



# 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 have been so moved this summer by the readings about and Bishop Gregg's sermons on God's hope for hospitality among and between His people. Summer seems to be the perfect season for this reminder, as so many of us travel to visit friends and family, encountering strangers along the way. If you're like me, you tend to focus on the work it takes to get yourself and your family from one place to another — the planning, the packing, the house preparations and such — rather than

the delight we should find in anticipating the connections and reconnections that will happen on the other side. I can come completely unraveled with the task of travel, and forget that at the other end of the process are my parents, dear friends, my in-laws, or new friends.

My family traveled a lot this summer. I'd like to tell you I did better after hearing some of the lessons about God's expectation of hospitality. I didn't, I'm afraid. But I tried, and I did better. I have faith that God smiles upon my efforts. The lesson around God's desire for hospitality is a good one given the news of the day, as well. There are so many people in so many places who feel alone and scared, or forgotten and unloved, or worse. They are in our communities, in our country, along our borders, across the seas. They are old and young, rich and poor, sick and unsafe, enslaved and injured. Some of them look like us. Some of them look a little different. Some look like people from far, far away. Many of them worship like we do. Some of them worship in other ways. Some don't worship at all. They are all beloved children of God. We are called to share our gifts with them, and to seek them out and welcome them — into our homes, into our communities and, as the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry has asked us, into our country. We are called to love them all as God loves them and us. During this season of hospitality, may we all reach out and welcome someone who needs the light and love we have to share. Individually, we might each change a life. Collectively, we might just change the world.

Blessings to you,

Beth Hunt  
Senior Warden



## Rally Day

Sunday September 8th

One Service at 9:30

Stay for Lunch, Information, Games,  
Hay Rides & More

Main course will be provided.

Members please bring

A-H - Hot Sides

I-M- Cold Sides

N-Z - Desserts



Christian Formation For ALL Ages

Begins Sunday September 15th

9:30-10:50

Children Ages 4-5th Grade in the Parish House

Youth Ages 6th grade through High School downstairs in Founders Hall

Adults Post High School and Beyond in Founders Hall

Nursery is provided for ages birth through age 4



## St Mark's Youth Mission Trip to Wilmington







La Escuelita  
SAN MARCOS



As the school year ramps up, please consider making a donation to support  
La Escuelita San Marcos.

75% of the cost of the program comes from donations and grants. Because of religious affiliations, we are more dependent on personal donations than grants from businesses.

If donating by Check please make your check out to: Children and Family Services.

*In the memo line note "La Escuelita -St. Mark's."*

*Checks should be mailed to 601 East 5th Street Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28202.*

If your employer provides matching funds you can donate amounts of \$250 or more to  
La Escuelita San Marcos through Children and Family services.

However, no amount is too small

To Donate online go to: <http://www.childrenfamily.org/>. Find the La Escuelita San Marcos logo at the bottom of the screen and "click to donate". Note in the personal message if there will be matching funds and the source of those funds. Complete and submit the donation form. You will receive an email receipt for the donation. Remember to complete your matching fund request through your company. Where possible indicate the purpose is La Escuelita San Marcos.

We appreciate any support. No amount is too small.

## WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACKS IT'S TIME TO STOCK THE PANTRY

As Ranson Middle School scholars prepare to return to school please consider picking up a few items on your next shopping trip. We would love to have a fully stocked pantry before we start packing our backpacks again.

Suggested Items include:

Individual Cereal Boxes

Juice Boxes

Individual Milk Cartons (Hershey preferred brand)

Snack Crackers

Fruit Cups/Applesauce

Fruit Snacks

Individual Cookies Packs

Canned Chef Boy R Dee (with pop top)

Individual Tuna Lunch Packs

Pudding Cups

Beanie Weenies

Granola Bars





### RMS School Supplies

Each August and February we collect donations (tangible and monetary) to help the scholars at Ranson Middle School have what they need to be prepared for the school year. This year our August Collection will run from August 2nd through August 16th. If you like to get a head start on your school supply shopping this is for you.

Contact Liz Gail with questions or for additional information  
[lgail16@outlook.com](mailto:lgail16@outlook.com) or 704-384-4286

Bookbags

Pencils (most needed item)

Notebooks/Composition books

Pencil Sharpeners

Ear buds

Notebook Paper

Erasers

Folders

Flashdrives

Gluesticks

Colored Markers

Posterboard

Copy Paper

Hand Sanitizer

Colored Pencils

Liquid Glue

3 Subject Notebooks

Chapstick

Colored Construction Paper

Scissors

### Other Items;

Feminine Products (no tampons)

Female Underwear

Uniform Shirts Polo Style or shirts with collars, no long sleeves (these colors only)

*Hunter Green, Gray, White, Carolina Blue, Black, Navy Blue, Yellow*

Hoodies

Kleenex

Khaki Pants (male and female all sizes, preferably skinny pants or joggers)

Tennis Shoes (older and slightly used shoes: preferably Nike, Vans or Converse)





### **Birthdays**

Lacy Hamilton - 8/3  
 Jackie Mooney - 8/3  
 Kari Swogger - 8/4  
 Richard Reale - 8/6  
 John Lavery - 8/7  
 Dawn Middleton - 8/9  
 Forrest Wooten - 8/11  
 Brooke Michael - 8/12  
 Sarah Milholland - 8/13  
 Martha Ann Springer - 8/13  
 Beth Hunt - 8/16  
 Suzanne Egan - 8/17  
 Kelly Pope - 8/17  
 Greg Siegel - 8/17  
 Rick Stein - 8/17  
 Maggie Haas - 8/22  
 Kate Lloyd - 8/23  
 Malinda Bivens - 8/24  
 Melanie Blythe - 8/26  
 Barbara Osburn - 8/27  
 Joe Brown - 8/28  
 Blair Swogger - 8/28

### **Anniversaries**

Richard & Teresa Reale - 8/2  
 Michael & Suzanne Ferguson - 8/7  
 Willard & Barbara Osburn - 8/8  
 Andrew & Libby James - 8/10  
 Billy & Saunders Black - 8/16  
 Lynn & Debbie Plummer - 8/19  
 Forrest & Marilyn Wooten - 8/19  
 Joe & Fiona Brown - 8/23  
 Bob & Suzanne Egan - 8/25  
 Mark & Lacy Hamilton - 8/25  
 Blair & Connie Swogger - 8/25  
 Robbie & Delia Roberts - 8/26  
 Jacob & Mandy Self-Sparrow - 8/29

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

Willard Osburn	Richard & Mary Beth Masline
Saunders & Billy Black	Martha Ann Springer
Bob Egan	Phyllis Barnwell
Mike Wilson	
Elena Michel and her family	

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

**Scott Hundertmark - 8/2**  
**Mark & Lacy Hamilton - 8/9**  
**Ian & Liesel Doolittle - 8/16**  
**Andrew & Libby James - 8/23**  
**Alan & Lesli Kathman - 8/30**





Join the men of the church for

### "Thirstday", Thursday

(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

**August 8th at 6:30pm**

We will gather at  
Killingtons

10010 Rose Commons Drive  
Huntersville

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

W.I.N.E.



**Women in Need of Entertainment**

**August 19th @ 6:30pm**

at the home of

**Suzanne Ferguson**  
236 Hawthorne Park Ave.  
Belmont NC

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

We will also be collecting School Supplies for Ranson or  
Food for the Weekend Backpacks. Please consider  
bringing an item to help us stock up for the school year.

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

## Fellowship

**Sunday August 18th**

### Hot Dog Sunday

Join us Sunday August 18th  
after the 11am service for  
Hot Dog Sunday

If you are an 8:30 person please come  
back and join us for lunch

Please contact Amy Sparks with any  
questions or if you would like to help.  
[aetsparks@gmail.com](mailto:aetsparks@gmail.com)



## 2019 Stewardship Update

	2019 Budget	May 2019 YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$343,410	\$188,894
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$20,000	\$12,283
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$17,000	\$ 6,335
Sales Tax Refunds	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,145
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	<u>\$33,360</u>	<u>\$16,840</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$418,770</b>	<b>\$228,498</b>
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$264,950	\$131,530
Diocesan Support	\$40,512	\$ 20,256
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$55,447	\$ 20,607
Office Administration & Other	\$27,450	\$ 16,164
Youth & Christian Formation	\$12,190	\$ 3,510
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,400	\$ 7,305
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$ 7,100	\$ 2,009
Worship & Music	\$ 2,765	\$ 1,402
<b>%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average</b>	<b><u>\$13,736</u></b>	
<b>Total 2018 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$438,550</b>	<b>\$202,783</b>
Current Excess/ <b>Deficit</b> of receipts over disbursements	<b>\$19,780</b>	<b>\$25,714</b>

**\*Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 55%**

**Legacy Update: 44 pledges have been made totaling \$175,140.00**