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The Call

May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be accept-



A Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2020

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grace

In this season of COVIDTIDE, like you, I've been keenly aware of losses and diminishment, disappointment and constraint. It is easy, soooooo easy to call out the list of hard things we've had to accommodate. It has been both worrying and wearisome. What is also true is that this time has brought to light some dust and dirt piling up in our old normal. We knew we were overscheduled and distracted from simple pleasures. We knew life was passing quickly leaving many of us without time for creative, restorative reflection. We had fallen in the habit of taking access to friends and family for granted. We assumed communities that fed our spirits would always be opened for us whenever we wanted to drop in. When things shuttered down we were left with time and few places to spend it. It was hard and it was lonesome.

And suddenly, surprisingly we discovered *imposed* Sabbath. We began to create new patterns, new rituals in our days that brought us calm and revived our spirits. Families came together around the table at dinner time instead of being spread across the county. Couples starting cooking together. People sat outside on a Tuesday night, a Tuesday night of all times and listened to the birds. As the rules changed, people pulled lawn chairs out to the front lawn and spoke to neighbors. Patient people taught elders how to Zoom and click through FACEBOOK options to see friends and send comments. People showed up on virtual platforms to say Morning Prayer. They took a break midafternoon and listened to a reflection. In the evening, they hit a button and said Night Prayers with members of their church and discovered strangers found their way to the site as well. There was a sense of oneness and holiness in space between the screens, our homes and the spoken words.

Even those who didn't join in felt supported knowing prayers were being shared by people who knew and cared about them by name.

More than the cadre of church ladies asked if they could help reach out to members who lived alone. Faithful folk called to ask are you well? Do you need something. would you let us help you with that?

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People not financially stretched by the crisis sent their COVID Bucks to the church saying send this to a person in need. Give it where it will do the most good. In the anxiety of the virus came the pause. In the pause, the small still voice was heard. Don't be in a rush to rejoin the rush. Remember the grace you found in this normal. Remember what was gained in the loss. Remember the lessons, feelings, connections, the good.

It is the way of God to show up in the chaos with something unexpected and deeply meaningful. Let us be wise to what has been revealed. In the mayhem and disruption, God was there. Let us give thanks for the grace we received.

Peace be with you as Covidtide continues and God reigns supreme,

Sarah +



Rapping with the Rev.

In this time of social distancing and church building closures, the rector invites you to outdoor office hours.

Sign up. Come for a chat about anything or nothing.

Two lawn chairs set up 6+ feet apart on beautiful St. Mark's grounds. BYOM, bring your own mask or one will be provided. BYOBeverage too as Founders Hall is still closed to visitors.

**Click Signup Genius Link below for available times.
Others will be added and still others available upon request.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ca4a7238-rapping>

Worship offerings are listed below.

We also have a daily reflection each afternoon which can be accessed on our St. Mark's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday

8:30am

with Matt Addington

[Join via zoom link below](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUp-Yb3QrK01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

You can access the service order with the link below

<https://conta.cc/2vRUtpl>

Night Prayers

Monday - Saturday

7pm

End your day by joining the Rector in the evening for

Compline at 7pm

Monday through Saturdays

with the Rev. Sarah Hollar

via

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

or watch later by accessing the video on our Facebook page.



Sunday Worship Services

Continue at 9:30 am

via Facebook Life

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

or watch at a later time by accessing the video on our facebook page.

Service orders are being sent via E-blast each Thursday afternoon

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM AFTER THE LIVE SERVICE (USE THE LINK BELOW)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3QrK01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

If you are prompted for a password please use 654321

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By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Anne E. Hodges-Copple
Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
will ordain

Matthew John Addington
and
Andrew Joseph Ancona

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the sixth of June
two thousand and twenty
at eleven o'clock in the morning at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

You are cordially invited to view the livestream broadcast
of the ordination via the Facebook page of the
Diocese of North Carolina at
<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseNC/>

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St. Mark's would like to present Matt and Andrew with a gift for the special occasion of their ordination.

If you would like to contribute to a congregational gift please donate online through the link below

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/give>

Choose "ordination gift" or send a check to
St. Mark's at 8600 Mt. Holly Huntersville Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

Note "Ordination Gift" in the memo line of your check.

Please have all donations in by June 1st.

If you would like to send Matt and Andrew individual notes of congratulations they can be sent directly to them.

Matt Addington: 309 Robert Keever Rd. Stanley, NC 28164

Andrew Ancona at 199 Carroll St. Brooklyn, NY 11231



Even though we are not gathering at the church operating expenses still need to be paid.

Please remember that:

Regular pledges/giving can continue to be made by sending checks in the mail to

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
8600 Mt. Holly Huntersville Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078

or online through the link below

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/give>

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Join Our *Car Parade*

Graduation & End of Year Celebration
"Drive Thru" Style!

MAY 31 - 1 pm

10500 Beatties Ford Road 28078

Drive along Hopewell Presby Loop with our preschool grads and students and wave to staff!

Decorate your vehicle to show you #LoveLESM

[Tag us in your pics and follow us to interact Live!](#)

  @LeSanMarcos



La Escuelita
SAN MARCOS



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Youth Sunday

Will look a little different this year.
We will celebrate and honor our “eight”
high school graduates
and send them out into the world just the
same.

Join us on June 7th virtually at the 9:30 hour for online worship.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

Hear sermons from 3 of our graduating seniors
and the traditional words from our clergy about each one of our graduating youth.

Following the service
from 11:30am to 12:00pm (ish)

We invite you to the “hill”
as we celebrate with an in person
“drive through”
to congratulate them as they embark on new journeys.

Each senior will have a designated spot on our grounds and will be eager to see you
as you drive through to wish them well.

We ask that everyone stay in their cars
So we can ensure safety precautions are followed.

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St. Mark's Seniors 2020

Anna Gambill



Bethany Jones



Chris Milholland



Emma Middleton



Jackson Rhinehardt



Rachel Sparks



Sarah Thompson



Ben Weeks





St. Mark's & Hopewell Presbyterian

Virtual VBS 2020

June 14-18

6:30-7:30 via Zoom

Games, Bible Stories, Songs, Crafts, & More!

Each child (ages 4-5th grade) will receive a hand delivered kit and t-shirt for the whole program.

Email Matt Addington
(Matt.Addington1@gmail.com) to register and
provide your name, parents email, address, and
t-shirt size



SUMMER CAMP

Our Transformational Ministries
continue doing good work



Our outreach committee continues to work closely with Jon Rochester to meet the needs of the scholars at RMS.

In addition to weekly food bank deliveries we have been working out summer camp opportunities.

We are pleased to say that the YMCA will be able to run their summer camp with some modifications

Outreach is working with Jon Rochester to send
20 scholars to the YMCA Summer camp for 3 weeks each.

In addition to the YMCA we explored an additional camp opportunity.

STARS is an academic camp that has run for the last 20 years by a Ranson Middle School Teacher. STARS will run as an online camp this summer and serve as a tool to help scholars keep their reading and math skills sharp during the summer months.

Having an online option is appealing to some families who may not want to send their children to a traditional camp during these unprecedented times.

With the help of Jon Rochester we are working on sponsor 6 scholars for this camp.



New Ministry Opportunities

We would love for you to share your Spiritual Gifts with Us.



Technical Team

St. Mark's is seeking soon and sooner a few people to help with streaming our services through Facebook Live on Sunday Mornings.

This is most important as Matt transitions into his role as a Deacon and assumes additional responsibilities.

Our hope is to create a rotation for Sunday mornings just like any other worship duty. Training will be provided. Please email Matt Addington if you are interested and or have any questions.

matt.Addington1@gmail.com

In addition if you have any other technical skills or talents that you feel might be useful please let us know. We continue to explore additional technical opportunities to enhance our capabilities now and moving forward.

Flower Guild

If you have a gift and or love of flower arranging St. Mark's Flower Guild might be a wonderful new opportunity and way for you to serve.

During this pandemic Stephanie Herrin has been purchasing and arranging the altar flowers that we all enjoying seeing on Sunday mornings.



Going forward we would like to create a Flower Guild.

On a rotating basis members of the Guild would purchase flowers on their week with the church credit card. Flowers would then be arranged by 2pm on Saturdays in preparation for Sunday worship.

Please contact Sarah Milholland @ sarahmilholland@stmarksn.org if you are interested or have any questions.



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Birthdays

Jennifer Addington - 6/5

Flo Flores – 6/5

Lorraine Lenardson – 6/5

Rustin McWhorter - 6/5

Jonathan Hines - 6/6

Norveline Thomas – 6/8

Tom Watson - 6/9

Teresa Pouliot – 6/11

Marilyn Wooten - 6/11

Whitney Hollar - 6/14

TJ Tatlow – 6/14

Amy Weeks – 6/14

Jeff Serra – 6/18

Patricia Woolley - 6/18

Mark Hamilton - 6/20

Drake Vanevenhoven – 6/25

Scott Hundertmark - 6/27

Tom Mooney – 6/27

Garrett Zinno – 6/27

Linda O'Connor – 6/30

Anniversaries

Scott & Penny Brett - 6/8

Chris & Mary Kendrick - 6/13

Robert & Deborah Allen – 6/14

Lynn & Dawn Lyons – 6/21

Alan & Lesli Kathman - 6/26

Prayers for continued healing:

Willard & Barb Osburn
Saunders & Billy Black
Martha Ann Springer
Elena Michel and her family
Richard & Mary Beth Masline

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Scott Hundertmark – 6/5/20

Brent & Amy Sparks – 6/12/20

Mark & Lacy Hamilton – 6/19/20

Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 6/26/20

Flat Jesus is Back!

Flat Jesus is making a come back! Print off your Flat Jesus from the e-blast and post a picture with you and Flat Jesus on the St. Mark's Facebook page showing us how you're having fun during the quarantine!



"Thirstday" Thursday

Join the men of the church for
A **virtual** testosterone friendly
answer to WINE

Thursday June 11th at 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Please follow the link above to connect to the
meeting at
6:30

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

Grab a beverage and a snack. Use the zoom link to connect
virtually with the men of the church.

Give it a try.

David Fahey 704-562-7587 for questions

No RSVP required by texts welcome



WINE

Women in Need of Entertainment

Monday June 15th @ 6:30pm

at your own home

via Zoom

Link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

If you are prompted for a password please use
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***Come check in for a few minutes or stay for
the duration.***

***Join us for whatever fits
your schedule.***

Please contact Allison Rhinehardt
allibrett@gmail.com with any questions



Church family,

There have been hours of planning, writing and rewriting, meetings and more meetings. And now the hour is upon us!

We are so excited to announce that construction on our new building will be starting within a few weeks! Land will be moved, concrete will be poured and an amazing wooden structure will be raised. A kitchen will be built that will bring fellowship, teach important life skills and provide hope to legions of area women.

To get to this point, we have crossed many hurdles. From assuring and reassuring the diocese that we've done our homework, to securing a bank loan, finding the right contractors and dealing with county bureaucracy. At every step, we could feel your prayers and God's hand in guiding us through. And despite difficult times across the globe, St. Mark's remains financially solid and ready to take the next step in this journey. Our pledges, both annual and for the building, continue to come in. Our Vestry and building team continue to be good stewards of our finances. And we feel certain that the demand for weddings, many of which have had to be postponed during the pandemic will be healthy when the pandemic ends. It is likely many couples will have to find a new venue for their celebrations because of the backlog. St. Mark's will be ready.

All of this said, we are mindful that church must be and remain a refuge -- and not a source of anxiety during these already unnerving times. I know many of you will have questions during this construction period. I welcome them! "Ask Me and I'll Tell You" will be my mantra throughout. We are setting up several ways for you to share your questions with me. I will respond directly to you and also publish it in the next issue of the Call. No worries, no names will be used. It's likely that if you are wondering about something, others are, too.

Please send your questions to stmarksjuniorwarden1@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to sharing this journey with you, and for helping all of us stay engaged and reassured you along the way.

In peace,
Mandy Self-Sparrow
Junior Warden

2020 Stewardship Update

	2020 YTD Budget	April YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$338,820	\$143,090
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$22,000	\$5,349
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$13,000	\$7,000
Sales Tax Refunds	\$2,100	
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$34,320	\$11,441
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$410,240	\$166,880
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$272,235	\$85,828
Diocesan Support	\$42,605	\$14,202
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$49,780	\$17,061
Office Administration & Other	\$28,698	\$8,681
Youth & Christian Formation	\$10,190	\$117
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,000	\$1,529
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$7,100	\$621
Worship & Music	2,765	\$1,048
%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	\$13,553	
Total 2020 Budgeted Expenses	\$440,926	\$129,087
Current Excess/ Deficit of receipts over disbursements	(30,686)	\$37,793

***Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 42%**

2020 Pledge update 94 families for a total of \$340,520.00