



Bulletin Board

September 6, 2019

Dear Friends:

Last week, I participated once more in a charming back-to-school ritual with the children of St. Mark's Preschool when I blessed their backpacks. I introduced myself and my puppy, Tootsie. I learned all their names and admired the colors and characters they chose to represent themselves with their backpacks – Mickey and Minnie Mouse, various and sundry superheroes, and, of course, unicorns and rainbows for the girls. But when it came to the actual "blessing," I was, for the third year running, flummoxed – how to explain to two, three and four-year-olds what I was about to do and why? What should I say or do to reassure them that what I was about to do was a *very good* thing – to be felt as love, security and comfort, new friends, growth and understanding and yes, even fun in the days to come. And, finally, all that *they* needed to do to make it so was to "catch it." Now *this* seemed to make sense to them, so up came their arms and hands, a few even equipped with invisible catchers' mitts!

As we begin a new "program year" at St. Mark's, we all would do well to imitate the little ones as we, ourselves, reach for all the blessing that are surely to come our way in this next chapter of the life we share in Christ at St. Mark's. The leadership of the church, have established priorities that we believe will help provide for a smooth transition for when a new rector is called while, at the same time, continue to carry forth the on-going mission of the church that includes the felt need to be agents in the restoration and preservation of the creation. For many years, the care of God's creation has been paramount on the minds and in the hearts of us all at St. Mark's yet has been reluctantly "benched" to allow for more immediate challenges to be undertaken. So, I am happy to announce that *the time is now* for us to make at least a start as co-creators, re-creators with God, the ground of our being on behalf of the *literal* ground on which we stand.

So – *all fielders and catchers report to practice!* Let's all stand ready to catch the blessings coming our way. Sign up for the "Special Creation Sundays" which will be held once a month throughout the fall when we will create a scrapbook, a stole and a chalice to welcome the new rector. Read and discuss the book, [The Agile Church](#), by Dwight Zscheile, let me know if you would like to serve on the Task Force for the Creation and, of course, worship and receive Holy Communion every time you are able.

Peace,

Susan+

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THIS SUNDAY!! September 8th - Adult Education Returns along with the Blessing of the Backpacks, and 2nd Sunday Potluck with ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND AT 1:00 Haig Mill Lake outing

September 11th - Choir Practice starts back

September 28th - Hug Your Church Day

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

WE WILL COMPLETE

THIS PROJECT ON **MONDAY!!!** 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!

TONIGHT ONLY!!!



MICAHLAN BONEY IN CONCERT

FRIDAY SEPT. 6, 2019 @ 7 PM

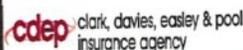
\$12 ADVANCE \$15 DOOR

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



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



2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK THIS SUNDAY 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 CASSEROLE** 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. Got Questions? Contact Adam Davenport at adam.jason.davenport@gmail.com

OKTOBERFEST 2019

Sunday, October 6th
5-8PM

Please join us to celebrate Oktoberfest 2019 at
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church.

We will have

LIVE MUSIC, BEER, FOOD, and activities for the kids.

You are welcomed to bring your own wine or beer.

**We need the use of a barbeque grill for the sausages.*

Please contact Anne at (706) 313-5530 if you can loan us your grill for the day.

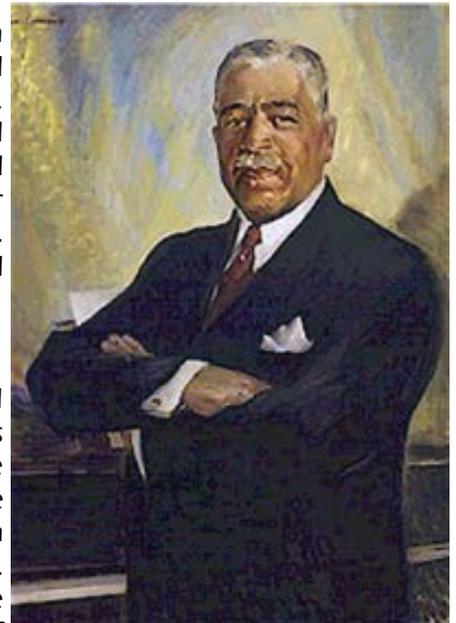
Saint of the Week

Henry Thacker Burleigh – Composer, Arranger, Singer

September 11 is the day the Episcopal church honors an African American singer, composer and arranger. Henry Thacker Burleigh was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1866. Burleigh's grandfather had purchased his freedom from slavery in 1835 and moved with his wife to New York state. They later moved to Erie after the birth of Burleigh's mother. Henry had an exceptional voice and learned spirituals and slave s

ongs from his grandfather. He also learned classical music and performed in churches and synagogues as a soloist. Henry obtained a scholarship to the National Conservatory of Music in New York where he worked with the Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. In 1894, Burleigh became a soloist for St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. Some of the parishioners objected to hiring someone of

his race in an all white church, but J.P. Morgan, the prominent banker and financier, persuaded the church to hire him. Besides his fame as a singer, Burleigh was known as a composer of art songs. His arrangements of spirituals helped to make spirituals a popular genre for concert singers. In our hymnal, Burleigh arranged and adapted #529, "In Christ There Is No East or West". He also arranged "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Henry





Preschooler Spotlight

My name is Georgia. I am two years old. I love playing with baby dolls. The playground is lots of fun!





Adult Education

FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN, JAN LITTELL:

We have some new and exciting offerings for Adult Formation this year. These are the outstanding offerings of Don Hoffmeyer (aka "he's not afraid to go there!"):

- Do we need Priests?
- How did God spend his Summer?
- What we can learn from/about some Old Testament characters (Example: Did David kill Goliath?)
- How the Fundamentalist movement begun in the US in 1919 has created "more than one Christianity"
- Are we afraid to believe in Predestination & Hell?

Did God send Jesus to be sacrificed?

Additionally, with a view to Creation Season this fall and the transition to a new rector beginning soon, we will have 3 Sunday Creation sessions. These sessions will include lunch, study and activity.

Study will involve a book review of "The Agile Church, Spirit Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age" by Dwight J. Zscheile. The author "understands that innovation must be a way of life for churches in the next decades." This will be an interesting study on how we can stay flexible yet true to our heritage and bring others to Christ. I have 20 copies of the book at a cost of \$15.60 each. I will have them at church beginning this Sunday.

Activities will involve creating and decorating a stole for the new priest; working on a scrapbook introducing ourselves to the new priest; Creation work in our green space; and possibly creation of chalices to be used in various services.

More details later, but for now, mark your calendars!

September 22 11:30 - 2:00

October 20 11:30 - 2:00

November 17 TBD

See you Sunday!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 8

As in the past we will have two classes, the first meeting at 9 AM scheduled for those attending our 8 AM Service & Choir members & the second at 9:45 AM for all others, both meeting in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH ARE INVITED

FROM 9:30 to 9:45 WE HAVE REFRESHMENTS, COFFEE & A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE FROM BOTH SERVICES TO MEET & SOCIALIZE. AGAIN THIS YEAR WE ARE HUMBLER & HONORED THAT DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ARE OFFERING TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR PROGRAM

This week: "WHAT GOD DID DURING OUR SUMMER VACATION"

SAVE THE DATE!

HUG YOUR CHURCH DAY

FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 28th - 8 a.m.



Nature Note

Fall Allergies Are Here – The Ragweed is Pollinating!



Although Goldenrod gets blamed for fall allergies, the real villain is Ragweed. A single Ragweed plant may produce a billion grains of pollen in a single season and this pollen is wind borne! This year is predicted to be a very bad year because of abundant rainfall and warm temperatures. Ragweed doesn't depend on insects for pollination so the flowers are not showy. They look like little green knobs on the top of the plant. The pollen can remain airborne for days and travel over 100 miles. Ragweed is a pioneer plant that establishes itself on soil that is bare or has been disturbed by fire, gardens, construction sites, and roadsides. After a year or so other plants will seed in and choke it out. Common Ragweed grows 2 to 3 feet tall and has lacy leaves that look like marigolds or wormwood. Giant Ragweed grows 5 to 6 feet tall and has large 3 part leaves. A lot of annoying and invasive plants have been brought to America from Asia and Europe. But we have returned the favor! Common Ragweed is found in parts of Asia, Australia, and all over Europe, where it has increased recently. This increase is due to more construction, change in farming and global warming. The Ragweed season lasts until October or a good frost. So get your allergy medicine and tissues!

This week at St. Mark's.....

Our Rev. Susan Butler blessed the backpacks of our preschoolers!!!



Constitution Week

Started by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Constitution Week is celebrated annually during the week of September 17 – 23. This year we are celebrating the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Constitution Day is September 17. On this day church “Bells Across America” will ring to commemorate this event.

Submitted by: Dell Bailey, Constitution Week Chair, Robert Loughridge Chapter DAR



September 2019

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

Monday, September 9

10:00 am NO Quilting for Others

Wednesday, September 11

12:15 pm Healing Service
4:45 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:15 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 15 - Pentecost 14

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

Office Hours:

Monday, September 9
Offices Closed - Volunteer only
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday, September 10 - 13

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Happy Birthday

September 9 - 15

Kim Miller Dick Geraci Cathy Houser

Sarah Jenkin Emma Phinney Juli Hayes John Knight

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving for week ending 9/1/19:

Weekly Giving	\$ 4,430.50
Total Giving for September	\$ 4,430.50
MTD Budgeted for August	\$ 6,250.00
Difference for August	\$ (1,819.50)
YTD Budgeted	\$ 218,750.00
YTD Giving	\$ 201,057.52
YTD Difference	\$ (17,692.98)

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

Intercessory Prayer List – September 2019

(Parishioners indicated by *)

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