



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Missive

531 West College Avenue, Jonesboro, AR 72401

July 2018

A Message from Father Joshua....

Well, the Daniel family has finally arrived in Jonesboro, and we couldn't be more thrilled! Our kids, Jude and Ruby, were positively squealing with delight as they pulled into town and saw the rectory for the first time. Jenna and I feel profoundly grateful and honored to have been called to St. Mark's. And we want to say "thank you," again, to everyone who helped get the rectory into shape and for all the help (and meals!) we've received during this transition. One thing has been abundantly clear in every interaction I've had with the people of St. Mark's: there is an overflowing love for this church and this community! And that generosity of spirit has been deeply felt by us. Thank you all for your hospitality.

There are still many boxes yet to unpack--literally and figuratively. We are not quite settled into the rectory, and my "first" day at work has not yet come. Sunday is approaching, and I will meet many of you then for the first time. And our journey together will soon begin. I eagerly await the chance to get to see St. Mark's "in action"--to see what makes it tick, to see what animates it, what drives it, what gives it purpose and shape--and how I might best serve and support the life already thriving here.

Our new adventure includes not only the physical walls of St. Mark's and all the people who enter them but also the larger community that surrounds it. Though I've spent nearly my entire life in Arkansas, this region of the state is new to me, and the chance to explore and get to know this town is another reward all of its own.

I know that for many of you I, myself, am a box to unpack, and I thought I'd share just a brief glimpse into the last few years of my life in ministry. I began to discern a call to ministry shortly after graduating college in 2005. Jenna and I moved to Fayetteville, AR, soon thereafter, and I became an active member at St. Paul's serving in lots of different capacities: at various times I led children's chapel, drove the bus on Sundays, served as a lay Eucharistic minister and as an acolyte, worked closely with the EYC and often travelled with them to Camp Mitchell, and eventually was hired onto St. Paul's staff as the college chaplain to the University of Arkansas. I worked in that position for more than four years and functioned as the primary pastoral support for many of the people in the campus community (of all ages!). I organized weekly services, cooked homemade community meals for students, and led countless formation groups.

Three years ago my family and I moved to the Washington, D.C., area for me to attend seminary. Besides the academic work I did on campus (which focused mainly around the Bible, Theology, history of the Church, liturgy, and the practice of ministry), I held positions at three churches at different times: a small, rural church in Southern Maryland (St. Mary's Parish), a mid-sized urban church in downtown D.C. (Church of the Epiphany), and a large parish in Alexandria, VA (St. Paul's Old Town). In these churches I got to participate in many forms of parish life: assist in premarital counseling, preach at funerals, make pastoral visits in homes, and contribute to the various during-the-week administrative work in church offices.

And yet, with all of this together, it could not be clearer how much more there is for me to learn. I come to you all in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. To love and serve and pray with you. We begin this journey together very soon!

†Father Joshua Daniel



Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for St. mark's Vacation Bible School Program. VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 2. We will meet from 9am to noon. Our theme is SonWest Roundup. Registrations forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Please pray and see what role you can have to help make VBS a reality for our parish. We will need folks to help create murals and props for Son West the week before VBS begins. We will also need volunteers to help during the week of VBS. Please contact Rose Mary (rosemarylatancih@gmail.com or 935-0236 to volunteer or for more information.

*** Please start saving card board tubes from wrapping paper, paper towels, and toilet paper tubes for VBS. There will be container in the narthex for the**

EYC Summer News

I would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the youth during our spaghetti fundraiser in June. Thank you to each one of you who donated food, wine, your attendance, and your time!

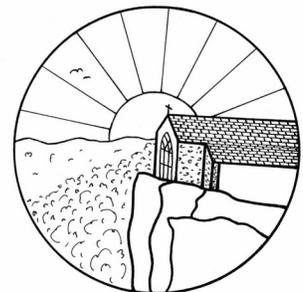
Between the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser and scholarship donations, St. Mark's sent 10 kids to camp this year! We have 5 who are attending the Middler Camp and 5 who will be going to the Creative Arts Camp at Camp Mitchell.

The kids are having the time of their life.

Thank you for making a difference in a child's life! Be sure to check out the St. Mark's Facebook page for fun photos of our kids at camp!

EYC is taking a break for the remainder of the summer vacation!

Mat and Stephanie



Camp Mitchell Summer Schedule/ 2018

- July 8-13 Primary (completed 1st-3rd grade)
July 15-20 Creative Arts Camp (completed 6th-9th)
July 15-20 Adventure (completed 9th-12th)

If you would like to sponsor a child or make a donation, please contact the church office.



To register please go to the
Camp Mitchell website:

www.campmitchell.org

Duncan Ely to Be Interim Director of Camp Mitchell

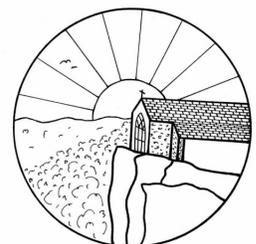
I am happy to announce that on July 15 Duncan Ely will become the interim executive director of Camp Mitchell. During his one-year appointment as the interim, Duncan will work with the camp staff, Camp Mitchell's board of trustees, congregations, and customers (both new and returning) to position Camp Mitchell for what we all hope will be an exciting future.

Duncan currently lives in Tryon, North Carolina, with his wife Beth. Duncan serves as the executive director of the General Board of Examining Chaplains (work that he will continue to do online) and is the former executive director of Camp Gravatt in Aiken, South Carolina, an Episcopal year-round retreat center and summer youth camp, a facility that is similar to Camp Mitchell in size and scope of operations. Beth is currently retired as a canon to Bishop Michael Curry when he was bishop of North Carolina.

Duncan hopes to work closely with the camp staff and board to identify the mission of the camp and how its resources can best be configured to serve its mission. He will oversee the upkeep and repair of the facilities, supervise the staff, and he will ensure that the camp administration meets church standards. He wants to connect with new customers in order to increase revenues, and he will work with the board on a realistic long-term strategy for Camp Mitchell's health.

Please welcome Duncan when he arrives in July. I think that you will find him to be a person who brings skills in camp administration and who sincerely wants to encourage a good relationship among the staff, the customers, and Episcopalians throughout the state.

Faithfully yours,
Larry R. Benfield



General Convention of the Episcopal Church

July 3, 2018 in Austin, TX



The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. It is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. During its triennial meeting deputies and bishops consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church. In the interim between triennial meetings, various committees, commissions, agencies, boards and task forces created by the General Convention meet to implement the decisions and carry on the work of the General Convention.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Allen and Westhoff to Perform at St. Paul's, Newport

Organist Tim Allen and soprano Christine Westhoff will perform sacred and patriotic music from their recent album, "Glory Hallelujah," on **June 27 at St. Paul's, Newport**. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m., and an old-fashioned ice cream social will follow in the parish hall. As always, admission is free and everyone is welcome .

Music Workshop in Forrest City

Christ Episcopal Church in Forrest City will host a music workshop **July 20–21**. The themes will be "Liberation in Music" and "Liberation in Art," with keynote speakers Naomi Carrier (music teacher, composer, and author) and the Rev. Bette Kauffman (artist and deacon). For more information, [email the Rev. Samson Gitau](#)

CENTERING PRAYER/THAT WE MAY BE ONE

July 26, 2018 at 5pm—July 29, 2018 at Noon

Facilitated by Dr. Catherine Crews and Fr. Jos Tharakan

Located at the House of Blessings 171 Hummingbird Lane, Eureka Springs, AR

Retreat will include periods of Centering Prayer, spiritual teachings from Thomas Keating's recent DVDs, *That We May Be One*, exploration of methods to extend the effects of silence apart from discussions during teaching. There will be an opportunity for instruction for those new to this prayer practice. All are Welcome. Registration: \$255 for 3 nights includes: Single occupancy room, all meals and tuition. Double occupancy rooms are available on request. Call or go Online to register Phone: 479-253-7379 or www.houseofblessings.org and info. is on the Bulletin board in the Narthex

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry



On behalf of many grateful people, thank you for being such generous contributors to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry so far this summer! In addition to cereal, canned goods, and other food items, you have brought personal hygiene items that are greatly needed and appreciated. I guess we don't really appreciate shampoo and toilet paper until we don't have any.

When school is out and children are mostly at home, we make and distribute Kids' Packs of nutritious snacks and high protein food that children can serve themselves. This food is provided by the donations of congregations, individuals, and grants. Families and organizations bring their children during holidays and vacations to Helping Neighbors as a positive experience in community service.

This past week our donation from St. Mark's weighed in at 98 pounds!

I hope we keep this up as the summer moves along.

What do donate?

Helping Neighbors can use cereal bars, peanut butter, and canned items like spaghetti and meat balls for Kid's. As I stated above, clients can also use hygiene items like soap, shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaners. Dollar Tree is a good source for these products. We also redistribute used books, small toys, and used magazines.

Blessings to all,

Susie Grommet

Two Saints'

July Schedule

July 7- Team 10

July 14- Team 1

July 21- Team 2

July 28- Team 3



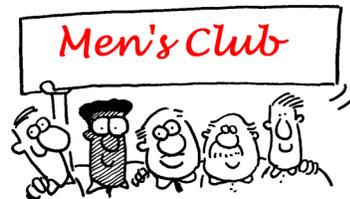
Two Saints' Kitchen



MEN'S CLUB

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:00 PM, In the Parish Hall



July Birthdays



7/01 Emma Jacobs	7/20 Caroline Hendrix-Brown
7/02 Wanda Turner	7/20 Frannie Replogle
7/05 Maggie Coe	7/21 Scott Troutt
7/05 Rike Robinson IV	7/22 Michael Fagan
7/06 Julie Kennedy-Hampton	7/23 Jeanette Lamberth
7/06 Zane Neves	7/24 Ganon Creech
7/11 Amy Pearce	7/27 Zachary White
7/13 Sheila Guinn	7/28 Arnold Gilliam
7/14 Blake Coe	7/28 DeeDee Gilliam
7/17 Susie Grommet	7/29 Janice Kroeter
7/17 Teresa Rogers	7/30 Robert Heim
	7/30 Greyson-Hendrix Brown



July Anniversaries

7/09 Andy and Marian Peeler
7/21 Al and Aylia Poston



St. Mark's Day School

The Summer Program is in full swing and the children are having a blast. They enjoy arts and crafts, story time, movie hour, and especially recess! The teachers even throw in a little learning when the kids least expect it! Our teachers are amazing and have made St. Mark's a fun place to be for everyone this summer. St. Mark's will be closed July 4th for Independence Day. The last day of the Summer Program will be July 27th. We will take a few weeks off for cleaning and organizing before school starts back August 13th. Enjoy your summer!

Peggy





Upcoming

Events.....

- July 1 Father Joshua Daniel's First Sunday
Meet and Greet with The Daniel Family after 10am
service in the Parish Hall
- July 4 Independence Day - Office Closed / Day School Closed
and No Church Activities
- July 16 Vestry Meeting
- July 19 Men's Club
- July 29 Fifth Sunday Breakfast

Financial Update

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges and Offerings Received	\$ 15,545	\$ 147,871
Needed to meet budget	25,582	153,490
Budget Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ 10,036)	(\$ 5,619)
Actual Expenses Paid	\$12,004	\$ 119,835
Actual (Shortfall)	3,541	28,065
Loan Balance	\$150,161	