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Bulletin Board

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**THE RESPONSE TO THIS HAS
BEEN GREAT SO, WE ARE
RUNNING IT AGAIN!!**

the
grace & joy
HOUSE

Dear Friends -

The Grace & Joy House which is a hospitality station for children whom have just been displaced in the foster care system is currently asking for donations. May is Foster Parent Appreciation month. They would like to honor them with gift baskets. One of the items we have been asked about is a \$25 gift card to restaurants such as Oakwood, Longhorn, or others like that. They are creating "a night out" baskets for 27 families. St. Mark's has such wonderful and generous members who graciously give of themselves to others in need. Please contact Juli Hayes 706-217-9519 if you are interested. The deadline for donations is May 12th as they are giving out the baskets on May 14th.

Peace and blessings to all!

Juli Hayes
Vestry person for Outreach



From Ted & Barbara Smith:

Thank you so much for sending us this extra special directory!!!! And thanks to you and your committee for a wonderful job and for allowing us to be included. Since receiving it, Barbara has had her nose in it for two days, sharing many tidbits and photos with me as she worked through the pages. I finally got a chance to start personally thumbing through it today, and so our adventure through your window into the world of St. Mark's continues. And it paints such a beautiful picture of St. Mark's and its members! Thanks again for all the effort and heart that was put into this publication. Ted & Barbara

As we approach Mother's Day, John and Marilyn Hutcheson and Will Bates want to thank the staff and parishioners of St. Mark's for their incredible kindnesses following the death of John and Marilyn's daughter and Will's mother, Catherine Caylor, in late January. Her passing a week before her 44th birthday was completely unexpected, but the abundance of thoughts, prayers, gifts, and other condolences we've received since then has greatly strengthened the healing we're now experiencing. St. Mark's was where Catherine was christened, confirmed, married, and is now laid to rest. It was central to her spiritual life, and the care its members have shown for her and for those she loved in this world must surely be gratifying to her in the next. On her behalf as well as ours and Will's, thank you and God bless you all. -John, Marilyn & Will

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

St. Mark's Preschool appreciates support for 5K fundraiser

On behalf of St. Mark's Preschool, I want to thank everyone who supported Peter's Free Wheelin' 5K during the month of April. With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing us to make the race virtual, we are very appreciative for the support we received from our community sponsors and members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. We are also very grateful to Team Emily, a former student of the preschool. Her family and friends continue to support the race every year.

The preschool continually strives to provide a unique setting where typical and special needs children come to together to learn. We are so blessed to be a part of a community that gives from the heart.

Thank you!

Laura Bock
St. Mark's Preschool

LOST

One of our favorite Vestry members has misplaced his keys. Three weeks ago on Sunday, May 18th, a person borrowed the keys but has not yet returned them. At this time there is no reward, but if you have the keys please call the office at 706-278-8857

SPECIAL NOTICE

Just in case you missed this in the Daily citizen



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Rev. Rick Tiff, the new priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, aboard the USS San Diego in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Tiff joins St. Mark's Episcopal Church as new priest

SUBMITTED BY ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Accessibility to the mountains and nature sealed the deal for the Rev. Rick Tiff.

When St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dalton extended an invitation to Tiff to become its new priest, he accepted the invitation and the adventure. Adventure and the connection to the outdoors made Dalton an appealing choice, as adventures in travels and in outdoor sports and activities are a way of life for Tiff.

"I grew up in many places, attending five elementary schools, two junior high schools and three high schools in both the U.S. and Germany," he said.

As Tiff traveled with his parents for their work, he learned to appreciate meeting new people and experiencing the best of

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Tiff

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what communities have to offer. He took those skills with him into the world after earning his masters of divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and graduating from General Theological Seminary in New York City in 2005.

Tiff began his adventures as a priest and chaplain in California which led a few years later to serving in a construction battalion known as the Seabees for the Navy. Within this group, he would serve as the chaplain at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. His next tour of duty was with the Marines at Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. His service with the Seabees would lead him to serve with his battalion in places such as Croatia, Serbia, Afghanistan, Liberia, Uganda and other countries in Africa.

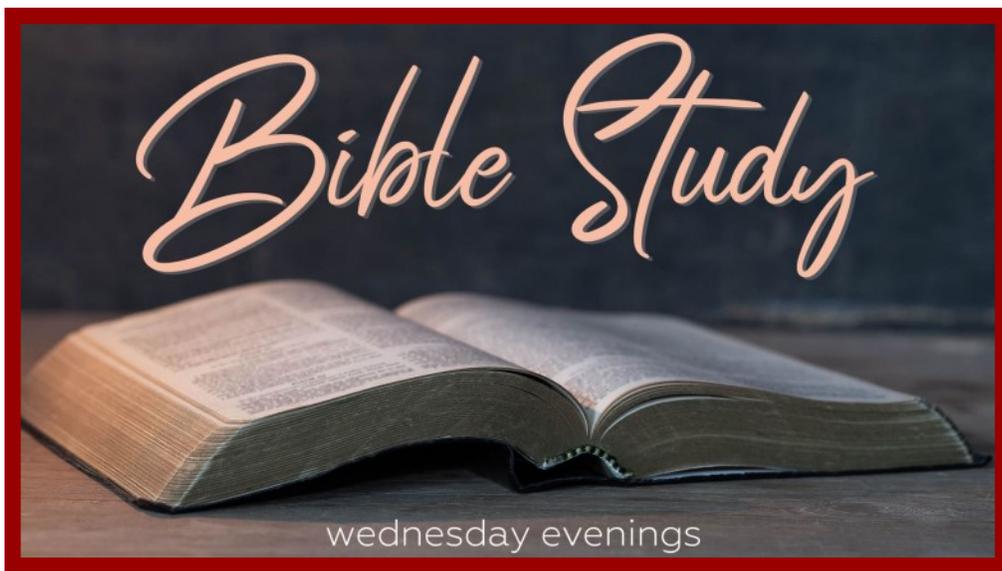
Tiff comes to Dalton from the U.S. Navy base in Pensacola, Florida, as his military service winds down, and he looks for new adventures in the outdoorsy region of North Georgia and East Tennessee.

As a runner and outdoor enthusiast, Tiff is excited about Dalton and its surrounding areas.

"That is why I'm excited about going to Dalton," Tiff said. "The community is small, yet it is located between two wonderful cities, Atlanta and Chattanooga ... Dalton itself is located in an area that is very accessible to the mountains and nature. It is a good balance and reflects who I am."

The St. Mark's community is excited to welcome Tiff and his experience with youth and pastoral care, his passion and his sense of adventure, and his abilities to lead in a positive way. The church welcomed Tiff on his first official day as head priest at St. Mark's on

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Last night's (5/5/2021) first Bible Study with Father Rick was a very successful event! Please join him next Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00pm!!



Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance



Rogation Sunday and Ascension Day

There are a few saints on the Episcopal calendar for this week, but more importantly, there are two important days this week, Rogation Sunday and Ascension Day. This Sunday May 9, 2021 is Rogation Sunday in the Anglican tradition. I don't remember hearing much about rogation in my 35 years at St. Mark's but it was a part of my childhood in the Episcopal Church. I remember it in connection with spring planting of gardens and blessing of the land. Rogation comes from the Latin verb rogare which means "to ask". This reflects the idea of beseeching God for appeasement of his anger and to ask for protection from calamities, especially in agriculture. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday following this Sunday and preceding Ascension Thursday are called minor Rogation Days. Rogation days were introduced around 470 AD and were observed by fasting and abstinence to prepare for the celebration of the Ascension. In many places a common feature of Rogation Days was a ceremony in which parishioners, minister, and choirboys would walk around the boundaries of the parish and pray for it's protection in the coming year. Versions of this still happen in southern England. Next Thursday, May 13, is the Feast of the Ascension. This day is also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, and sometimes Holy Thursday. It occurs on the 40th day of the Easter Season. The observance of this feast is of great antiquity, going back to the 4th century. It commemorates when Jesus Christ ascended bodily into heaven. The account of this event is found in Mark, Luke, and Acts. Some denominations have moved this celebration to the following Sunday which is called Ascension Sunday.



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

Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Territory is Essential



Territory is a way to ensure that an animal has enough of the essential resources – food, water, protection from enemies and a place to raise young, to reproduce and raise young. We humans identify our property (territory) with fences, hedges and even signs. Mammals usually use scent to mark territory. Anyone who has a dog knows this as their dog marks trees with urine. Most birds have no sense of smell so they use a different method. Many birds fly around the edge of their territory and sing. When I worked in the Tennessee State Parks we would take visitors out at night and play a tape recording of owl calls and wait for the resident owl to come close and challenge. Birds also use visual displays. Watch for mockingbirds dropping their wings to show their white wing patches. Sometimes two males of the same species will fight. It's not very exciting because they just face each other and bump. Territory is necessary for the survival of the species. It doesn't seem fair to us humans but not every animal gets to find a mate and produce offspring. The strongest individuals, usually the males, stake out a territory that will provide them with enough resources to raise offspring. The males with no territory just don't get to breed. Since different species of birds have different needs, your property is divided into a number of territories. You just can't have two pairs of the same species. If you put up several bluebird houses on your property you will probably have only one pair of bluebirds. But you may get chickadees, Carolina wrens, titmice, or nuthatches in the other houses. The amazing thing is that somehow the birds know how much territory they need to successfully raise young!

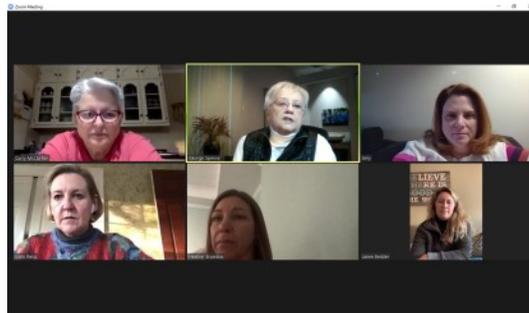
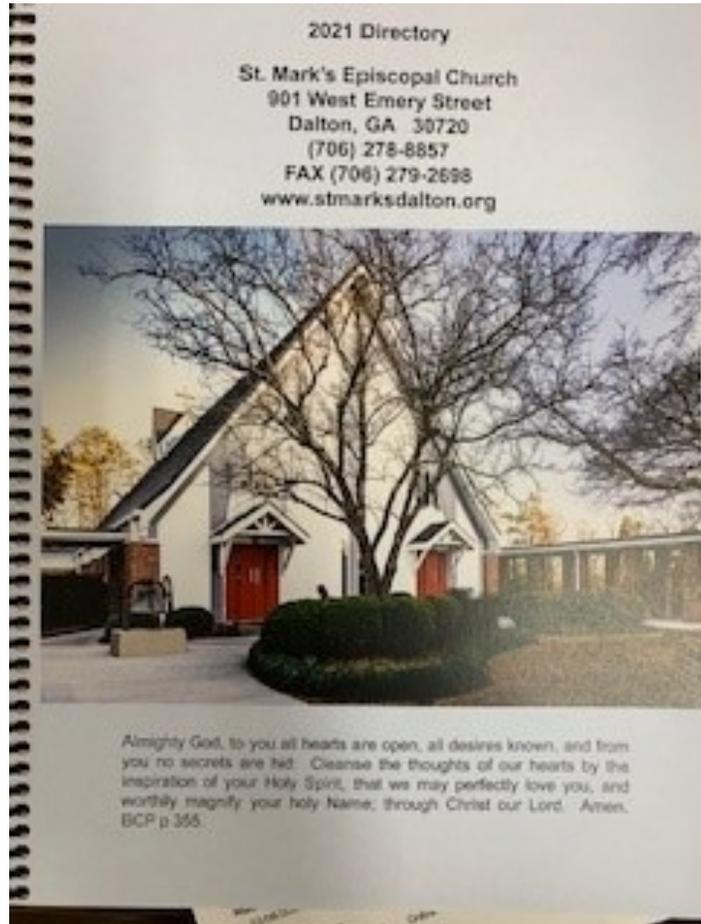
Copies of the 2021 St. Marks Directory are now available at the Parish Office. If you haven't had a chance to get yours, please call 706-278-8857 and Curry will Set up a time for you to come and get it.

Thanks!

I would like to acknowledge the folks who made the new directory possible - These photos were copied during one of many Zoom calls.

This was a great team that got the job done. My humble thanks for all you did to make it happen. -

Jan Littell, Jr. Warden



Myself (Jan), Rhenda Spence, Amy Belk, Kathi Reisz, Heather Brumlow, Jaime Beckler, George Spence and Deb Hull. Special shout-out to Kim Littell for moving the boxes from here to there and back again.

Please NOTE:

Now that office hours are reestablished The office will be taking phone calls from 8am - 1pm, Monday - Thursday then closed Friday. PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing and masks are still required so if you need to come in please call first. 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

May 10 - 16

SHARON HARRISON MITCHELL BENNETT JUDY KNIGHT
PEYTON HEFNER MATTHEW FAULK PHYLLIS JORDAN

Anniversaries

DON AND GAYLE HAYES TODD AND NANCY NELSON

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 05/02/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	6,738.33
Total Giving for May	\$	6,738.33
MTD Budgeted for May	\$	5,865.00
Difference for May	\$	873.33
YTD Budgeted	\$	105,570.00
YTD Giving	\$	108,168.07
YTD Difference	\$	2,598.07

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

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