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## Deaths

**Cleo Cook**, mother of **Holly Woodard**, grandmother of **Hannah** and **Joni Woodard**, on April 8, 2021.

## Happy Birthday

<b>April 18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>
Chris Hughes	Rodney Varnadore	Ginger Colquitt
Bill Reyenga	Porter Caraway	Martha Nader
Katherine Douthitt		Clarence Babineaux
Alan Berry	<b>22</b>	Glenn Adams
George Jonathan	Kelly Hargrove	Lee Ann Smith
Hardtner	Emily Roemer	Reid Baldrige
Charlotte White		Kayla Marsalis
	<b>23</b>	Alex Monsour
<b>19</b>	Ann-Conrad Falter	
Tobin Grigsby	Ron Shotts	
	Jimmy Scruggs	
<b>20</b>	Stacey Jones	
Charlotte Hill	Matthew Brooks	
Tom Thigpen	Patrick Harrison, Jr.	
Jon Davis	Frances Renda	
Sabrina Newell		

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

**St. Mark's is adding back some services that have been on hiatus during the COVID -19 pandemic.**

We are again having the Friday 5:30 pm Eucharist in the Chapel along with the 6:00 pm Sunday Eucharist. **We also have a nursery available on Sundays.** Please remember that all the current COVID protocols will remain in place. Everyone must be masked and socially distanced. We look forward to seeing you!

**Communion Celebration Weekend is this weekend.**

This is a special weekend where children gather to learn why we take Holy Communion. We will spend that Saturday morning together from 10:30 am-Noon in the chapel. On Sunday, the celebration will take place during the 10:30 am service. There will be photography in the Cathedral beforehand at 9:30 am. **Please email Fr. Drew at [achristiansen@smc.school](mailto:achristiansen@smc.school) if you are interested in having your child participate in the Communion Celebration Weekend.** It is for children at or around the age of six.

**Meals On Wheels Opportunity!** It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. [Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)**

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To love and serve Christ.

**We have re-started our SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library.**

The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). **For more information contact**

**Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.**

**EYC will meet this Sunday for dinner, activity, and compline from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.**

**Community Renewal Fruit Signup List!**

Community Renewal has resumed meeting with youth in their neighborhoods as distancing allows. Their after school programs teach and practice balanced nutrition at their meals. The Barksdale neighborhood would greatly appreciate 25 pieces/servings of fruit every Monday. Fruit may be fresh or canned and should be dropped off at the church office any time before the assigned Monday at 10:00 am. **The signup this year is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAA2D6-fruit>.**

**Remember as a child how a stuffed animal eased your fears?**

For the month of April, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals for the CARA center. The CARA center is a partnership of Christus and LSUHSC to provide aftercare and medical care for the diagnosis, management and prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local area. For the month of April, drop off new stuffed animals at the church office. **For any questions contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)**

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To love and serve each other in Christ.

**If you are going through a difficult time,** one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact the **Rev. Dr. Rowena White** at **[rowena@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:rowena@stmarkscathedral.net)**.

**After a temporary hiatus that unfortunately has lasted for an entire year, we have returned to congregational singing of hymns and service music!**

This announcement also includes a return to choral music during worship, as long as we maintain proper social distancing and other protocols including continued use of masks to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

There is not a plan to return to regular Wednesday choir rehearsals and Choral Evensong until September. This will provide the necessary time for everyone to get vaccinated. However, in the meantime we will have a choir on Sunday mornings and for any special services that will take place between now and September.

*Sunday Readings*

The Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:12-19 \* 1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

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To love and serve the world for Christ.

*Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team*

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away? If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?

*Additional Resources*

**Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:**

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

**St. Mark's Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

**Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:**

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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