



# 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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## Who we are, what we do, and why

*This begins a series of how as a community of faith we embody and express that faith in the world. This month we reflect on our pastoral care ministry.*

**Our scripture frequently reminds us of God's love for His people and constant presence in our lives as we go forth in the world with that love. We were reminded of that promise recently at St. Mark's with a simple phone call.**

**Cindy Thrower, our Parish Administrator received a request at the end of July from Sandy Cummins, friend of Paul & Genny Thompson of Asheville. They had moved recently from Asheville to The Laurels to be**

**closer to their son since they had both experienced health problems requiring hospital stays. Paul had just come back home from the hospital, but Genny was in rehab at Huntersville Oaks dealing with lung issues.**

**Sandy and her husband had recently visited them and noticed that Genny was very down in spirit and anxious about separation from her husband. Because Genny and Paul were both Episcopalians, Sandy contacted St. Mark's because we are the closest Episcopal church to Huntersville Oaks. She thought that prayers, Eucharist and a visit might be beneficial.**

Jan Daubener quickly contacted Deacon Lynn Plummer and Stephanie Herrin to arrange visits. Stephanie met Genny within a day to bring a prayer shawl, a copy of the Call and some fellowship. Even though she was in pain she seemed to enjoy the company and talking about her family, her faith, and desire to return home to her husband. The shawl Stephanie brought was created by Kylee Addington, Matt and Jennifer's 13 year old daughter. Genny seemed genuinely interested and pleased that it had been crocheted by one of St. Mark's youth members.

This visit was soon followed by Deacon Lynn who shared Eucharist and fellowship with Genny. Sadly, a few days later we were notified that Genny had died.

### **Last week Jan sent out the following:**

*St Mark's received a donation today from Sandy Cummins and her husband Joe in appreciation for our attention to their friend Genny Thompson. Sandy wanted to thank you all for the prayers, visits, and the prayer shawl given to Genny. This cheered her up more than you would believe. Sandy said, "I thought that she was getting back to herself."*

*Thank you both for visiting Genny and husband Paul.*

Patrick Wiley, another member of Pastoral Care, has visited with Paul at The Laurels. They had a meaningful visit, and Patrick plans to visit on a regular basis. They exchanged phone numbers and will talk between visits.

It is humbling to make a difference in someone's life, bringing joy and comfort near the end. There has been such richness in this journey for the visited and the visitor. God calls us to loving service because it is good for the world and good for ourselves. If this kind of service speaks to your soul, you are welcome to join with the members of our pastoral care ministry. For more information please contact Jan Daubener at [jan\\_concord@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_concord@yahoo.com).



Buildings and Grounds Workday

Sunday September 29th

8:30 am .....

Come work and worship or worship then work

*Dusting of kneelers at the 9:30 hour only*

**Light Refreshments will be served in the  
gallery with Sunday coffee hour**

All Sunday activities will be held as normal.

Any youth not attending the overnight can help  
with the workday.



**ALL ARE WELCOME  
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th  
LATTA PLANTATION  
Shelter 1  
5225 Sample Rd  
Charlotte, NC**

Please bring your furry, fuzzy,  
feathered and scaly friends  
for a special service and blessing just for them.

Come for a Blessing  
Stay for Food and Fellowship  
**4pm service**  
**4:30 - 5:30 Blessing Stations**

**Pastor Victor Leal will join us from Lake Forest Church**  
**Our Escuelita Families will be hosting a book fair.**  
**Bottles of water available for \$1 (cash only)**

**Possibly a food truck (cash only)**

**\*Please have all animals on a leash or in a carrier**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Formation Info.



**IMAGINE**

**ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD,  
SO DRAW OUR HEARTS TO YOU,  
SO GUIDE OUR MINDS,  
SO FILL OUR IMAGINATIONS,  
SO CONTROL OUR WILLS,  
THAT WE MAY BE WHOLLY YOURS,  
UTTERLY DEDICATED UNTO YOU;  
AND THEN USE US, WE PRAY YOU, AS YOU WILL,  
AND ALWAYS TO YOUR GLORY AND THE WELFARE OF  
YOUR PEOPLE;  
THROUGH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.**

This is A Prayer of Self-Dedication found on page 832 of the BCP. It is one that includes the idea of using the mind and our imagination to be wholly God's. When is the last time you used your imagination for God? This is something our children do quite often, but as we grow older, imagination fades and realism takes over. We like to science our way in and out of things, but God gave us both minds and imaginations with the hopes they would work together in dreaming about who God is and who we are called to be. For the past few weeks our little ones have been imagining what the stories of the Old Testament might look like through the world of



Legos. Imagination is part of being a kid. It's what they do. It's who they are. May we as adults re-learn what it means to really imagine, really be creative in seeking the heart of God. Through imagination buildings are designed and built, new positions are created, and old ones are redefined. Imagination frees our schedule and lowers stress. May October be a month where our imaginations are filled with the wonder of God, so that we might be the people that God intends us to be.



# 2019-2020 KIDS OUTINGS

## Zootastic

Oct. 12  
Meet @ the Church at  
10:30



## Christmas Party

Dec. 7  
6pm-8pm



## StrawBerry Picking

April 18th  
Meet at church at  
10:30







**First Fruits**  
**Ingathering of Pledge Cards**  
**Sunday October 13th**

Please take time to prayerfully consider the Stewardship materials provided to each household and by

**October 13, 2019**

return a signed certificate **with or without a designated amount** so we know you have been included in our invitation to support our parish ministries.

*If you did not receive a stewardship packet please contact Cindy Thrower in the church office*

*704-399-5193*

**Images  
from  
Rally Day**





## Legacy

### New Building Update

The Diocese granted final approval for our build plan June 17, 2019. During the past 12 weeks we have prepared and reviewed plans for campus development including access road, utility and safety planning including an additional hydrant, parking lot expansion, trees, water and sewer, landscaping, elevation and preparation for the foundation of the hall. These plans have been submitted for review by city and county and we expect our grounds permit approval the week of 9/23.

We have also finalized the CAD drawings for the hall and kitchen, and these have been submitted for final mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, and hall construction engineering drawings. Once these plans are completed and reviewed, we will submit for a building permit.

Following budget review and pre-construction planning with the general contractor, we will release funds to Sand Creek to prepare timber for the hall!

Our bank loan was signed Friday 9/20 and a project report was given to the vestry and parish. CAD drawings are in the Parish Hall for your interest; sticky note pads are there as well for any questions you have. We will answer them in a timely way and will communicate updates in the CALL as well as the weekly e-blast.

We will announce plans for parking and expectations of disruption during construction; we don't expect this to have a serious impact on operations.

We are forming a building committee to coordinate all activity during these next 10-12 months – called the “Barn Swallows”, they will help in all phases of construction including coordinating volunteer workdays!

If you know suppliers we may approach for supplies, fixtures, kitchen equipment for discounts please advise Peter Macon ASAP @ [pmacon@maconassoc.com](mailto:pmacon@maconassoc.com) These opportunities need to be vetted and included in our upcoming budget review.

Current Schedule – pending permits, weather, and unforeseen delays

Playground relocation Oct.

Final engineering plans, budget review, building permit application, and ordering of timber: end October early Nov.

Ground prep, campus ground improvements, foundation for the Hall: Nov – Dec.

Timber delivery: End Dec / early Jan 2020

Hall Construction: Jan – August 2020

Parish Hall Renovation: June – August 2020

Celebration: Rally Day?

**Please Pray for each other and the workers who will be present on  
our campus during in this grand project for St Mark's!!!**

**On the pages below please find  
Notes of thanks to St. Mark's for our offerings and gifts  
to various ministries around the diocese**



THE BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA

July 1, 2019

The Rev. Sarah Hollar  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
8600 Mount Holly Hntrsvlle Rd  
Huntersville, NC 28078-8475

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for your kind gift to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. As I indicated to you during my Visitation, I strongly believe the best way for your gift to help make ministry happen is to return these funds to your parish. The ministry you will provide at the local parish level can flourish and continue to become a wonderful example of how to live into the Jesus movement on our journey of faith together. Please keep the ministry of the Diocese of North Carolina in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

***Diocesan Mission Prayer***

*Most gracious and loving God: Strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference through your saving love. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

Samuel S. Rodman  
Bishop of North Carolina

SSR:ed

Cc: Business Office





Dear Friend,

As Episcopalians, our faith is our greatest strength. It enables us to do more good in the world, to act as the hands and feet of Jesus, to respond and comfort, to uplift and empower our sisters and brothers who might be facing hunger, lack of economic opportunities or the impact of disasters.

Your gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development are powerful proof of this. Through your generous support, you are responding to the deepest needs of communities around the world and helping them become more resilient and flourish.

Today I'm happy to share with you the summer issue of *Seek & Serve*, which will give you a glimpse of your donations at work. You will see how your financial support manifests as greater resilience and well-being in families and communities across the globe.

In this issue, we share with you updates on the ongoing recovery work in response to the devastating 2017 hurricanes. We'll tell you about just some of what our local partners are doing as they continue working in the hardest hit areas of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and here on the mainland.

You will also read about our integrated programs to foster resilience in communities at risk for climate-influenced events – such as droughts, catastrophic fires and storms that bring devastating winds and flooding. We're collaborating with Church and ecumenical partners to help these communities mitigate and prepare for such events – and when they hit, to recover and rebuild even stronger than they were before.

I hope that reading this issue of *Seek & Serve* gives you joy, as you see what a difference you are making. And I hope you'll consider continuing your vital support of these communities and this transformative work by making a gift to Episcopal Relief & Development. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke  
President & CEO

P.S. Your donations to Episcopal Relief & Development sow seeds of lasting change. Thank you for your generosity.

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## The Good Friday Offering . . . . Thank you!

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



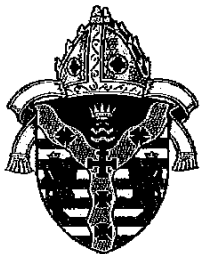
Thank you for your support of the Good Friday Offering. Your prayers, combined with your generosity, provide the spiritual and tangible power of the Jesus Movement to support essential ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

From the Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, President Bishop of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem:



*I should be most grateful if you would please give my thanks to all those who have given so generously to the Good Friday Offering. It is wonderful that so many people care for this region and we know that by their very generous giving, they also remember us in their prayers. Be assured that it will be well used in the name of the Lord to further His Kingdom.*

From the Right Reverend Michael Lewis, Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, who describes how the Good Friday Offering supports the Ras Morbat Clinic of Christ Church in Aden, Yemen. The clinic consists of ophthalmological and medical departments:



*The work of the clinic and of the church, together with a ministry of compassionate outreach to refugees and now those affected by intense military and civil strife, continues. Although we are still in this very difficult period . . . We are always immensely grateful for the help provided by GFO funds, which remain vital to the continuation of the project.*

## LA ESCUELITA SAN MARCOS BOOK FAIR

Coming to St. Mark's



La Escuelita San Marcos' Book Fair will be traveling to  
St. Mark's

Monday October 7th through Friday October 11th  
from 3pm to 6pm each day

&

Sunday October 13th beginning at 9:30am  
Wednesday October 16th (3pm-6pm)

Come and Browse the Books

Find great gifts for children and grandchildren.

Proceeds to benefit our Escuelita

## LA ESCUELITA SAN MARCOS

DINNER & SILENT AUCTION



Saturday November 16th

6pm -9pm

At Hopewell Presbyterian Church

10500 Beatties Ford Rd

Huntersville

Advance Tickets are \$20 each \$25 at door

Sponsor a table of 8 for \$140

Tickets will go on sale soon

If you have any items for the auction please  
contact

Kelly Pope

[kellytpope@gmail.com](mailto:kellytpope@gmail.com)

Can't come?

Donations to La Escuelita are also welcome

## *St. Mark's holds it's 13th annual Christmas Wreath Sale!*



We will sell 2 sizes of wreaths beginning  
Sunday November 3rd through November 24th  
(no trees this year)

32" wreaths will be available for \$25

24" wreaths for \$20

These wreaths are beautiful, very full and also make great gifts.

Benefits go to support our Escuelita

\*Pick up your wreaths on Sunday December 1st @ St. Mark's





### **Birthdays**

Nathan Kendrick - 10/1  
 Chaytor Chandler - 10/2  
 Scott McWhorter - 10/4  
 George Tatlow - 10/9  
 Kali Michel – 10/10  
 Lauren Savage – 10/12  
 Tracy Tinsley - 10/12  
 Annemarie Lafreniere - 10/13  
 Myra Southwell – 10/16  
 Rev. Cathie Caimano – 10/17  
 Michael Thompson - 10/17  
 Candice Sullivan – 10/18  
 Roger Benskin - 10/19  
 Kathy Reade – 10/21  
 Dawn Michael - 10/22  
 Shannon Hunt – 10/25  
 Amelia James - 10/26  
 Korinna Mooney – 10/28  
 Philip Lloyd - 10/29  
 Doreen Mondlak - 10/29

### **Anniversaries**

John & Sarah Milholland - 10/4  
 John & Myra Southwell – 10/4  
 Eric & Lauren Savage – 10/5  
 Mike & Sarah Benes – 10/8  
 Scott & Jackie McWhorter - 10/10  
 Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 10/22  
 Vin & Sadie Perrotta - 10/28

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

Willard & Barb Osburn	
Richard & Mary Beth Masline	
Saunders & Billy Black	Martha Ann Springer
Bob Egan	Phyllis Barnwell
Mike Wilson	
Elena Michel and her family	
Teresa Reale	Judy Finn
Ty Smithdeal	Marlene Bandis

### **New Members:**

**Bill & Linda O'Connor**

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

**Mark & Lacy Hamilton – 10/4**  
**Andrew & Libby James – 10/11**  
**Alan & Lesli Kathman – 10/18**  
**Jeff & Janine Marek – 10/25**

**Update on Merrit Plummer**  
**Grandaughter of**  
**Deacon Lynn and Debbie Plummer**



Deacon Lynn and his family will be enjoying some time together at the beach while Merritt is on a break from her chemotherapy treatments.

In the meantime we can all help show our support by bringing in tabs from our aluminum cans.

The Plummer's have been turning these tabs in to the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

Their last drop off was about 178,000 can tabs. They are about to deliver another batch....and this time they will blow that number out of the water thanks to so many AMAZING people! Stay tuned to see what this weeks total will be! #FightingWithMerritt 🧡 🧡

If you would like to donate any drink tabs for this cause and haven't gotten your tabs to them yet no worries, as they will be making another drop off in just a couple weeks.

Please find a basket on the counter in the parish hall where we will be collecting tabs.





Join the men of the church for

**“Thirstday”, Thursday**

(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

**October 10th at 6:30pm**

We will gather at  
Killington's

10010 Rose Commons Dr.

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**

**October 21st @ 6:30pm**

at the home of

**Chaytor Chandler**

**21300 Sandy Cove Rd  
Cornelius, NC 28031**

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

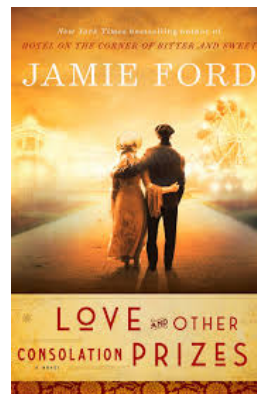
Please contact Allison Rhinehardt [allibrett@gmail.com](mailto:allibrett@gmail.com) or  
Dawn Middleton [dawnmittleton@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawnmittleton@bellsouth.net)  
with any questions

**St. Mark's Muses Book Club**

We will meet on  
Thursday October 24th  
at 10am at St. Mark's

We will read.

**Love and Other Consolation Prizes**  
by Jamie Ford



**If you would like a copy of the book or need  
additional information please contact  
Genny Hinkle at [gnvvhinkle@yahoo.com](mailto:gnvvhinkle@yahoo.com)**



## 2019 Stewardship Update

	2019 Budget	August 2019 YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$343,410	\$231,882
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$20,000	\$17,823
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$17,000	\$ 7,535
Sales Tax Refunds	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,145
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$22,560
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$418,770</b>	<b>\$283,945</b>
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$264,950	\$177,802
Diocesan Support	\$40,512	\$ 27,008
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$55,447	\$ 27,124
Office Administration & Other	\$27,450	\$ 19,171
Youth & Christian Formation	\$12,190	\$ 5,345
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,400	\$ 7,905
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$ 7,100	\$ 2,632
Worship & Music	\$ 2,765	\$ 1,807
<b>%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average</b>	<b>\$13,736</b>	
<b>Total 2018 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$438,550</b>	<b>\$268,795</b>
Current Excess/ <b>Deficit</b> of receipts over disbursements	<b>\$19,780</b>	<b>\$15,151</b>

**\*Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 68%**

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



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