

St. Mark's Lion



They're doing it again and this time they are fighting for Cystic Fibrosis and Cancer!

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Dear St. Mark's Family,

Summer of 2017 , Harrison and I paddled boarded 111 miles from Key Largo to Key West to raise support for Cystic Fibrosis because we LOVE Charlotte Snyder.

With your help, we raised almost \$10,000 for the CF Foundation. Fast forward to today, when at least 4 members of our congregation are also battling cancer AND we still love Charlotte!

So we are doing something bigger. We've joined forces with 200 other paddlers in the 2019 "Crossing for a Cure."

Working together, we can defeat CF and Cancer. This invitation is primarily for your prayers. And if you fee led to join the fight, instructions are on the following page.

Need more info? Come see me or call me directly at 912-222-8746.

Sincerely, Fr. Alan and Harrison



South of mile marker ZERO in Key West.

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Father's Day weekend, June 15th
Fr. Alan+, Harrison, & 200 other paddlers will
attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean
from Bimini, Bahamas 80 miles back to Lake Worth, Florida
in ONE day.

Join the Fight against
Cystic Fibrosis

To join the fight:

1. place your check in the offering plate with "CF" in the "for" line.
2. www.saintmarksepiscopal.com and click "give" and select "overcome CF".
3. Text the word "Lion" to 73256



**CROSSING
FOR A CURE**
Bahamas to Florida Epic Paddle Challenge &
International Championship for Cystic Fibrosis

Join the Fight against
Cancer

To join the fight:

1. place your check in the offering plate with "Cancer" in the "for" line.
2. www.saintmarksepiscopal.com and click "give" and select "overcome cancer".
3. Text the word "Lion" to 73256



Because of these sponsors, 100% of our expenses for this effort are covered.



**5th Annual
CAMP ST. MARK
at
Honey Creek**

On Dover Bluff Rd, Waverly GA

July 29 - August 2 from 8:30 - 3:30

Outrageous Fun for ages 2nd – 6th grade

Donations for Camp are cheerfully accepted!

Vacation Bible School is Good . . . VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS BETTER!!!

www.saintmarksepiscopal.com to register or email Lynne Emery at lemery@saintmarksepiscopal.com



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Prayer, Study & Service

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew held our
**5th Annual Thank You Luncheon for the
 Brunswick Police and Fire personnel**

on May 3rd in the Parish Hall.

Our great first responders enjoyed a great lunch and a time of fellowship between the departments.



Thank you to the following brothers who facilitated the lunch: **Terry Carroll, Will Whatley, Steve Crowder, Andy Tipaldos, Ed Hatcher and RV Cate.**

Thank you to the following sisters in Christ who provided desert for the luncheon: **Debbie Stubbs, Mary Turner, Kaki Thurber, Mona Irwin and Pat Jordon.**

May 16th we held the 5th Annual All Men's BBQ Dinner in the Parish Hall. There was great fellowship and large amounts of pulled pork BBQ consumed (and banana pudding!)

Next Brotherhood of St. Andrew General Meeting will be June 20th @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will dine, have a brief business meeting, pray and Gareth will lead us a continuing study of the With God Life. **All men of the parish are invited!** If you have any questions regarding the Brotherhood of St. Andrew contact Bill Turner at tbill5253@gmail.com or cell: 813-503-9027.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew June Calendar:

June 6th: 6:00pm: Directors Meeting

June 20th: 6:00pm: Parish Hall: General Meeting



ON THE LAMPSTAND

Lessons on Heaven (contributed by Gareth Allcott)

In my role as Chaplain, I have been very fortunate to be able to ask the dying what they feel heaven is/will be like. For them heaven is a very real place, not merely in existence at the time of death. They assume heaven to be currently fully operational and see themselves as part of God's kingdom now.

While it is true that some of my friends confine their vision of heaven to 'streets paved with gold', most do not. Rather, they adopt a much more practical, dare I say insightful view. One sweet man, now with the Lord, when asked for his thoughts about heaven, gave serious consideration before replying, "I do believe there will be steak, mashed potatoes and brown gravy." It transpired that this man came from poverty and had lived that way for almost ninety years. The heaven he envisioned would be a kingdom of abundance he had never experienced in this lifetime.

Another man, in his eighties, suffering from multiple life-ending conditions, replied to my question with possibly the most profound answer of all: "Heaven is a place where there is no want!" He expressed the heartfelt belief that the world's brokenness stems from humanity's insistence upon having perceived needs met. A humming bird hovered close by as we sat together on his porch. He said, "See that Bird? God has given it everything it will ever need. Heaven is like that."

More than anything I am learning that the Lord is able to use even dreadful life-ending conditions to allow sufferers glimpses of heaven. As humans we panic when our physical and emotional well-being comes under threat. What I am finding in many hospice cases is that when these last bastions, that we mistakenly believe are in our control are stripped away, there is very little left to separate us from Jesus and his kingdom. I can honestly say that most who die in the Lord, in my experience, do so with dignity, joy, and radiance; all of which I suspect are on full display in heaven.

A current patient of mine, aged seventy, was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease almost ten years ago. Eighteen months ago when I first had the pleasure of meeting him, he was still able to speak; he has lost that ability now, along with just about everything else except his hearing. He is a man of profound faith, enjoying a relationship with Jesus that is palpable. We have prayed together often for his healing. His smile when we talk about Jesus lights up the room.

About four weeks ago I was with my friend and his son. His son wanted me to hear the Innocence Mission's rendition of "It is Well with My Soul." It began, "When peace like a river..." When it came to the chorus, my non-verbal friend beamed and bellowed, "It is well, it is well with my soul," then back to silence. Astonished, we knew the Lord himself was giving us a glimpse of heaven; the very real presence of Jesus, in whom all needs are met, where we can sing for joy, where hummingbirds hover and where steak, mashed potatoes and brown gravy flow freely for all those who might like to partake!

St. Mark's Volunteers and Youth Group

SERVING AT MANNA HOUSE ...

We roared and they came. 28 volunteers. 181 people served. 95 degrees of hot. We are St. Mark's. From the garden...to the youth...to all our beloved & smiling SMEC volunteer faces. The volunteers at Manna House on May 29th said a prayer and God showed up. What a group He called! Thank you all for making your mark in Brunswick last week. There are only a few 5th Wednesdays in a year that are set aside as our servant days to Manna House - but we make them count. Lolly is our kitchen queen and makes it all happen for the meal. Edith, Judy & Linda brought vegetables for the salad from the St. Mark's Garden that our St. Mark's EYC youth group helped to weed & get ready for planting. Our day school watered the seeds with their new well. Little voices from across the fence helped encourage the plants and in this little plot of ground we grew shareable fruit. So many blessings showed up to fill the bellies of our neighbors in Brunswick. Like watermelon, cupcakes, & homemade brownies from Snooky & Judy. Lily, Hank, Rosalind, Ray, & Amber filled the iced tea cups. Elisabeth made PB & J sandwiches. Libby, Ben, Owen & Cathy wrote notecards to leave words in hands & hearts. Sarah and Jane served with Owen and Ben. Dan & Bill greeted at the door & Tess made sure we smiled like Jesus. The eye has not seen nor has the ear heard of all the marvelous wonders of His hand. Join us on the next 5th Sunday - July 31st!!





ECW News...

ECW&M News - June 2019

United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering is Sunday, June 2. Please support this effort!

Garden News

The St Mark's Brubaker Garden is thriving in spite of the searing heat! Our pea crop was fast and furious and now we are watching the pole beans travel upward. Our tomatoes, okra, squash, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, collards and others are coming on strong and we plan to share with many folks in need of organic vegetables.

God is a great provider and has blessed us with a bountiful supply and a grateful spirit. Thanks to all those who have offered help and supported us this last few weeks. Especially to Ed Hatcher and Mike Van Brunt for building our new pergola which was donated to the garden so we can grow vining fruit (kiwi) and have some shelter and shade! As the song says, "June is busting out all over!"

The Garden Ladies



Kitchen

Everything seems to be going smoothly at this time, and we are hoping everyone who uses the kitchen will leave it clean with nothing in the sinks.

We have celebrated our graduates in May, and are providing food for the Hulett family, as well as preparing for the funeral reception on May 29th. Our members are active in the Manna House lunch, which will also be provided on May 29th. Our members will provide for refreshments at the Mixon Hour on June 9th.

Trisha Perry

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild members have been busy during May! More than a dozen of us took food to Willetta and her family, and some of us helped with Hank Fahl's memorial reception. Twenty-two of us had a fun time at Marshside Grill for our May meeting - and we happily welcomed two new members! And, our group will host the first 10:15 church reception in June. For information contact any guild member.

Debby Stubbs



hello, Goodbuy – The Monthly Scoop

WOW! The St. Simon's Island Rotary Club bestowed a great honor on hello, Goodbuy. They presented us with their Corporate Community Image Award. Louisa Nightingale and Rose Wilson attended the presentation.

May 5th we had our Annual Appreciation Party for staff and Volunteers. Rose Wilson was named our Volunteer of the YEAR for all of her dedication and hard work. As our Pick Up Coordinator, she plays a vital role in procuring all of our furniture donations which help make the store so successful. She puts all of her heart, and sweat, into everything she does for the Mission



of hello, Goodbuy and we feel so blessed she chose to serve God through this Ministry. We served Honey Baked Ham, which was all cooked and served by the AMAZING Younger Clan! A BIG SHOUT OUT to George-Ann for putting together a REALLY fun game that left some very happy people with flowers to take home. To Nancy and Jug Mackenzie, two people who are living proof that Angels walk among us, THANK YOU for the beautiful Altar Flower Dedication. They were the perfect centerpiece for the party. And finally, thank you to St. Mark's for inviting our staff and volunteers to the Parrish Hall for our Party. Jeremy, in particular, was excited to knock off an item from his bucket list by ringing the tower bell!



We still find ourselves in **GREAT NEED** of volunteers
Stop by the store @ 1523 Glynn Ave on the Corner of Gloucester & Hwy 17
OR Call us at (912) 264-8181
ANSWER YOUR CALL TO SERVE TODAY

****Remember to Like, Follow, and Share our posts on Facebook & Instagram****

EY CROY Youth News



YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP ...

The youth of St. Mark's will be travelling with Mtn2Sea, a local ministry, who has agreed to host a mission/work trip to Mexico Beach on the Florida Panhandle which was wiped out by Hurricane Michael last fall. Their goal for this trip is not to just help folks in need, it's to have the group return home understanding that serving God is more than a once a year week long trip. They want them to return home with a desire to serve the Lord year around. To live a life on missions.

We will travel/work from June 16-22 or 23-29 with a total cost per person of not more than \$315. We anticipate a group of 25-30, and we will be doing hurricane relief, such as debris removal and light demolition or repair.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

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GeorgeAnne Youngner	1	Marcember Lyons	10	Debby Stubbs	20
Angela Patron	1	Tom Irwin	11	Richard Cowan	21
Debbie Youngner	2	Jack Breslin	11	Carol Elliott	21
Jo McGuire	2	Jan Dohn	12	Betty June Henderson	22
Kenji Stobaeus	2	Jasmine Gaines	13	Rob Lear	22
Helena Burr	2	Chris Underwood	14	Ava Bokker	22
Larry Youngner	6	Noah Brantley	15	Jett Quarterman	26
Karen Ansel	7	Ed Martin	17	Andrew Lyons	27
Evan Tipaldaos	8	Benjamin Butin	18	Debbie Craven-McWaters	27
David London	8	Marilyn Humphrey	19	Cami Quarterman	27
Janice Marvin	8	Bev Bittinger	20	Jean Patelidas	28
John Abbott Havens	9				
Larry & Debbie Youngner	5	Jug & Nancy MacKenzie	8		
Herman & Dawne Hudson	7	Dade & Lydia Brantley	13		
Eddie & Dorothy Lambright	7	Bill & Mary Turner	14		
Clay & Jenna Caldwell	7	Brad & Margaret Butler	18		
Owen & Linda Dorsey	7	Gene & Jill Caldwell	19		