



St. Mark's

Episcopal Church

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Bulletin Board

July 22, 2021



FAMILY RAFTING TRIP

8/28/2021



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY

Details of Trip:

***Payment deadline is 5:00 pm at August 12th**

*Cost is \$39.00

*Call Endless River Adventures at

(800) 224-7238 to make your reservation

***Please mention Rick Tiff OR St. Mark's Episcopal Church when making reservation**

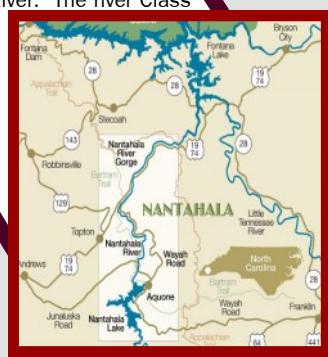
*Cancelation on August 21st for full refund

*We will leave St. Mark's at 9:00 am.

*The trip will be rafting on the Nantahala River. The river Class

is II & III, which is beginner level.

*We will eat lunch and dinner together.



COMING SOON.....



A MEETING IS PLANNED FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES REFRESH

August 15th & September 12TH @ 12:30 PM

*Classes will be one hour and right after 2nd 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 25th or 26th at

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, GA.



wednesday evenings

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 deborahmariehull@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.

Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Hummingbirds – Little Dynamos

I saw a hummingbird last week visiting my red honeysuckle vine on my mailbox and fence. Many of you have probably been seeing hummers for months now especially if you have feeders for them. Because of the hunting prowess of my cats, I have never put up feeders. Later in the summer I will see more when my hummingbird vine on my fences is blooming. Hummingbirds are amazing little birds! There are over 300 species found only in the Americas. The only species in the East is the Ruby Throated Hummingbird. The male has iridescent green on the back and a ruby throat. The iridescence is due to the feather structure and not to pigment, so is only visible when the light hits it. Wings beat 50 times a second producing the humming sound. These little birds can hover and are the only bird that can fly backwards. They have a very high metabolism. Their tiny heart beats 20 times per second and they breathe 150 breaths a minute. They have a high body temperature and need a lot of food. They could starve during the night but they go into a hibernation-like state called torpor. Their metabolism drops 95%. Their body temperature drops. Heart rate and breathing slow way down. Many species live in the Andes Mountains and this torpor allows them to thrive in cool temperatures. Hummingbirds have very long beaks and long forked tongues to get the sugary nectar from flowers. They eat insects for protein especially when their young are rapidly growing. Look for their nest on a tree branch. It is made of lichens and moss, glued together with spiderwebs and is the size of a 50 cent piece. There will be 2 white eggs the size of a green pea. Hummingbirds have a brain the size of a rice grain. Yet they can remember what flowers they have already visited, fly to Florida and then across the Caribbean to Central America for the winter, and return in the spring to the area where they were hatched!



Saints of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Philadelphia 11, First Women Priests Ordained in the Episcopal Church



July 29 commemorates the ordination of the first women to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 1974. Although women had a place in teaching and ministry in the Early Church, the ordination of women has only happened in the last fifty years in some denominations. It is still not permitted in some denominations. In the Episcopal Church today, half of all priests being ordained are women and a third of all priests in the church are women. In the early 20th century, women increased their participation in the church by becoming deaconesses, a separate order from male deacons. At the General Convention of 1970 canonical law was changed to make male deacons and female

deaconesses equals, and both men and women were called deacons. A resolution to approve the ordination of women was proposed and failed at the General Conventions of 1970 and 1973. Supporters of women's ordination grew restless and scheduled an ordination service to be conducted by three retired bishops. Eleven women who were deacons, called the "Philadelphia Eleven", were ordained to the priesthood on July 29, 1974 at the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia. The House of Bishops declared the ordinations "irregular" and would not allow the women to perform priestly functions. Finally at the General Convention of 1976 the ordination of women to the priesthood was approved to begin January 1, 1977. At that time the "irregular" ordinations were regularized and about 100 women were ordained that first year. The first female bishop was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1989.

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...."



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

"Many thanks to our wonderful St. Marks church family for the cards, prayers, food and best wishes during my recovery from knee surgery. Y'all are the best!"

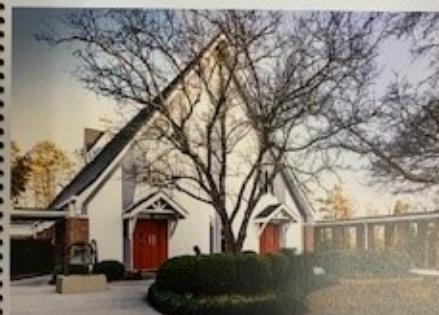
Thanks,

Jan Littell

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!

2021 Directory
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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.366

This Week at St. Mark's

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

Wednesday, July 28

6:00pm Bible Study w/Fr. Rick

Sunday, August 1 - Pentecost 10

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

Office Hours

Monday, July 26 - Thursday, July 29

8 am - 1 pm Volunteers only

Friday, July 30

Office Closed

Upcoming:

Monday, Aug. 2—Sunday, Aug. 8
Father Rick Vacation

Thursday, August 12th

Rafting payment cutoff

Sunday, August 15th

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

Tues. Aug. 10—Mon. Aug. 23

Volunteers in office - Curry working
from home

Saturday, August 28th

9:00 am Family Rafting Trip

CHURCH STAFF

Priest

Rev. Rick Tiff

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Beth Nichols

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Curry McClurken

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Laura Bock

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

Happy Birthday

GWEN MANLY BILL HAWKINS DYLAN WALDROP (IN NAVY)

JULIA LANSING RAY ELROD OWEN WITT

STEVE CANTRELL PHIL REISZ

Anniversaries

BARRY AND BETH PULLIAM ALAN AND BETH NICHOLS

Deaths

Stephanie Milton, in Chatsworth on 7/13/2021

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/August 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	