

COMING SOON.....

SAVE THE DATE _____

October 3rd - Blessing of the Animals, St. Francis Day

October 10th - Oktoberfest (instead of 2nd Sunday Potluck)

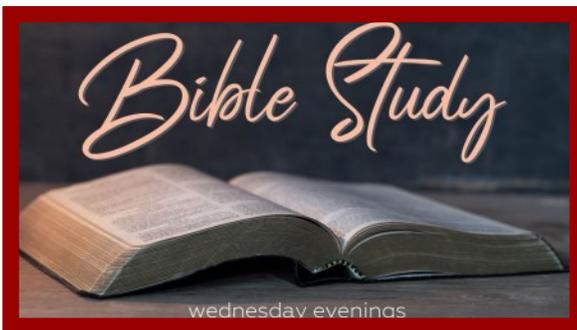
October 31st - All Saints Day

December 12th - Annual Parish Meeting after 10:30am service

December 19th - Father Rick Tiff's Installation

Adult Formation:

Crossroads in the Courtyard on Sundays at 10:00am. Grab your coffee & donut and join us for conversation about where life and faith meet each Sunday. We will move to Parish Hall if inclement weather. See you there!



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



Preschooler in the Spotlight

My name is Patricio. I am two years old. I love to swing on the playground. Having my hand painted for art projects is so much fun!





Please mark your
calendars for
December 12 after the 10:30 service for an annual parish meeting. Details to follow depending on COVID requirements at that time.
Hope to see you there!!

Jan Littell,
Junior Warden &
Vestryperson for Adult Formation



*A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun
and faith formative activities.*

Based on the values of all-ages together,

- ◇ Messy Church will have its first gathering on:

Wednesday, October 6th from 5:00pm-7:00pm

- ◇ Once a month event on the first Wednesday of month
(except November will be on 11/10/2021)
- ◇ The theme for this month is “Family Olympics”
from Philippians 3:14 “I press on toward the goal for the
prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- ◇ This will be an outdoor event with crafts, games, singing,
learning, and eating together all focused on celebrating
being together and the love of God for all of us.
- ◇ Messy Church is for all of the St. Marks family
and the community

This program is being managed by a group of congregants
including Adam Davenport who can be reached at
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be reached at rick.tiff@stmarksdalton.org

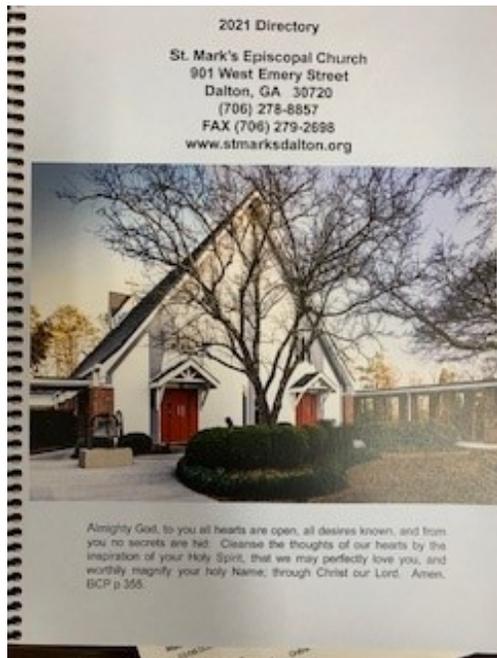
Episcopal Schools Celebration

The week of October 3-9 is the Episcopal Schools Celebration. The week celebrates the ministry of the nearly 1200 Episcopal schools and early childhood education programs throughout the Episcopal Church. This is a time to give thanks and to proclaim to our community and the Church the good news of St. Mark's Preschool. The theme this year is from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 58- "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily." For the past eighteen months we have been praying for healing- for our individual bodies, our communities and as members of the body of Christ. As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us- take care of our physical bodies and let us not forget the spiritual lessons we have learned together during this time of the pandemic. St. Mark's Preschool is blessed to have a supportive church community. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we move through our school year.

We have St. Mark's church directories available.
Please let us know if you need one

706-278-8857 and Curry will

Set up a time for you to come and get it.



NORTHWEST GEORGIA FAMILY CRISIS
CENTER'S

October Events

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Sept 30th Candle Light Vigil and Awareness
Month Kick-off- 6:00 pm

October

11th Puttin To End Domestic Violence-
12:00 pm, Nob North Golf Course

19th Whitfield Walk In Her Shoes-
12:00 pm, Dalton State College

21st National Wear Purple Day!!
Wear your best purple

22nd "We Are Latino Women" -Self Care Event
6:00 pm, Mack Gatson Community Center

22nd Gordon County Walk In Her Shoes-
12:00 pm BBT Park, Calhoun Ga

26th Murray County Butterfly Release-
6:00 pm, City Hall Park
Chatsworth, GA

**To learn more about these events
follow us on Facebook or call our
offices at (706)278-6595**



Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Autumn Yellow

I love Fall when the fields are awash with yellow. Most of the yellow now is coming from goldenrod. There are over 60 species of Goldenrod growing wild in America. There are some cultivated species sold in flower stores. Goldenrod is a short day plant which blooms in late summer and fall. Goldenrod does not cause allergies for most people. (The real culprit is Ragweed.) However, handling the leaves and stems can cause skin irritation. Goldenrod is important for honeybees. The nectar they gather



doesn't make the best tasting honey but it provides food for the bees during the winter. Goldenrod leaves were used during WWII to make rubber. Another beautiful yellow wildflower is Tickseed Coreopsis, in the aster family. When I worked for the Tennessee State Parks, I used to pick the flower buds to make a yellow dye for the pioneer costumes at David Crockett State Park. There are a number of beautiful yellow flowers in the daisy family. One that has been planted in flowerbeds is the Black Eyed Susan. As the days get shorter we will see trees with yellow leaves. The yellow pigment is xanthophyll and it's been there all along. We see it when the chlorophyll dies. Two trees that are beautiful yellow in the Fall are Tulip Poplar and Hickory. If you go way north or out west in the fall the aspen trees are a spectacular golden yellow. You can have a little of this fall yellow if you get some mums. Enjoy!

Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Francis of Assisi, Friar

On October 4, we celebrate the life of one of the best known saints in Christianity, Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis was born in northern Italy in 1182, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. His father was away on business in France when Francis was born, and his mother had him baptized as Giovanni (John). When his father returned from France, he named his son Francesco (my Frenchman) and so he was called the rest of his life. As the son of a wealthy man Francis lived a wild and frivolous life up to the age of 25. After experiencing illness and military service, Francis began to reflect on the purpose of life. Christ spoke to him and Francis renounced his wealthy way of life. His father was furious and disowned him. Francis devoted his life to caring for lepers and the sick and repairing churches. He worked or begged for food and lodging but never accepted money. Francis soon collected a following and in 1210 the Pope authorized the forming of the Order of Friars Minor, commonly called the Franciscans. Sometimes Francis and his followers lived in the wilds where he had an amazing rapport with animals. Birds would obey him and eat from his hand. The garden statues of St. Francis show him in his friar's habit with a bird on his shoulder or hand. Francis believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. In 1219 during the time of



the Fifth Crusade Francis visited the Sultan of Egypt. They had a friendly meeting and supposedly the sultan gave Francis permission to visit the holy sites in the Holy Land. Due to this visit by Francis the Franciscans have had an uninterrupted presence in the Holy Land ever since. Saint Francis died on October 4, 1226. Francis was pronounced a saint in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX. In 1979 Pope John Paul II declares Saint Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology. It has become a tradition in many churches to have a blessing of the animals on the Sunday closest to October 4, the Feast day of St. Francis. We will have a Blessing of the Animals at St. Mark's this Sunday, October 3 at 4 PM. This Sunday we can think about the example St. Francis gave us about caring for creation and the poor and needy. One of my favorite prayers in the BCP is one attributed to St. Francis. If you have a prayer book handy it is #62 on p.833.

This Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, October 3 - Pentecost 19
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 6
 5:00pm Messy Church
 6:00pm Bible Study w/Fr. Rick
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, October 10 - Pentecost 20
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 5:00 pm Oktoberfest

Office Hours
 Monday—Thursday, October 4 - 7
 8am—1pm

Friday, October 5
 Office Closed

CHURCH STAFF

Priest
 Rev. Rick Tiff
Organist/Choir Director
 Beth Nichols
Parish Administrator
 Curry McClurken
Preschool Director
 Laura Bock

VESTRY

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

Happy Birthday

10/04/2021 - 10/10/2021

KIMBERLY HUDGINS HUGH KEMP BETH NICHOLS

DEBRA BUCKNER SADIE HOY DAVIS WITT

ANDY HULL EMILIE LEYSSENS

Happy Anniversary

MIKE AND ROSE RENFROE COOKIE AND TAMI COOK

Deaths

On 9/26/2021, Tom Greer and Gary Cole,
 Both in Dalton, GA

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 09/26/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	2,073.43
Total Giving for September	\$	22,741.76
MTD Budgeted for September	\$	23,460.00
Difference for September	\$	(718.24)
YTD Budgeted	\$	228,735.00
YTD Giving	\$	252,297.77
YTD Difference	\$	23,562.77

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

Intercessory Prayer List –September/October 2021

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

(Parishioners indicated by *)

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