



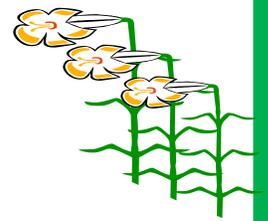
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Bulletin Board

March 26, 2021

Lilies are still available! Print this form, fill it out and mail it to the church or drop it in the mailbox in the driveway

Easter Lilies



If you wish to make a donation toward Easter Lilies,
 please fill out the form below and return it **BY MAIL** with a check made out to St. Mark's by
 March 31st so the information can be listed in the
 Easter bulletin. Thank you—

EASTER LILIES: \$16.00 each

Name of donor: _____

I would like to donate (#) _____ lilies

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in thanksgiving for _____

I enclose \$_____ to cover the cost of (#) _____ lilies

(and/or) _____ flowers.



Peter's Race!!!

Peter's Free Wheelin' 5K will be a virtual race during the month of April. Register at Your registration link!

<https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-r...>

Race participants may pick up their t-shirts on Friday, April 23rd from 4:30 until 6:00 pm or Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 until 10:30 am.

For more information email Laura at director@stmarksdalton.org

Let me know if you need something different.

Filled Easter Eggs in need:

We have planned an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between services at 9:45am. Please drop off plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy in the yellow container by the Parish Office outside door, starting Tuesday, March 30th. We will collect them through Friday, April 2nd. Make sure your children bring their own Easter basket or bag to collect eggs.

Thank you!!

Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Redbud – Flowering Judas Tree

As we approach Holy Week, it's time to think about the Redbud tree, now in bloom. Legend says that Judas Iscariot hanged himself on a Redbud tree after he betrayed Jesus, and the white flowers turned to purple. There are 10 species of Redbud in the world, one of which grows in southern Europe and the Mediterranean area. The common name for the Mediterranean species is Judas Tree or Tree of Judea. In our part of the world we have the Eastern Redbud. It is considered a large shrub or small tree, growing to a maximum height of 20 to 30 feet. We don't notice this tree most of the time, but in the spring when it blooms, you can't miss it!



At St. Mark's, we have a number of Redbuds growing on the edge of the woods along Emery Street. There are some on the cemetery side as well. The flowers, now visible, are found on the bare branches and even the trunk. If you look closely at the flowers, they look like purple pea flowers. Redbuds are, in fact, legumes. The seed pods that come after the flowers look like snow peas. And don't miss the heart shaped leaves. Redbuds grow wild in the understory of the forest but they are also prized as a landscape plant. George Washington moved many redbuds from the woods to his estate at Mount Vernon. The flowers are beautiful in the spring. The leaves are attractive and turn bright yellow in the Fall. A few years ago, plant nurseries were encouraging people to plant Redbuds instead of Dogwoods, because so many Dogwoods were dying of a fungus disease. So as we come to Holy Week, think about the Flowering Judas Tree.



Preschool in the Spotlight

The 2, 3 and 4 year olds really enjoyed their Easter Egg Hunts before leaving on Spring Break!!



Reminder

**** APRIL 11 FROM 2-4** - tentatively planned as a **DRIVE THROUGH WELCOME AND BIRTHDAY PARADE AND POUNDING** (this may be modified if covid restrictions loosen).

You saw that right! April 10 is also Father Rick's birthday....so this is also a birthday celebration!!

You will also be able to pick up the new directory at this welcome party!

Plan to bring a welcome or birthday card for Father Rick, and something for the Pounding!

More details to follow, but the pounding will be based on Father Rick's preferences and what you want to do:

"Pounding" options:

1. a gift card to: Fiddleheads, Home Depot or Starbucks, or visa card
2. Send money to church (make sure to mark that it is for Father Rick's welcome, and we will buy a big visa card that Father Rick can use anywhere! Your name will be on the card !-perfect if you can't be there on April 11!
3. Bring an item that Father Rick would like to stock his home! His preferences: Diet Coke, orange vitamin water, crunchy Raisin Bran, Peanut Butter and anything with peanut butter in it, regular coffee, flavored coffee creamer, health conscious things like Cliff bars and Balance Bars, good breads and baked goods, Soups, italian foods like spaghetti. cleaning supplies

Father Rick does plan to get together with everyone over the next several months!

Watch for the banners in front of the church, updated website and facebook pages!

Dear friends,

In collaborating with Family Support Council in many other arenas with Outreach, it has come to my attention there is another urgent need in our community. The Grace & Joy House is a house that is a "landing pad" for children who have just been displaced from their family and into the foster care system. These distressed children are received at Grace & Joy, many of whom, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Grace & Joy are in need of pajamas of all sizes for both boys and girls, and they need some chairs or outdoor furniture for their newly finished deck.

While serving vestry, I have seen firsthand just how generous our congregation is. From the bottom of my heart, I'm grateful for my fellow parishioners who possess such a willingness to help others. I'm honored to be a part of St. Mark's and its many missions.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you!

Juli Hayes

Vestry Outreach



" A BIG!! Thank You to Phil & Kathi Reisz, Dr. Chris Stearns & Kathy West, Chris & Laura Bock and Alex Brown for the outstanding work pruning the shrubs around the parish hall. St. Mark's "Everyday Angels" at work."

Rick J.

Thank you all so very much for the kindness you have shown to me and my parents. It has been a joy to meet some of you and the food has all been delicious -

with gracious thanks -

Father Rick and Sandy & Dick Tiff

IN OTHER NEWS

As the Diocese begins to allow increased access back into our churches, we need to also ensure compliance with Safeguarding requirements. One requirement is controlling who is able to enter St. Mark's facilities. Therefore, we are once again checking on keys to the church! If you have come off of a guild, other church committee or for some other reason no longer need (not just "nice to have") a church key, please turn it in to either Kim Littell or Curry in the office. If you need your key to be picked up, let us know and we'll come get it. In a few weeks after tabulating the results, I will call to confirm key numbers in your possession if you've not already done so. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter to help ensure your safety and that of St. Mark's facilities.

Thanks!
Kim Littell

Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

There are no saints listed on this year's calendar for the coming week because it is Holy Week. Holy Week, the seven days before Easter, begins this Sunday March 28 with the Sixth Sunday in Lent, called Palm Sunday. Holy Week is a very important time in the Christian Church. We assume the early Christians observed this week also but we have no good records. When the Church was under persecution from the Romans, activities were underground. The name Holy Week was first used in the 4th century by St. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, and St. Epiphanius of Constantia. The earliest known record of any Holy Week observance is a description of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem found in the travel diaries of a nun named Egeria (or Etheria). Egeria was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the late 4th century. What she describes is a reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the bishop in place of Jesus. Some Christians observe Monday as the day Jesus cleansed the Temple. Tuesday recognizes Jesus' teaching in the Temple and his predictions of his own death. Wednesday, called Spy Wednesday, is when Judas Iscariot arranged to betray Jesus. In the Anglican Communion, Thursday in Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday, while in other denominations the day is Holy Thursday. (It is believed that maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum meaning command.) Two important things happened on that Thursday during the Jewish celebration of Passover. (The Thursday was probably the first day of Passover but it might have been another day in the 8 day celebration.) Jesus instituted Holy Communion which will be celebrated during this service. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, a ritual which is also done in many churches during this Maundy Thursday service. And Jesus gave the great commandment to his disciples, "Love one another." At St. Mark's and other churches, at the end of the service the church is stripped of all decorations in preparation for Good Friday. Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, is observed in different ways. Our Book of Common Prayer has a service for this day which will begin at 6 PM. If you are a pilgrim in Jerusalem you could walk the Via Dolorosa, Way of Sorrow, and follow the route Jesus took. The first reports of a pilgrimage route corresponding to Biblical events were in the Byzantine era. In the 8th century a route was established that ended at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Around 1350 Franciscan friars began conducting tours. The current route has been established since the 18th century and consists of 9 Stations of the Cross plus 5 stations in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Many churches, including St. Mark's, have the Stations of the Cross around the sanctuary. We give thanks that we can observe Holy Week this year in our sanctuary with limitations!



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 hsnwg.org and fill out a volunteer application. Thanks for your help-our cats and dogs thank you too!

March/April

Office hours will partially resume beginning the week AFTER Easter. PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing and masks are still mandated so if you need to come in please call first. The office will be taking phone calls from 8am - 1pm, Monday - Thursday then closed Friday. 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

March 29 - April 4

ROSE RENFROE ERIN WITT BLAKE BENNETT BLANE BENNETT
SANDY MARTIN GEORGIA BENNETT JOANNE WILLIAMS
WILL BARRON

Anniversaries

DAVID AND CATHERINE CAYLOR

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 03/21/2021:

Weekly Giving	\$	1,165.00
Total Giving for March	\$	8,920.00
MTD Budgeted for March	\$	17,595.00
Difference for March	\$	(8,675.00)
YTD Budgeted	\$	70,380.00
YTD Giving	\$	74,472.00
YTD Difference	\$	1,092.00

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

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(Parishioners indicated by *)

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