

ST. MARK'S' MINISTRY AND MISSION SEEN IN ITS BUILDING

⇒“the gospel . . . the power of God for salvation” (Rom. 1.16). ⇒“Do this [Lord’s Supper] in remembrance of me” (1 Cor. 11.24). ⇒“Just as you did it [feeding, clothing, visiting those in need] to one of the least of these . . . you did it to me” (Matt. 25.40). ⇒“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28.19). ⇒“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. . . . Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12.7, 27).

THE BUILDING

Worship, Learning, Community, Service, Outreach, Stewardship

- Energy audit by REEP (Residential Energy Efficiency Project), changes made by Property Committee: overhead fans, new windows, heavy curtains in Parish Hall; new windows in other rooms; low-flush toilets; insulation; CFL bulbs. Earlier changes: new roof; gas water heating; doors.
- Sat. morning + other days: Property Committee hard at work!
- Daily: Harvey Holst and co-workers: cleaning, maintenance; planting, tending of the grounds; snow removal
- About a dozen outside groups (AA, OA, Scouts, Community Garden, local ecumenical church groups, etc.) hold regular/occasional meetings at St. Mark’s; they make contributions to St. Mark’s. Meheret Evangelical Church (Ethiopian) pays rent. During SARS outbreak the Parlour served as a waiting room for hospital visitors. During elections the Parish Hall serves as a polling station.

MAIN FLOOR

1. Parlour

- Sun.: Adult Education Hour
- Mon.: Discipleship Bible Study; Stephen Ministry supervision
- Tues.: Ministry Team prayer and planning (Pastors, Lilla Hall, office staff)
- Wed.: Life-writing group
- Thurs: Knitting/Prayer Shawl group
- Also: St. Mark’s committees, community groups

2. Hallway

- Display case: Vacation Bible School. St. Mark’s 95th Anniversary. Pastors’ photos (history!).

3. Parish Hall

- Sun.: BLAST! [Bible Learning Adventures Stations]: opening songs, prayers
- Sun.: coffee hours before/after each service
- On occasion: congregational meals (pancake breakfast, Easter breakfast), congregational meetings, Town

Halls, funeral receptions and other receptions

- Mon.–Fri.: KCI breakfast programme (staffed by volunteers: St. Mark’s, KCI staff, other churches; funded by Nutrition for Learning)
- Wed.: Community supper (around 80 people) St. Mark’s + Calvary United + community members set up, cook, take down, sweep & mop floor, wash dishes.
Funded by ELCIC Global Hunger and Development Appeal + United Church equivalent agency, + St. Mark’s and Calvary special offerings. St. Mark’s provides gas/electricity.
Total cost for one Wed. supper (all 80 people): \$15, thanks to donations from a local baker, Food Bank, Mennonite farmers, and (for special occasions) from St. Mark’s/Calvary members.
- Monthly: Friendship Circle (seniors’) luncheon and programme, worship
- Summer (VBS) and Faith Days (on Professional Development Days): Bible programmes for St. Mark’s and other children.

4. Youth Room (above Kitchen)

5. Kitchen (BLAST!’s Garden of Eatin’ [part of Sunday School programme; see Nos. 3, 24, 27, 28])

- Prep. for all food events (see No. 3 above)
- BLAST! cooking projects

BASEMENT

6. Scout Room

- Scouts, with St. Mark’s since 1937

7. Meheret Evangelical Church Meeting Room

- Meetings for prayer, Bible study

8. Property Committee Workshop

- Wow!

9. Washrooms

10. Nursery (wired for sound from upstairs worship)

11. Boiler Room

- Old but improved and still working, thanks to Property Committee

12. Pastor Mesfin's (Meheret) Office & Meeting Room

13. Blower for Organ

14. Choir Room

- Office of Music Director Lilla Hall
- Thurs: choir rehearsal
- VBS in the summer

15. "Old Kitchen"

- Various nights: AA prep (coffee, refreshments)

16. Former Sunday School room / former Lutheran Refugee office.

17. Common Room

- Various nights: AA
- VBS in summer

18. Storage Space for seasonal items (creche, etc.)

UPSTAIRS

19. Sanctuary Gallery

- Thurs.: Bell Choir rehearsal
- Sun.: Bell Choir
- Floor refurbished by Property Committee
- Spotlights illuminate King St. window at night

MAIN FLOOR

20. Sanctuary Nave

- Sun.: 8:30 and 10:15, worship. Second altar (from First English Lutheran) brings pastor/people closer together. At the font: baptisms, children's sermons. Windows proclaim Word and Sacrament.
- Sun.: 2:00-5:00, Meheret Church worships
- Wed.: 6:45, evening prayer service
- Weekdays: organ and other rehearsals; organ maintenance
- On occasion: weddings, funerals

21. Sanctuary Chancel

- Sun.: worship leadership: pastors, assisting ministers, acolytes, readers, music director, choirs, instrumentalists, and others
- Special occasions: Christmas pageant, Good Friday and other dramatic readings of the lessons

22. Counting Room

- Sun.: counting of offering
- Weekdays: bulletin prep, all sorts of office work, meetings

23. Church Office

- Two part-time secretaries (two half-days, three full days): Nancy McLean and Christine Cooper (responsibilities from reception to word processing to financial to general administration)

UPSTAIRS

24. "Noah's Art" (BLAST! Sunday School programme)

- Crafts expressing the Bible story for the current rotation (the same Bible story studied in different ways over three or four Sundays at the different grade levels). The rooms of Nos. 24, 27, 28 remodeled by volunteers and Property Committee

25. Banner Room and other storage

26. Pastor Nancy's Office

27. "The Oasis" (BLAST! Sunday School programme) and VBS in summer

- Telling of the Bible story by teachers, sometimes in costume; reading the story in the Bible.

28. "The Sky Lab" (BLAST! Sunday School programme)

- Use of computers in the programme.
- St. Mark's Council meetings monthly

29. Pastor Liz's Office

MAIN FLOOR

30. Altar Guild Room

- Communion prep and clean-up

31. Library

- Lending library (books, videos, etc.); children's reading nook
- Community Ministry office (the Rev. Marilyn Shaw)
- Meetings: St. Mark's Committees
- Pre-worship: putting on vestments, instructing of worship leaders, prayer

ST. MARK'S OFF-SITE

St. Mark's members carrying out their Christian calling at home, at work, in the wider church, in the community, in today's world.

- "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord in its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jer. 29.7).