



St. Mark's  
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## Bulletin Board

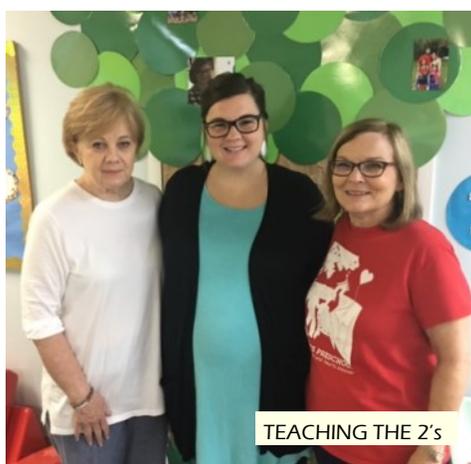
August 30, 2019

### *Dear Friends:*

A new school year has started for St. Mark's Preschool! The staff has worked hard to get their classrooms ready for another great year. Open House was this past Monday and we welcomed returning families and new families to our program. Again this year we will be spotlighting a preschooler in the weekly email. I can't wait for you to meet these wonderful children! Our two-year-olds are here on Tuesday and Thursday. The threes are at school Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the fours are here Monday through Friday. Mark your calendars for our annual Chili Supper- Friday, November 1st and Peter's Free Wheelin' 5K for Saturday, April 25th. Your support of the preschool is greatly appreciated!

Meet our Preschool Staff-

Ellen Andersen, Brittany Simpson, Nancy Cheatham (2's)  
Caroline Adcock, Brittany Simpson, Debbie Johnson (3's)  
Kim Nix, Tollis Bond (4's)



*Best Regards,*

*Laura Bock,  
Preschool Director*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**September 8th** - Adult Education Returns along with the Blessing of the Backpacks, Vestry Installation, and 2nd Sunday Potluck with ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**September 11th** - Choir Practice starts back

**September 28th** - Hug Your Church Day

**October 6th** - Blessing of the Animals and Octoberfest with The Sneary Family Band playing

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS TO  
FINISH THIS PROJECT!!! PLEASE DONATE SOON AND THANK YOU TO  
THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE!!

## Supplies for Newcomer Academy



St. Mark's is once again taking donations of school supplies for the students at Newcomer Academy. Please bring supplies to the bin in the parish office by **September 9th**. There will be copies of the supply list in the church office and the narthex of the church. Teachers and students at Newcomer are so grateful for your help and donations of new, unused school supplies.

Here is the list of new supplies that are needed -

Expo Dry Erase Markers

Composition Books

Pencils—writing pencils and colored pencils

Individual pencil sharpeners

One-inch Three-Ring Binders

Book bags

Gift cards for Walmart

If you would like to donate Gift Cards instead of school supplies this year, teachers may shop for their classrooms with these. You may leave these in the parish offices with Curry.

We will be delivering the supplies in **late September**. Thank you for your generosity!

**Are you ready to serve as a  
volunteer for Pastoral Care but  
would like some guidance on how??**

**Then join me at the  
Stephen Ministry Workshop  
Sat. September, 7 (9:00-1:00) at First  
Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN**

**A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:**

Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop

**Are there hurting people in your church or community whose needs are going unmet?**

Can you imagine the difference it would make to have 10 or 20 lay caregivers in your church who are well-trained and ready to respond to people in need? More than 13,000 churches have learned an effective, proven strategy for equipping laypeople to provide high-quality, distinctively Christian care. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for church leaders and other members to learn about the Stephen Series, a ministry system that equips and mobilizes laypeople for effective caring ministry.

**Practical Ministry Skills**

At the workshop, you will experience a sample of the training Stephen Ministers (lay caregivers) receive, and you will take home practical knowledge and skills on "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief" and "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." You will also learn why churches from more than 150 different Christian denominations use the Stephen Series for training and organizing laypeople for one-to-one caring ministry.

**A Highly Affordable Workshop**

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. For more information:

**please contact Sally Little (706) 537-9550**

# A "Thank You" from Girl Scouts

## Troop 17526

Hi everyone!

We are Troop 17526. We comprise 17 middle and high school students from Dalton City and Whitfield Schools. The troop formed in 2011 under the leadership of Andrea Hamlin and Donna Cochran starting with only 5 girls. Originally, we met at Fairview United Methodist Church in Dalton but quickly outgrew that space. From there we moved to the former Girl Scout office on East Walnut Ave. where we also hosted events, workshops and many sleepovers. Unfortunately, the office was sold and we lost our meeting place. Thanks to St. Mark's we can continue as a troop at this location.

Our troop is an adventurous bunch and we enjoy doing a wide range of activities. We are always open to learn and do more. We girls have a passion for helping others, especially in our community and with the younger Girl Scouts. They have organized events to earn Girl Scout badges and also hosted ceremonies and run donation drives as well as parties. Most recently, we donated gently used sheets, blankets and outgrown clothing to the Crisis Center. The girls adopted two angels from the Angel Tree this year. They were given a budget and shopped for the angels as a group and decided on purchases together. In the past, we have collected non-perishable items for the Birdfeeder Pantry and school supplies for the Newcomers Academy.

One of the girls reminded us that donating our time is sometimes as important as donating items. During the spring, we packed and delivered lunches for the "Spring into Wellness Event". We also helped spread pine straw at Hug your Church day, picked up litter on the nature trail, volunteered to be "color throwers" at the Wash Me Pink Susan G. Komen Color Run in Downtown Dalton. We also placed flags on the Veterans' graves on Memorial Day.

The troop participates in two parades a year. During the Veterans' Day Parade, we help carry the largest flag and hand out small flags to Veteran's in the crowd. At the Dalton Christmas Parade, we sing Christmas carols and pass out candy to the children in the crowd. We also participate in two fundraisers annually. In September, we sell Girl Scout candy and nut items. Also in January, we sell cookies. A staple of the Girl Scouts. Fundraising helps raise money to buy badges, go on trips and purchase supplies. This past November, we took a three-day trip to Savannah, the birth city of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low. We toured her birthplace, took a historical trolley tour, walked River Street, ate at the Pirate's House and participated in an escape room adventure.

Thank you again for your support helping to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



## Saint of the Week

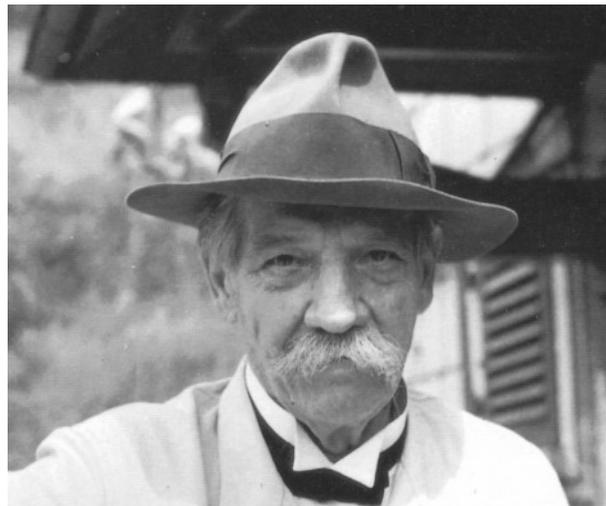
### Albert Schweitzer – Theologian, Organist, Physician, Missionary

September 4 is the day to honor a twentieth century man who was known for a number of rather different things. Albert Schweitzer was born in 1875 in Alsace, then a part of Germany. When he was 25 he received a doctorate degree in philosophy and a doctorate in theology. He was then ordained to the Lutheran ministry. At this time in his life Albert also gained prominence as a musical scholar and organist.

He did a lot of work on J. S. Bach. In 1905

Schweitzer announced his intention of becoming a missionary doctor and entered

medical school. In 1913 he and his wife set out for Lambarene in Gabon, then part of French Equatorial Africa. They established a primitive hospital, but their work was interrupted by World War I. Being a German, Albert was imprisoned during the war but returned to Lambarene after the war to rebuild his hospital. His autobiography, *Out of My Life and Thought*, was published in 1933. Albert Schweitzer received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 and died on September 4, 1965.



### **BIRDFEEDER PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!!**

We are collecting instant and microwaveable foods and foods that do not need to be refrigerated SUCH AS: Oatmeal, instant potatoes, or even Ramen. We need meals that can be microwaved For the BirdFeeder Pantry at Dalton State College. There will be baskets in Narthex and in office.

Thank you so much, Deloris Hefner

SAVE THE DATE!

# HUG YOUR CHURCH DAY

## FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 28th - 8 a.m.





## REGARDING THE 2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK ON 9/8/19:

It all started with a corn casserole that everyone was wanting the recipe for...

When you bring your dish to potluck, will you also bring the recipe for it? We would like to display it so that anyone who would like it could copy it or take a picture of it!

And maybe whoever brought the **CORN CASAROLE** a couple of months ago will bring it again?

A - M Entrees

N - Z Side dishes

Dessert will be provided by way of an Ice Cream Social.

### Haig Mill Lake Park Invitation

Hey church family! It's time to get outside and enjoy Creation together. Please join us after potluck lunch Sunday, **September 8th** at Haig Mill Lake Park in Dalton. Come take an easy walk around the lake, paddle out on a kayak (\$10-15), go fishing, play on the playground, or sit on a bench and enjoy the view.

## Government Investigates St. Mark's Sunday School

As part of on-going investigations of potential domestic terrorism, the National Security Agency created a joint force of the F.B.I., C.I.A., A.T.F., Homeland Security, I.C.E. & selected local agencies, to investigate participants of St. Mark's Adult Sunday School. The investigation found no indication of Muslim terrorists, Black extremists, drug cartel affiliations, illegal immigrants, white supremacist or freshmen representatives among the members. The top official of the N.S.A. commented, "The members of St. Mark's Sunday School are the smartest, best looking & nicest individuals we have ever encountered. We wish we could participate in a group like that."

**ADULT EDUCATION IS COMING SEPTEMBER 8.**

### Nature Note

Did You See Any Lightning Bugs This Summer?

When I was growing up, one of the joys of summer evenings was catching lightning bugs (also called fireflies) and keeping them in a jar overnight. I saw a few this summer in my yard, but not very many. Lightning bugs are actually soft bodied beetles. They produce a cold light due to a chemical reaction called bioluminescence. The light is primarily for attracting a mate but may also warn off predators. Different species have different patterns of flashes. There is even a species where the female produces a flash pattern of a different species which attracts a male that she then eats! After mating, the female lays eggs on or just below the surface of the ground. The egg hatches 3 to 4 weeks later and the larvae feed until the end of summer. The larvae hibernate over winter and form a pupa in the spring. After 1 to 2/12 weeks, they emerge as adults. Lightning bug populations are declining worldwide for a variety of reasons. Loss of habitat is one of the main reasons. Pesticides and weedkillers have also reduced populations. Light pollution from artificial light is also believed to be a factor. So enjoy any lightning bugs you may see!



For next weekend.....mark your calendars!!!

# MICHAHLAN BONEY IN CONCERT

FRIDAY SEPT. 6, 2019 @ 7 PM

\$12 ADVANCE \$15 DOOR

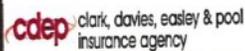
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

101 SELVIDGE STREET, DALTON, GA 30720

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEO CLINIC

a 501(c)3 providing health care to those in need

Advance tickets available at: Dalton Freight Depot Gift Shop, Bigham Discount Music, The DEO Clinic, an online at [www.deoclinic.org](http://www.deoclinic.org)



# September 2019

## Sunday, September 1 - Pentecost 12

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

## Monday, September 2 Labor Day

10:00 am NO Quilting for Others

## Wednesday, September 4

12:15 pm Healing Service

## Sunday, September 8 - Pentecost 13

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Early Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45 am 2nd Sunday Potluck and  
Ice Cream Social  
1:00 pm Outdoor gathering at Haig  
Mill Lake Park

### Office Hours:

**Monday, September 2 Labor Day**  
Offices Closed

### Tuesday - Friday, September 2-6

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

## CHURCH STAFF

**Interim Rector**  
Rev. Susan Butler  
**Organist/Choir Director**  
Beth Nichols  
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We celebrate the lives that make up the  
community of St. Mark's Church.

**Happy Birthday**

September 2 - 8

Marilyn Hutcheson Betty Garmany Don Hayes, St.

Lis Ewton Don Hoffmeyer Teresa Noble

Clay Miller Joan Anderson

Carol Taylor

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving for week ending 8/25/19:

Weekly Giving	\$ 3785.00
Total Giving for August	\$ 25,518.48
MTD Budgeted for August	\$ 25,000.00
Difference for August	\$ 518.48
YTD Budgeted	\$ 212,500.00
YTD Giving	\$ 196,626.52
YTD Difference	\$ (15,873.48)

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

# Intercessory Prayer List – August 2019

(Parishioners indicated by \*)

\*Geneva Albertson

\*Joan Anderson

\*Walter Arms

\*William Brammer

\*Max Buckner

\*Jon Burchfield

\*Tracey Burke

\*Patti and Gary Cole

\*Cathie Cope

\*Nola Culverson

\*Lisa Dinverno

\*Melba Greene

\*Scott Hamlin

\*Carolyn Hawkins

\*Brenda Hoffmeyer

\*Jacob Jones

\*Steve Jordan Family

Emilie Leyssens

\*Jan Littell

\*Sandy Martin

\*Norman McCoy

\*Kim Miller

\*Teresa Noble

\*Alice Oosterhoudt

\*Ethel Rutledge

\*John Schwenn

\*Doris Shoemaker

\*Bernadette Smith

\*Pete Smith & Family

\*Mary Squires

\*Carol Taylor

\*Virginia Weaver

\*Roger Williams

\*Terry & Celia Williams

Kelly Allgood

Thad Arms

Bobby Ray Armstrong

Lynn Bailey

Jean Bivens

Brenda

Maxine Broeker

Margie Bruner

Mary Bucy

Marita Cantrell

Ron Cantrell

Judith Catalano

Carole Cook

Crystal

Jack Dale

Debbie

William Edwards

Janelle Ferguson

Phil Gailey

Colleen Halverson

Harrison

Mary Haughie

Janet Hayes

Tasha Hemphill

Hyde Family

Katherine Kelehear

Beverly Kellett

Aaron Kitchings

James Lambert

Austin Lansing

Becky Lewis

Hannah Locke and family

Jim Lord

Melinda Lukei

Reese Lukei

Ann Lumpkin

Minnie Marsh

Steve Masingill

Bridget McClure

Maryanne McDaniel

Michelle

Esme Miller

Teresa Mitchell

Charlie Neal

Rebekah Nichols

Billy Nimmons

Jeremy Norton

Martha Painter

Mary Elizabeth Paris

Randy Perry

Steve Plott

Diana Poarch

Michelle Pritchett

Shirley Puckett

Bob Rodric

Sarah

Mary Schaugh

Edwina Schwegmann

John Sewell

Mac Starr

Laura Stephens

Terese

Bailey Underwood

Christine Williams

Bradley Wilson

Melanie Wilson

Jason Yates