



# The Call



*May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight o Lord our strength and our redeemer.*

A Monthly Newsletter

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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths" Proverbs 3:5-8*

The busyness of the new church and school year is upon us. All of our kids are back in school and ready for new challenges and the opportunity to meet new friends. This is the same for our St. Mark's family. Our visioning program is all set. Our new youth leader Brandy is getting her feet wet, Rally Day and Christian Formation are right around the corner.

Covid is still amongst us and we continue to pray for those who have contracted this disease and for those who have recovered. The feeling of division is growing amongst our nation but as followers of Jesus Christ we must continue to search for love and reconciliation.

The theme for our Stewardship this year is being the Faithful Shepherd. Last year we looked for our lost sheep and this year as we all return to this beautiful hill of St. Mark's we are asking each and everyone to be Faithful. Being Faithful will require "all hands on deck", doing the best to promote the Kingdom of God here at St. Mark's.

The challenges ahead of us are numerous but not surmountable. What is so great is that we have an advocate who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So my brothers and sisters I am asking you to look onward and upward doing God's ministry because as sheep that is our call.

*"Faithful Shepherd, Feed me in the pastures green; Faithful Shepherd, Lead me where thy steps are seen."*

*(Traditional Christian Hymn)*



Welcome the Newly Baptized  
William Colmery  
with parents  
Rob and Emelie Colmery



Rally Day  
September 11th  
One Service at 9:30 with all church potluck to follow  
Please Bring A Main Dish  
Side or Dessert

It's that time of year when we kick off our  
programming year.

Come hear about the "Faithful Shepherd"  
Learn about what our ministries have in store or learn a little  
bit about them.

Stay for lunch and fellowship  
with the Faithful Shepherd.

Don't forget to pick up your Stewardship Packets and Surveys.  
We want to hear from you.



## KIDS and YOUTH NEWS

Kids and Youth Christian Formation

**Begins Sunday September 18th at 9:40am**

Elementary Aged Kids will be starting out with Spark Classroom (Old Rectory)

Youth will be doing the Animate Series. (Youth Space)

Come see what it's all about



### Youth Group

**Middle School & High School**

**The 3rd Sunday Evening**

**Each Month**

**September 18th**

**MS 5:30-6:30**

**HS 7pm-8pm**



**Shared Meal for ALL at 6:30pm**

**Brandy will provide Pizza the first month.**

**Parents please let Brandy know if you can help with a meal other months.**

### HOMEWORK DROP IN

**Brandy is offering office hours for middle school and high school youth who may want some help with homework or to just come by and chat.**

**September dates:**

**High School 9/12 from 4pm-6pm**

**Middle School 9/20 from 4pm-6pm**

**In the Youth Space**

### Youth Needs

- Kids Sunday School Teachers
- Youth Parents to help with Youth Group Meals

**For more info contact Brandy!**  
**[brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org](mailto:brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org)**



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
FOR ALL AGES**

**Begins on Sunday September 18th at 9:40-10:20**

## Adults will meet in the Rafters

Our first Adult Christian Formation of the programming year  
will begin in two parts.

The first part of the our rotation will focus on A renewal of who we are as Anglicans/Episcopalians with the discernment of our Catechism led by Father Garry.

The second part of this rotation will focus on our growth as Christians post covid, which will be led by Dr. Matt Kerlin.

**Please make an effort to join us between services.**

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Throughout the year Ranson Middle School asks for volunteers for various reasons.**

**If you have time to give they would love to have you there.**

**They are looking for back to school volunteers as well as concessions help and EOG Proctors.**

**Find out more at the link below**



## FLYIN LIONS

There is a lot happening with the Flyin Lions.



We have been up and running for over a year. Our new class boasts 15 students. While we have obtained grants to help with the cost of the program and uniforms for the students we always appreciate support from the community to help supplement our expenses.

Here are ways you can help.

Bring a friend to lunch,  
Promote our weekly baked goods,  
Let others know about us.

If there are any agencies or businesses that would like to make donations or come and learn about us let us know.

[flyinlion@stmarksnc.org](mailto:flyinlion@stmarksnc.org)



Lunching with the Lion  
Join us for lunch on  
Thursdays from 12-1  
Sign up to attend by  
Sunday evenings.  
Dine in or Carry Out  
Sign up genius changes  
weekly the link is  
available in the e-blast  
as well as in the bulletin.

Donations welcome and Appreciated as they  
help support our students.

The cafe is open on Fridays from 10am-3pm  
Come have a cup of coffee and sit a while.



Baked Good Orders  
are back and  
available for  
weekly purchase.  
Order by  
Wednesday  
for pick up on  
Fridays  
through the  
following link.

Offerings change weekly.

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/43a794>



### **Birthdays**

Fiona Brown - 9/1  
Deborah Allen – 9/2  
Scott Brett - 9/2  
Sarah Thompson - 9/6  
Jennifer Klebaur – 9/7  
Mandy Self-Sparrow - 9/7  
Emelie Colmery – 9/10  
Andrew Blythe - 9/12  
Mary Kendrick - 9/12  
Ian Doolittle – 9/13  
Owen Mach – 9/13  
Avery Gambill - 9/14  
John Milholland - 9/15  
Julia Weeks – 9/15  
Donna Osborne - 9/19  
Delia Roberts - 9/19  
Eric Savage – 9/21  
Libby James - 9/24  
Maggie Fahey - 9/27  
Kennedie Hewalt – 9/27  
William Lawson – 9-28

### **Anniversaries**

Don & Debbie Siegel - 9/1  
Martin & Donna Osborne - 9/6

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

**Saunders Black  
Martha Ann Springer  
Richard & Mary Beth Masline  
Jim Woolley  
Marion Johannsson & Betsy, Martha  
Paul & Michelle Cravetz  
Milt Sullivan**



## Happenings Around Campus



### August W.I.N.E. (Women in Need of Entertainment)

Mark your calendars for Monday,  
September 19th at 6:30pm  
We will have WINE  
In the Rafters  
Hosted by  
Malinda Bivens

Bring a dish to share and or your beverage of choice  
(adult beverages and non adult beverages)

*This event is for ALL women.*

*If you don't have time for either just bring yourself.*

Contact Malinda with any questions  
[malindabivens@bellsouth.net](mailto:malindabivens@bellsouth.net)



Thirstday  
Thursday  
Will meet on Thursday September 8th  
at 6:30

We will meet at  
**HARVEY'S**  
(In Vermillion)  
13812 Cinnabar Place

Huntersville

Please join us for a brief theological reflection, fellowship and food.

No RSVP necessary but texts welcome  
to David Fahey  
704-562-7587

**2022 Budget****July Actual**

Current Pledged Income	\$314,516.06	\$183,467.70
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$15,119.00	\$8,498.58
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$145,885.04	\$85,099.61
Sales Tax Refunds	\$9,408.00	\$5,488.00
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360.00	\$19,460.00
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$518,288.10</b>	<b>\$302,013.89</b>

**2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry**

Staff	\$328,458.72	\$168,872.45
Diocesan Support	\$44,257.00	\$22,128.50
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,860.00	\$31,418.13
Office Admin & Other	\$40,352.00	\$17,913.67
Youth & Christian Formation	\$2,760.00	\$1,609.62
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$9,104.00	\$5,310.67
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship,& Retreat	\$5,400.00	\$3,150.00
Worship & Music	\$1,604.00	\$802.00
Rafters Loan Payment	\$100,708.20	\$40,354.10
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$12,580.64	\$7,338.71
<b>Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$586,503.92</b>	

**2022 Pledge update-84 families average pledge \$3,744.00**

**YTD Pledge fulfillment 58%**



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