



ST MARK'S

Episcopal Church

The Missive

531 West College Avenue, Jonesboro, AR 72401

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A Message from Rev. Hannah...

One important goal of mine throughout my ten months at St. Mark's has been to keep things as even-keeled as possible during our transition between rectors. It has been a pleasure to learn about the worship and fellowship and formation routines here, and to plug in as a liturgical and pastoral leader. However, I am always looking for opportunities to use some creative energy for ministry in ways that will enhance our transition period. As many of our ministries take a break during the summer, I would like to encourage everyone to spend some of that extra time exploring and reflecting on our worship. With this in mind, I'm channeling some of that creative energy for ministry toward our worship experience over the summer. Of course, there will be multiple ways to participate!

First, one of services at St. Mark's about which I've received the most positive feedback is the Taizé service offered during Holy Week. Therefore, June 25, July 16, and August 13, at 6:30pm in the Nave, we will have Taizé services in place of our regular, Sunday night Compline. We will explore the songs and prayers of Taizé worship without the restrictions of the penitential Lenten season. We hope that the services will be contemplative, rejuvenating, and joyful.

And secondly, as many of you may have read in the Instructional Eucharist bulletin, the Prayers of the People are meant to be much more diverse and creative than we usually see in the Episcopal Church today. I would like to invite anyone who is interested to write the intercessory prayers for our summer Taizé worship. If this is something you might be called to, please reach out to me by phone or email, or drop by the office! There are plenty of prayer writing resources waiting to be shared. I'm looking forward to an amazing summer of worship at St. Mark's!

Faithfully,
Hannah+

ECW Tea Party

St. Mark's ECW women hosted a Tea Party on Saturday, May 27th in the church narthex. Mother's and daughters in our Christian Ed program were invited to share in the festivities. We all had a grand time wearing our favorite "spring hats" while we sipped on tea and nibbled on scones and tea biscuits.



Vacation Bible School

Save the date! St. Mark vacation bible school is scheduled from July 31st through August 3. Our theme is SonRise National Park. As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all; they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope. Registration forms will be available as we get closer to the date. All children entering kindergarten and completing fifth grade are encouraged to join us for VBS.

Please keep in mind that in order to make VBS available for our parish children I will need the commitment from parents and parishioners. We will begin creating murals and props for SonRise National Park from July 24 - July 21. We will also need individuals to help lead: Bible stories, crafts, games and music during VBS week.. Do pray and consider what role you would like to have to make this ministry a reality for our parish. Please contact me at (rosemarylatanich@gmail.com) or call me at 935-0236) for more information.

EfM (Education for Ministry)

St. Mark's is offering an Education for Ministry - EfM - class this fall. EFM is a deep, guided theological study for lay people interested in creating a stronger Biblical and theological foundation for their ministry in their church and in the world (www.efm.sewanee.edu).

EFM is a four year program that covers the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church history, and theology, but participants enroll in it one year at a time. The cost for one year of EFM is \$375. Scholarships will be available. If you are interested in enrolling in EFM for the 2017-2018 cycle, please contact Rev. Hannah (hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.org) or St. Mark's' EFM mentor, Jane Gill (mjgill386@gmail.com).

Scholarships for Camp Mitchell and for EfM

Incredible formation is happening at St. Mark's. We have six children attending Camp Mitchell this summer and an EFM class beginning this fall. But these programs are not cheap, and we want to ensure that everyone who wants to participate in the life of St. Mark's can do so regardless of financial situation. And so, we are creating a scholarship program. If you and your family would like to sponsor a youth for camp or a fellow parishioner a year of EFM, there are two ways to do so. First, full scholarships are \$425 for camp or \$375 for a year of EFM. You are also welcome to split a scholarship with a friend or family member, or contribute a partial scholarship, which is half the cost of the program. Checks may be made out to St. Mark's, and please reach out to Rev. Hannah if you have any questions.

ECW

ECW met on May 13th and joined hands with Men's Club in purchasing and delivering more chairs for use in the parish hall. We purchased a garden hose and planted several bushes and flowers in the columbarium and in Claire's garden and weeded both areas. A special thanks to Rose Mary Latanich for coordinating our summer tea party held on 5/27. And, of course, a warm thank you to all of you who give your time and effort to make ECW successful. Bless you!

The next meeting will be September 9th, with hospitality at 9:30 am and meeting at 10:00. am.

Christian Formation

We ended Christian Education sessions for the summer with a special family ice cream social on May 10. Children who participated in St. Mark's Christian Ed program were presented with Certificates of Participation. Students with perfect attendance for the semester were Elizabeth Matthews, Madison Powell and Natasha Veillux. Both Olivia-Joy Langford, and Rowan Pringle missed one class for the semester and will be transferring to EYC when classes resume in the Fall.

Thank you to Stephanie Matthews and Matthew Stone our volunteer catechists. Special thanks to Lydia Howard and Jessica Maddox for helping out with Christian Ed earlier in the year. The willingness of these folks to serve was a blessing not only for the children but for me. Thank also to parents and parishioners who supported Christian Education by providing meals on Wednesday evening.

Please remember parents and parishioners that we need your help. Please consider sharing your time and talents with our Christian Education program in the fall. For more information about how you can be involved with Christian Ed speak either with Rev. Hannah or Rose Mary Latanich. Have a great summer.



Christian Formation Students



Perfect Attendance!

June Birthdays

June 01 Candace Robinson
June 01 Holden Welch
June 02 Jon-Michael Looney
June 02 Thomas Hogue
June 03 Janet Marks
June 05 Erik Gilbert
June 05 Tammy Fowler
June 09 Alex Barnett
June 09 Richard Skelton
June 10 Jessica Coleman
June 14 Carol Neves
June 18 Keith Pringle
June 19 Clay Turner

June 22 Chloe Skelton
June 23 Marilyn Brown
June 26 Lori Poston
June 26 Bryan Robinette
June 30 Kathryn Davis
June 30 Rebecca Fundeenburg

June Anniversaries

June 01 Joey & Melissa Murphy
June 02 Joe & Adriane Duke
June 26 Mike & Linda Cobb
June 28 Austin & Alexis Zamora



St. Mark's Day School

St. Mark's Day School started off with a bang this summer! The first day was May 22nd and will conclude July 28th. We still have a few random openings if you know of anyone interested. The teachers have many fun activities planned and we are looking forward to a great summer!

Peggy

Upcoming

EventsJune



- June 4 Pentecost, Ladybugs, Carwash
- June 11 Trinity Sunday, Bicycle Blessing and Ride
- June 15 Men's Club
- June 19 Vestry Meeting

Two Saints' Kitchen



- Jun 3 Team 3
- Jun 10 Team 4
- Jun 17 Team 5
- Jun 24 Team 6



Daughters of the King
will NOT meet in
June and July.

Financial Update

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges and Offerings Received	\$ 19,236	\$ 132,326
Needed to meet budget	25,582	127,909
Budget Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ 6,346)	\$ 4,417
Actual Expenses Paid	\$18,822	\$ 88,632
Actual (Shortfall)	414	\$ 24,532
Loan Balance	\$150,840	