



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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becoming

Often in life, we know we are called to do something different, to become more the person God has called us to be. This has been one of the stories in my life over the past two years. Early in 2015, I approached Bishop Curry with a question about how the Diocese of North Carolina values, understands, and works with all the youth in the diocese. This question would lead me on a journey into the discernment process for the priesthood.

This process takes many years to complete and comes with much waiting and wondering. While it is not easy, it is a good process. I have learned much about myself. I have become a better minister. I have become a better person, but I am still becoming.

Part of becoming, has lead me to Church Divinity School of the Pacific where for the next year I will be complete an Anglican Studies course as one of the final steps in the ordination process. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry and Bishop Sam suggested this course as the next appropriate step in my process. It will require me to spend some time in Berkley California as well as some online study.

Wonderful people of St. Mark's, several of you have asked if this process ends with me leaving St. Mark's. The Canons of the Church do not require nor has the Bishop indicated that I must exercise my ministry in a new place following my ordination. I feel God is calling me in to ordained ministry so that I can become a better minister here at St. Mark's, as well as be a "prophetic voice" for the church for many years to come. Being a priest is also about sacramental theology. When I think of offering others a seat at Christ's table, baptizing new Christians, or having pastoral conversations with another about their faith or life issue under the sanctity of the stole, I get excited. Truth be told, I also get a little nervous.

While it is no secret I am wired to work with youth, young adults and children, we are all a part of the body of Christ and it is this full body of Christ to which God is calling me to minister. I hope you will pray for me and with me through the remainder of this process. I am excited to see the wonderful opportunities coming our way in the future!

Your brother in Christ,

Matt Addington

J U L Y 2 0 1 8

Youth Sunday



Graduating
Seniors
Ian Milholland
Mai Johnson
Avery Gambill



Summer Prayers

Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

Summer Travel Prayer

Loving and merciful God, you have commissioned your angels to guide and protect us. Command them to be with us from our leaving until our return; keep us safe from all injury, accident or malice and sin. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

- Author Unknown

Summer Experiences

Father,

This summer will be full of new experiences for me and my friends: new jobs, exciting mission trips, and vacations to places we've never been before. Grow us, stretch us through whatever we do, and through wherever we go, so that we'll end the summer just a little more like you. Amen.

Let Your Light Shine

As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. Destroy the darkness about me, Scatter the darkness before me, Disperse the darkness behind me, Dispel the darkness within me. Let your light shine on me. As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. The warmth of your Presence, The brightness of your love, The radiance of your joy, The shining of your hope. Let your light shine on me. As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. Your light to guide, Your light to lead, Your light to direct, Your light to brighten. Let your light shine on me.

From Power Lines: Celtic Prayers About Work by David Adam



It's not too Late to Try Something New

During the Summer months the Worship Committee invites you to **"try-on"** a new ministry

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an **Usher, Lector, Acolyte, Chalist, Verger, Children's Chaplain** or serve on the **Altar Guild**?

Each week during the summer ages 10 and up can try-on a new role. (15 and up for chalists).

Cards with instructions for each role/duty will be available on Sunday mornings in the courtyard. There will be 1 scheduled leader for each role, who will serve as a mentor for the person "trying on" the new role. For roles served by one person (altar guild, verger & children's chaplain) you can pick a role and serve as a shadow to the person regularly scheduled for that day.

The expectation is for the **Try-on Leader** to arrive **15** minutes early, select the role, report to the verger for the day, vest if required and/or familiarize oneself with the readings/duties.

If you have ever thought about serving in one of these capacities but were hesitant to try, this is the perfect opportunity. You can try one role or many. You can serve one Sunday or several Sundays.

It's never too late to try something new!





During the summer months, anyone looking for an excuse to come early or stay late is invited to join in “Go Speak – Summer Edition”.

Go Speak is a program introduced in this diocese in 2014. As Bishop Anne said then, “it is a process to help each of us give voice to the quiet, ordinary places we meet and feel God’s divine presence as well as create deeper levels of community within our congregations.” The people who have participated in Go Speak have found it to be valuable, not only because they told their own stories, but because they heard others’ stories of faith. Evangelism at its best!

In our diocese, Go Speak cards are used by small groups of 6-10 people gathered in homes and other informal, relaxed settings. Often, the group has a meal or refreshments. People take turns selecting a card that “speaks to them” and then tell their story. The others in the group listen without questioning or feedback. Thus, the listening becomes as integral to the process as the storytelling itself. These gatherings have proven to be comfortable and provide a safe environment to give voice to stories of how God moves in our lives.

“Go Speak – Summer Edition” will meet in the Gallery during coffee hour (9:30 ish)
No preparation or long term commitment required.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact David Fahey at david.fahey@carolina.rr.com



Birthdays

Laura Fahey - 7/1
 Dawn Lyons - 7/4
 Richard Wisner - 7/4
 Kenneth Huber - 7/5
 Elly Thompson - 7/8
 Willard Osburn - 7/11
 Ellie Rose - 7/11
 Mary Schroeder - 7/11
 Richard Masline - 7/12
 Jackie Jones - 7/13
 Ben Padilla - 7/13
 Angelo Michel - 7/14
 Emma Johnson - 7/19
 Saunders Black - 7/20
 Tonia Shelton - 7/20
 Jennifer Johnson - 7/21
 Ralph Fischer - 7/22
 Jayden Michel - 7/23
 Anna Gambill - 7/24
 Michael Ferguson - 7/25
 Ellie Wilson - 7/25
 Sara Tinsley - 7/27
 Katie Neumann - 7/29

Anniversaries

Greg & Amy Weeks - 7/15
 Michael & Christina Fisher - 7/17
 Rick & Bridget Stein - 7/29

Prayers for Continued healing:

Richard & Mary Beth Masline	
Saunders & Billy Black	Martha Ann Springer
The Mason Family	George Ann Beam
Bob Egan	Marty Fulton
Vivien Edgerton	

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Mark & Lacy Hamilton - 7/6
Andrew & Libby James - 7/13
Mark & Lacy Hamilton - 7/20
Ian & Liesel Doolittle - 7/27

W.I.N.E.

**Women in Need of Entertainment**

July 16th 6:30pm
at the home of

Jordana Gheraibeh
11314 Heritage Green Drive
Cornelius, NC
704-464-3265

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

Sign up Below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044faaa828ab9-july>

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



Join the men of the church for
"Thirstday",
(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

We plan to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month
beginning on

July 12th at 6:30pm

We will gather at
**Pippa's Cafe 10040 Edison Square Drive,
Concord**
(across from Skybrook)

We will have a brief biblical reflection, food,
beverages and some prayer.
Look for us in the outdoor seating area.

For additional information please contact
David Fahey 704-562-7587.
No RSVP required but texts are welcome.



"As of May 22, 2018, **100** cards have been turned in, for a total pledge of \$344,675.00
(**\$3,446 avg. per unit**)

The necessary pledge total, according to the proposed budget is **\$390,000**. We are **88%**
towards our goal.



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2018 Stewardship Update

	2018 Budgeted	May YTD Actual
Current Pledge Total	\$344,175	\$160,634
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$20,000	\$8,566
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$17,000	\$ 7,455
Sales Tax Refunds	\$2,000	\$ 557
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	<u>\$32,750</u>	<u>\$ 13,646</u>
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$415,925	\$190,859
2016 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$263,804	\$108,398
Diocesan Support	\$43,454	\$18,106
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,012	\$ 22,438
Office Administration & Other	\$26,515	\$ 10,301
Youth & Christian Formation	\$12,380	\$ 1,890
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$12,300	\$ 4,330
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$ 7,100	\$ 1,306
Worship & Music	\$ 3,500	\$ 863
%7 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	<u>\$14,38</u>	
Total 2017 Budgeted Expenses	\$446,157	\$167,632
Current Excess/ Deficit of receipts over disbursements	\$30,332	\$23,227
2018 pledge notes	100 pledge cards of 143 have been received	
	Average Pledge \$3,477	

***Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 47%**