



St. Mark's

Episcopal Church

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# Bulletin Board

July 15, 2021

# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY

## **UPCOMING FAMILY RAFTING TRIP ON 8/28/2021;**

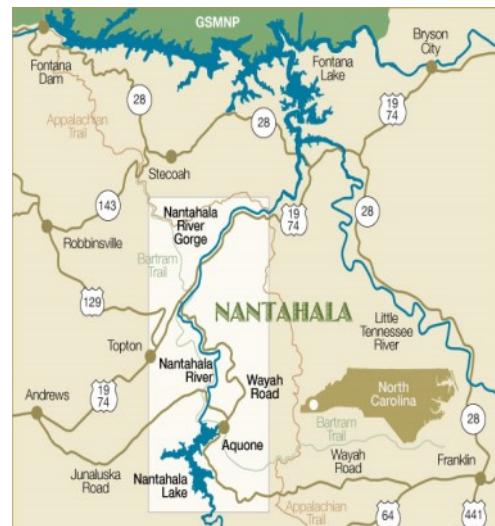
## **Details of Trip:**

- \*Payment deadline is 5:00 pm at August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - \*Cost is \$39.00
  - \*Call Endless River Adventures at  
(800) 224-7238 to make your reservation
  - \*Please mention the QR St. Mark's Episcopal**

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## **Church when making reservation**

- \*Cancellation on August 21<sup>st</sup> for full refund
  - \*We will leave St. Mark's at 9:00 am.
  - \*The trip will be rafting on the Nantahala River.  
The river Class II & III, which is beginner level



# COMING SOON.....



**A MEETING IS PLANNED FOR 7/25/21**

A NEW FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAM CALLED  
**MESSY CHURCH (set to begin 9/1/21):**

A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Found throughout the globe. Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ

The Official Installation of Father Rick Tiff  
by Bishop Wright  
HAS BEEN MOVED. FURTHER NEWS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED SOON!!

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES REFRESH

August 15<sup>th</sup> & 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, GA.

A logo for Bible Study. It features the words "Bible Study" in a stylized, cursive font above an open book. A blue cross is positioned above the letter "i" in "Bible".

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



## The Food Group

We have so many events and activities coming up, and we need to call on St. Mark's amazing cooks and talented bakers!

The plan is to send notice out of an upcoming event, and if you can help out by bringing a dish, just respond by email!

Upcoming events include wedding receptions, installations, baptisms, funerals, messy church (new youth/family program)...

If you want your name on The Food Group list, call or text Deb Hull, Vestryperson for Parish Life @ 706-264-8750 or email at [deborationmariehull@gmail.com](mailto:deborationmariehull@gmail.com)



# *just so you know*

## The St. Mark's Endowment Fund

Have you noticed the small wall in the courtyard next to the door to the Parish Hall? This wall honors some of the persons who have made gifts to the St. Mark's Endowment Fund. Have you ever wondered what this endowment fund is and why it was created?

In the mid-1990s a group of parishioners saw the need to establish a fund that would provide for St. Mark's long-term mission. In 1999 the Vestry approved the formation of the endowment fund with certain memorial monies totaling approximately \$25,000 used to start the fund. Gifts from our parishioners and others have allowed this fund to grow to a current value of over \$1,000,000. The endowment is structured to generally provide that only the income from the fund be used ensuring that the principal remain intact.

In 2015 the management of the endowment fund was transferred to the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia whose mission it is to manage philanthropic giving. The Community Foundation manages over 200 funds valued at over \$75,000,000 which allows St. Mark's to benefit from better asset management and reduced investment cost. The Community Foundation undergoes an annual audit by a public auditor and its investment committee meets quarterly with advisors to monitor the investments and investment policy.

All of us should be excited about the future of our Parish and the mission that we will live out together in the coming years. If you subscribe to the Church's teaching that all we are and have are gifts from God, then it is even more important that we manage those gifts responsibility which includes what happens to those gifts at the time of our death. It is estimated that up to 70% of Americans do not have an estate plan, and that of those who do, many do not keep them up to date. Even fewer include a bequest for religious or charitable organizations as is suggested in the Book of Common Prayer.

The St. Mark's Endowment Fund is designed as a tool for your stewardship planning. Consider making a gift today, large or small, to the endowment fund knowing that your gift will literally be a gift that keeps on giving for many years to come. You may also want to consider a planned gift to this fund such as a bequest in your will to tithe your pledge in perpetuity.

Should you have any questions, please let the Senior Warden or Fr. Rick know. They can direct you to someone who will be happy to answer your question.

## Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

### Brown Thrasher, Georgia's State Bird

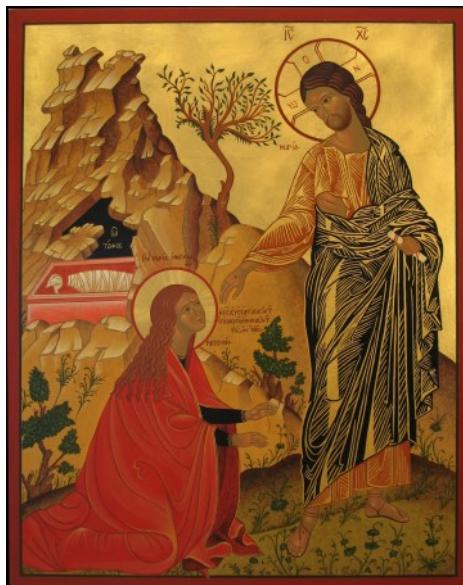
A couple of weeks ago I was mowing my grass around my snowball bush and I got the feeling I was being watched. I was being watched, by a Brown Thrasher on a nest in the snowball bush. I did not try to get closer to the nest because Brown Thrashers (and their cousins Mockingbirds) will vigorously defend their nests and attack humans, cats and snakes. This nest was about five feet above the ground which is typical of this bird that rarely builds above six feet. This nest was probably the second or third nest of the season. A week later I saw baby bird heads poking up above the nest of twigs. Incubation is only 10 to 14 days and even more amazing, the babies are only in the nest 9 to 14 days. Like most songbirds, they are fully grown and can fly when they leave the nest. I've been keeping an eye out for the young birds because Thrashers and Mockingbirds sometimes come out of the nest before they can fly. The parents will feed them and protect them on the ground for a few days until they can fly. If you hear a commotion in your yard, try to keep cats and dogs away for a few days. Brown Thrashers are a little bigger than a robin, rusty red on the back with a spotted breast, long tail, yellow eyes, and a downward curved bill. They get their name because these birds thrash around in leaves on the ground looking for food. In spring and summer they eat mostly large insects, worms and salamanders. In the winter, they eat suet, seeds and berries. If you startle this bird, it may just scurry off on the ground into dense cover rather than fly away. Thrashers, like their cousins Catbirds and Mockingbirds, are wonderful mimics of other birds' songs and calls. Thrashers have the largest song repertoire of any North American bird, and each individual may have up to 3,000 song phrases! Get to know our state bird.



## Saints of the Week by Marilyn Lance

### Mary Magdalene, First Witness to the Resurrection

July 22 is the day to honor Mary Magdalene, one of the most controversial and mysterious people who knew Jesus personally. Because Mary is a common name and translations vary, there is a lot of confusion about this woman. What do the scriptures tell us? Mary was from the Galilean town of Magdala, a fishing town on the Sea of Galilee about one hundred miles north of Jerusalem. Luke 8:13 mentions her as a follower of Jesus. Many women, most of whom were probably wealthy, accompanied Jesus on his travels. Luke says that seven demons were cast out of her by Jesus. During the time of Jesus, the demons that were cast were usually a type of mental illness. Later Christians believed that these demons were the seven deadly sins and strengthened the case that Mary was a prostitute. In 591 Pope Gregory the Great stated that Mary Magdalene was the "unnamed sinner and prostitute". (The Second Vatican Council removed the prostitute label in 1969.) All four gospels report that Mary Magdalene was the first to witness Jesus after the resurrection. Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the Gospel of Thomas, Gospel of Phillip, and the Gospel of Mary which did not make it into the New Testament. What Mary did and where she went after she left the apostles is not known for sure. In the Eastern tradition Mary is believed to have left Jerusalem with Mary, Jesus' mother, and gone to Ephesus in modern day Turkey. Western Catholics believe she fled to France and lived in a cave for thirty years before she died in the southeast of France. A really extreme view, made popular by Dan Brown's *Divinci Code*, says Mary fled to France pregnant with Jesus' child and founded the Merovingian line of kings. There is absolutely no evidence for this myth. Mary Magdalene is often portrayed as weeping as she did at the tomb of Jesus. From this we get the English word "mauldin" meaning tearfully sentimental. There is a Magdalen College at Oxford and a Magdalene College at Cambridge, both pronounced "Mauldin".





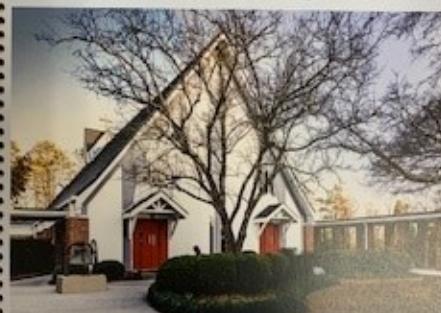
This has been a very difficult time for most of us including Sandy and me. We are truly blessed to have our St. Mark's community particularly the Pastoral Committee and their phone calls, friendly notes, savory meals, occasional flowers and heartfelt prayers. These acts of kindness brighten our days more than I can say. Thank you seems inadequate to fully express our sincere appreciation. Between all you do and your prayers - we got this!

THANK YOU FROM RICK & SANDY MARTIN

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!

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
BCP p.365

# This Week at St. Mark's

## Sunday, July 18 - Pentecost 8

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
11:30 am Nursery Planning Meeting

## Wednesday, July 21

6:00pm Bible Study w/Fr. Rick

## Sunday, July 25 - Pentecost 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
12:15 pm MESSY CHURCH MEETING

## Office Hours

Monday, July 19 - Thursday, July 22  
8 am - 1 pm

## Upcoming:

### Tuesday, August 12th

Rafting payment cutoff

### Sunday, August 15th

Second Sunday Potluck AND  
(moved to 3rd Sunday)  
Young Adult Confirmation Class

### Wednesday, August 21st

5:00 pm LEM & EV Meeting

### 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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### Worship

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

### Happy Birthday

July 19- 25

GINGER COUNTRYMAN JULIA ADAMS

LAUREL RENFROE MARION WHITESIDE

### Anniversaries

BO AND TONI THOMPSON CLAUDIA AND ANNE-MIEKE LEYSSENS  
ROBB AND ELLEN ANDERSEN

### Deaths

Carol McCormick, sister of Cathy Houser, on 07/02/2021

## STEWARSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 07/11/2021

Weekly Giving	\$ 19,267.28
Total Giving for June	\$ 19,267.28
MTD Budgeted for June	\$ 11,730.00
Difference for June	\$ 7,537.58
YTD Budgeted	\$ 164,220.00
YTD Giving	\$ 174,840.00
YTD Difference	\$ 10,620.58

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

# Intercessory Prayer List –July 2021

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

(Parishioners indicated by \*)

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