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THE PARISH VOICE

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STEWARDSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES!

REMINDER!!!

OUR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS OCT 18TH, WHERE WE WILL COLLECTIVELY DEDICATE OUR COMMITMENTS TO GOD'S WORK!

PLEASE HAVE ALL PLEDGE CARDS IN BY CONSECRATION SUNDAY.

LUNCHEON FOLLOWS THE 10:30 SERVICE

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





Adventure Seekers

Emery African-American Heritage Center Guided Tour

Join St. Mark's Adventure Seekers on Wednesday, October 28th for a guided tour of the Emery Center.

What to Expect:

Meet in St. Mark's parking lot at 9:40am. Address is 901 W Emery St, Dalton Ga 30720

Leave St. Marks's, get to Emery Center and take the tour: The tour is 1 hour, 45 min and will be lead by the center's original director, Curtis Rivers. There is no ticket charge, but please be prepared to make a donation.

Join Adventure Seekers in fellowship for lunch at Guadalajara restaurant in downtown Dalton.





If you plan to attend, please contact Martha Wassum by text at 706-313-2164.
Let Martha know you are going by Oct. 18th so we can plan accordingly for the tour and lunch.

Sunday, November 1st
6:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for *ALL SAINTS DAY*

A service of remembrance and hope, experienced through music & prayer, featuring the Chancel Choir of St. Mark's

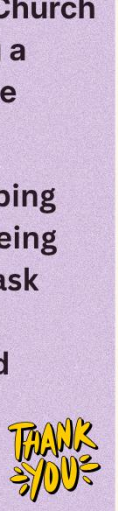
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Announcments!!

1. A White Fieldcrest bath towel with gray trim was left at the Sneary's house during the Children's Church Pool Party. If you are missing a towel, it is in the church office waiting to be claimed.

2. There have been some plumbing issues due to paper towels being flushed down the toilet. We ask you to refrain from flushing anything but toilet paper and please keep an eye on your children in the bathrooms.





Dalton State BIRDFEEDER

St. Mark's has supported the Birdfeeder at Dalton State for a number of years. Many Dalton State students are in economic straights. They have few if any resources to buy food or personal care products. We have baskets in the Narthex for collection.

The Birdfeeder needs dry foods that are storable such as soup; cans of meat, fish, vegetables, and fruit; boxes of cereal, granola bars, and protein bars; and peanut butter. The Birdfeeder has a freezer and needs frozen individual meals. Personal care products include deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products.

The Birdfeeder supports the clothes closet as well. They only accept dress clothing for students to use for job interviews and practicum placements.
Let's get the new academic year off to a great start for Dalton State students in need.

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BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK
10/15/2026
MATTHEW
22:15-22

NEXT WEEK
10/22/2026
MATTHEW
22:34-46

STUDIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

10.20.2026 at 6:15pm
&
10.27.2026 at 6:15pm

meetings take place every Tuesday evening

Contact Stephanie Jinright for more information:
snjinright@gmail.com

Join Us for QUILTING FOR OTHERS

This group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10AM in the Parish Hall

Our next meeting is 10/29/2026

Contact Nola Culverson For more details.
noli10@yahoo.com

STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

10.25.26 | 12PM

A time in prayer and quietness.

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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CHURCH LIBRARY
NOV. 10TH AT 4PM

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Luke The Evangelist

This week we honor Luke the Evangelist whose feast day on the calendar is October 18. Luke is one of the better known saints. In Lectionary Year C most of the gospel readings are from Luke. He wrote the Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles, which means he wrote more of the New Testament than any other person including Paul. He was a companion of Paul on his journeys, and is mentioned in Paul's letters. Luke's account of the Nativity is the most detailed and best known. Scholars believe that Luke was born in Antioch, Syria to Greek parents who some scholars believe may have been non practicing Jews. There is no date given for Luke's birth but he probably was born about the same time as Jesus. Paul tells us Luke was a physician. He was interested in and cared about people. Luke alone wrote about the infancy and boyhood of Jesus. He included the parables of the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Luke emphasized Jesus' compassion for sinners, the sick, outcasts and the poor. Luke accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys and was with him in Rome near the end of Paul's life. Luke was an excellent historian who gave accurate descriptions of towns, cities and customs. Christian tradition states that Luke was the first icon painter and is sometimes portrayed with a paintbrush. He is thought to have painted many pictures of the Virgin Mary and Child, and some of Peter and Paul. Luke's symbol is the winged ox. Luke died about 84 AD in Boetia, a region in Central Greece. Like so many of the figures in the early church, Luke was a martyr. He was hanged in an olive tree

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NATURE NOTE: Chasing Butterflies

Weeds have taken over my vegetable garden and flower beds. There are lots of small butterflies flitting around gathering the last bits of nectar. I'm reminded of an October many years ago that helped me determine my future career as a naturalist. My 9th grade Biology teacher assigned the class an insect collection. We had to collect 25 different insects from at least 4 orders. I made a net by wrapping a coat hanger around a telephone pole and wiring it to an old broom handle. My mother helped me sew a cloth net. I bought the Golden Guide to Insects and took off after school looking for insects. We lived on the edge of town (State College, PA) so fields were only a short walk away. I chased butterflies and grasshoppers with my net. (Much later in an Ecology class I learned to sweep back and forth to get a lot of insects at 1 time.) I made a kill jar out of a glass jar with mothballs. I made a pinning board out of strips of thick cardboard boxes. I think I turned in 50 different insects in a large shallow box filled with cotton and covered with a sheet of plastic. Some of my real finds were Rhinoceros Beetle, Luna Moth, and Monarch Butterfly. I feel bad about the Monarch Butterfly. I didn't know it was probably migrating to Mexico for the winter. Later in my studies I would do collections of leaves, flowers, acorns, bird sightings, aquatic life. I didn't really care for the indoor lab biology. In my early years of teaching I assigned insect collections and leaf collections for my high school biology students, I guess in the hope it might spark something in them as it had in me.

WEEKLY SERVICES:
8:00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
9:00 AND 9:45 - ADULT EDUCATION
10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

EVERY THURSDAY:
BIBLE STUDY - 6PM LIBRARY
AL-ANON - 7PM PARISH HALL

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00AM-2:00PM

CHURCH STAFF

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

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org

Birthdays: Jace Michaels, Kathy Wasson, MaryClaire Johnson, Andy Baker, Tesni Embury, Roberta Lanford

Anniversaries: Allen & Nicky Lamb, Chris Stearns & Kathy West, Steve & Judy Hall, Nathan & Angelina Vaquera-Linke

Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen, Chrissy and Thomas.

St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact the prayer chain,
Cathy Houser 706.624.8913, 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 10/11/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	$3,661.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONH	$12,789.00
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	$16,846.14
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	(4,057.14)
YTD BUDGETED	$345,345.87
YTD GIVING	$327,722.15
YTD DIFFERENCE	($17,623.72)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!
FOR THE WORK OF GOD AT ST. MARK'S

DONATING STOCK IS A TAX FRIENDLY WAY TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH. PLEASE ALWAYS ASK YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO CONTACT THE ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR SO THAT THE CHURCH WILL KNOW WHO MADE THE DONATION TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT IS GIVEN TO THE DONOR.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COME JOIN THE NEW ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 TO 9:30 CLASSES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – MEET IN PARISH HALL, NOW LED BY NANCY NELSON

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 CLASSES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS– MEET IN PARISH HALL, NOW LED BY NANCY NELSON

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 STUDY THIS WEEK.

SEPARATE.
HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/SHORTS/TNV1RISBV3E

VISIT STMARKSEPISCOPALDALTON.ORG TO VIEW DEVOTIONAL

BO THOMPSON'S DEVOTIONAL PAGE.
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW BO'S DEVOTIONALS.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW, "A", OCTOBER, 11, 2026

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2026

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	30	1 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	2	3
4 12PM: CHILDRENS CHOIR 4-7PM: OKTOBERFEST	5	6 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	7	8 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	9	10
11 6PM: ROYAL OAKS	12 OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS	13 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	14	15 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	16	17 TOM LANFORD MEMORIAL SERVICE 12PM: RECEPTOPN 1PM: SERVICE
18 AFTER 10:30 SERVICE PLEDGE SUNDAY "CONCECRATION SUNDAY" POTLUCK 4PM: ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS	19 1PM: CIRCLE OF CARE MEETING 6PM: OUTREACH MEETING	20 6PM: VESTRY MEETING 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	21	22 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	23	24 1PM: CHRIST IS KING COMMUNITY COOKOUT CLILA 9AM FIRST CLASS 10:30 SECOND CLASS
25 12PM: STRENGTH IN STILLNESS 12PM: CHILDRENS CHOIR	26 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS	27 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	28 9:40 AM: ADVENTURE SEEKERS EMERY CENTER TOUR	29 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	30	31

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – OCTOBER 2026

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

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