



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.

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"When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, as was his custom." Luke 4:16, (NRSV)

The new year has come and gone and we are speedily traveling 2022. Many of us have lost loved ones, friends and acquaintances due to Covid-19. We continue to pray for all people who are being challenged at this time due to Covid-19. As a church family and followers of Jesus Christ we must especially at this time be neighbors of LOVE to everyone.

The constant changing of information regarding Covid-19 behaviors is in itself frustrating; however, we must remember the Spanish Flu of 1918 was much more debilitating. Our parents and grandparents survived with less cures and advanced information as we now have at our disposal. Yes we are tired and somewhat frustrated but it is important that we understand and believe it is through God's grace that we are alive. Therefore, we must continue to be our brother and sister's keeper during these difficult times. We must reach out through prayer and when possible lend a helping hand. Our church life has changed but we are expecting everyone to come back and join us on the hill and continue to be one big Jesus family.

The collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany remind us "Give us Grace, O Lord to answer the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of his salvation." Let the whole world know that we are knit together as one big family at St. Marks on the Hill in Huntersville welcoming everyone. And as our Episcopal Logo States "ALL ARE WELCOME" AMEN

Father Garry.



Sunday, January 30th
We will have one service at
9:30am

Since our annual meeting has been pushed back
We still want to take time to update the congregation on
The State of the Church

Please join us this day for
worship and information

We will have no Christian Formation this day.
Coffee hour will take place following the 9:30 service



We are back to 2
services
8:30am and 10:30am

Sign up to attend so we have a head count.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054-ca4a7238-worship>

Or: Via live stream through
Facebook Live at 10:30am

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



Christian Formation
Resumes on
Sunday February 7th
at 9:30am in the Rafters.

Join us as we continue
The Church in Action,

New Beginnings, with The Study of Acts of the
Apostles

Father Garry will lead us in this study and is looking
forward to our
attendance.

In preparation for our class please read the Acts of the
Apostles and let us know what bible you are using
(NRSV, NKJV)

Kids and youth will continue to meet at the 9:30 hour.
Kids in the Old Rectory and Youth in our downstairs
Youth Space.



**Shrove Tuesday
is Back**
**Join us the day before
Lent**
**March 1st at 6:30pm in
the Rafters**

**For Pancakes
Hosted by the Men of the Church.**

**If there are any men that would like to participate in
helping with this event we would love to have you.**

**Please contact Sean Pope for more information.
spope031@gmail.com**



LENT
**Ash Wednesday will be upon us in
the matter of a few weeks.**
**We will have Ash Wednesday
Services on the Hill at
Noon and 7pm**

**We plan to have a Wednesday night
Lenten Program**
March 9th through April 6th
**We hope you will make plans to join us for a weekly
stations of the cross and reflection
paired with a simple supper and fellowship**



BISHOP'S BALL REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY 7th

**Bishop's Ball is still happening; however, it will be a 1 day event
this year instead of a weekend event.**

This is open to all youth middle school through high school.

**Mark your calendars for
Saturday February 12th.**

**Bishop's Ball will be held at
Holy Comforter in Burlington NC.**

You must register to attend the event. Registration will remain open through February 7th.

**If you have never been this is a fun event.
You can read more about it at the link below**

<https://www.episdionc.org/blog/bishops-ball-back-in-person-in-2022/>



Baked Goods are Back
and available for ordering on a weekly basis.

Pick up on Fridays

Please use the order form below

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



FLYIN' LION "LIFE IS SWEET"

Drop in for a pastry
and coffee

Flyin' Lions new class is in full
swing.

They are offering the opportunity
for us to drop in at the Rafters,
and pick up a pastry from their

"Life is Sweet"

pastry rack and perhaps grab a cup of coffee.

Sales are by donation.

Stop By

Tuesday through Friday,

9:30am-4:00pm



A special Tuesday Table will be offered on
Monday February 14th
For Valentines Day.

There will be no limit to attendees at the
February 14th dinner.

Our evening will begin at 6:30pm

The cost of dinner is \$45 person.

Instead of serving spirits we encourage our guests to
BYOB.



SAVE THE DATE CHILI COOKOFF

January 29th

at 6pm

in the Rafters

Bring your best pot of chili.

Please contact Amy Sparks with any
questions. aetsparks@gmail.com



Winners from our last cookout

Sign up to enter your best chili

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49A4AF28A7F58-stmarks>



Birthdays

Marsha Phillips - 2/1
Philip Blythe - 2/2
Karen Cardenas - 2/2
Marion Johannsson - 2/6
John Middleton - 2/6
Rachel Sparks - 2/6
Thomas Blythe - 2/8
Sarah Fahey - 2/10
Jeremy Michael - 2/11
Rich Zinno - 2/12
Will Blythe - 2/13
Sydney Bayne - 2/14
Linda Holst - 2/16
Miles Bayne - 2/17
Matthew Kathman - 2/17
Martin Osborne - 2/18
Vincent Perrotta - 2/18
Ben Weeks - 2/18
Allison Rhinehardt - 2/19
Lynnda Jordan - 2/20
Alice Bayne - 2/21
Ian Kendrick - 2/21
Jan Daubener - 2/22
Rusian Mooney - 2/22
Ed Reade - 2/25
Amy Sparks - 2/27
Joe Layman - 2/28

Anniversaries

Thomas & Doris Blythe - 2/2
Brett & Allison Rhinehardt - 2/25

Prayers for continued healing:

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



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

Mark your calendars for Monday,
February 21st at 6:30pm
We will have WINE
at the home of

Amy Sparks
12823 Winding Ridge Rd.
Huntersville

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 Allison Rhinehardt with questions
allibrett@gmail.com

Hostess opportunities will be available 2022



Thirstday
Thursday
is Scheduled to take place on
Thursday February 10th
at 6:30pm

We plan to meet IN PERSON
at Red Rocks in Birkdale.
Father Garry has reserved a private room for us.
No RSVP necessary but texts welcome

to David Fahey
david.fahey@carolina.rr.com

or text to
704-562-7587



Stewardship Update
Finding the Lost Sheep

131 Stewardship Packets for 2022 were mailed out,
at the end of December we have received 78 pledge cards totaling \$302,026.00
making the average pledge \$3,872

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card.

This helps our church plan for the coming year!

Fill out your card online at the link below or contact the church office for a paper copy

Pledge Cards can be filled out at the link below

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/b8503b27>



	2021 Budget	December YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$296,642.00	\$295,985.02
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$13,168.00	\$16,147.05
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$73,120.00	\$131,025.00
Sales Tax Refunds	\$1,600.00	\$ 4,449.07
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$33,853.89
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$417,890.00	\$481,460.03
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$232,382.36	\$219,575.60
Diocesan Support	\$42,900	\$42,900.00
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$43,688	\$48,178.27
Office Admin & Other	\$46,328	\$56,202.48
Youth & Christian Formation	\$4,500	\$251.10
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$10,200	9,773.00
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$3,235.00	\$3,386.91
Worship & Music	\$2,765.00	\$4,142.54
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$11,865.68	
Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$397,864.04	\$384,509.90
Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$20,025.96	\$96,950.13

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