



# 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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## SUMMER

While our Rector is using the Summer months to relax, find respite and reflect she encouraged us on her last Sunday to find time this Summer to do the same. In response to this advice we have asked some of our members how they plan to find respite this summer & where they hope to find / see God.

Here is what they had to say:

I will find respite by continuing to be present in church and refresh by giving thanks and asking forgiveness. During the summer I always spend more time with my family and in nature where I always see God. *Linda Amidei*

During the summer, I find respite and see God in time with my family. There is no finer place to reset my center and reconnect with God, than being with my family. *Brett Rhinehardt*

I plan to find respite and hope to see God **in the wild** this summer. The Hunt family is traveling to Seattle for several days, then cruising to Alaska, then traveling to San Francisco. On each leg of the trip, we plan to seek out wildlife, forests, water, ice and other outdoor beauties. We're doing a couple of whale watching trips, a hike through a rain forest, a morning at a raptor center, a walk on a glacier, and a boat ride out to the deepest part of the oceans on Earth. We need -- maybe we all need -- some time outside, to reflect, restore and remind ourselves how stunningly beautiful, and achingly fragile, is God's kingdom. *Beth Hunt*

Getting up early for sunrise walks, and staying up late for beautiful sunsets! And sitting on the beach with family listening to the waves! *Tracy Tinsley*

I always find respite on the golf course. Observing the beauty around me and listening to the birds sing causes me to appreciate God's creation and know he is near me. *Malinda Bivens*

Having recently retired, I'm pretty well "respected", but I am really looking forward to seeing Sarah, who has been studying abroad in Germany for the past 6 months. *David Fahey*

I've found a new podcast about encouraging us to "explore our faith" that I'm looking forward to listening to this summer. *Kelly Pope*

Welcome the Newly Baptized Thomas Stewart "George" Tatlow  
With proud parents TJ and Johanna Tatlow (and family)



Congratulations to our Graduating  
Seniors  
Nathan Kendrick  
&  
Matthew Kathman





## Summer Prayers

As our days get longer, our time together gets longer, our activities go longer, our plans are lengthened. We enjoy the company of another longer. How often do we think about more time to pray, more time to grow, more time to reflect? The youth of St. Mark's spend a few weeks of the summer focused on prayer.

Remembering that prayer is not only time spent in silence with God, we ask you to join us this summer by praying for us, but also by actively participating in prayer. Maybe its reading scripture on the beach. It may be morning prayer with your family (page 137 in the BCP has a short family devotional). Perhaps a summer prayer for you may include picking tomatoes in your garden and giving thanks for the beauty in the sight, smell, and taste of a freshly grown tomato. How will you experience prayer this summer with your family? Join us specifically during the weeks listed below as the youth "pray" in Wilmington and here in the Charlotte Area.



### **Wilmington Past & Present Mission Experience July 21-25**

### **Episcopal Outreach Camp - July 28-31**

These experiences will both include elements of manual labor and age appropriate conversations around inclusion and reconciliation for all of God's creation. If your youth are interested in any of these events please see Matt for more information.

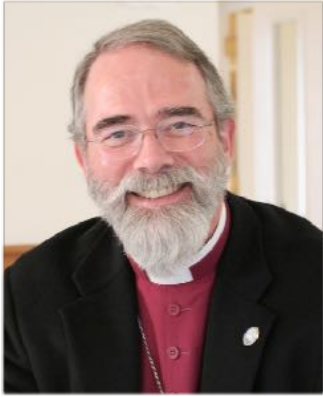
### **HUGS Camp - July 6-13**

This year, St. Mark's has several youth who will be helper campers at HUGS Camp. This is a nationally recognized camp for all age children with disabilities. As helper campers, high school aged youth are partnered with a camper and they spend the week with them helping this camper enjoy a true camp experience to the best of their ability. This is a week that most never forget, and everyone who helps always comes back with a new perspective on life.



## Get to Know Bishop Gregg

The Right Reverend William O. Gregg, Ph.D.  
 VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, *resigned*  
 Bishop Assistant of North Carolina 2007 – 2014



Sarah Milholland asked me to write a bit so that you might know me a little better and gladly do so. I am delighted to be with you all during the Reverend Sarah's sabbatical.

So, briefly, I am the elder of two children raised in the Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, VA. I was confirmed as a senior in high school before going off to a Baptist university, the University of Richmond. I went to seminary at the Episcopal Divinity School, then in Cambridge, MA from the Diocese of Virginia, where I was ordained Deacon and Priest. While I was in seminary, I took a year off (as did about ¾ of my class – long story...) and did an MA in medieval English at Boston College. What I loved about that was the literature and it was absolutely “useless”. I still enjoy Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and medieval lyrics.

Kathy and I met while I was at seminary through a friend of hers from her days at Boston College. Randy was a Jesuit doing his theology and we had classes together. Meeting Kathy is a funny story – but Sarah said not to go on and on.... In any case, we were married in Adams, MA on a Saturday in May, returned to Cambridge for seminary graduation on Thursday, went to Richmond, VA for ordination to the diaconate on Saturday, a Baptism on Sunday, and Kathy was back in her classroom on Monday. I went to Richmond to find us an apartment, we had our “Adventure in Moving” with U-Haul and moved to Sandston (outside Richmond) and began work July 1. We celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this May.

After serving parishes in the Dioceses of Virginia and Southwestern Virginia, including time as a school chaplain and lower school teacher, Kathy and I took off to South Bend, IN for graduate school at Notre Dame. After 10 years in Indiana, as a grad student and professor of theology at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, we went to my last parish, St. James, New London, CT. From there I was elected the sixth Bishop of Eastern Oregon in 2000. While in Indiana, we adopted our son, Nathan. He and his son, Kristopher live in Utah.

In this diocese, I served as Bishop Assistant with responsibility especially for the Charlotte and Sand Hills Convocations. In this period I met Sarah+ and Peter, and St. Mark's. During our time in Charlotte, Kathy became very involved in her hobby of collecting antique dolls and in the doll and Toy museum in Spencer. Returning to this area has made it possible for her to reconnect with fellow hobby-ists and the museum.

I retired at the end of January 2014 and in April 2014 became the Rector of Iglesia San Pablo in San Miguel de Allende, México, where we lived until returning to North Carolina in the Spring of 2018. We really enjoyed living in San Miguel de Allende. San Pablo is a fine parish of mostly US and Canadian expats and some Mexicanos. The city is a wonderful place where we came to know and understand much about the Mexican people and their incredibly long and rich cultures. And our Spanish improved immensely.

We now very happily live at Trinity Oaks, a Lutheran Services of the Carolinas CCRC. We live in a cottage (1/2 a duplex), a beautiful neighborhood, and have wonderful friends.

## LEGACY UPDATE

I am pleased to share that on Monday, June 17, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina approved St. Mark's request to build a new fellowship hall on our campus. The committee's prayerful study of our request, which included a thorough review of our business plan and required us to explore and answer several questions we had not considered in developing it, validated for us — and for them — that this is, indeed, where the Holy Spirit is calling St. Mark's to be as we seek to know Christ more deeply and make Him known more fully.

Once they approved our request, we immediately re-engaged our architect and contractors, and executed the commitment for our loan, which should close in the next month or so. In the meantime, we will begin pulling the necessary permits and ordering the materials, so that we can break ground as soon as is possible. Peter Macon, will continue to serve as project manager, with Vestry members and other parishioners pitching in as needed. Please let me, Peter or any Vestry member know if you have questions about the project and/or how we will proceed.

Thank you for your prayers of support through this process. It took longer than we anticipated, as things so often do. In the end, we are confident of God's blessing in this endeavor.  
In peace,

Beth Hunt, Senior Warden





### 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)



**Support La Escuelita San Marcos** - As we take a break from our usual weekend food backpacks please consider making a summer 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. Checks can be written to Children and Family Services. 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



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.

JUNE 15, 2019

TO CONGREGATION OF ST. MARK'S -

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED  
THE RANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKEND  
BACKPACK PROGRAM.

THROUGH YOUR KIND DONATIONS, OF EITHER  
GROCERIES, OR MONETARILY, THE SCHOLARS AT  
RMS WERE "FED" THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR.  
THERE IS EVEN SOME MONEY & GROCERIES TO START  
US OFF FOR NEXT YEAR! 2019-2020!

GRATEFULLY,  
OVERREACH COMMITTEE







### **Birthdays**

Laura Fahey - 7/1  
 Dawn Lyons – 7/4  
 Richard Wisner - 7/4  
 Kenneth Huber - 7/5  
 Elly Thompson - 7/8  
 Thomas Hines – 7/11  
 Willard Osburn - 7/11  
 Ellie Rose - 7/11  
 Mary Schroeder - 7/11  
 Richard Masline - 7/12  
 Jackie Jones - 7/13  
 Angelo Michel – 7/14  
 Emma Johnson – 7/19  
 Saunders Black - 7/20  
 Tonia Shelton - 7/20  
 Mona Depew – 7/23  
 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:**

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**

**Andrew & Libby James – 7/5**  
**Alan & Lesli Kathman – 7/12**  
**Scott & Penny Brett – 7/19**  
**Don & Debbie Siegel – 7/26**





Join the men of the church for

**“Thirstday”, Thursday**

(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

**July 11th at 6:30pm**

We will gather at

**Parry's Pizza**

**Northlake Center Drive Charlotte**

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**

**July 15th @ 6:30pm**

at the home of

**Mandy Self-Sparrow**  
2417 Primm Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28216

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

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

**St Mark's Muses Book Club**

**Will be taking a break for the Summer months**

We will resume our meetings  
on **September 12, 2019**

**Location TBD**

If you would like to join us in the Fall  
or have questions or suggestions  
please contact

Genny Hinkle for more information.

[gnvhinkle@yahoo.com](mailto:gnvhinkle@yahoo.com) or 704-595-7957



# Fellowship

Friday July 12th 7pm-10pm

River Jam - US National Whitewater Center



Join us on Friday July 12th from 7-10pm for River Jam - US Whitewater Center.

There is a \$6 parking fee. You can bring a blanket or chairs or both. You can purchase food onsite.

For more information about food options, click this link - <https://usnwc.org/visit/food-beverage/>

You cannot bring in outside food.

Gather with your St. Marks family and listen to Wood and Fire. Below is the link for the band on this night. <https://usnwc.org/wood-and-wire/>

Look for additional fellowship opportunities during the summer.

August 18th Hot dog Sunday



Annual Audit

Volunteers Needed

July 27th

8:30am - 2pm

Please consider giving your time and help us with the Annual Audit which is an annual requirement. No experience is necessary. Lunch will be provided. Contact Eileen Lampro with questions, for additional information or to volunteer. [ecorpma@gmail.com](mailto:ecorpma@gmail.com)

## 2019 Stewardship Update

	2019 Budget	May 2019 YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$342,390	\$164,555
All other anticipated income		
<b>Non-Pledge Offerings</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$10,517</b>
<b>Other Income (use of space by outside groups)</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$5,455</b>
<b>Sales Tax Refunds</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$4,145</b>
<b>Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income</b>	<b>\$33,360</b>	<b>\$13,980</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$417,750</b>	<b>\$198,652</b>
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
<b>Staff</b>	<b>\$264,950</b>	<b>\$108,981</b>
<b>Diocesan Support</b>	<b>\$40,512</b>	<b>\$ 16,880</b>
<b>Campus Maintenance &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>\$55,447</b>	<b>\$ 18,179</b>
<b>Office Administration &amp; Other</b>	<b>\$27,450</b>	<b>\$ 14,105</b>
<b>Youth &amp; Christian Formation</b>	<b>\$12,190</b>	<b>\$ 3,279</b>
<b>Outreach &amp; Escuelita Support</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>	<b>\$ 6,769</b>
<b>Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship &amp; Parish Retreat</b>	<b>\$ 7,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,942</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>\$ 2,765</b>	<b>\$ 1,202</b>
<b>%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average</b>	<b><u>\$13,696</u></b>	
<b>Total 2018 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$438,510</b>	<b>\$171,338</b>
Current Excess/ <b>Deficit</b> of receipts over disbursements	<b>\$20,760</b>	<b>\$27,315</b>

**\*Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 48%**

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





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