



St. Mark's
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Bulletin Board

April 29, 2021



Dear Friends -

The Grace & Joy House which is a hospitality station for children whom have just been displaced in the foster care system is currently asking for donations. May is Foster Parent Appreciation month. They would like to honor them with gift baskets. One of the items we have been asked about is a \$25 gift card to restaurants such as Oakwood, Longhorn, or others like that. They are creating "a night out" baskets for 27 families. St. Mark's has such wonderful and generous members who graciously give of themselves to others in need. Please contact Juli Hayes 706-217-9519 if you are interested. The deadline for donations is May 12th as they are giving out the baskets on May 14th.

Peace and blessings to all!

Juli Hayes
Vestry person for Outreach

Bible Study



wednesday evenings

Father Rick will be holding a weekly Lectionary Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, May 5th from 6pm-7pm in the courtyard of the church grounds. Please Bring Your Own Bible, your “virtual” margaritas and Chair!! Hope to see you there!!!

PS: Covid-19 guidelines with social distancing and mask wearing are still required.



Humane Society
OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The Humane Society of NW GA, located in Dalton, is looking for volunteers and hope you can help. We adopt out 700-800 cats and dogs each year. Many of them before coming to us have struggled just to stay alive. Taking care of the 75-85 cats and dogs that we have at any given time requires 60 volunteer hours each day! We hope that you can tell your church members that we would love to have them join our volunteer team! We have three 3 hr. daily shifts to care for dogs and three 1 hr. daily shifts to care for cats. To volunteer, they can go to hsnwga.org and fill out a volunteer application. Thanks for your help-our cats and dogs thank you too!

Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Martyrs of the Reformation Era

When I think of Christian martyrs, I think of the early Christians who were put to death by the pagan Romans. Throughout the last 2,000 years there have been many martyrs killed for their Christian faith all over the world. Most of these people were killed by non Christians. This week we honor the Christian men and women who were killed by other Christians during that turbulent time called the Protestant Reformation. On May 4 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the men and women who were executed for treason between 1535 and 1679 in England for their allegiance to the Catholic Church. Recently the Church of England uses May 4 to honor the Protestants killed as well as the Catholics. The Episcopal Church honors these martyrs on May 5. Most of the martyrs from this period were burned at the stake. During the reign of Henry VIII 63 Protestants were executed. During the very short reign of the boy king Edward VI only 2 radical protestants were executed. Then comes the Catholic Queen Mary I. During her short reign of 5 years Mary executed 284 Protestants and was known as "Bloody Mary". During Elizabeth I's relatively long reign 9 radical Protestants were executed. From the 16th to the 20th century, many Catholic martyrs have been beatified and canonized by various popes, most recently by Pope Paul VI in 1987. In reading about all this persecution and killing between different groups of Christians, I can't help thinking that a lot of people missed the message of Love in the gospels!

Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Princess Tree

Right now there is a tree blooming with large fragrant purple flowers that resemble foxglove. This is the Princess Tree, which is also called Royal Pawlonia or Empress Tree. It is a deciduous tree native to central and western China. It is extremely fast growing reaching heights of 33 to 82 feet. The leaves are large and heart shaped and are often mistaken for those of the Catalpa tree. The fruit is a dry egg-shaped capsule about 1 ½ inches long. Last year's capsules are still on the



tree. Inside the capsule are many tiny winged seeds that are dispersed by wind. In the 19th century the seeds were used as packing material by Chinese porcelain exporters. Packing cases sometimes leaked and the seeds were spread along railroad tracks all over the United States. The Princess Tree is considered an invasive species in the eastern United States. In Japan and China the Princess Tree is planted at the birth of a girl. When she marries the tree is cut down and used for carving, veneer, furniture or to make musical instruments. The Princess Tree is tolerant of air pollution and many different soils. It can survive wildfires. The tree is commercially grown in China and Japan, and has been grown at different times and places in the United States.

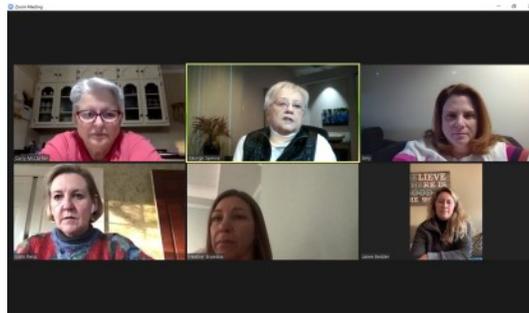
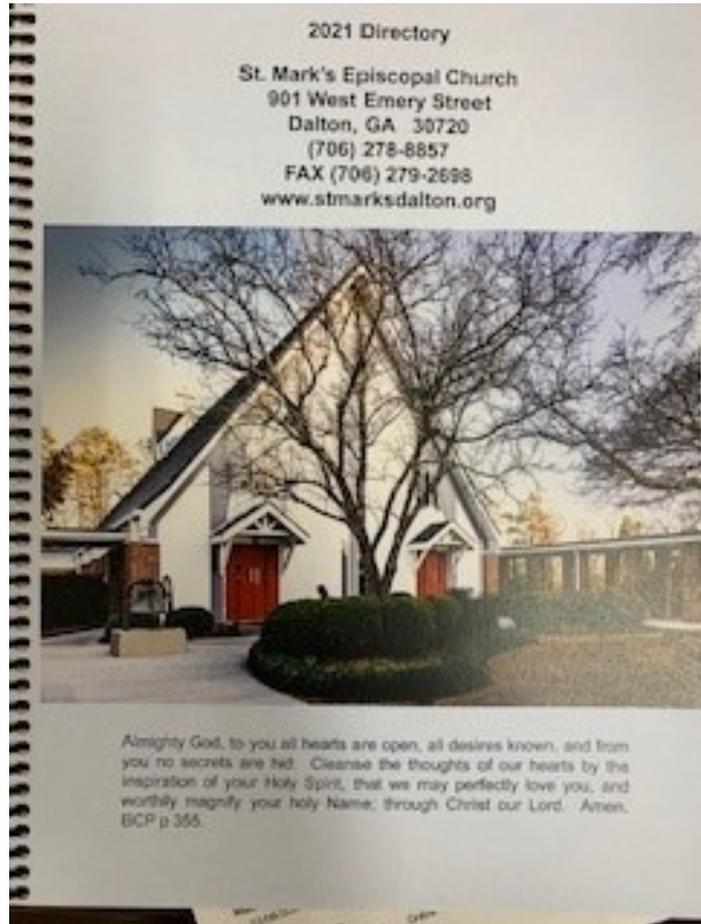
Copies of the 2021 St. Marks Directory are now available at the Parish Office. If you haven't had a chance to get yours, please call 706-278-8857 and Curry will Set up a time for you to come and get it.

Thanks!

I would like to acknowledge the folks who made the new directory possible - These photos were copied during one of many Zoom calls.

This was a great team that got the job done. My humble thanks for all you did to make it happen. -

Jan Littell, Jr. Warden



Myself (Jan), Rhenda Spence, Amy Belk, Kathi Reisz, Heather Brumlow, Jaime Beckler, George Spence and Deb Hull. Special shout-out to Kim Littell for moving the boxes from here to there and back again.

Please NOTE:

Now that office hours are reestablished The office will be taking phone calls from 8am - 1pm, Monday - Thursday then closed Friday. PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing and masks are still required so if you need to come in please call first. In person meetings are by appointment only. Thank you in advance, for your patience.

We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Mark's Church.

Happy Birthday

May 3 - 9

TOM GREER NICK WAGNER

PEGGY MCGATH KATHERINE JOHNSON

Anniversaries

HEATH AND LISA EWTON BUTCH AND LEA HICKS
SCOTT AND ANDREA HAMLIN

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 04/25/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	1,360.00
Total Giving for April	\$	29,527.74
MTD Budgeted for April	\$	23,460.00
Difference for April	\$	6,067.74
YTD Budgeted	\$	99,705.00
YTD Giving	\$	101,429.74
YTD Difference	\$	1,724.74

Thank you for your generosity and support for the work of God here at St. Mark's!

CHURCH STAFF

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Intercessory Prayer List –April 2021

People on this list have been moved here after being on the Service Bulletin list for four weeks.

(Parishioners indicated by *)

	*Teresa Noble	Becky Lewis
*Geneva Albertson	*Alice Oosterhoudt	Pam Lewis
*Joan Anderson	*Ethel Rutledge	Hannah Locke and family
*William Brammer	*John Schwenn	Jim Lord
*Jon Burchfield	*Bernadette Smith	Reese Lukei
*Tracey Burke	*Mary Squires	Ann Lumpkin
*Patti and Gary Cole	*Carol Taylor	Minnie Marsh
*Cathie Cope	*Virginia Weaver	Bridget McClure
*Lisa Dinverno	*Celia Williams	Maryanne McDaniel
*Carolyn Hawkins	Melvin Adams	Michelle
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Kelly Allgood	Esme Miller
*Jacob Jones	Thad Arms	Teresa Mitchell
*Steve Jordan Family	Bobby Ray Armstrong	Vicky Morris
*Sue Killcreas	Lynn Bailey	Charlie Neal
*Sandy & Rick Martin	Charlie Banks	Rebekah Nichols
*Bee Maybank	Maxine Broeker	Jeremy Norton
*Kim Miller	Shirley Brown	Michelle Onorato
	Margie Bruner	Martha Painter
	Mary Bucy	Mary Elizabeth Paris
	Sammie Burchfield	Randy Perry
	Susan Butler	Steve Plott
	Marita Cantrell	Diana Poarch
	Judith Catalano	Beth Powell
	Carole Cook	Michelle Pritchett
	Mindy Cox	Shirley Puckett
	Doug Enck	Bob Rodric
	Janelle Fergueson	Mary Schaugh
	Tiffany Fritz	Edwina Schwegmann
	Phil Gailey	John Sewell
	Mary Haughie	Nancy Spalding
	Janet Hayes	Laura Stephens
	Tasha Hemphill	Sylene Taylor
	Hyde Family	Bailey Underwood
	Dr. Doris Jeanette	Christine Williams
	Katherine Kelehear	Melanie Wilson
	Beverly Kellett	
	Aaron Kitchings	
	James Lambert	

4/18/2021

\$ 7,475.00

\$ 28,167.74

\$ 17,595.00

\$ 10,572.74

\$ 93,840.00

\$ 100,069.74

\$ 6,229.74