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The Call



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

A Monthly Newsletter

July 2020

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Dear Ones,

I've been thinking about how much I love summer and how this is not the July I had in mind. I've been thinking about how much I want all of us back on the hill in church together, passing peace, side-by-side at the communion rail, singing the hymns you sent in, drinking lemonade under our lovely shade trees, talking about the progress of the new building, hearing vacation plans, welcoming visitors, laughing, praying, just being with one another. I'm longing for togetherness. I'm longing for easy.

But togetherness and easy are not coming back tomorrow or next week or the week after. It's likely going to be a sloooooow return and more disruption will occur before we can work or worship or play or learn or travel as we did before. This will likely make us sad and frustrated and on some days maybe even angry or despairing. So, what are we to do and where is our help?

The positive word. The positive word held in front of us and often repeated can bring us confidence and comfort. I commend Psalm 118, which is a song of thanksgiving where an individual cries out to God in distress and the Lord answers with saving help. It begins and ends with this verse:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

But the most remembered and recited part of the psalm is verse 24:

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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If ever there was ever a season for us to **determine** we will see God's presence in the world, we will notice his handiwork, we will name the ways he is blessing us day by day, we will be vigilant in calling out his signs of grace, this summer is that time. Say it aloud. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Say it again. Is it not true? Is it not subtly satisfying making such proclamation? Keep it close, dear hearts. It's a good balm for our Covid weary souls in the days ahead.

Peace,

Sarah +



Rapping with the Rev.

In this time of social distancing and church building closures, the rector invites you to outdoor office hours.

Sign up. Come for a chat about anything or nothing.

Two lawn chairs set up 6+ feet apart on beautiful St. Mark's grounds. BYOM, bring your own mask or one will be provided. BYOBeverage too as Founders Hall is still closed to visitors.

**Click Signup Genius Link below for available times.
Others will be added and still others available upon request.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ca4a7238-rapping>

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 - Friday

8:30am

with The Rev. 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

FAITH 5 VIA ZOOM AFTER THE LIVE SERVICE (USE THE LINK BELOW)

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

If you are prompted for a password please use 654321

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Pick a hymn, any hymn!
It's time for our Summertime Hymn requests

Do you have a favorite hymn? One that you haven't heard in a while and makes you smile?
Please send your Summer hymn recommendations to Alex Ancona:

Email: awancona@gmail.com



Calling all musicians! "Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

All are invited to record a musical offering at home to be featured during upcoming services!

Pieces can feature vocals, instrumentals, both solo and ensemble!
(Please practice safe social distancing if recording with others- it is not recommended to record in person with those outside your own household)

We would love to hear your music! We recommend that pieces be kept to no longer than 5 minutes, as they will be featured during the prelude, offertory, communion, and/or postlude.

Any questions regarding musical selections and audio files of finished recordings may be sent to Alex Ancona.

Please also include the musician's name(s), and the name and composer/writer of the piece if you would like it to be shared in the bulletin.

Thank you!

Email: awancona@gmail.com

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Ordination and Youth Sunday



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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/give>

Summer Formation has Started!



Join us Each Week Following
the 9:30 Service on Zoom
For all ages!

SUMMER CAMP

Despite our current pandemic
Summer camp is underway.



Our outreach committee with the help of Jon Rochester and Jemarian Young at the McCrory YMCA have worked together to keep summer camp as an option for several of the Ranson Scholars.

We are happy to report that Summer camp at the YMCA began on June 15th with modifications and safety precautions.

St. Mark's has been able to send 19 scholars to summer camp this year and Jemarion Young reports that the parents are very grateful.

Thank you to our St. Mark's family for your continued support

Thank you to all who helped provide for the
RMS family
in need of household items.



With the amazing generosity of our St. Mark's family we were able to furnish a four bedroom apartment for the Brohms family at Ranson Middle School. The entire family, parents and children were extremely grateful for everything offered. This family has overcome many obstacles and continues to work hard to better their circumstances.

Thank you for all of the donations, gift cards, monetary gifts, deliveries, drivers, and prayers.

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La Escuelita San Marcos Graduation 2020



FLYING LION READY FOR 'TAKE OFF'



Flying Lion Ministry has received some good news that puts the Ministry in a good position for beginning shortly after our building is complete.

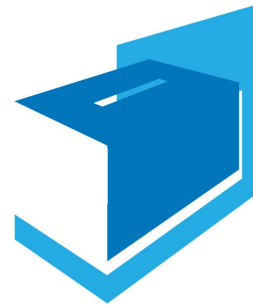
Two of our grant applications have been approved through The Good Samaritan Fund and the United Thank Offering.

The Good Samaritan fund approved a \$3000 grant which will be used for chef's jackets, pants, and non-slip shoes necessary for working in a kitchen. It will also cover the cost of the ServeSafe Course and exam for the women entering the program.

The United Thank Offering was founded to support innovative mission and ministry that the Church budget has not yet expanded to fund. Only one grant request from each diocese is accepted. This year UTO received requests totaling \$3.4 million dollars and awarded \$1.5 million in grants. Our UTO application requested funding for the commercial appliances needed for the Flying Lion Ministry. To our delight we received the full amount we requested, \$72,777.

Thanks to these two grants and some personal donations we can begin to prepare for our first group of participants. Sue Bartlett is working on developing the curriculum and purchasing items needed to begin classes. Many of you volunteered to help out and you will be hearing from the Ministry soon as Flying Lion prepares to 'take flight'!!

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Awards this 2020 Grant to

The Diocese of North Carolina

for Flying Lion Transition to Employment
by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

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The Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Rodman
Bishop, Diocese of North Carolina

Diocesan UTO Coordinator

*This United Thank Offering grant was made possible by Blue Box offerings given as tangible means of prayerfully thanking God.
To participate in the United Thank Offering please visit our website www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.
The United Thank Offering Board asks God's blessing on this ministry and on all who serve or are served through its mission.*



Ground Breaking Celebration

Join us on Tuesday July 7th at 6pm
for a drive by celebration.

Drive up the hill and see the construction progress of our new building.
Footings poured, rebar laid, and a lot of dirt has been moved.

Treats provided by Hospitality

*Rain date July 8th

For questions regarding our new building or construction
please reach out to our Jr. Warden, Mandy Self-Sparrow

stmarksjuniorwarden1@gmail.com



"Thirstday" Thursday

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

Thursday July 9th at 8:00 pm

Via Zoom

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

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

WINE

Women in Need of Entertainment



Monday July 20th @ 6:30pm

at your own home
via Zoom
Link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7047478893?pwd=UUpYb3Qr-K01oTzU4MSsyZ0NXajl0QT09>

If you are prompted for a password please use
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Please contact Allison Rhinehardt
allibrett@gmail.com with any questions



Birthdays

Laura Fahey - 7/1
Dawn Lyons - 7/4
Richard Wisner - 7/4
Elly Thompson - 7/8
Thomas Hines - 7/11
Willard Osburn - 7/11
Richard Masline - 7/12
Jackie Jones - 7/13
Angelo Michel - 7/14
Emma Johnson - 7/19
Saunders Black - 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
Tenneh Roberts - 7/29

Anniversaries

Greg & Amy Weeks - 7/15
Rick & Bridget Stein - 7/29

Prayers for continued healing:

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

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Holiday - 7/3

Andrew & Libby James - 7/10
Alan & Lesli Kathman - 7/17
Scott Hundertmark - 7/24
Brent & Amy Sparks - 7/31

2020 Stewardship Update

	2020 Budget	May YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$338,820	\$180,065
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$22,000	\$5,349
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$13,000	\$7,172
Sales Tax Refunds	\$2,100	
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$34,320	\$14,012
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$410,240	\$208,954
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$272,235	\$108,237
Diocesan Support	\$42,605	\$17,752
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$49,780	\$18,272
Office Administration & Other	\$28,698	\$12,144
Youth & Christian Formation	\$10,190	\$2,765
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,000	\$2,384
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$7,100	\$586
Worship & Music	2,765	\$884
%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	\$13,553	
Total 2020 Budgeted Expenses	\$440,926	\$163,024
Current Excess/ Deficit of receipts over disbursements	(30,686)	\$37,793

2020 Pledge update 94 families for a total of \$340,520.00