



# THE PARISH VOICE

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## WELCOME TO MAY!

*Music at St. Mark's presents*

# ...AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

*Sunday, May 17th, 5:00 pm*  
*Free concert with reception following*

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*  
*901 W. Emery St, Dalton, GA \* 706-278-8857*

St. Mark's welcomes pianist Margherita Fava, saxophonist Alan Wyatt, and bassist David Schwab for an afternoon of cool jazz. The program will feature standards frequently performed from the legacy Broadway era, classics from the jazz repertoire, as well as a few originals by Fava and Wyatt. Please join us!



*Margherita Fava*



*Alan Wyatt*



*David Schwab*



## **SAINT OF THE WEEK: DUNSTAN, MONK AND ARCHBISHOP**

NEXT WEEK ON MAY 19 WE GO BACK TO THE 10TH CENTURY IN ENGLAND DURING THE TIME THE SAXON KINGS RULED AND MEET SAINT DUNSTAN. DUNSTAN WAS BORN NEAR GLASTONBURY IN SOUTHWEST ENGLAND ABOUT THE YEAR 909. (THIS WAS 10 YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF KING ALFRED THE GREAT.) DUNSTAN WAS BORN INTO AN UPPER CLASS FAMILY AND EDUCATED BY IRISH MONKS. HE BECAME A MONK, LIVING AS A HERMIT AT THE RUINS OF GLASTONBURY ABBEY. HE BECAME FAMOUS AS A MUSICIAN ON THE HARP, AN ILLUSTRATOR OF MANUSCRIPTS AND A METALWORKER. EVENTUALLY DUNSTAN BECAME ABBOT OF GLASTONBURY AND BEGAN TO REBUILD THE ABBEY AND CHURCH WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY VIKING RAIDS IN THE 9TH CENTURY. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A REVIVAL OF BENEDICTINE MONASTICISM IN ENGLAND. DUNSTAN WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE KING AND FELL IN AND OUT OF FAVOR AS KINGS CHANGED. IN 960 HE BECAME ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL HIS DEATH ON MAY 19, 988. HE BECAME A SAINT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND WAS FORMALLY CANONIZED IN 1029. DUNSTAN BECAME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR ENGLISH SAINTS AND HIS FEAST DAY IS STILL CELEBRATED IN PLACES. IN FOLKLORE, DUNSTAN IS FAMOUS FOR HIS BATTLES WITH THE DEVIL. ONE STORY TELLS HOW HE NAILED A HORSESHOE TO THE DEVIL'S CLOVEN HOOF, CAUSING THE DEVIL GREAT PAIN. HE AGREED TO REMOVE THE SHOE IF THE DEVIL AGREED NEVER TO ENTER A PLACE WHERE A HORSESHOE IS HUNG OVER THE DOOR. IT'S CLAIMED THAT THIS IS THE ORIGIN OF THE LUCKY HORSESHOE.

## **NATURE NOTE: WHERE ARE MY BLUEBIRDS?**

MY FAVORITE BIRD IS THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD. WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE? THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, GENTLE, HAVE A SWEET SONG, EAT INSECTS AND WILL NEST IN BIRD HOUSES NEAR US. MY REAL LOVE FOR BLUEBIRDS BEGAN ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO. WHEN I WORKED AS A NATURALIST FOR TENNESSEE STATE PARKS I MET A BIOLOGY PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN WHO HAD WRITTEN HIS PHD THESIS ON BLUEBIRDS AND WAS STILL RESEARCHING THEM. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE I PUT UP 28 BLUEBIRD BOXES AROUND NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK AND MY NEARBY PROPERTY. THE BEST PART WAS A PERMIT THAT ALLOWED ME TO PUT LEG BANDS ON ANY BIRD THAT HATCHED IN THE BOXES. I MONITORED THE BOXES AND BANDED QUITE A FEW BLUEBIRDS, CHICKADEES AND TUFTED TITMICE. WHEN I MARRIED AND MOVED TO WHITFIELD COUNTY IN 1980 I PUT UP BLUEBIRD BOXES AT MY HOUSE AND AROUND SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY. TODAY I HAVE 12 BOXES AT MY HOUSE, CHURCH, HUMANE SOCIETY, CROWN GARDENS AND AT FRIENDS. LAST YEAR I HAD 7 BLUEBIRD NESTS IN 5 OF THOSE BOXES. THIS YEAR I HAVE NONE. EGGS WERE LAID AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY BUT THEY DISAPPEARED BEFORE THEY WERE DUE TO HATCH. AT MY HOUSE I WATCHED A PAIR FIND A BOX AND BUILD A NEST FOR WEEKS. (IT SHOULD ONLY TAKE 4 -5 DAYS) THERE WERE EGGS LAID BUT THE NEST WAS ABANDONED. AT CHURCH THERE WAS SOME WORK ON A NEST BUT NO EGGS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 10 YEARS THAT BLUEBIRDS HAVEN'T USED THE BOX ON THE PINE TREE AT THE PARKING LOT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD AS MANY BLUEBIRDS AS USUAL. BY THIS POINT IN MAY, THEY SHOULD BE FINISHING UP THEIR SECOND BROOD AND THINKING ABOUT A THIRD

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilting for Others June  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 10am  
Meet in Parish Hall

The Daughters of the King, will not be meeting for a while until further notice.

The  
Order  
of the  
Daughters  
of the King



## Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



The Gospel will be shared in German  
The Epistle will be shared in Flemish  
The Old Testament will be shared in Hebrew



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
CHURCH LIBRARY  
JULY 14TH AT 7PM

## Amigo day

JOIN US ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
AMIGO DAY T 10:00AM

We will be  
partnering  
with CLILA  
for food, fun  
and  
fellowship



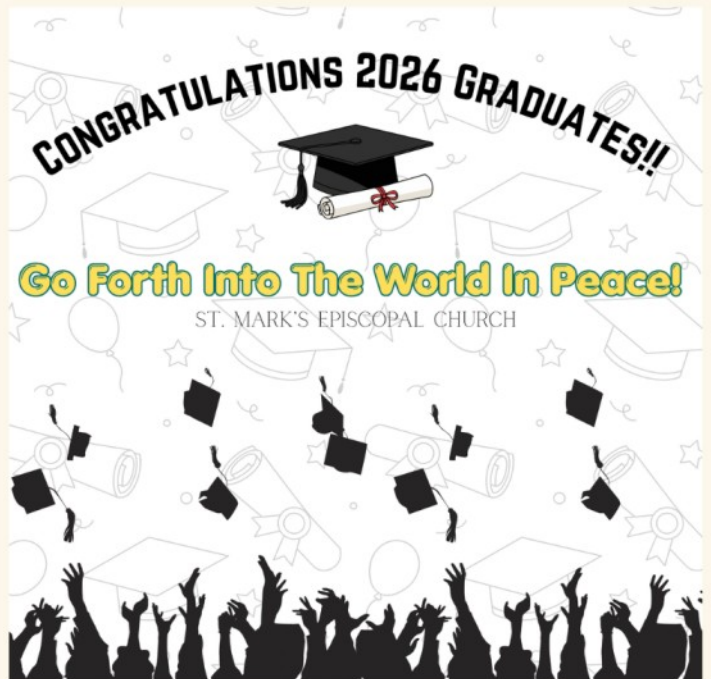
LOCATED AT CLILA:  
2518 E. WALNUT AVE  
DALTON GA, 30721

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GRADUATES!!



Go Forth Into The World In Peace!

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Save the date:

Adventure Seekers, gathering on  
May 21

Event starts at 11:30

VIP wine tour at Rue Mountain  
Vinyard



For more information or sign up, contact  
Father Rick or Martha Wassum.

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rick.tiff@stmarksdalton.org

mwassum@optilink.us

## MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT!

LOOK OUT FOR SUNDAY,  
MAY 17TH.

**8:00AM SERVICE:** THE  
CANTERBURY RINGERS WILL BE  
PLAYING A POSTLUDE

**10:30AM SERVICE:** THE  
CANTERBURY RINGERS WILL BE  
PLAYING A PRELUDE AND THE  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL SING  
DURING THE SERVICE.



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.

CWU CELEBRATIONS 2026  
MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

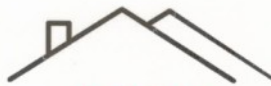


## SHELTER ME

See, Hear, Respect, Protect

Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."



### PROTECT

Theme: *A Place  
Called Home*  
May Friendship Day

Isaiah 32:18 (NIV)

CWU 2024-2028  
Priority #4  
Fair & Accessible  
Housing

Dalton-Whitfield Church Women United  
Invites YOU

to  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
920 West Emery St. Dalton, GA  
May 12, 2026 from 5:30 to 7 PM

For a panel discussion on "Fair and Accessible Housing"  
Drinks and finger foods will be provided. Donations of  
non-perishable foods and personal toiletries will be  
collected.

For more information contact: Reba Jackson,  
President- 706-483-7203 or email:  
RBJackson74@gmail.com

Sponsored by Church Women United, Inc. (CWU)  
475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1374 - New York, NY 10115 - 212.870.1030 - www.churchwomenunited.net  
Agreed to Differ - Resolved to Love - United to Serve

## St. Mark's Preschool of Dalton

### OPEN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open For 2026-27 school year

We are a half-day inclusive preschool

- classes for 2,3 and 4 year olds.
- enrichment activities each week (chapel, creative movement, music)
- two art rooms
- two sensory rooms
- stem room
- therapy room
- indoor play area
- outdoor playground
- classes are small with max of 12 students with 2-3 teachers in each class

For more information:



Please Email:

director@stmarksdalton.org



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL  
Where young minds and hearts discover

# STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

A time in prayer and quietness.

5.17.26 | 12PM

St. Marks Episcopal Church Sanctuary  
901 W Emery St, Dalton, GA 30720

## *CofHi Meetings for May*

*5/17/2026 Module 11&12: Pastoral Care for Seniors/ 2nd field Experience visit completed*

*5/24/2026 Module 13&14: Care for the Caregiver/ commitment to ministry*

**\*ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAYS FROM 2-5 PM IN THE LIBRARY\***

## BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE  
STUDY:

5/14/2026  
1 PETER 4:12-14,  
5:6-11

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE  
STUDY:

NO ZOOM

STUDY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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31				7PM AL-ANON		
4PM: CONFIRMATION AT CATHEDRAL	10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS					

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**COME JOIN THE NEW ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:00 TO 9:30 – SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – MEET IN PARISH HALL**

**THE BIBLE RECAP REBOT – MEET IN LIBRARY- LED BY CARTER THOMAS- FEEL FREE TO DROP IN AND JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR READING THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.**

**9:45 TO 10:15 – SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS– MEET IN PARISH HALL**

**THE BIBLE RECAP REBOOT - MEET IN LIBRARY - LED BY NANCY NELSON - THIS DISCUSSION BASED GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL, JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE.**

**DON HOFFMEYER'S TEACHING THIS WEEK.**

**A STORY OF JESUS & A STORY OF US**

**[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/RADC274GFTS](https://youtu.be/radc274gfts)**

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# LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – MAY 2026

PEOPLE ON THIS LIST HAVE BEEN MOVED HERE AFTER BEING ON THE  
SERVICE BULLETIN LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS.

## PARISHIONERS INDICATED BY \*

\*ANDY BAKER  
\*RUTH BAKER  
\* WILLIAM BRAMMER  
\*CATHIE COPE  
\*PAUL JOHNSON  
\*PHYLLIS JORDAN  
\*MALLORY JORDAN  
\*HUGH KEMP  
\*JOHN KENEMER  
\*PHIL MASON  
\*ANNE MORRIS  
\* MARTHA MOSES  
\*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN  
\*MARY SQUIRES  
\*CAROL TAYLOR  
\*BO THOMPSON  
\*CELIA WILLIAMS  
BETSY ALLEN  
GREG ALLEN

HARRIET ADAMS  
TERRY ANGEL  
AMY ATKINS  
LYNN BAILEY  
RUNETTE BROOME  
ED BURCHFIELD JR. & SR.  
RANDY BUTLER  
SUSAN BUTLER  
ELAINE CORNWELL  
JERI COTNAM  
DANA EASLEY  
LORI BETH EICHOLTZ  
ELLEN HUOPPI  
LEANDRA HULL  
JODIE HUNT  
BEN HYDE  
HYDE FAMILY  
MARY JENNUS  
CLYDE JOHNSON  
CLIFF JOHNSON  
REESE LUKEI  
KHLOE  
PAULA MORROW  
MIKEY

BEVERLY PULLIAM  
A.J. RADFORD  
JUNE RENFROE  
JIM SPORTIELLO  
CHARTERS WILSON  
ISAAC  
JOHN HOUSER

