



St. Mark's
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Bulletin Board

June 26, 2020

Dear Friends,

Rick and I received some information on Thursday June 18 from the task force in the Diocese of Atlanta pertaining to reconvening our congregation. The document we received is a 13 page comprehensive set of guidelines and instructions.

In order to comply with the guidance and instructions, we have decided to form our own task force to plan for a way forward for St. Mark's. Although we are not in a hurry to reconvene, due to COVID-19, we'd like to get the task force up and running now so we can prepare. We want to do this right, not fast, always keeping the health and safety of our congregation first and foremost. That may mean we have several months to go, as it seems Whitfield County is now having a significant increase in numbers of cases.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this task. We will have several meetings, probably on Zoom. We will have some vestry members involved (Building & Grounds, Worship, others), but we also want input from the congregation. We are in need of the following to be on the task force:

- Usher(s)
- Altar guild member(s)
- Vergers
- Someone to help plan logistics (parking, seating, cleaning before & after services, entrance & exit, hand sanitizer, gloves, etc).
- Medical community member(s)
- Contact Tracing plans
- Many more areas to consider

Additionally, we were dismayed to learn that we must curtail singing for now. However, our Music Director, Beth Nichols, is just brimming with ideas of ways to continue to reach out to the congregation musically. Stay tuned for announcements from Beth.

Please reach out to either Rick or me, via phone or email, if you are interested in participating in the task force. We'd like to have it set up by tomorrow, Saturday, June 27, and start meeting soon after..

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Thank you,

Jan Littell, Jr. Warden



**WATCH CHURCH SERVICE THIS SUNDAY
AFTERNOON:**

https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Episcopal-Church-Dalton-Ga-109338720755574/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel&id=ARC_pltHljXxghq12kZ5p84fXXwiHgX6ltt32zl5nZtYgYkF92f7jHb5Am8ba-DujFI5Z8p8nvBSfwEi



If you or a loved one, or any other person you know is struggling with loneliness, sadness or depression.....we can help!! A number of caring congregants and Vestry members are available and will keep complete confidentiality. Please reach out, even if you prefer to just chat!!

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A New Congregational Invite:

THIS Sunday, June 28th at 4:00pm we will have another opportunity to see each other's faces on ZOOM. Please look for a Zoom Meeting invite in your email box from us and then set yourself a reminder for that afternoon. If you need any help getting to Zoom, please contact Jan Littell at 706-980-4425 for assistance. Don't forget, when you enter the "room" you will have to "unmute" yourself. We had a really great group the last two times and would love to see more of you! **Please Join Us, nothing formal**, just a Sunday afternoon chat.

See you then!!!

Priest line-up

June 28th	Rev. Susan J. Butler
July 5th	Rev. Perry Scruggs
July 12th	Rev. Perry Scruggs
July 19th	Rev. Susan J. Butler

Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Eva Lee Matthews, Monastic

This week we look at an American saint that founded a new Episcopal religious order called Community of the Transfiguration. Eva Lee Matthews was born in 1862 in Glendale, Ohio which was a small town near Cincinnati. Her father was Stanley Matthews, an attorney who served a term as Republican Senator from Ohio. Stanley Matthews served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1881–1889 after being nominated by President Rutherford B. Hayes and renominated by James Garfield. As a child Eva was quiet, dreamy and spiritual. She was raised in the Presbyterian church, studied Roman Catholicism and eventually became an Episcopalian as a young woman. She attended Wellesley College for 2 years but could not finish for health reasons. When Eva was in her late 20's she spent some time in Omaha, Nebraska helping the poor and teaching at a parochial school. In 1895 Eva traveled to Palestine with her brother Paul who became an Episcopal priest and bishop. A year later Eva came back to Cincinnati and worked at the Bethany Mission House, an Episcopal charitable organization to help the poor in Cincinnati. Eva and a coworker Beatrice Henderson decided to create a new Episcopal religious order whose purpose was to help the poor, especially children. Church officials formally recognized this new order in 1898 and named it the Community of the Transfiguration. At this time, Eva formally became a nun and took the name Sister Eva Mary. Soon the order purchased land in Glendale, Eva's hometown and the order slowly grew. Community of the Transfiguration operates the mother house, Bethany School, a Spirituality Center and a Recreation Center in a nearby underprivileged neighborhood. The sisters also operate missions in California, Northern Ohio and the Dominican Republic. The motto of the order is "Kindness, Simplicity and Joy". Mother Eva Mary served as the leader of the community until her death in July 1928.



Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Bobcats

I have this strange habit of checking out wild animal road kills. Usually I can tell what it is as I drive past, but occasionally I have to go back by very slowly. A couple of weeks ago I saw a bobcat along I-75 S just before the Carbondale Road exit. This was a first for me. Even though Bobcats are found in every state and I spent 8 years as a naturalist for Tennessee State Parks, I have never seen a Bobcat in the wild. I have heard them but never seen one. Bobcats are mostly solitary and elusive, with territories that range from ¼ to 300 square miles. Bobcats are a size larger than most house cats. Males weigh from 14 to 40 pounds and females from 9 to 34 pounds. They have long legs and are 1 to 2 feet at the shoulder. Bobcats are tan or brown with spots and black streaks. Their tail is short and their ears are pointed with black tufts, although these two traits are often difficult to see. In our area, Bobcats eat mainly rabbits, rats and mice, birds, but will occasionally eat poultry, sheep and goats. Males and females come together to mate but the female raises the 2 to 4 kittens by herself. In north Georgia the young were probably born in April and will soon be traveling with their mother. Enemies of the bobcat include humans who hunt them for their fur, bears, coyotes, foxes, alligators, great horned owls. The average lifespan of a bobcat in the wild is 7 to 10 years. There are many stories about Bobcats mating with domestic cats but there is no scientific evidence for this. They are both cats but are not closely related. There is a genetic mutation in domestic cats that results in cats with a short tail or no tail. About 20 years ago there used to be a metal recycle place across the street from Eastbrook School. When I took some cans there the man very proudly showed me his cats. There must have been 40 of them, all bob tailed. There were big ones, little ones, tuxedos, tabbies, calicoes, short hair and long hair. Almost all of them spayed and neutered. Amazing! I just gave him my cans. Be on the lookout for wild bobcats. They are most active at dawn and dusk.



July 2020

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

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

Happy Birthday

July 6—July 12

TOM MINOR VINCE CAGGIANO RICK JACKSON
BROOKE HALVERSON TWILLA GOUFFON RICK WAGNER
KELLY HARRELL

Anniversaries

ANN AND RICK POWELL SUSAN AND RAY ELROD

Stewardship Report

Giving for the weeks ending 06/14 & 6/21/2020:

Weekly Giving	\$	6,175.00
Total Giving for June	\$	17,572.00
MTD Budgeted for June	\$	24,615.40
Difference for June	\$	(7,043.40)
YTD Budgeted	\$	153,846.25
YTD Giving	\$	130,024.63
YTD Difference	\$	(23,821.62)

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

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Intercessory Prayer List – July 2020

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

(Parishioners indicated by *)

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