



The Call



May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight oh Lord our strength and our redeemer.

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I recently had the opportunity to travel to Cleveland with 400 other Episcopalians from 80 dioceses to the second **Evangelism Matters** Conference. It involved two full days of plenary sessions and workshops, with preaching and teaching by our CEO (Chief Evangelism Officer) The Most Reverend Michael Curry. As I told Sarah, it was kind of like drinking from a fire hose. While there's no way to cover everything that went on or was taught, I want to share with you some of the What, Why, and How of evangelism.

What

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As Bishop Curry pointed out, this is known as the "Great Commission", not the "Great Suggestion". We are all called to share the good news. Being what it is, the Episcopal Church developed a tweetable description of Episcopal evangelism: **We seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to MORE. #EpiscopalEvangelism.** He also pointed out that the last 50 years have produced a transformation within the Episcopal Church with regard to outreach, with most parishes recognizing that as an integral part of their life. He calls us as members of the church to drive the same transformation with regard to evangelism.

Why

We don't evangelize to increase our membership, to produce more pledges, or to build up the church. We evangelize to make the world a better place. People need to know the love of Jesus, and the world needs more people who do, and who love others accordingly.

How

I have to brag here that I was quoted in the closing presentation for a tongue in cheek complaint to the Canon for Evangelism. After sitting through a day and a half of workshops on a myriad of topics, I complained that they were getting repetitious. It was all "pray, listen, love, serve, tell".

Pray for awareness of God's love for us. Pray that He will stir up our love for Him and for others. Pray that He will give us eyes to see others as He sees them.

Look for God at work in the world. Listen to those around you. Be ready with words of encouragement or comfort.

Keep doing what we're doing. A common theme of the conference is that evangelism without justice, compassion, and service is empty. We are already engaged in those things. We need to keep in mind why, and not be secretive about it. We love and serve because God says we should and we believe Him.

Invite others to more. Friends who may not (yet) be interested in coming to church, might be interested in attending a racial reconciliation event or W.I.N.E. or the Knights' Game or a youth event or a pet blessing.

As we step out on the path of evangelism, keep a few things in mind.

1. We don't have to take God out into the world; He's already there.
2. We don't need to deliver a great speech and convert someone to Christ; we just need to encourage the work that God is already doing in that person.
3. The world will not be transformed by priests and bishops; it will be transformed by all of us, because all of us are the ones being transformed by Christ.

I invite you to join me and Episcopalians across the church in this work because, **Evangelism Matters**,

David Fahey,

Vestry Member

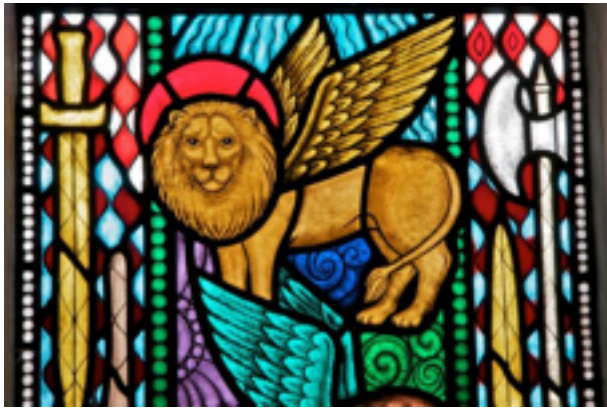
HOLY WEEK



Christian Formation Brunch is on St. Mark's Day

Sunday April 22nd at 9:30

Let's enjoy time together as we finish
our 4th rotation of Christian Formation



We will commission
vestry, acolytes, and altar guild
on this day.

Christian Formation 5th and Final Rotation

Begins Sunday April 29th at the 9:30 hour.

Adults and Youth will continue their discussion on
The Path.



Children ages 4 through 5th grade continue to learn the stories of The Bible.

Nursery is always provided for children under the age of 4.

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FORMATION INFO.

Worshiping With The Youth



During the Season of Easter we often reflect on the what the Resurrection means. It is the “goodest” news we have to share. Each and every time we share this “goodest” news we worship. As the weather warms up the youth will begin to worship by being the hands and feet of Jesus both here at St. Marks and all across our country. Here are just a few ways we will worship through the summer!

June 24-30 Detroit, MI
 July 29-Aug. 1 Episcopal Outreach Camp
 Aug. 12-18 Tampa, FL



Thank you to all the youth and adults who helped with Seder Meal this year. It was easily one of the best we have ever had. This service is most certainly a team effort. Without great adults and great youth we could not do what we do. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Save the Date
for
Dinner, Dancing & Friends

*Please plan to join us on May 11th for dinner & music
with the teachers and staff at Ranson TB Middle School*

5:30pm-9:30pm

at Galilee East

3601 Central Ave, Charlotte

Let's continue to build relationships and show appreciation for the teachers at RMS.

Cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30

Dinner and music from 6:30 on

Childcare provided



"Dinner drinks dancing..."

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FAMILY FUN DAY





B&G
Workday
Sunday May 6th
8:30am-12:00pm
Or whenever the
work is done.



Come Worship then work or Work then Worship
Help needed spreading pinestraw
Planting Flowers
Pruning
as well as some Minor Repairs
*Hot Dog Lunch Provided

St. Mark's Annual Baseball Outing



St. Mark's Annual Baseball Outting with Teachers and Scholars from RMS

to

The Charlotte Knights at BB&T Ballpark

On Friday April 27th

at 7pm

Tickets are \$17 each and on sale

There is a sign up sheet in Osborne Hall.

See Marsha Phillips for additional information

mbp1936@carolina.rr.com



Transitions



Birthdays

Chris Hawkins – 4/3
 Ian Milholland - 4/5
 Corinne Zinno - 4/5
 Teddy Mason, Sr. - 4/7
 Rev Ty Smithdeal – 4/7
 Debbie Siegel - 4/8
 Justin Zinno - 4/10
 Lynn Lyons – 4/11
 Kylee Addington - 4/12
 Bob Chandler - 4/12
 Kerri Gambill- 4/12
 Tony Herrin - 4/13
 Jeff Haas – 4/17
 Brandon Kathman - 4/17
 Teddy Mason, Sr. – 4/17
 Marlene Bandis – 4/19
 Elaine Reilly – 4/20
 Doris S. Blythe - 4/21
 Elizabeth Havens – 4/21
 Eileen Lampro - 4/22
 Mike Benes - 4/23
 Elliott James - 4/24
 Betsy Lloyd - 4/25
 Elizabeth Weeks – 4/27
 Jack Lloyd - 4/29

Anniversaries

Ed & Kathy Reade – 4/5
 Alan & Bridget Vanevenhoven – 4/5
 Robert & Kerri Gambill - 4/13
 James & Patricia Woolley - 4/19
 Milton & Candice Sullivan -4/21
 Sean & Kelly Pope – 4/23
 Chaytor & Bob Chandler - 4/24
 Philip & Betsy Lloyd - 4/30

Prayers for continued healing:

Richard & Mary Beth Masline	Martha Ann Springer
Saunders & Billy Black	The Mason Family
Jackie Blythe	Bob Egan
George Ann Beam	Vivien Edgerton
Tommy Lenardson	Christopher Heinshon
Marcia Nelson	Justin Wilson
Johnny Redman	Kathy Merchandetti
Doris Webb	Becky Bell
Cole Alderman	Lucia Smithdeal
Doug Poe	

New Members:
Alan & Bridget Vanevenhoven,
child Drake
Dale & Theresa Smith
Phyllis Barnwell
Bob & Suzanne Egan
James Matthies & Natalie Engel
John & Myra Southwell

Panera Bread Pick-Up
Scott Hundertmark 4/6
Tonia Shelton – 4/13
Tom Lenardson – 4/20
Mark & Lacy Hamilton – 4/27

W.I.N.E.



Women in Need of Entertainment

April 16th

at the home of

**Suzanne Ferguson
236 Hawthorne Park Ave
Belmont**

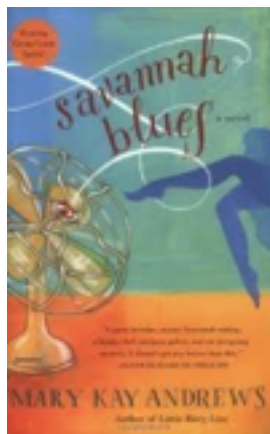
704-829-3599

**Please bring a bottle of wine or a dish to share.
If you don't have time for either just bring
yourself.**

Sign up Below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044faaa828ab9-stmarks>

Please contact Allison Rhinehardt allibrett@gmail.com or
Dawn Middleton dawnm Middleton@bellsouth.net with any
questions



**St. Mark's Muses Book Club
will meet on**

Thursday April 12th at 10am

at the home of

Amy Weeks

9906 Avon Farm Lane

Charlotte

704-516-1313

Our discussion will be on

Savannah Blues

by Mary Kay Andrews

If you would like a copy of the book please contact
Genny Hinkle.

Join us even if you have not read the book. The
next month's selection will be handed out at this
time.

Sign up at the link provided

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ca4a7238-stmarks>

**Please contact Genny Hinkle for a copy of the
book**

704-595-7957

HELLO

my name is

Are you New to St. Mark's?

There will be a newcomers gathering on April 28th at the home of
Robbie & Delia Roberts

(5115 Chapel Chase Ln. Huntersville)

April 28 4pm-7pm

Childcare Provided.

Contact Jennifer Addington to RSVP or more information.

jenaddington@yahoo.com or 704-747-8896

2018 Stewardship Update



	2018 Budget	February YTD Actual
Current Pledge Total	\$343,175	\$77,655
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$20,000	\$2,314
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$17,000	\$1,600
Sales Tax Refunds	\$2,000	\$557
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	<u>\$32,750</u>	<u>\$2,729</u>
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$414,925	\$77,655
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$263,804	\$43,453
Diocesan Support	\$43,454	\$7,242
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,012	\$8,820
Office Administration & Other	\$26,515	\$5,127
Youth & Christian Formation	\$12,380	\$ 384
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$12,300	\$ 600
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$ 7,100	\$ 179
Worship & Music	\$ 3,500	\$ 136
%7 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	<u>\$24,022</u>	
Total 2017 Budgeted Expenses	\$446,087	\$65,942
Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$(31,162)	24,620
2018 pledge notes	98 pledge cards of 143 have been received	
	Average Pledge \$3,502	

***Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 23%**



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"As of January 2nd, 2018, **98** cards have been turned in, for a total pledge of \$343,175.00
(**\$3,502 avg. per unit**)

The necessary pledge total, according to the proposed budget is **\$390,000**.
We are **87%** towards our goal.

Please mail in, drop off, hand in, or take a picture and email, your pledge card to the church office as soon as possible."