



ST. MARK'S

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Bulletin Board

March 27, 2020

Dear Friend in Christ,

Before we get to Easter, we go through Holy Week and Good Friday. This year, these holiest of days align with some of the darkest days of our modern era. The COVID-19 Pandemic is testing us and our faith in ways that few imagined just a few weeks ago. The cost—human, economic, social—is huge and growing. It is easy to lose faith in these times. But as the prophet Zechariah reminds us we are called to be "prisoners of hope." That is the promise of Easter morning and the resurrection. Despair is not an option. If there was ever a time to live out our faith, surely it is now. We can demonstrate faith, hope and love through our own acts every day. By doing so, we are not only united with Christ, but also with one another as siblings in Christ. It is through that strength of unity that we can be of real service to those in need even as we face challenges like the COVID-19 Pandemic right now. We get through such difficulties together as one in the body Christ. Come Easter Sunday, we will be celebrating the abundant life that Jesus brings to all of us through his death and resurrection. Yet we do not have to wait until then to live out God's love for the world. I see the immense power of that fellowship in Christ in our work across the world—whether it's equipping our partners on the ground with crucial support to assist local communities in times of crises, continuing to address gender-based violence alongside faith leaders in countries like Liberia, and carrying on our work to ensure young children have the chance to grow and thrive. Our partners—and that includes you—are following in the footsteps of Christ through this work. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your neighbors here at home and across the world by bringing hope. As we near Holy Week and Easter Sunday, my prayer for you is that you can find the hope of which Zechariah reminds us. That hope is our strength and links us all through faith as one in the Body of Christ.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a hope-filled Easter season,

Robert W. Radtke
President & CEO
Episcopal Relief & Development



Here a few links to keep you tuned in on Sunday mornings (and additional services) while staying indoors and safe from the virus:

To view services from the Cathedral of St. Phillips (click **BLUE** link):

<https://www.cathedralatl.org/>

To view service from the National Cathedral (click **BLUE** link):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUGZLwnLhUU>

To view service from the Christ Episcopal Church-of Martinsville, VA, featuring Deb & Andy Hull's son Nick Hull who offers morning, noon and evening prayers (click **BLUE** link):

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Episcopal-Church-Martinsville-VA-1016965151675751/>

To view St. Michael Episcopal Church in Stone Mountain's Morning Prayer videos with the weekly liturgical readings on our Youtube channel, click on either link **RED** below:

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzuywFjCRcb55GO77y8YtKw>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelStoneMountain/>

As we continue to monitor the Coronavirus, COVID-19 situation, we will keep you advised of updates or changes. Please, if you have any questions feel free to call me directly at 706-271-7746.

Prayerfully,

Rick Powell, Senior Warden



A reminder while we are unable to have services:

You may mail your contributions or if you wish just drop them by the church. We are running very limited hours, but the mailbox outside is secure. As you open the mailbox there is a shelf. There is a slot at the back of the shelf that drops into a locked area of the mailbox. The box is checked daily.

These are very trying times, but there will be a time when we can all pass the peace to each other again.

- Martha Minor

Also, if you do not have your pledges set up for “automatic” giving through our website and you wish to set up an ongoing or one time amount, please follow these steps:

Go to the following website or click on it here:

<https://www.stmarksdalton.org/>

Then under the “Support” on the banner, a box will drop down and click on “Online giving”

A new screen will pop up, then click on the word “*here*”.

You will be redirected to the OnRealm giving screen and the instructions are easy to follow.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me your phone number and I will call you back at my earliest convenience:

curry.mcclurken@stmarksdalton.org

or admin@stmarksdalton.org

Stay safe please,
Curry McClurken
Parish Administrator



Check out these links below for a special message from our Organist and Choir Director, Beth Nichols (click on **BLUE** or **PURPLE** link below:

Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rmmb17e-fys&feature=youtu.be>

Spiritual music, Installment #1. from March 24, 2020:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NteJ6LOkinQ&feature=youtu.be>

Spiritual music, Installment #2. from March 26, 2020:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odxjJfPegnk>

Please stay safe!

The logo features the text "PETER'S FREE-WHEELIN' 5K" in a highly decorative, black, calligraphic font. The letters are thick and feature elaborate flourishes, including swirls and dots. The text is arranged in three lines: "PETER'S" on top, "FREE-WHEELIN'" in the middle, and "5K" at the bottom. The entire logo is centered within a white rectangular area that is framed by a thick purple border.

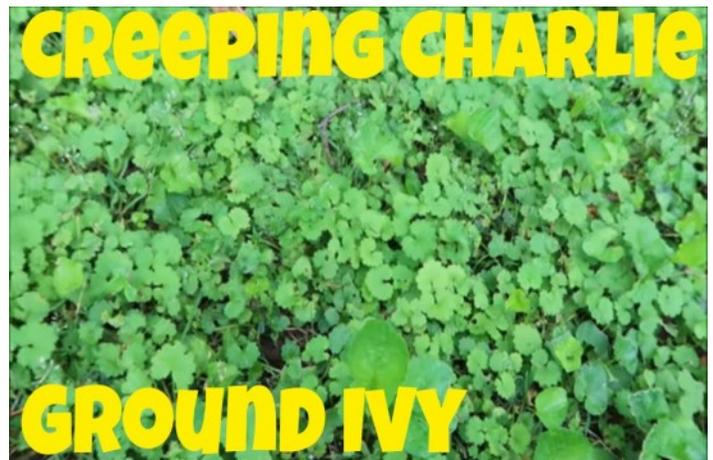
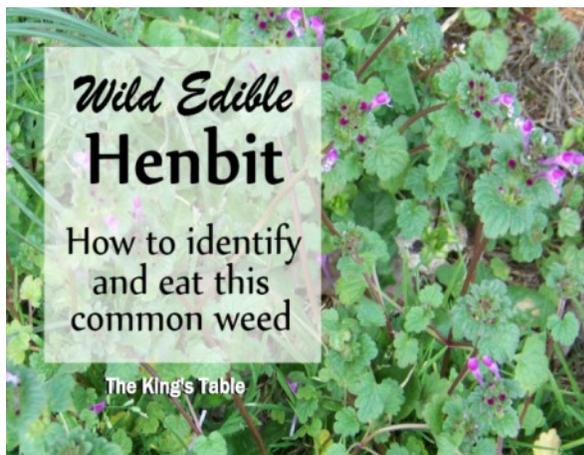
It is with a heavy heart that we must announce the cancellation of Peter's Free Wheeling 5K Race that was scheduled for April. Please note that we have planned for it next year on **4/24/21**.

- Laura Bock, Preschool Director

Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Weedy Mints

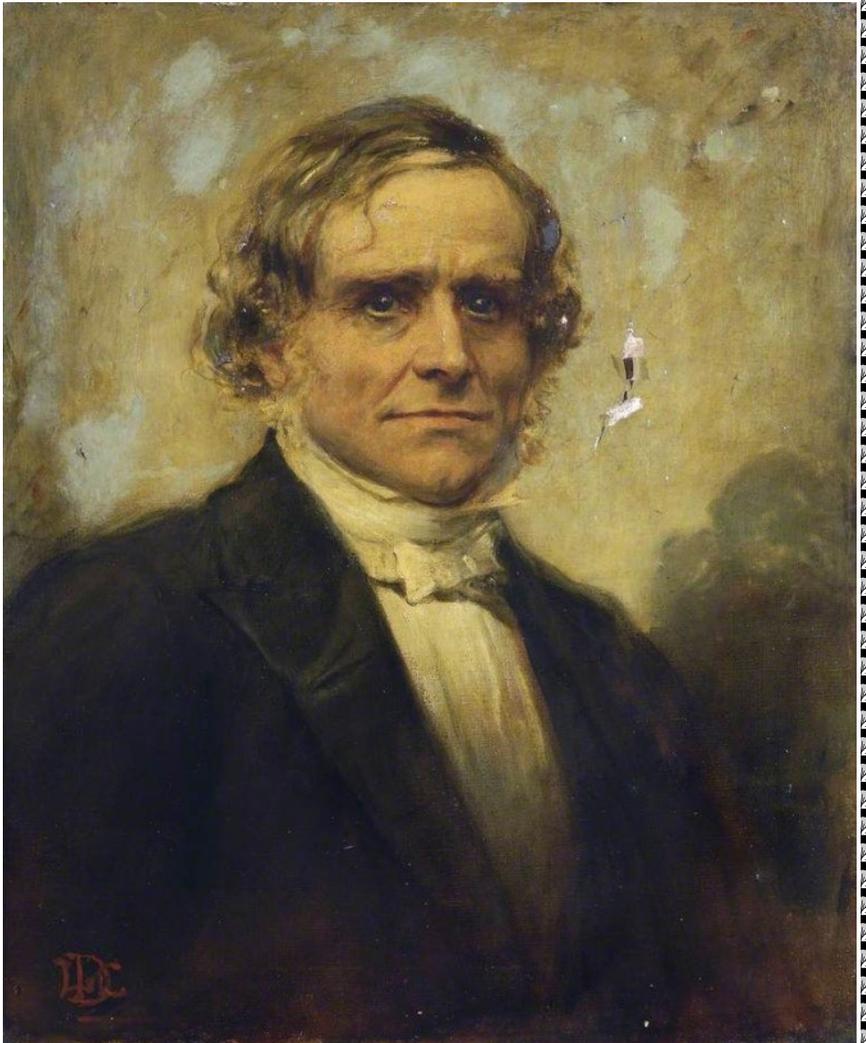
One of the largest and best known family of plants is the mint family which includes: bee balm, catnip, horehound, hyssop, lavender, lemon balm, peppermint, spearmint, basil, marjoram, oregano, rosemary, sage, and thyme. All of the members of the mint family have square stems, paired simple leaves, and two-lipped open-mouthed tubular flowers. Most are aromatic. There are also a couple that are annoying weeds. (Remember: a weed is any plant growing where you don't want it.) Right now my lawn and flower beds are full of a pretty upright mint called Hen Bit. It gets its name because chickens like the foliage and seeds. This plant grows 4"-12" high. Purplish pink flowers are found in a whorl at the top. Hen Bit probably originated along the Mediterranean but is now naturalized in eastern North America and elsewhere. It grows just about anywhere with sun but grows taller in rich soil. It's one of the first plants to bloom and provides nectar for bees as the colonies crank up for spring. Although Hen Bit doesn't have a fragrance, it is edible raw or cooked. Healthy grass in your lawn will usually choke it out and it is gone by late spring. I can't say anything good about another weedy mint, Creeping Charlie aka Ground Ivy. It is all over my lawn and flower beds. It came with some flower plants given to me by my mother-in-law 40 years ago. It's easy to pull up the creeping vines but if you don't get all the root it's right back again. I'm going to wage war on some of my patches this year. But I'm also going to enjoy the many fragrant mints in my garden.



Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest and Theologian

Frederick D. Maurice was born in Suffolk, England in 1805. His father was a Unitarian minister and hoped Frederick would follow suit. For higher education Frederick enrolled in civil law at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1823. In that year only members of the Anglican church were eligible to obtain a degree. Later he received his degree in Civil Law. Eventually, Frederick rejected his Unitarian beliefs and entered Exeter College, Oxford in 1830 to prepare for ordination in the Anglican Church. Around 1850, Maurice and his friends John Ludlow and Charles Kingsley organized



the Christian Socialist Movement. This movement attempted to apply the principles of Christianity to modern industrial life. Maurice and others demanded a social program of political and economic action on behalf of all individuals, rich and poor. Maurice engaged in two lasting educational initiatives during the time he lived in London. Queens College, London was founded in 1848 and empowered to grant certificates of qualification for governesses. In 1854 Frederick Maurice developed plans for a Working Men's College in London. The college opened with over 130 students and Frederick was the principal and teacher. Frederick was also active in promoting co-ops and men's associations for skilled trades. Frederick D. Maurice died on April 1, 1872. He is also known for his somewhat controversial writings, *The Kingdom of Christ*, and *Theological Essays*.

March/April 2020

Until further notice, St. Mark's Dalton will suspend services and all other gatherings including the closure of Preschool and the Parish office.

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

Happy Birthday

March 30 - April 6

Rose Renfro Wein Witt Blake Bennett
Blane Bennett Sandy Martin Georgia Bennett
Joanne Williams Will Barron Ashley Frazier

Happy Anniversary

Catherine & David Caylor
Brenda & Jonathan Renfro
Jennifer & Brian Latour

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving for the week ending 03/15/2020:

Weekly Giving	\$	1,405.00
Total Giving for March	\$	21,398.63
MTD Budgeted for March	\$	18,461.55
Difference for March	\$	2,937.08
YTD Budgeted	\$	67,692.35
YTD Giving	\$	65,303.63
YTD Difference	\$	(2,388.72)

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

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Intercessory Prayer List – March/April 2020

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

(Parishioners indicated by *)

*Geneva Albertson	Melvin Adams	Pam Lewis
*Joan Anderson	Kelly Allgood	Hannah Locke and family
*Walter Arms	Thad Arms	Jim Lord
*William Brammer	Bobby Ray Armstrong	Reese Lukei
*Max Buckner	Lynn Bailey	Ann Lumpkin
*Jon Burchfield	Jean Bivens	Minnie Marsh
*Tracey Burke	Brenda	Steve Masingill
*Patti and Gary Cole	Maxine Broecker	Bridget McClure
*Cathie Cope	Shirley Brown	Maryanne McDaniel
*Nola Culverson	Margie Bruner	Michelle
*Lisa Dinverno	Mary Bucy	Esme Miller
*Scott Hamlin	Susan Butler	Teresa Mitchell
*Carolyn Hawkins	Marita Cantrell	Vicky Morris
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Judith Catalano	Charlie Neal
*Jacob Jones	Carole Cook	Rebekah Nichols
*Steve Jordan Family	Sheila Couch	Jeremy Norton
*Sue Killcreas	Crystal	Martha Painter
*Emilie Leysens	Jack Dale	Mary Elizabeth Paris
*Jan Littell	Debbie	Randy Perry
*Sandy Martin	Janelle Fergueson	Steve Plott
*Norman McCoy	Tiffany Fritz	Diana Poarch
*Kim Miller	Phil Gailey	Michelle Pritchett
*Teresa Noble	Harrison	Shirley Puckett
*Alice Oosterhoudt	Mary Haughie	Bob Rodric
*Ethel Rutledge	Janet Hayes	Sarah
*John Schwenn	Tasha Hemphill	Mary Schaugh
*Bernadette Smith	Hyde Family	Edwina Schwegmann
*Pete Smith & Family	Katherine Kelehear	John Sewell
*Mary Squires	Beverly Kellett	Laura Stephens
*Carol Taylor	Aaron Kitchings	Terese
*Virginia Weaver	James Lambert	Bailey Underwood
*Celia Williams	Austin Lansing	Christine Williams
	Becky Lewis	Melanie Wilson
		Jason Yates