

SER Convention report 2025

St. Marks, Old Coal Mine rd.

St. Marks Episcopal church on Old Coal Mine rd. has continued their services throughout the year with some exciting events taking place. With the new transition process of becoming a Missionary Diocese, the congregation have been informed of the process the entire time. Training has taken place of what does an Area Mission mean, and how does becoming a Missionary Diocese would change how the church is run. There has been some interest around being able to be involved with guiding the direction of St. Marks. Cake Walk fundraisers have been taking place with a rental income of \$50.00 per building usage. Fundraisers also have taken place for the replacing the roof. In addition, Christ Church from Cincinnati OH. with the Native American Indigenous Ministries have donated \$2,00.00 towards the reroofing.

Two Confirmations took place and now those two are participates of creating a council for St. Marks church. A family contacted The Good Shepherd Mission seeking counseling for a marriage service. A baptism was requested for at least one of the adult members, but they decided to have all eight members of the family to get baptized, and so now the newley baptized family have celebrated the union between man and woman before God. Before the kids, they witness a wonderful family event that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

With The Episcopal Indigenous Sustainable Grant, St. Marks was one of the recipients for gravel to be laid down from the main road to the church parking lot, that use to make it difficult for anyone to attend church services.