

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



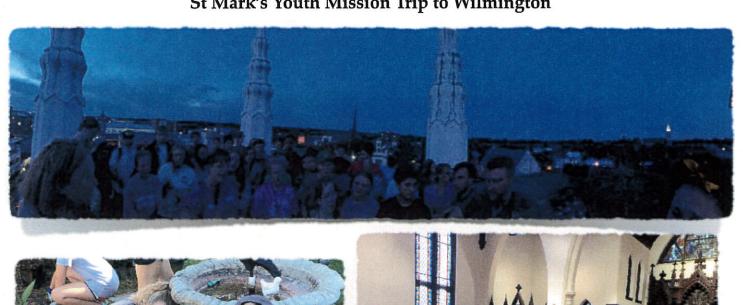




Christian Formation For ALL Ages Begins Sunday September 15th 9:30-10:50

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

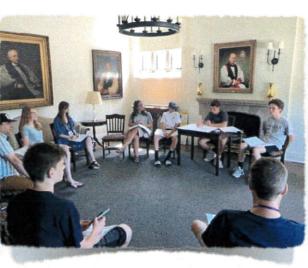
St Mark's Youth Mission Trip to Wilmington

















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 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 <u>allibrett@gmail.com</u> or Dawn Middleton <u>dawnmiddleton@bellsouth.net</u> 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



2019 Stewardship Update

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

^{*}Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 55%

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