viet Nam” (11/2/69)

Sermon notables included this series on *Christian Marriage* with: *Foundations of Marriage - Monogamy - Fidelity and - Permanence* followed with *Should We Drag 'Em In By The Ear?* The entire series proved to be so popular the sermons were re-printed and offered for sale to congregation members on September 14.

Some Years It Happens, And Some Years It Don't:

“Yes” this year for a Tennebrae Service “Suggestion -- many people were reading service & not listening or ”taking it in” as they read they did not realize that candles were extinguished or resurrection candle re lit.”... Church office closed during the month of August (all church vacation)... City wide pulpit exchange sponsored by Portland Council of Churches

Notable Events:

Ecumenical Service of Christian Unity... Grounds work party: “We will continue the planting of ivy on the bank.”... Ruth & Ralph Oliver provided flowers and hosted a barbeque for C-Weeders followed with an evening of Square dancing... All Church Picnic at L & C, swimming .50 cents... Week long Vacation Church School. Students created touch recognition books for 12 children deaf and blind... **Holy Land Tour led by Dick Rohrbaugh, “tremendously exciting”**... March for Hunger... Started two

services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m... All Church Potluck... “PCC seeks private rooms with or without board.”... Youth Group roller skating .75 cents a piece... FISH Church World Clothing Drive... Pictorial Church Directories... Landscaping

Fellowship Fun:

The congregation provided support monetary and food for Trinity... Albina Summer Youth Program support... Progressive Dinner... Valentine’s Dinner... Working in the home of Pete Stangell, men worked to build tables and equipment for the kitchen... Family Thanksgiving Service... Christmas caroling with Ruth Montague at Rose Villa, followed by “goodies”... Ski Retreat at Santiam Tyee Lodge... Bunco... Operation Santa Claus for Oregon’s mental patients

“The 70’s”

Church Statistics

Membership: 218 (1977)

Average attendance in Sunday school was 68.53.

Sunday School enrollment was 175, including teachers and Senior Highs

Budget: Ranging between \$25,850.00 and \$43,461.00

Church School Director: \$50.00 per month (1974)

New Church Secretary, Edith Hiatt, paid \$4.00 per hour. (1979)

Custodian: \$60.00 per month

Total Building Expenses in 1974: \$3200.24 including lights, heat, laundry, water, sewer, phone and sanitary services.

Pastors

Rev. Dick (Richard) Rohrbaugh

Dick engaged in an effort to call on every family in the congregation, to provide theological leadership where he was able, and to encourage and draw out the talent that existed within the congregation. He expressed the desire to instill the ability to interpret the Bible as a living book for all ages, an on going history. In 1976 Dick led members of the congregation on a trip to the Holy Lands and completed his doctorate. During Pastor Rohrbaugh’s years of service, many lists of salaries, performance reviews, audits, objectives and goals were recorded in the session minutes, as in goals for each and every committee and staff members. Yearly reports summarized how

each goal was met (or not!) with a tally of the “completed” goals and a plan of action for uncompleted goals. Pastors’s salary: \$12,926.00 to \$14,920.00

Rev. Bill (William) Green Tacey

Bill and his wife hosted a Presbyterian Heritage Tour in 1979 which cost \$1898.00.

Pulpit Assistants - Just a Few, Not All!

Dr. John Anderson, Rev. Dave Buzza, Tom Castlen, Dr. David Noel Freedman who was director of Albright Institute for Archeological Research in Jerusalem, Roger Hall, Rev. Richard Hughes, Rev. John Irvine, Rev. Kathy Jeminez, Ms. Jena Johnsen, Ken Kinnear, Tim and Chou Leatherman who escaped from the city of Saigon during the final week before the takeover, Luis Oscar Londona who was Director of Literacy in Columbia, South American, Maury Merrick, Taylor Potter who was Lewis and Clark chaplain and former missionary to Thailand, Rev. Clayton Rice, Rev. Newt Roberts, Nona Shearer, Margaret Shearer, Roy Shearer (missionary in South Korea) Rev. Steve Simmons, Ken & Peggy Thomas who were missionaries in Iran, Douglas Wagoner, Chris Ward who worked with the Youth Hostel, George Watson, and Louise Watson who quoted Maggie Kuhn as saying, “I think of aging as a universal force because it happens to all of us. I believe very profoundly that it’s a celebration of life,”

Worship and Music

The congregation experimented with two services: 9:30 a.m. and an 11:00 a.m. traditional service. Youth conducted Worship services at Union Gospel Mission on the third Sunday of every month. Two Easter Services were held in 1975. In 1976 a prayer tradition began focusing on four arenas: the world, the nation, ourselves and unspoken prayers. During this time the bulletin first changed from 8 ½’ x 11” to ½ fold style on a trial basis.

Some of the highlights of worship and music during this period include a Catacomb Communion Service, the choir singing with the Oregon Symphony, the first Church Choir Retreat in 1979, A Service of *Lessons and Carols* which began during Advent in 1979, and the Men’s Choir singing a Gregorian Chant, “a capella by memory.” Favorite hymns included *The Church’s One Foundation* and *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*.

Classes and Series

The classes throughout the 70's were many and varied, showing high level of community involvement among the member of the congregations. Following is a sampling of the type of classes: ... Ballot Measure #51... Improve Portland Park... Bio Ethics... Bonehead Bible Class... Brush Up On Guitar Class... Communicant's Class... Crisis in Our Correction Facilities: Letter from Prison: St. Paul, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and M. L. King (1975) ... Death & Dying Series ... Escape from Babylon: Liberation for Middle Class Churches... Housewife Thing Discussion Group... Incorporation of Religion into the Civic Structure of the Society... Interpersonal Relations... Introduction to the New Testament (Dick Rohrbaugh's doctoral thesis – 1976)... Learn to play the Recorder Classes... Living Creatively With Your Teenager... Life Cycle... Living With Death – Multi Media Approach... Movie Night – *Fahrenheit 451* - Sy-fi & Symbolism... Native American/Latin American/Black Theology... Nuclear Safety ... Roots of Our Heritage: The American Experience (John Anderson)... Russian Orthodoxy... Sacred Clown Visit (Southminster Presbyterian Church)... Talent & Hobby Night... Torment to Freedom: Exodus in the Human Experience... Use of Religion to Legitimate the Status Quo... Visitation Day

The St. Mark “Yard”

“Weeders Welcome.” A recurring theme presented itself in the need for either a new lawn mower or lawn mower repair. At one point, the problem was solved by simply “renting” a lawn mower. New grounds plantings included: 13 Juniper, 25 Cypress, and 29 Cotoneasters on the upper bank. A “beautiful clump of Timber Bamboo” was planted in the middle of the lower courtyard. Paid grounds maintenance service was considered! Grass Cutting Fee: \$50.00 (to date on June 13, 1978)

The St. Mark “Building(s)”

1972 The south and west walls of the church began to leak and had “to be replaced.” Ben Jarrett took on the job as well as volunteering the labor to paint the remainder of the church. Painting was ongoing activity.

Logistical Information

A year's lease was signed with Ron and Gerald Drascich for use of premises at 8366 SW 23rd Ave. for \$900. (House Church?) Two lots were sold by the church to provide funds for black topping the parking lot. Legal action was required to secure replacement of the “ruined parking lot.” (1978) A contractor, without permission,

unloaded a very large piece of building/excavating machinery in the upper parking lot, then attempted to reposition it, destroying the surface of the lot then disclaiming responsibility.

Martha Montague Estate – An ad hoc committee was formed to finalize the disposition of \$10,000.00 that Martha left to the church: under consideration were new bathrooms and a narthex expansion. (1979)

Special Events

- ! Children in K-8th grades traveled to Wilsonville to film the nativity story in costume with live sheep, cattle and other animals. The film was presented the following Sunday evening for the congregation.
- ! St. Mark Church and Society Committee approved a request from Presbytery to take a stand for the repeal of the 1950 Emergency Detection Act, encouraged members to write to Hanoi asking for the humane treatment of all prisoners, and informed the congregation of the GA position on conscientious objectors, and issues involved in the Vietnam War.
- ! Sexuality report released, a two year study by the General Assembly Task Force appointed to study homosexuality. (1978)
- ! The Women's Association solicited clothing for victims of the earthquake in Peru. A "Planning Committee" was instituted to prepare both long and short-range goals for St. Mark. Their recommendations were to encourage small group fellowships, eliminate the deacon structure, and reorganize the session. All the suggestions were accepted by session.
- ! Seminary student, Darrell Lynn, was available to work through "Cluster Nine" with several small churches, including St. Mark.

Other Events: Bible Presentations... Camp Colton... Vacation Church School... Joint Youth meetings with Trinity Presbyterian Church... Church School Celebrations
Circulating Tape Library... *For Heaven's Sake* Musical... Friendship Committee
Godspell at the Paramount Theatre... Gray Panthers... Halloween Parties... Hanging of the Greens... Housing provided for a year for a blind, diabetic woman attending PCC... Lenten Family Groups... Life Alternatives Group... Loatian Refugee Family support... Men's Retreat, Cardai Hill, WA and at Trail Club Lodge, Mt. Hood... Ministry to Persons... Mt. Hood Climb... Mt. St. Helens Climb with Ron Hawkins

Nuclear War Amendment to SALT II Treaty Discussion... One Great Hour of Sharing Pentecost Celebrations... Rummage Sales... Aid to Chilean refugees (1977)... Santiam Lodge Retreats... Camps and Hikes... Seder Services... Scouting Projects... Tryon Creek State Park Hikes... Women's Retreat, Cardai Hill, WA... & Work Days.

Programs and Missions

A new mission-consciousness on the part of the congregation was made manifest in symptoms of being turned-on, involved, compassionate, and sacrificing. The youth Hostel was the biggest single project of the year (1972), directed by Chris Ward, and administered by a special committee of the Southwest Community Action Council. Each season, the hostel served about 1100 people, 2/3 of which were male. Average stay at the hostel was two days. Support was provided by Presbytery of the Cascades (\$5,000) with the remainder from individual churches and St. Mark. The 18 member staff was evaluated in 1977 and congregational support was to continue for two more years. (SW Community Hostel eventually sent a note to the St. Mark Mission committee announcing the Hostel's closing date of August 27, 1978.) Mission support continued to be of utmost concern:

“funding for mission will be paid quarterly to put it ahead of the other church expenses such as the electric bills.”

More Mission: Albina Fellowship Group... Bazaar Sale... art work from India supporting two seminarians... Cambodia Aid Relief... Dammasch Hospital ... FISH Harney County Vacation Church School (Louise Watson)... HUBCAP... Koinonia Cluster... Maranga Valley Presbyterian Church, CA, Youth Group Overnight at church... Meals On Wheels... Mission Potluck honoring Ngoc Bui, needed “everything imaginable” for a family of thirteen... Union Gospel Mission... Oregon Literacy (Laubach Literacy Program, Freeda Hartzfeld-Jones)... Outside-In Clinic... Parents United Front... Project Heifer... Rape Prevention Program... Simple Life Support Group... Tri Met, support of bus service for handicapped and elderly... Volunteers in Mission... Youth Hostel ... World Vision, 1st television special on World Hunger on KPTV channel 12. Additionally there were the many celebrations of weddings, baby showers, birthdays, baptisms, graduations, ...and on and on it went with deaths and farewells noted as well, they life cycles of a well loved church and congregation.

“The 80’s”

St. Mark “is a small, creative, theologically inquiring, congregation which seeks to express concern for its members as an extended Christian family, which tries to grow into maturity in faith, which works for social justice and which engage in mission to the community.” (1983) “Because we come from differing Christian traditions, the expression of our faith varies from member to member; yet the common bond between us is our intense desire to continue searching for god’s meaning in our lives, our community and in our time.” (1988)

Church Statistics

Membership: 1981=132, 1989=86 (57 are female)

Average Attendance: 114

Sunday school attendance: 20

Staff:

Choir Director: Carol Stewart-Smith

Seeking Christian Educator Coordinator (1981)

Church Secretaries:

Ardelle Tollman (1983), Karen Heinsch (1985), Hap Smith (1988)

Custodian: Comes and goes.

Budget Ranges: \$42,906 to \$57,900 in the mid 80’s then back to \$55, 440.97

A recurring note: “the pledge increases leave approximately a \$5,016 faith deficit.”

Per Capita: \$7.16 Congregation is asked to pay their own per capita fees in 1988.

Pastors

Rev. Bill (William) Green Tacey resigns November 15, 1980. An evaluation of pastor selection process is initiated. PNC received ninety dossiers!

David Van Dyke, Interim Pastor (1982)

Rev. Julian Philip Park called April 12, 1982, installed April 25th. Phil indicated that he wished “to meet with each committee immediately, plan systematic calling and acquaint himself with the City of Portland, the presbytery and the issues of our area.”

By October, Rev Park was asking: “Does the church wish to grow? What sense of identity does the church have?” A special session committee was appointed. Regarding mission, Phil asked that St. Mark be on “the cutting edge... ecumenical in nature, addressing community issues, relating to foreign students at Lewis and Clark and setting an example for other congregations, taking a stand and sending letters to papers.” He was on the Board of Governors of the Pacific Asian American Center for Theology and Strategy, Out Front House, Inc. (helping teens), chair of the Metropolitan Ministries Task Force and EMO Board. Phil resigned August 31, 1987. Salary: \$25,511

Rev. Jack Chan, Interim Pastor (1987 – 1988) Jack explained his view of St. Mark’s “stumbling Block” as too few members doing too much which causes us not to finish our projects....suggested prioritizing goals.” Resigned August, 1988. When asked by Session for an honest evaluation of St. Mark, Jack noted “a tendency to manage the pastor” which can squelch creativity...the past relationship between St. Mark and the Presbytery seems to block a good current working relationship.”

Rev. Joanne Sizoo, Stated Supply/Interim Pastor (1988 - 1991) When the decision was made to “pursue a plan to continue our relationship with Joanne for the next three years” her status was changed to Stated Supply. The new plan: “Evaluate structure and programs in light of new foci. Question everything we do, strengthen those things that are life giving, omit things that deplete energy.”

1989 - Joanne takes two weeks of vacation followed by two weeks paid maternity leave. The congregation expected her to stay away from church during that month, and after that time she could ease back into work, beginning with worship preparation, mail, and other types of work that could be handled at home...”.

Pulpit Assistants - Just a Few, Not All!

Dr. John Anderson, Honorably Retired Minister Emeritus... John Bodo, Interim... Peggy Haub ... Bill Jackson (interim at Trinity)... Kathy Jimenez (St. Mark candidate, ordained at Lewis and Clark chapel 10/31/82)... Jana Johnsen (St. Mark candidate)... Rev. Kelly... Bill Long... Jim Moiso... Sam Roberson... Newt Roberts... Jim Stewart... Paul Taylor (Mt. Carmel Lutheran, reciprocity during pastor vacations)... David Van Dyke... Dr. Frederick Walls - National Self Development of People

Worship and Music

Noteworthy activities during the 80's included: "At least two services will be lay lead..." Inclusive language deemed appropriate for Vocations Division Manual... Poetry will be incorporated in the Worship service... Easter includes a cross of cut flowers... Choir Director hired (1987)... Church Organist hired: Kaye Thomas. Celebrated 40+ years of service in 1989... Children's and Youth Choirs were led by Jerry Densen (1982)... Possible organ donation (1983)... Dance Choir... Bach Service in May, 1985 with Alice Speers, flutist... 100 new Presbyterian Hymnals purchased in 1989... Ongoing efforts "to get people to sit further forward in the sanctuary."

Classes and Series

Included: Basic Theology... Christology Cluster Meeting: ... 4 week course on Islam... Death and Dying... Do You Have to Believe Anything to be a Presbyterian? ... Financial Planning Seminar by John Larsen and Marlene Stewart... *The Hurried Chil* ... Introduction to the Bible... People of the Word: Peacemakers Sacrifice... Sociology of the New Testament... Study of Luke and Acts... Today's Holy Wars... A Walk Through the New Testament with Dick Rohrbaugh... Women in the Bible (or Church?)

The St. Mark "Yard"

A new church sign: \$3,000: \$300 to \$400 for the carved sign; \$2,700.00 for the painting and installation... Irrigation system... Plantings apparently damaged by neighbors, "they have agreed to be responsible"... Plot assignments available for grounds care: "The committee has decided that there will be no official work party for the upkeep of the grounds. The plot plan seems to be doing the job"... Weed killer needed... Drainage Tile Project: "The front ditch is to be cleaned up and tiled either by the church or the county at the church's expense." Cost: \$750 (1982) Eventually the church laid the tiles and the county took care of the catch basins... The burning has been done... Plantings: "10 silver maple trees along the upper bank of the church property" and "26 Shore pines and 6 arborvitae on the north bank" (1984); "vine maples from Viaenes for the bow of church"... George (Watson?) has been given *Round Up*... Lewis and Clark College began renting parking, January 1989 for a three year period and helped clean, stripe, install lighting, security call boxes, routinely checked the lot on normal security rounds AND maintained the landscape of the church property.

The St. Mark “Building(s)”

Alcohol Anonymous requested meeting space in 1989... *Village Play School* began using the lower level of St. Mark on May 4, 1980. Rent in 1989 was \$225.00 per month... Carpenter ants in residence! ... Roofer recommended the entire roof be redone: \$10,000 or repair for \$500 (1982) Options: 1) Delay problem for two years with a patch of valleys, materials \$500, our labor. 2) Complete the roof only with a loan of \$6,000. 3) Complete roof and weatherproofing with GA loan. 4) Special fund drive? Consensus: patching of the valleys concept.... Dry rot under the church secretary's windows, repair considered urgent - \$200.00 (1984)... New items acquired – chronologically thru the decade: time clocks, water meter, tuning device for heating unit, computer controlled furnace (1885), *Royal* copy machine \$1,495.00 (1986), fans to circulate the air in the sanctuary, a computer (gift from Pearce Family), fire door, panic bar, new banners by Florence Walstead, 50-gallon water heater, typewriter, answering machine, code-a-phone, microwave, electronic typewriter, new office chairs, exterior door, outdoor lighting and always - more new paint. Authorization was granted “to hire Ben Jarrett to replace the glass windows at the peak, with siding.” Mugs were to be used instead of styrofoam cups “to be more responsible about the environment.” The furniture in the Sunday school wing was painted by Alice Hewitt and Kathy Voll.

Logistical Information

The congregation continued to politically active. Activities included... A letter submitted to President Carter regarding the Iran situation... Congregational phone tree activated... Merger considered: Trinity Presbyterian and St. Mark Presbyterian?!! (December 1980) The merger Continued to be a possibility thru 1988 with St. Mark worshipping at U.CC. on September 4th. After that combined service there is little mention of the merger idea. ... Advertising in the *Oregonian*, the *Oregon Journal* and *Willamette Week* was approved. ... “Low morale and confusion regarding responsibilities” were recorded from the Session, 1983... Friendship and Ministry to Persons committees were replaced by Congregation Life and Outreach committees with an accompanying restructuring of committees and members... St. Mark “calling cards” ordered... Pledging utilized the “Pony Express Plan”... A new communion table was to be obtained as part of “beautification of the sanctuary” ... “Still working on name tags.”... An interpreter for the deaf was available in Worship “but (we are having) trouble getting deaf people to attend the first Sunday service where as

interpreter is provided.”... Bylaws were amended regarding the number of elders and length of office, the personnel committee and members (June, 1984)... Weekly Children’s sermons were initiated by Kathy Voll (1984)... 195th GA reports: *The Covenant of life and the Caring Community* and *Covenant and Creation: Theological Reflections on Contraception and Abortion*... “A prayer request box was mounted on the wall in the narthex for concerns that people do not wish to make public.” (1985)... Sister church established in Sapporo, Japan... Beth Keyes, after many years as Christian Education Coordinator, resigns to take a CE position at Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church (April, 1986)... Freida Hatzfeld-Jones named St. Mark as the recipient of \$10,000 (appx.) in her will. (1987)... Louisville, Kentucky was chosen as new headquarters for Presbyterian Church, USA... 1988 there is another possible merger with Southwest United Church (UCC)... Sunday Servant position was created to help with greeting, preparing coffee and taking attendance... and:

“We need a babysitter!”

Special Events

The many events shared by the family and friends throughout the years included: All Church Retreats... Auctions... Carnivals in the summer... Evangelism Workshop... Folk Dancing... Friendship Loaf... *Gods of Metal* movie night at the Voll’s... Grubby Sunday... Halloween Parties... Hanging of the Greens... Hobby Shows... The Kailo Center... Kick Off Sundays... Men’s Retreat at Santiam Lodge entitled “What Does It mean to be Manly.”... New Spirit Group... Paper Drives... Presbyterian Bicentennial Sunday... Recognition Sundays... St. Mark 40th Birthday Party – April 13, 1986... Silk Flower Corsage Fundraiser... Softball... St. Mark T-Shirt Sale... Talent Shows... Pie Socials... Teachers Recognition Days... *War Without Winners* film night... join other churches in “letter writing exercise on the arms freeze... Women’s Retreats at Cardai Hill and Christian Renewal Center... World Council of Churches meeting, Vancouver, B.C. (1983) and a Prayer Chain was established.

Programs and Missions

“Mission to be a top priority of St. Mark’s financial concern.” (1986)
Missions included:... African Hunger Relief... Baloney Joe’s... Bread For The World... Burnside Consortium... *Call to Halt Nuclear Arms Race* to be read by Session... *Closer Ties* – possibly related to a proposed merger of churches (1988) and the “feasibility study.”... Cookies for Crooks... Ecumenical Group on Drug and Alcohol Abuse... Alcoholics Anonymous Groups... Among Teen-agers...

Ecumenical Ministries... El Salvador and its Refugees... Fiesta for Maria... FISH... General Mission Fund... Greenhouse Hike for seven low-income youth on a rainy day, June 17, 1983... Heifer Project... House Church Fund... Japanese cranes - made and distributed to the neighborhood to promote peace... Laubach Society... Loaves & Fishes... Meals for the Webb family... National Peace Offering Fund... Neighborhood House... Nuclear Freeze Movement... One Great Hour of Sharing... Oregon Fair Share... *Peacemakers* books purchased for Wilson High School... Portland Sanctuary Coalition... Presbyterian Evangelism Consultant – Alice Cushman... Project Promise... Protest of Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe... Recovery House... Nuclear Weapons Freeze proposal from G.A. endorsed “bi lateral arms freeze”... Seminarians, three graduating... Shalom Oregon... Siletz Indians “give land back!”... SW Consortium of Churches... Toy and Joy Makers (clothing and toys)... Volunteers in Mission – George and Ginny Feldman went to India for 5 months (1984)... Women Speak Sunday... Women’s Center... World Peace Makers... and once again in this century, a continual flow of weddings, showers, birthdays, baptisms, graduations, deaths, more wedding, etc.

“The 90’s”

(Editorial aside: Our notes get briefer as we get closer to deadline for printing!)

The controversy among the Presbyterian denomination over ordination seemingly determined by sexuality, rather than genuine capabilities, was in the forefront of our St. Markers, watch dogs of human rights on all fronts! Overtures were fired off to the General Assembly including the admonishment that: “The Book of Order alone governs the standards and procedures for election, ordination, and installation to the offices of the PC, USA.” (1993)

By 1995 the Session had adopted a statement responding to the “Definitive Guidance” of GA on full participation of all persons, regardless of sexual identity. Discussion Potlucks generated some notes and letters from members, mostly supportive in nature Interspersed with the political activities, the PNC is reported as “listening to sermon tapes.” Dan Rasmussen was sent to GA to “work on the issue” involving More Light and “Definitive Guidance,” which is “accepted & affirmed” by the congregation on May 19, 1996. By 1998 the congregation approves a proposal by Anitra Rasmussen for a “Jubilee” period. The church financial situation requires aid from the Presbytery

Financial Assistance Program. After discussions with the Resource team for Congregations, emergency funding of \$15,000.00 is approved in June, 1999. To make matters worse, the roof continues to leak!

Church Statistics

Membership for the 90's was widely spread. From 1989 to 1991 adult participation grew from 49 to 61 members. In 1995 there were 83 members which dropped to 79 in 1997.

Average Attendance: 65 (1991)

Sunday school attendance: 24 to 29 children

Choir Director: Carol Stewart-Smith, after many, many years of continual service, takes a four month leave of absence from October 1996 thru January 1997.

Interim Accompanist Search underway (1998) ... and ongoing...

Secretary: A new one hired in 1990

Custodian: Alberto (?) leaves in October (1990) Amelia (1993)

Budget: Decade low of \$61,280.00 in 1995 to a high of \$92,714 in 1994. "Bare bones budget reported in 1998 of \$80,424.00

Church Audit: 1997

Pastors

Rev. Joanne Sizoo, renewed as Stated Supply (1988 until June 30, 1991) In 1992 Joanne has maternity leave for 45 days. Sam Roberson, Joanne's husband, was nominated as Parish Associate in 1992. Joanne resigns on May 12, 1994 due to her husband's call to be General Presbyter in Cincinnati, OH. Timing of her departure was dependent on the sale of their house (August 7, 1994)

PNC completed CIF (Church Information Form) in 1995 and began reading profiles, conducting telephone interviews, supplying a neutral pulpit for two candidates.

Rev. Chris Lieberman, Interim Pastor called November 8, 1994. Revs. Chris and Joyce Lieberman accepted the position until August 6, 1995.

Pulpit supply was utilized to save money, for several months. No action was taken by the PNC in 1995.

Rev. Bruce Cameron, Interim Pastor and Interim Moderator (1996)

Rev. David Lee, accepted a call to be pastor of St. Mark on August, 1996. In November, David required eye surgery and in 1998 it is reported that “he can see!” In 1997 David suffers with pneumonia for several months. 1998 the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery approves \$1000.00 for a temporary Supply Pastor “to enable Pastor Dave Lee’s wellness,” from May thru June. In August, Session reports concerns about the congregation’s relationship with Pastor Lee and shared these concerns with Presbytery COM representatives. Discussions continued between the Pastor Lee and the Session and the personnel committee on a “realistic job description.” In 1999 new job descriptions were created for the entire staff, he office of “Deacon” was established and the Session committees were restructured. Effective October 1, 1999 Pastor Lee requested St. Mark to dissolve his pastoral relationship. The congregation voted 20 to 16 not to sever the relationship, Pastor Lee accepted the vote, so the issue went to the COM-NW who decided the “relationship could not be restored.” In the process of these deliberations some members fell by the wayside. Grievance letters were received. Work began on conflict resolution and reconciliation through “family meetings.”

September, 1999 Pulpit Supply begins.

Pulpit Assistants - Just a Few, Not All!

Tom Castlen and Gale McDonald resigned from Presbyter staff... Bill Chalker – *The Plot of the Bible*... “Session Assistant” position was considered... Jamie Spahr, Susan Leo preaches and leads adult education of five weeks... John Anderson... Bruce Cameron... Elizabeth Winans

Classes and Series

Adult Bible studies - Joanne Sizoo & David Savage... *Apocrypha* - John Anderson... Becoming Advocates for Adolescents - Suzanne Younge... Book Studies: Marcus Borg and John Spong... Family Issues... Homosexuality and the Presbyterian Church... Images of God... Interpretation... Islam... Just War... Life of Jesus - Dr. John Anderson... Middle East Peace Issues - Rabbi Stanpher... Prayer Class - Anitra Rassmussen... Human Sexuality General Assembly Report... Sermon Talk Back Series... Simplicity... Transitions - Glenda French... Turning Points ... War Positions of World Religions and World Religions - David Savage...

The St. Mark “Yard”

The lower parking lot was graveled. George Watson planed seven trees and 50 rhodies (1992) ... Village Preschool installed a chain link fence in the lower level, surrounding their play area... Lewis and Clark College paved the parking lot... Yet another sign ... a basketball hoop

The St. Mark “Building(s)”

“Water leaks” amongst us... Mildew is discovered in the Montague Wing... “Large leaks in the roof.”... A new gas heating system was purchased for \$6,845 thru a ten year \$8,000 G.A. loan (1992) and the possibility of a new building addition for \$150,000... a sound system for the sanctuary was purchased... portable keyboard is added the wish list”... Capital Campaign from 1991 – 1997... The Building Committee sent drawing out bids on remodel (1994)... A building renewal loan was approved by the General Assembly (1995)... A designer was hired to redesign the sanctuary by Lent... The building permit process continued... Interior Design Committee is formed (1996)... A seven sided communion table is purchased, designed by Matt Woodside (1999)... \$1,000 of Huser Estate fund was used to repair, refurbish and tune the “basement piano,” moving it to the sanctuary...

Logistical Information

An overture was sent to G.A. to “eliminate the Day of Pentecost from possible dates for all future G.A. meeting.” (1992) ... Talk began about membership in More Light Presbyterians... A Pastor Nominating Committee was elected to begin the process of doing a mission study for the congregation and calling a new pastor... Joined More Light Congregations (1997)... Reaffirmed membership in Committee of Welcoming Congregations... Village Pre School moved out (1998)... A third, three year building campaign is approved... A mediation settlement with the Grant Company is made to pay \$26,525 of the disputed amount “of contractor’s overruns” through a GA Muzzy Loan.

Special Events

Some of the events noted in the history of St. Mark from previous decades seem to have continued without being listed in the session minutes. Additionally, these activities were recorded during the 90’s: Auction which raised \$2100. for local Mission... Brown Baggers... Christmas Caroling in the church neighborhood... Come Home for Christmas... Couples Group... Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service... OMSI

Trips... Plant Sales... Prayer Chain involving 19 households (1991)... Sermon Back-Talks... Spirit Group... Talent Night... Thursday Night Class..... Eric Beene becomes an Inquirer

Programs and Missions

Ballot Measure 9 (deny civil rights to GLBT) discussion group hosted... Campus Ministries... Cliff Family support... Habitat for Humanity... Hmong Family... Homlessness Mission Focus... Hoopa Indian Reservation North CA, Mission Trip... Intergenerational Bible School with 43 people attending... Just War... Letty Owens "Clare House" ... Loaves... Miles of Pennies... Mission Strategy Team (1994)... Play writing group focused on Mission... PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Oregon Chapter... Sanctuary Coalition... Samaritan Counseling Service... joined: That All May Freely Serve... *Today's Child* - foster homes for Brazilian children... Warm Springs Indian Reservation You Mission Trip with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church... Wednesday evening Children's program for choir members... In 1998 \$7311. of which 25% is designed for local mission

“The 2000’s”

Church Statistics

Membership: from 64 members at the beginning of 2000 down to 44 in 2003 and back up to 51 in 2006.

Average Attendance: 45

Choir Director: Carol Stewart-Smith

Accompanists: Dan Rasmussen and John Salmon

Custodian: Marissa Moser-Boehlke, Custodial service begins in 2006

Secretary: Elaine Jarrett retires as “office clerk.”

Pastors

Rev. Doug Counsell (January 1, 2000) hired as Stated Supply for a year at $\frac{3}{4}$ time basis, then changed to “interim pastor” on Jan 1, 2001... Doug commends St. Mark of new “health” as a congregation as he put more and more responsibilities onto others during his “interim” role.

John Salmon elected by session as Parish Associate in 2001 and renewed into that position each year.

Rev. Barbara J. Campbell was elected as pastor on Sept 28, 2003. As she settles in she continues work on her doctoral dissertation... Barbara receives a Doctor of Ministry degree from SFTS/Marylhurst on May 20, 2006 for her dissertation entitled: "Building Trust to Empower Faith: Leadership and Trust in Congregations."

Pulpit Assistants - Just a Few, Not All!

Eric Beene... Anitra Rasmussen... John Salmon... Catherine Rutledge-Gorman... Elizabeth Winans... John Anderson... Don Purkey... Don Caughey... Tim Maduta... Allen Petker, composer... Elizabeth Winslea... Mark Duntley, Chaplain at Lewis and Clark College... Rabbi Hirshfield... During pastor's trip to India in 2005, six congregation members preached in teams on stewardship and commitment to their faith...

Classes and Series

John Salmon leads several adult ed classes, including "The Battle For God" and a day-long workshop with a leader from a Mosque. Pastor Campbell led a Lenten Series... Carol Dempsey, OSB from Univ of Portland on Old Testament images and Environment... Class on "Life in New Testament Times" by Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh...

The St. Mark "Yard"

Johanna Norton heads up grounds work... Two landscape designs were donated by Riley and Peters, one for St. Mark's yard and another for an auction... 25 vine maples purchased... Matthew Voll completes Eagle Scout project of installing "French Drain" in parking lot... Mart Stewart-Smith completes Eagle Scout project of deepening, filling, and planting all parking lot islands...

The St. Mark "Building(s)"

Village Preschool returns to renting basement of St. Mark... Lewis and Clark rents parking lot for 2 years during on-campus construction... The "Jarrett Wing" was constructed "without encumbrances" due to gifts and labor of Ben Jarrett and in memory of his wife, Elaine. Negotiations with city over building permits went on for months and months with Carl Petterson leading the charge... Ben found someone to draw up new plans "pro bono" for the Jarrett Wing... Session negotiating with Sprint for a lease of ground for cellphone tower... A new communion table design was approved and a bid accepted of \$4100 which was covered by "table fund, Thomas

fund, Stangel Fund, and a special gift.” The new table was dedicated on April 4, 2002... S-2 Contractors ask to lease far-end of parking lot temporarily during construction project on Terwilliger. Subsequently, their heavy machinery tore up parking lot.

Building resumes on Jarrett Wing on Nov 18, 2002... In Feb it was announced that we had run out of money to complete the Jarrett Wing. We needed \$5,000 to finish, but could use the room “as is.” None the less, they sought bids for carpeting. Ben Jarrett withdrew the remainder of the bills due to him for construction and the room was dedicated on Sept. 14, 2003.

A bid of \$6,200 was accepted to fix the leaky roof. The church was broken into and new sound equipment, TV, and VCR were stolen... Parking lot improvements as specified in Jarrett Wing permit will cost \$5,500-7,000... A Muzzy loan from GA for \$9,000 was received for a new sign and parking lot landscaping...

P’nai Or Jewish Renewal Fellowship of 100 members is welcomed into use of St. Mark facilities on Friday evening (Shabbot) and Saturday mornings beginning Sept 2004. A new sign goes up for St. Mark in Oct 2004... Carpet is installed in stairway leading to choir loft... High frequency microphones are purchased for sanctuary to reduce interference... Baby grand piano purchased for sanctuary with cost being covered in first two weeks by memorials and donations...

Logistical Information

A website was created for St. Mark in 2000 and updated in 2006.. “In past 18 months, thirty-one names have been removed from our active rolls.”... Pastor Counsel trains session in the “Life Cycle of a Congregation” and studies the Book of Order with session each month... Mission Study Team formed in 2002... Bill Freck produced a St. Mark brochure, “pro bono”... Began advertising in “Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages.”... Sexual Misconduct Policy adopted... 39 people attend first round of in-home meetings as part of Mission Study... Final Mission Study document presented to congregation on Oct 13, 2002... Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) elected Nov 17, 2002. The congregation voted to seek a “called/installed” pastor rather than a “Designated Pastor.” The Church Information Form was approved in March of 2003... Lewis and Clark sent a message (via Mooney) that the college is interested in St. Mark property “if we ever decided to close St. Mark doors” and made offer to let

the congregation then meet in Lewis and Clark chapel... Church Directory created with Olan Mills... Joint Rummage Sale with Village Preschool... St. Mark session submits overture (along with signatures of ten additional church in Cascades Presbytery) to remove Amendment B from Constitution. Overture is approved by Presbytery... Zipcode mailings of postcards to neighborhood at Advent and Lent... Hard files of biographical information for each member are being created including wishes at time of death...

Special Events

More family meetings were held... Anitra Rasmussen endorsed by session in her call to ministry... Eric Beene received as a "Candidate" for ministry and ordained on Dec 9, 2001... Evening service of "Healing and Reconciliation"... Special Weekend and Worship with Janie Spahr, Michael Adee, and Martha Juillerat on Oct 24... First Anniversary of Sept 11th Reflective Worship... Plant and Rummage sales as fundraisers... During advent we heard messages from biblical characters in worship each week... Kathryn Stewart-Smith was chosen as a delegate to Youth Triennium... a slumber party for women at Campbell's house... Youth Sundays... Harvest Parties... Easter Egg Hunts... Brown Baggers Lunches... birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated on the last Sunday of each month with donations going to Heifer Project... Youth trip to coast for crabbing and Black Butte for retreat... Youth game night at Campbell's... Messiah Sing-Alongs pack sanctuary with singers from community and Portland Philharmonic Choir... Women's Retreat at Menucha in April, 2005... Mr. Paul Raja Rao from BIRDS visits St. Mark in March 2006...

Programs and Missions

Activity boxes for children to use during worship encouraged the inclusion of children in our worship... Crop Walk participation... Preparing meals at Clark Center of Transition Project four times each year... "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" continues... Communion Drama in worship... Souper Bowl Collection... Youth led worship services... Began selling "Fair Trade Coffee" at St. Mark... "Alternative Gift-Giving Table" set up for Christmas... Mission donations to Neighborhood House, Heifer Project, and the Tractor Fund for Sheldon Jackson College... Youth Confirmation Class... Support of 1% Fund for Theological Education... Nine members of St. Mark traveled to Andhra Pradesh, India for a Mission Trip to BIRDS and worked with teaching ESL and Health concerns to "Untouchables"... Special offering for victims of South Asia Tsunami... Giving Tree at Christmas for needy

families... Pastor Campbell leads Riverdale High School students on trip to Kerala, India in Dec 2005... Outreach to victims of Hurricane Katrina... Youth plan mission trip to New Orleans in August of 2006...

and the story, and work, continues....

Fun Quotes from St Mark Bulletins and Minutes

“Youth Hostel is willing to trade pears, apples and plums for canning jars.”

Parking has become a problem, “it would be appreciated if some of the younger people would park their cars over at Collins View School and walk across to the Church.”

“Help!!! We have lost St. Mark -- it can't be found in the tall grass and weeds.”

“Let's delay panic over the budget until September.”

“Bill's (Tacey – the pastor!) phone number in the front of the church directory is wrongthe person receiving calls is getting a little irate.”

“Two giving units were disenchanted with our church ... and churches in general.”

“The neighbors were requested not to use the parking lot as a showroom for cars for sale.”

(1982) “There was a request for clarification of plans in regard to the transition of the new pastor. The secretary will place him on the mailing list ... he will be arriving during Holy Week.”

“Who is responsible for the kitchen? Also, would the church's work be better distributed if we reduced the number of elders?”

“Our El Salvador refugee has disappeared.”

“The Portland State center for dropouts is still in need of articles for their live-in quarters. Call the church office if you have furniture that will enable these children to complete their education.”

“On entering the sanctuary - prayer. Acolytes will be used.”

“It was initially MSC by a vote of 7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain to eliminate the gables; however, after more information was received, the session unanimously agreed to reverse itself and keep the gables.”

April 2005: “Next year St Mark will be 60th years old and we should think about plans..”

The Many Meals of St. Mark

“You only nourish your spirit by breaking your bread with someone.”

All Church Brunch at *Casa Lupita* *Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast*

All Church Picnic on the Lewis and Clark College Campus... Discussion Potlucks

All Church Potluck Brown Bag Luncheon Group Greenhouse Dinners

Champoeg Park 1st Annual Picnic Discussion Potlucks Donut Club.....

Easter Breakfast Un-Potluck Women’s Luncheon Group

Family Breakfast.....Farrell’s ice Cream Parlor with the Pastor.....Fat Sunday Feast

Fellowship Breakfast.....Harvest Meal.....Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

Valentine’s Dinner at the Cantonese Pavilion.....Hotdog Hootenanny: 99¢

Japanese Gourmet Meal Lectionary Potluck.....Lenten Family Groups

Meatless Meal Cooking Class...Men’s Breakfast Mission Potluck Nuclear Chili Fest

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social Pie Socials.....Pancake and Sausage
Breakfast

Poverty Breakfast Salad Potluck Snack-Luck.....Spaghetti
Potluck

Stone Soup Supper

Symphony, Salad and Silliness

Teachers Potluck