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The Call

May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be accept-



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May 2020

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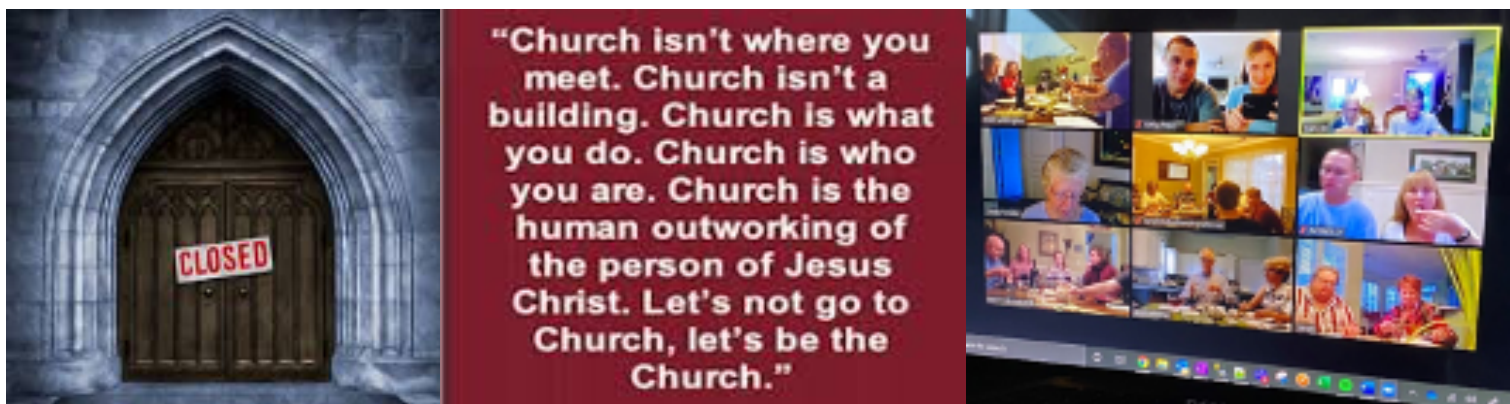
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Recently "celebrating" **St. Mark's Day**, we asked members to tell us how they were experiencing Church in the time of *Shelter in Place*. Here are responses we received:

"The Sunday Morning Services have been wonderful. I enjoy communicating with other members through 'comment' option." *Philip Lloyd*

"I have been so grateful and appreciative of the time and effort put forth by our clergy, staff, and parishioners of St. Mark's during this unusual time. The morning and evening prayers and reflections help me get through the day. It is in times like these that we are called to love one another in Christ and believe we will all pull through this together! Thank you St. Mark's!" *Jordana Gheraibeh*

"I have tried to take advantage of most of the worship and 'social' opportunities St. Mark's staff has made available to the parish. Starting and ending each day with worship sets a positive, comforting start to the day and a peaceful way to drift off to sleep. Sunday service followed by coffee hour makes Sunday feel normal in this trying time. Coffee hour and WINE on zoom has helped me keep up with my church family and share stories and some laughs. I am so grateful for our church staff and their efforts to keep us connected with each other and focused on God's love for us. It gives powerful meaning to the universal mantra "we are all in this together". We are truly not alone." *Linda Amidei*

"We have been attending the Morning Pray each day and the Compline each evening."

Jim and Beth Wilson

"Honestly, the biggest comfort to us has been being able to still attend church on Sunday mornings, virtually. It's given us something consistent and familiar, and the ability to see some faces who we know, love and miss. Love the selfies in the pews, too! I'm also thankful for all of the prayer offerings, Zoom with the kiddos, and other things that have been put in place to feel together while apart. Even missing a lot of the awesome opportunities that are available, I am happy to know that they are there." *Bridget Stein*

"I am grateful for the people who agreed to serve as worship leaders for our virtual services and equally grateful for those who wanted to serve but agreed to stay away for the health of our body and in respect of our Bishop's directive. I am grateful for selfies that members sent in to attach to the pews. It is wonderful to see your faces as I preach each Sunday. I promise that small gesture makes a tremendous difference in how the service unfolds in our virtual engagement with you through the camera. I am touched by the commitment of our pastoral care team and others who make calls each day to members who have indicated they appreciate being checked on. I am excited to see pictures of people I love with their Flat Jesus going about their days while we're apart. *Rev. Sarah*

We will happily share more of your thoughts of being the church dispersed in the weeks ahead.

Be safe. Tend to your mental health. Find ways to refresh your soul. Let your church help.

Sarah +



**Even though we are not gathering at the church
operating expenses still need to be paid.**

Please remember that:

**Regular pledges/giving can continue to be made
by sending checks in the mail to**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church
8600 Mt. Holly Huntersville Rd.**

Huntersville, NC 28078

or online through the link below

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/19eb9a>

Worship offerings are listed below.

We also have a daily reflection each afternoon which can be accessed on our St. Mark's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday

8:30am

with Matt Addington

[Join via zoom link below](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUp-Yb3QrK01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

You can access the service order with the link below

<https://conta.cc/2vRUtpl>

Night Prayers

Monday - Saturday

7pm

End your day by joining the Rector in the evening for

Compline at 7pm

Monday through Saturdays

with the Rev. Sarah Hollar

via

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

or watch later by accessing the video on our Facebook page.



Sunday Worship Services

Continue at 9:30 am

via Facebook Life

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>

or watch at a later time by accessing the video on our facebook page.

Service orders are being sent via E-blast each Thursday afternoon

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM AFTER THE LIVE SERVICE (USE THE LINK BELOW)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3QrK01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

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HOLY WEEK



Formation Info.

What Am I Good At?

In today's world, we are not necessarily trained to answer this question. How long has it been since we have asked ourselves What am I good at? What brings me joy? Chances are these two things are the same or at least similar. There is a reason. The things we are good at, and the things that bring us joy are the things that God wants us to share with the world! To that end, our youth will be hosting zoom classes for our younger kids all around the things that bring them joy. Maybe it is baking cookies. Maybe it is a creative art project. It might just be reading a story.

May we all find time to think about what we are good at and what brings us joy, and may we be creative in sharing it with the world!



Outreach Update

Our Transformational Ministries
continue doing good work
during this time of quarantine



Teacher Appreciation did not go unnoticed for the Teachers at RMS. Outreach provided gift cards for the teachers and staff at RMS that were mailed to their home addresses. The teachers and staff continue to meet regularly as they work on remote learning for the RMS scholars.

St. Mark's has also made a handful of food bank deliveries for some RMS families who lack transportation with the help of Jon Rochester. Jon continues to touch base with use regarding ongoing needs.



Our Escuelita continues to make academic efforts, in the midst of these strange times.

The teachers have learned to host their classes on Zoom and are leading twice weekly meetings. We meet after each class to discuss, recommend and invite curriculum tweaks to work better with each group.

They are coaching parents on how to help make the sessions more fruitful and how to support learning between meetings.

For the students who have no access to these sessions, packets have been prepared to help students continue to work on basic Pre-K skills, letters, numbers, shapes, cutting, counting, and more. We have the curriculum adaptations ready through May 15.

As further news develops, we will work out plans for the end of the year.

The children are, of course, thrilled to see their teachers. They miss us "almost" as much as we miss them. Please keep all our families in your continued prayers.

We will also celebrate Eileen's retirement giving thanks for her leadership. A new director has been named. We welcome Jama Fleming.

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**Please Join Us
in a
Drive by Graduation Ceremony
for the Graduating Class of 2020
La Escuelita San Marcos
Sunday May 31st
at 1:00pm
Hopewell Presbyterian Church
10500 Beatties Ford Rd.
Huntersville**

It's been a different end to the school year please help us send our preschoolers off with style, good wishes and lots of support.



Birthdays

Brett Rhinehardt - 5/1
Mike Tinsley - 5/2
Blake Michael – 5/3
Brian Pouliot - 5/4
Savannah Self - 5/4
Betty Gluyas - 5/5
Nate Heggen – 5/7
Rev. Sarah D. Hollar - 5/11
Bella Rhinehardt - 5/11
Michael Walseman – 5/12
Lauren Siegel - 5/22
Tom Lenardson - 5/23
Michael Havens – 5/25
Werth Roberts – 5/25
Rae Deicke - 5/26
Debbie Heggen – 5/28
Leo Brett - 5/30
Maura Melear – 5/30
Debbie Plummer – 5/30
Emma Middleton - 5/31

Anniversaries

Rev. Sarah Hollar & Peter Macon - 5/1
Jeremy & Dawn Michael - 5/3
Matt & Jennifer Addington - 5/19
Tom & Lorraine Lenardson - 5/21
Michael & Molly Thompson - 5/28

Prayers for continued healing:

Willard & Barb Osburn
Saunders & Billy Black
Martha Ann Springer
Elena Michel and her family
Richard & Mary Beth Masline

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Brent & Amy Sparks – 5/1
Mark & Lacy Hamilton – 5/8
Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 5/15
Andrew & Libby James – 5/22
Alan & Lesli Kathman – 5/29

SAVE THE DATE



By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman
will ordain

Matthew Addington
Andrew Ancona

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
Saturday the 6th of June

Your prayers are requested and
appreciated

Additional details
regarding the location
and time
coming soon.

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Meet our Newest Blessings

Ruslan Mooney

Born February 22nd to
Andrew Mooney and Marcela Dvorzsak.



Isaac Savage

Born March 12th to
Eric and Lauren Savage
Big Sisters Hannah & Mallory



Annie Marie Pope

Born
April 10th to
Kelly and Sean Pope

Flat Jesus is Back!

Flat Jesus is making a come back! Print off your Flat Jesus from the e-blast and post a picture with you and Flat Jesus on the St. Mark's Facebook page showing us how you're having fun during the quarantine!



"Thirstday" Thursday

Join the men of the church for
A **virtual** testosterone friendly
answer to WINE

Thursday May 14th at 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Please follow the link above to connect to the
meeting at
6:30

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajI0QT09>

Grab a beverage and a snack. Use the zoom link to connect
virtually with the men of the church.

Give it a try.

David Fahey 704-562-7587 for questions

No RSVP required by texts welcome



WINE

Women in Need of Entertainment

Monday May 18th @ 6:30pm

at your own home

via Zoom

Link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajI0QT09>

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***Come check in for a few minutes or stay for
the duration.***

***Join us for whatever fits
your schedule.***

Please contact Allison Rhinehardt
allibrett@gmail.com with any questions

2020 Stewardship Update

	2020 YTD Budget	March YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$338,820	\$119,868
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$22,000	\$3,831
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$13,000	\$5,715
Sales Tax Refunds	\$2,100	
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$34,320	\$8,580
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$410,240	\$137,994
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$272,235	\$64,444
Diocesan Support	\$42,605	\$10,651
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$49,780	\$11,948
Office Administration & Other	\$28,698	\$6,959
Youth & Christian Formation	\$10,190	\$(758)
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,000	\$1,475
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$7,100	\$357
Worship & Music	2,765	\$515
%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	\$13,553	
Total 2020 Budgeted Expenses	\$440,926	\$95,591
Current Excess/ Deficit of receipts over disbursements	(30,686)	\$42,403

***Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 35%**

2020 Pledge update 92 families for a total of \$340,520.00