



St. Mark's  
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## Bulletin Board

August 19, 2021

Dear friends...

We have been planning so many events for this fall! I was so excited...and then COVID reared its ugly head again!

I was personally having a dilemma- go forward with planning fun events, and seeing the sickness and suffering at the hospital. The hospital is bursting at the seams and the staff is stressed and tired. I have heard so many people say, "This is the worst yet. I don't know if I can do it again." As I am writing this, the mayor just called a state of emergency because of COVID. It's heartbreaking.

It is so hard to "go backwards". Vestry has been working hard to balance the physical safety of our congregation with our mental and spiritual health (and the energy of our new priest!).

Here is our plan, but please know that this is fluid- as COVID changes in our area, our plans will change:

- \*As you know, masks are required in church again. We will be blocking off every other row in church and going back to distancing. You can sit close to your family, but space 6 feet between others. Beth Nichols is limiting the number in choir.
- \*For right now, the nursery will remain open. Our nursery workers will be wearing masks and have been vaccinated. It's up to parents to determine if they feel that it's safe to bring their children.
- \*8/28/21 Whitewater rafting is still on, as it is outside and families will be driving in their own vehicle.
- \* We will start signups for foyer soon, but will wait to actually start until COVID slows down.

Other scheduled events will be reevaluated closer to the date, including messy church, pot-lucks, and Oktoberfest.

In the meantime, do your part to stop this awful virus!! Get a vaccine, wear a mask, distance from others! If you are sick, stay home. If we all have the mindset that we did a year ago and just stay home more this wave just may not last long! Our future fun events will happen if we all take care of each other and are safe now!

Deb Hull  
Parish Life Vestryperson



We are currently low on personal hygiene items like shampoo and body wash. We are also low on breakfast items such as cereal or pop tarts. Any donation is greatly appreciated. You can drop any items in the box in the Parish Hall nearest to the offices.

Thank you,  
Nola Culverson

On behalf of the Dalton State Birdfeeder

## **SAVE THE DATE —————**

**August 22nd - Quilts of Valor Ceremony for Fr. Rick Tiff**

**September 12th - 2nd Sunday Potluck, Youth Confirmation Class**

**October 3rd - Blessing of the Animals**

**October 10th - Adult Confirmation Class and Oktoberfest**

**December 19th - Father Rick Tiff's Installation**

# COMING SOON.....

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES REFRESH

Confirmation

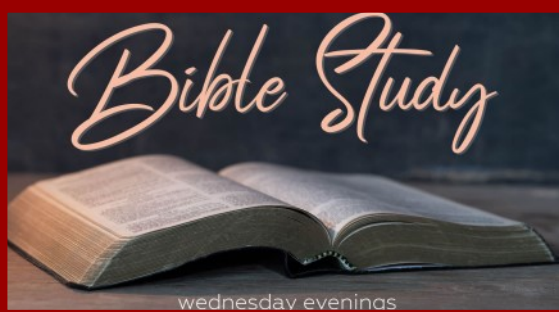
September 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 12:30 PM

\*Classes will be one hour and right after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck.

\*Classes are a refresher for 2020 class after 1 year of COVID-19.

\*Classes are required for confirmation.

\*Confirmation will be on either September 26th @ 11:15am at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, GA.



Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and always minding the Diocesan protocols.

*Let's go!*

# GET READY FOR SCHOOL



**THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA FAMILY CRISIS CENTER  
IS IN NEED OF  
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**CRAYONS, NOTEBOOKS, PENCILS, ERASERS,  
INDEX CARDS, PAPER, EARBUDS, JUMP DRIVES,  
BACKPACKS, LUNCHBOXES, PENS, MARKERS,  
SCISSORS, HIGHLIGHTERS, BINDERS, DIVIDERS,  
PENCIL POUCHES**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING  
SUPPLIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT  
(706)278-6595 OR ON FACEBOOK**

*"The more they learn, the more places they will go...."*



## Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

### Animal Parents

The job of parents is to care for and protect their offspring until they can make it on their own. There is a lot of variety in how this is done and how long it takes. For invertebrate animals, parents don't do much. Female wolf spiders carry their egg sac and later their babies on their back. The dirt dauber wasps put a paralyzed spider in their dirt structure with an egg so the larval wasp will have something to eat when it hatches. Fish do a little more. The male bream make a depression in shallow water, and then guard the eggs until they hatch. There's not much parental behavior in reptiles and amphibians, but female alligators carry their newly hatched babies to the water and then protect them for a while. Parental behavior is much more interesting in birds and mammals. All birds must keep their eggs warm so that the embryo will develop and hatch. Birds such as turkeys, chickens, and ducks have feathers when they hatch and can walk or swim immediately. The mother doesn't feed the young but does take them to areas with food and shelter them. Most birds are hatched with no feathers and are totally helpless. The parents must feed them and protect them for the 14 to 18 days they are in the nest. When the babies leave the nest they are full grown and should be able to take care of themselves. But the babies still like for their parents to feed them. For the past month I have seen a variety of birds, cardinals and blue jays especially, at my suet feeder. The baby sits on the suet feeder or a nearby branch, flutters its wings and does the begging cry. The parent dutifully puts some suet in the babies mouth. Mammals must nurse their young with milk for a period of time. At the right time the parents run the young out of the den or nest. Mama bears send their cubs up a tree and then wander off. Social mammals keep the offspring, usually just the females, in the herd or pack.

## Saints of the Week by Marilyn Lance

### Bartholomew the Apostle

August 24 has been set aside to honor Bartholomew, one of the twelve apostles that is mentioned in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Bartholomew, which means son of Talmi, is paired with Philip. Some scholars think Bartholomew may be the same individual called Nathaniel in the Gospel of John. Popular tradition and legends say that after Jesus' ascension, Bartholomew preached the gospel in the Bombay area of India. Two 4<sup>th</sup> century writers, Eusebius of Caesarea and St. Jerome, mention this tradition of Bartholomew in India. Not all scholars agree that the India mentioned in the 4<sup>th</sup> century writings is the India we know today. What is more certain is that Bartholomew and Thaddeus brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1<sup>st</sup> century and both are patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Bartholomew was martyred in Armenia for having converted the king of Armenia to Christianity, which could have caused a Roman backlash. Bartholomew supposedly was skinned alive and then beheaded. He is often depicted in art holding his skin as in Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel. In 1572 a massacre occurred in Paris on the Eve of St. Bartholomew's Feast (August 23-24). A french catholic mob attacked the Huguenots who were french Calvinist Protestants and killed an estimated 30,000. Many miracles have been attributed to St. Bartholomew often having to do with weight. During World War II the fascists ordered the solid silver statue of St. Bartholomew on the Italian island of Lipari to be melted down. When the statue was weighed and found to be only a few grams it was returned to the Cathedral of Lipari. In reality, the statue weighs many kilograms and it was a miracle it was not melted down.





**A BIG THANK YOU !!!!!!!**

**To Dr. Chris Stearns for brush and limb cutting around the south and east lots. It looks great.**

**To Kathi Reisz for painting the bell. I do believe it sounds better with that fresh coat of paint.**

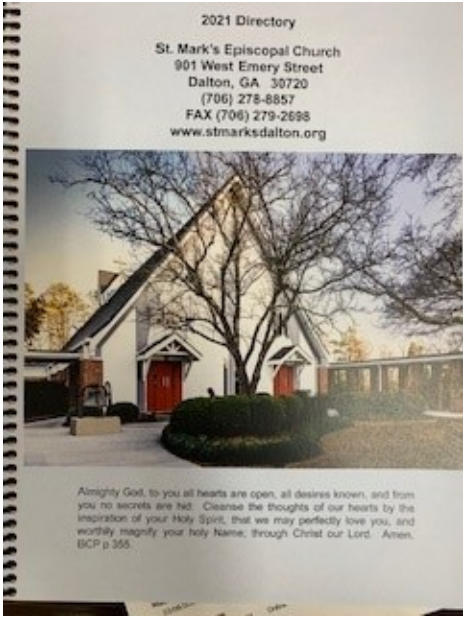
**To Andy Hull and Mike Reinfroe for their expertise and hard work of installing the new light fixtures in the walkways. They look great!**

**Thanks,  
Rick Jackson, Vestryperson for Buildings & Grounds**

wk 28/19/21

Copies of the 2021 St. Marks Directory are **STILL** 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!**



# This Week at St. Mark's

## Sunday, August 22—Pentecost 13

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
 11:45 am Quilt of Valor presentation

## Wednesday, August 25

6:00pm Bible Study w/Fr. Rick

## Sunday, August 29 - Pentecost 14

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Upcoming:

### Office Hours

Monday, August 23 - 26

Office open  
 8 am - 1 pm

Friday, August 27

Office Closed

## Upcoming:

Saturday, August 28th

9:00 am Family Rafting Trip

## CHURCH STAFF

### Priest

Rev. Rick Tiff

### Organist/Choir Director

Beth Nichols

### Parish Administrator

Curry McClurken

### Preschool Director

Laura Bock

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

### Happy Birthday

8/23 - 8/29/21

BRYAN BECKLER ALEX SEMRATEDU

WADE BARRON GEORGE WOODWARD ALLISON HAMLIN

BRENDA HOFFMEYER JOHN BARRON

SUE WOODWARD

### Happy Anniversary

PHIL AND KATHY REISZ JOHN AND JUDY KNIGHT

JON AND CAROL BURCHFIELD

## Stewardship Report

For week ending 08/15/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	7,700.00
Total Giving for August	\$	22,215.33
MTD Budgeted for August	\$	17,595.00
Difference for August	\$	7,620.33
YTD Budgeted	\$	193,545.00
YTD Giving	\$	206,692.91
YTD Difference	\$	13,147.91

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

# Intercessory Prayer List –August 2021

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

(Parishioners indicated by \*)

	Bobby Ray Armstrong	Michelle
*Geneva Albertson	Lynn Bailey	Esme Miller
*William Brammer	Charlie Banks	Teresa Mitchell
*Debora Buckner	Mark Beckler	Vicky Morris
*Jon Burchfield	Shirley Brown	Charlie Neal
*Tracey Burke	Walt Brown	Rebekah Nichols
	Edward “Skinny” Calhoun	Jeremy Norton
*Patti and Gary Cole	Marcus & Rebecca Carrell	Michelle Onorato
*Cathie Cope	Margie Bruner	Martha Painter
*Jeri Cotnam	Mary Bucy	Mary Elizabeth Paris
*Lisa Dinverno	Norma Burney	Randy Perry
*Carolyn Hawkins	Sammie Burchfield	Steve Plott
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Susan Butler	Diana Poarch
*Jacob Jones	Marita Cantrell	Beth Powell
*Steve Jordan Family	Judith Catalano	Michelle Pritchett
*Sue Killcreas	Carole Cook	Shirley Puckett
*Jan Littell	Mindy Cox	Beverly Pulliam
*Sandy & Rick Martin	Doug Enck	Linda Price
*Bee Maybank	Janelle Ferguson	Ellen Sue Rhodes
*Kim Miller	Bob Frady	Regina Robertson
*Teresa Noble	Tiffany Fritz	Bob Rodric
*Alice Oosterhoudt	Phil Gailey	Nikki Satterfield
*Rick Powell	Mary Haughie	Mary Schaugh
*Ethel Rutledge	Colleen Halverson	Edwina Schwegmann
*John Schwenn	Janet Hayes	Addie Snyder
*Mary Squires	Tasha Hemphill	Nancy Spalding
*Carol Taylor	Hyde Family	Laura Stephens
*Virginia Weaver	Dr. Doris Jeanette	Sylene Taylor
*Celia Williams	Katherine Kelehear	Bailey Underwood
Abbie	Beverly Kellett	Christine Williams
Melvin & Harriet Adams	Aaron Kitchings	Melanie Wilson
Lisa & Thad Adams	James Lambert	David Young
Kelly Allgood	Becky Lewis	
Thad Arms	Pam Lewis	
	Hannah Locke and family	
	Jim Lord	
	Reese Lukei	
	Ann Lumpkin	
	Minnie Marsh	
	Bridget McClure	
	Maryanne McDaniel	