



# 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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There is an old old saying, “God works in mysterious ways” which is really a way of saying God works in God’s ways and those ways not being human ways, seem puzzling to us. We often make this observation when several seemingly unrelated events come together to produce an outcome for good. Several days ago, an American television actress married the Queen of England’s grandson. The Queen of England being the head of the Church of England followed century old protocol and called the Archbishop of Canterbury to preside over the royal wedding. The Archbishop of Canterbury met the couple to be wedded and suggested a preacher neither had met. He suggested The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, a man with whom he had had a pointed disagreement. Despite their opposing view on a matter of church policy, Archbishop Justin Welby knew Michael Curry was a man of God, a man who could and would in all places and at all times proclaim the love that God’s son says can save the world. So, a black man with roots in the American South showed up in St. George’s Chapel of Windsor Castle and did just that. Estimates say over 100 million people heard that message. Apparently, the sermon both moved and perhaps even emboldened the Archbishop because the next day, he wrote the following.

“At the heart of what we do and believe as Christians is a revolution. It’s not conventional. It’s not normal. It’s not just living life as it comes.

It’s a revolution that should and has and will again transform the world in which we live.

It’s a revolution that will not accept that we should have food banks in this land – or that our night shelters in winter should be overflowing with people who don’t have a roof over their heads.

It’s a revolution that does not accept that young people should suffer from mental health issues and not be treated – that people should hate themselves and hurt themselves.

It's a revolution that looks at what is wrong in this world and says we will not accept it – not because of what we've done but because of who Jesus is. That is the revolution that Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry was talking about yesterday in his powerful sermon at the royal wedding.

It's a revolution not of violence but of love. Not of hatred or politics or manipulation – but a revolution of embrace and inclusion and renewal and acceptance and transformation.

It is a revolution that reaches to the people who are most lost and says, "You're found."

It's a revolution that reaches to the people who are most angry and brings them peace – and to the people who are most fearful and brings them courage.

It's a revolution that's not just worldwide but is for each individual: for you and for me.

It's a revolution in which Jesus Christ is not watching from a distance but is next to each one of us and says: "You are loved, you are called, come and be with me, and let us change the world."

I want to live in a better world. I want a better world for my children and their children and you and your families and for mothers and fathers I don't know personally and aging folks who have seen too much turmoil and young people who doubt their value and innocent people born at the wrong time in the wrong place to know peace and plenty. I don't like conflict and revolution necessarily brings confrontation, but as the Archbishop points out, a revolution of love "should and has and will again transform the world in which we live." I'm signing on. This summer, I'm praying deeply on ways I can serve this cause. I invite you into similar prayer.

With Christ beside us and God before us, let's join a revolution of love. Let's go change the world.

*Sarah+*



Join us on Sunday

June 3rd

As our youth lead worship  
& we celebrate our seniors

8:30 & 11:00



*During the Summer months  
(**beginning June 10th**),  
the Worship Committee invites you to  
"try-on" a new ministry.*

Have you even 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 at least **20** 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.**



# GSPEAK

## SHARING OUR FAITH

Beginning during coffee hour on **June 10**, 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) beginning on June 10, and continuing on subsequent Sundays as interest dictates and the Spirit leads.

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](mailto:david.fahey@carolina.rr.com)



# FORMATION INFO.

## Summer @ St. Mark's



For many teenagers in our communities, the end of school means the end of many other things. For some adults this is true as well. It means the end of alarm clocks, early mornings, rushing from activity to activity. It means the pace of life slows down.

The pace and activity of St. Mark's slows down. The pace of our communities slows down as well. We often find ourselves relaxing

on boats, by the pool, or at the beach. Many of us enjoy weekends out with friends with a cold beverage in hand.

For the youth of St. Mark's summer time does not mean slowing down. Summer for our youth, this time of year means its time to put our growing theologies into action. We will be all over the country this year figuring out who God is who we are being called to be. We will be in Michigan, Florida, and even here in Charlotte helping people from all walks of life. We will be trying to understand race, socio-economic, and cultural divides with the hope of bringing people together by understanding we are all one body, one humanity.



Would you join us in doing the same this summer? Would you find a way to make your summer more than just a time to slow down? Would you find a way to bring together people of different cultures, social status, or race to better all of humanity? Its so simple. Have a BBQ with different neighbors. Invite someone new out on your boat. Welcome the stranger and change the world, your world, this summer.

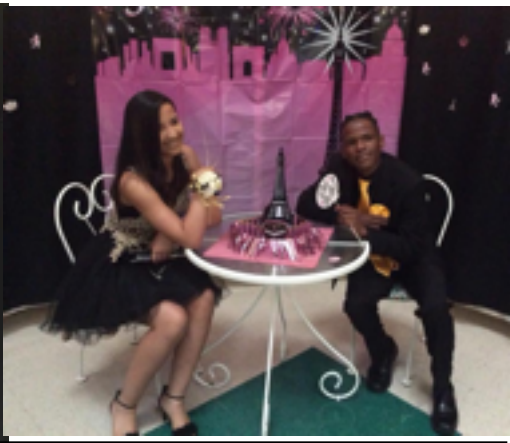


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# Pentecost & Preschool Sunday







## Supporting Ranson IB Middle School

During the month of May St. Mark's provided a photo booth for the RMS 8th Grade dance. A dinner/dance was also given by St. Mark's for the teachers and staff at RMS in support of continued relationship building as well as teacher appreciation.

RISE participants's gathered with teachers and scholars at the School



Board meeting to help advocate for additional social workers in an attempt to help lighten the load of the 300 additional students that RMS will receive in the Fall.

Thank you to all who help provide support to this community.





### **Birthdays**

Jennifer Addington - 6/5  
 Flo Flores – 6/5  
 Lorraine Lenardson – 6/5  
 Rustin McWhorter - 6/5  
 Tom Watson - 6/9  
 Teresa Pouliot – 6/11  
 Marilyn Wooten - 6/11  
 Sue Layman – 6/13  
 Bill Harrigan - 6/14  
 Whitney Hollar - 6/14  
 Amy Weeks – 6/14  
 Jeff Serra – 6/18  
 Patricia Woolley - 6/18  
 Mark Hamilton - 6/20  
 Christina Fisher – 6/24  
 Drake Vanevenhoven – 6/25  
 Scott Hundertmark - 6/27  
 Tom Mooney – 6/27  
 Garrett Zinno – 6/27

### **Anniversaries**

James & Doreen Anding – 6/5  
 Scott & Penny Brett - 6/8  
 Chris & Mary Kendrick - 6/13  
 Lynn & Dawn Lyons – 6/21  
 Alan & Lesli Kathman - 6/26  
 Douglas & Angela McDowell - 6/27  
 Jerry & Mary Schroeder - 6/29

### **Prayers for continued healing:**

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Richard & Mary Beth Masline | Martha Ann Springer |
| Saunders & Billy Black      | The Mason Family    |
| Jackie Blythe               | Bob Egan            |
| George Ann Beam             | Joe McSwain         |
| Marty Fulton                | Marcia Nelson       |
| Vivien Edgerton             | Johnny Redman       |
| Christopher Heinshon        | Doris Webb          |
| Justin Wilson               | Becky Bell          |
| Cole Alderman               | Ann Flaws           |
| Lucia Smithdeal             | Travis Gullege      |
| Clare Jacob                 |                     |
| Billy Herrold               |                     |

### **Panera Bread Pick-Up**

**Willard & Barbara Osburn – 6/1**  
**Don & Debbie Siegel – 6/8**  
**Scott Hundertmark – 6/15**  
**Tonia Shelton – 6/22**  
**Tom Lenardson – 6/29**



## W.I.N.E.



**Women in Need of Entertainment**

**Will meet on Monday June 18th**

at the home of

**Laura Fahey  
4715 Crownvista Dr.  
Charlotte**

**704-947-1700**

**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**

Please contact Allison Rhinehardt [allibrett@gmail.com](mailto:allibrett@gmail.com) or  
Dawn Middleton [dawnm Middleton@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawnm Middleton@bellsouth.net) with any  
questions

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

**Friday June 8th at 10am**

**at the home of**

**Jennifer Klebaur**

**3612 Armitage Drive, Charlotte**

**704-430-7110**

**Our discussion will be on  
Everything I Never Told You  
by Celeste Ng**

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

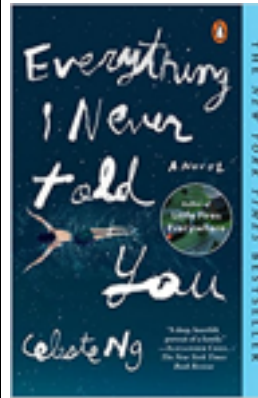
Join us even if you have not read the book. The  
next month's selection will be handed out at this  
time.

**Sign up at the link provided**

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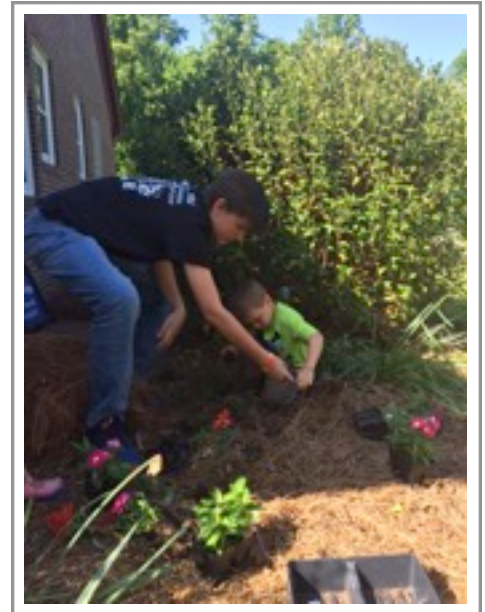
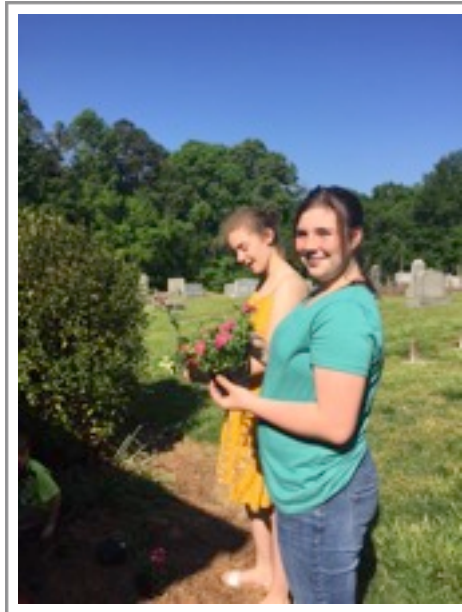
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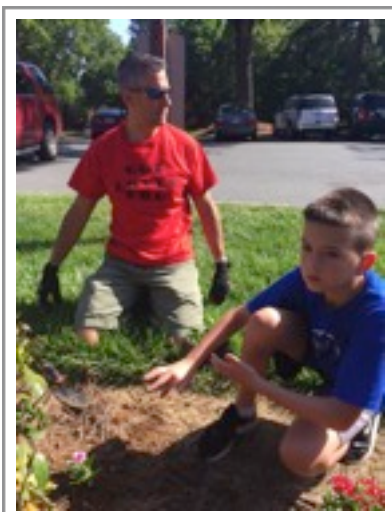
**"As of May 22, 2018, 100 cards have been turned in, for a total pledge of \$344,675.00  
(\$3,446 avg. per unit)**

**The necessary pledge total, according to the proposed budget is \$390,000.**

**We are 88% towards our goal.**



Thanks to all who came out to  
help with the  
B&G Workday  
in May  
Many hands made for  
much lighter work!





## 2018 Stewardship Update



|   | 2018 Budget                                | April<br>YTD Actual |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Current Pledge Total  | \$344,175                                  | \$137,290           |
| All other anticipated income  |  |                     |
| <b>Non-Pledge Offerings</b>   | \$20,000                                   | \$9,078             |
| Other Income (use of space by outside groups)                       | \$17,000                                   | \$4,655             |
| Sales Tax Refunds   | \$2,000                                    | \$557               |
| Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income                           | <u>\$32,750</u>                            | <u>\$10,917</u>     |
| <b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>                              | <b>\$415,925</b>                           | <b>\$163,496</b>    |
| 2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry                           |  |                     |
| <b>Staff</b>  | \$263,804                                  | \$85,797            |
| <b>Diocesan Support</b>   | \$43,454                                   | \$14,485            |
| <b>Campus Maintenance &amp; Utilities</b>                           | \$53,012                                   | \$17,642            |
| <b>Office Administration &amp; Other</b>                            | \$26,515                                   | \$8,812             |
| <b>Youth &amp; Christian Formation</b>                              | \$12,380                                   | \$1,040             |
| <b>Outreach &amp; Escuelita Support</b>                             | \$12,300                                   | \$4,011             |
| <b>Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship &amp; Parish Retreat</b> | \$ 7,100                                   | \$ 1,116            |
| <b>Worship &amp; Music</b>  | \$ 3,500                                   | \$ 1,554            |
| <b>%7 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average</b>           | <u><b>\$24,092</b></u>                     |                     |
| <b>Total 2017 Budgeted Expenses</b>                                 | <b>\$446,157</b>                           | <b>\$134,457</b>    |
| Current Excess/( <b>Deficit</b> ) of receipts over disbursements    | <b>\$(30,232)</b>                          | <b>29,039</b>       |
| 2018 pledge notes   | 100 pledge cards of 143 have been received |                     |
|   | Average Pledge \$3,446                     |                     |

**\*Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 40%**



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