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**Dear Parish Family,**

Yesterday, I attended our Day School's graduation in the parking lot of the bank next door. It was COVID packed with parents and families in cars and lawn chairs, with balloons, colored buckets, posters, and caps and gowns.

Debbie and her teachers love those students almost as much as the families that were there to celebrate.

They could have cancelled graduation for safety reasons. They could have be-moaned the thick heat or the tingly sound system or the bugs. But instead, it was the coolest place in Glynn County yesterday (no matter what the tempera-ture). They didn't miss a beat. With masks and COVID separation, amid all the obstacles, they thought differently because they SAW differently. Rich Heffern said, "For the world is afloat on the holy, crammed with the sacred, strewn and littered with beauty everywhere that is full of grace and with simple gifts that bespeak a hulking sly benevolence behind things."



I don't think he was ONLY describing the right way to see yesterday's graduation but today's landscape too!

Some folks even came who didn't have graduates. Some from our own parish. Just to cheer the indefatiga-ble human spirit present in all of us but especially in our "littlest lions." They "get it".

I saw a commercial celebrating the people who see things differently. The link it here and it reminded me of us.

<https://youtu.be/TJ1SDXbij8Y>

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“The only thing about us that never changes is that we are different” the scrolling script reads at the end.

I was driving home from that graduation (they let me pray for the food and take a few pictures) and was feeling so nostalgic that I called Harrison, then Evie, and then Kathleen. Harrison is in Athens at summer school “online” and working at Marker 7 tonight. Evie is at Sunset Beach with surrogate family from Hickory, NC. Kathleen was running errands on the mainland. Each of the three calls went to voice mail.

For a second, I was so bummed because I remember what USED to be. It seemed like yesterday when we were filed into the old dairy barn where St. Alban’s Hickory had it’s Day School graduation and we watched Harrison and Evie “graduate”. The picture to the right was from about that same time.



And then it occurred to me that I was letting the beauty of the past rob me of the joy I SHOULD be feeling that my 18 year old son is thriving in college, my 16 year old daughter is playing at the beach (ironically with the same family she graduated day school with 11 years ago), and my wife is enjoying an afternoon making preparations for a “date night” since the kids are gone.

Perhaps Rich Heffern was right my family too!

Perhaps he might be on target about worship too! Perhaps Rich was “spot on” about life no matter what the circumstance or diagnosis, pandemic, or partisan challenge. Maybe that’s the Good News?

I can’t predict what the landscape will LOOK like in worship moving forward. I know it’ll be different. But it needn’t be “worse” and I can guarantee, if we look with the eyes of our hearts, I can guarantee that it’ll FEEL beautiful.

Perhaps CS Lewis was right too when he said, “There are far far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”

I can’t wait to see your masked faces six feet apart this weekend and moving forward.

In Christ, I am, Sincerely

Alan+

*As we prepare to worship face to face,  
here's what you need to know...*



Please PRAY about which service you and your family would like to attend.

- 11am on Thursdays in the sanctuary
- 5pm on Saturday nights in the sanctuary
- 8am on Sundays in the sanctuary
- 10:15am on Sundays in the sanctuary
- Live steam

Moving forward, this will be your worship service each week until we've overcome this challenge. Make sure you:

1. Choose your service moving forward.
2. Wear masks (we have them and custom neck gaitors too!).
3. Use hand sanitizer.
4. Maintain social distancing from those not living under the same roof.
5. Abide by CDC and diocesan guidelines.

Our goal is to glorify God and worship safely together by observing COVID restrictions and spreading our attendance evenly over 4 weekly services which SHOULD accommodate our regular Sunday attendees. If we are unable to seat all those wishing to attend worship in person, WE WILL add another worship service on Sunday evening.



## **6th Annual CAMP ST. MARK has been postponed for Summer 2020**

### **MESSAGE FROM LYNNE EMERY...**

“It is with a sad heart that we must postpone Camp Saint Marks. With the multiple Covid restrictions AND the fact that the Boys and Girls

Club is unable to provide the bus due to these restrictions, camp this year is just not sustainable. We were holding out for better news, it just did not come. Now, we will keep our eyes and ears open to the possibility of holding perhaps a limited camp this fall! Perhaps a long weekend in October or November. We will just have to monitor the situation and will keep you posted.”

[www.saintmarksepiscopal.com](http://www.saintmarksepiscopal.com) to register or email Lynne Emery at [lemery@saintmarksepiscopal.com](mailto:lemery@saintmarksepiscopal.com)



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN . . .

July/August 2020

The Altar Guild will resume slowly as we learn how to serve in a new environment. We will regroup and learn the new procedures from our Rector. Hopefully, we will be back to a new normal routine quickly. We do wish everybody well and a joyful reunion soon. We also mourn with Nancy MacKenzie with the loss of Jug. We are her friends and will support her fully. We are looking forward to seeing you July 5.

With God's Grace

Steve Crowder



Masked and seated at separate tables the DOK met in The Parish Hall for our June meeting. It was FANTASTIC being able to meet in person.

Plans were made to attend the Fall Assembly at Honey Creek Sept. 23 and 24. As we walk through this pandemic all Daughters have been asked to pray the Lord's Prayer daily at noon.

Our prayers and love go out to Nancy MacKenzie as we mourn the loss of her husband Jug. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Our next meeting will be at 9:30 in the Parrish Hall and will be over in time for those attending the 11 am service.

We ended our meeting with a prayer for moral courage taken from our National Handbook.

Heavenly Father, you know the weakness and cowardliness of my heart. You know how much I care for the opinion of others. Help me, I beseech you, to care more for what is pleasing in your sight. Make me strong and courageous that I may never be afraid to do my duty. Give me grace and courage to speak when and as I should. Let me never shrink from my duty through the fear of others. Let the love of Jesus fill my heart that in His strength I may be strong. Give me the constant guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. I ask all in the name and for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN

## The Giving Garden

The St Marks Garden has a new stone cross! And to top it all off we had our first wedding last Saturday and it was beautiful! The bride said it was a perfect venue and the happiest day of her life!

We are grateful for our many vegetables (over 300 tomatoes to date!) we have shared with many this harvest season and have RIGHT NOW 25 baby watermelons! Please come by and see our “new look” when you are out this weekend praising God in CHURCH!!! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Love,  
The garden ladies  
Linda and Edith





Join St. Marks Episcopal Day School and  
St Marks Episcopal Church



On Friday, July 10 at 9:00am

In the Georgia Power Parking Lot next to the church

# SPLASH TRIKE-A-THON Fund Raiser

(It's TOO hot for a Trike-a-thon!)

To Support our SMEDS Renovation Project & Scholarship Fund

Wear your bathing suit and bring your favorite bicycle/riding toy.

**\* ACTIVITIES WILL BE SPREAD OUT SO WE CAN SOCIAL DISTANCE**

- Donations are taken online through the link below. PLEASE HELP US BY SHARING THE LINK.

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/stmarksepi2>

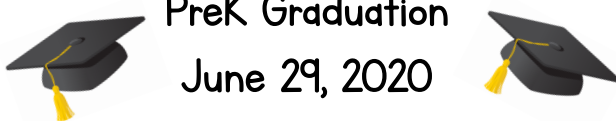
- Please help us by sharing the link. Checks (made out to SMEDS) and cash are also accepted.
- Payments can also be made by texting LION to 73256. Choose "St Marks Day School - Scholarship" from the scroll down menu.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**





Photos from St. Marks Day School  
Family Tailgate Party &  
PreK Graduation  
June 29, 2020



**CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 2020!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!**

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Mary Turner	2	Maurice Postal	13	Harrison Akridge	20
Chris O'Quinn	3	Alva Youngner	14	Rosalind Crowder	21
Greg Wellstead	3	Benjamin Quintanar	15	Tonya Miller	23
Jim Youngner	4	Sarah Steffan	16	Betty Smith	25
Mary Pewe	5	Mary Harrell	17	Scott Mitchell	27
Rita Thompsom	9	Keiko Stobaesus	17	Martha Kennedy	28
Kara Rendanz	12	Lynne Emery	18	Betsy Holm	30
Windy Carroll	13	Julie Small	18	Kim Sapp-Gornto	30
John Roper	13	Alan Youngner	20		

Tim & Myra Braswell	6	Will & Joan Roberson	25
Muri & Jeanie Nations	10	Jerry & Judy Williams	27
Andy & Amy Broderick	14	Mike Whitley & Nancy Breland	31
Albert & Joyce Shelander	26	Daniel & Leda Burr	31

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Joel Arline		Parish Treasurer



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Brooks Thompson	1	George Bagby	9	Rhonda Lawson	22
Rogelio Quintfanar	1	Brad Butler	11	Kay Curry	23
Katie Curry	1	Jenny London	13	Jo Strickland	25
Marilyn Lear	2	Scott Pyle	14	Thames Cranz	26
Albert McInnis	2	Dorothy Lambright	15	Carla Page	26
Charlie Daniell	4	Joyce Shelander	15	Carol Pyle	26
Dustin Cathey	4	Randy Gross	16	Kathleen Tyler	27
Nobuki Stobaeus	4	Gail Cowan	17	Ali Arline	28
Linda Thompson	6	Erica Cathey	18	Tess Stuemmer	30
Roger Baker	6	Leda Burr	18		
David Herndon	8	Rebecca Neal	19		

Gareth & Judith Allcott	2	Frazier & Vicki Green	16
Dick & Marsha McGaughey	3	David & Jenny London	22
Ed & Mary Berg	3	Phil & Kathy Flournoy	24
Bob & Jo McGuire	15	Will & Joan Roberson	25