



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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Psalm 5:11-12

"But you will welcome us with open arms when we run for cover to you. Let the party last all night! Stand guard over our celebration. You are famous God, for welcoming God seekers for checking us out in delight" (MSG)

Lisa and I are truly humble and excited to be a part of the St. Mark's family. First I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Wardens and Vestry for placing faith in us to be your new shepherd. With new opportunities there are always new challenges but with God's grace, patience, understanding and prayer all things are possible. The God we serve is faithful and everlasting and his mercies are true each and every day. The journey ahead of us here at St. Mark's is filled with awesome possibilities. The various organizations are committed to do God's ministry with ever fervor of their being. Lisa and I are so honored to be a part of your mission.

My feet are already planted and ready to participate and lead as your shepherd. It's often said "God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things", this is my plan through prayer and hard work here at St. Mark's. No journey is without the presence of God, because through him all things are possible and with the belief of the Holy Spirit I see a great future for our St. Mark's family. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us and as citizens of Jesus Christ we will follow his motto given to Peter and build his church to the ends of the earth which now continues at St. Mark's Huntersville. May the good Lord continue to bless us all and let's get to working for Jesus.

We are excited to announce that we have a date for the Taste of Barbados. Please mark your calendars for April 30th 2022.

Your Faithful Shepherd
Father Garry



All Saints Day

Due by Sunday, October 31st 2021

Remember a loved one on All Saints Day. Remembrances will be printed in the All Saints Day bulletin and read aloud on Sunday, November 7th. Remembrances can be submitted through this form and returned to the church office. Submissions will also be accepted by calling or emailing the church office @ life@stmarksnc.org or 704-399-5193
Please print.

Your name: _____

Your phone: _____

In loving memory of:

Christian Formation for Kids and Youth

Sunday Mornings Following the 9:30 Service

Kids in the Old Rectory, Youth in the Downstairs Youth Space.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



All are Welcome
Sunday October 3rd
at 4:00pm in front of the Parish House

We invite you to bring your furry, fuzzy, feathered and scaly friends for a special service and blessing just for them.

Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier
Special treats will be available.

Morning Prayer
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am

Join via zoom link below
(passcode 654321)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5214797294?
pwd=WHNacnBUR3R4Z0xkZHIjakhwbStuQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5214797294?pwd=WHNacnBUR3R4Z0xkZHIjakhwbStuQT09)

You can access the service order with the
link below
<https://conta.cc/2vRUtpl>



We are back to
Stage 3

We can have unlimited
attendance as well as
communion in both
kinds .

Masks are required until Meck. County falls
below 7.5%

Join us at 9:30am on Sunday Mornings
Sign up to attend so we have a head count.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054-
ca4a7238-worship](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054-ca4a7238-worship)

Or: Via live stream through
Facebook Live

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



Welcome the Newly Confirmed

Shannon Elizabeth Hunt

Bella Grace Rhinehardt

John Riley Milholland

Dylan Ryan Zito

Savannah Marie Self

With Bishop Samuel Rodman and

Father Garry Edwards

The Power of a Prayer Shawl

Many members and their families have been recipients of our beautiful prayer shawls made by dedicated members of our knitting ministry. Recently Beth Hunt's mother was one of those recipients.

I want you and the knitters of the Pastoral Care Committee to know what a gift a prayer shawl can be for someone going through a traumatic experience. As you know, my father had a stroke six weeks ago. We're thankful that while his progress has not been linear, he is on the slow road to recovery. My mother, his wife of 59 years, has carried herself with such grace during this time. She says her faith in God and regular prayers are seeing her through.

When I presented her with the prayer shawl you knitted for her, it brought her to tears. It's such a beautiful gift, and it carries with it the kindness and compassion that is St. Mark's, a church she has come to love.

She regularly wraps herself in the shawl, to pray and for comfort. I've attached a photo I snapped one evening, after a long day of taking care of life without my dad. The peace on her face brings me to tears.

Thank you, my friends, for taking such good care of my family. You are heaven sent and I am in awe.
with love,
Beth Hunt





INGATHERING

Sunday October 24th

Finding the Lost Sheep

³ And Jesus spoke this parable unto them, saying,⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the pasture, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. – *Luke 15:3-5*

We turn the page on a year of stress and change for the parishioners of our church. This fall, our stewardship program will not be seeking just financial pledges, we will be seeking you. In some way, each of us experiences the isolation and fear of that lost sheep. So, it is reassuring to recall that Jesus loves the lost. This year, St. Mark's will search for you and, like the good shepherd, rejoice in calling you home.

Pledge Packets have been mailed.

If you have not received yours please notify the church office at life@stmarksnc.org or 703-399-5193

Pledge Cards can also be filled out online

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

Let us know how you are doing at the link below

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/4f-b31c>

Don't forget to pick up some cool sheep swag on

Sunday Mornings

Contact Libby James with any questions

libby.James@offitkurman.com

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Images from Rally Day, Stewardship and Workday





FLYIN' LIONS IN OCTOBER

Our weekly lunches are on hold until we have enough students to begin a 3rd class



Our next Tuesday Table will take place
on Tuesday October 25th @ 6:30pm
Look for more information in the coming weeks



Baked Goods will be available for purchase with pick up on Fridays:
You can order through <https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/43a794>



We have many catering opportunities coming up and would love to have
help serving, plating food and or washing dishes.

If you would like to serve with Flyin' Lions
Please let us know. Workers will be compensated.

flyinlion@stmarksnc.org

Help Us Spread the Word

In an attempt to get the word out about

Flyin' Lion Ministry, we are working on making presentations to Civic/Community organizations such
as Lion's Club, Optimist Club, Rotary Club, etc.

It would be helpful if we had specific contact information. If any members are associated with any such
organizations and provide contact information to the Flyin' Lions to aide us in this endeavor it would
be greatly appreciated. Please provide any information you have to

flyinlion@stmarksnc.org

We are back in class this year.

We could use volunteers in person and virtually.

If you can assist either way we would love to hear from you.

We have had many people express interest in volunteering virtually this year, and we will have our virtual volunteering program up in the next couple of weeks.

If you'd like to participate virtually, just e-mail Jama. jama.fleming@lesanmarcos.org.



Our biggest need is vaccinated volunteers that would work inside the classroom to assist teachers with the children, ideally from 9:00 AM - 1:00pm!

However, any amount of time that a volunteer could give would help, even if it's just an hour! No experience is necessary, but we'd be overjoyed to find some Early Ed folks in our community looking to give back. Much of our time is spent in outdoor classrooms while the weather is favorable.

Please use the link below to sign up.

Any amount of time is appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA4AA2EAAFD0-vaccinated>



**Save the Date
for the Annual
La Escuelita Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday, November 20th, 2021**

Please mark your calendars and save the date for a special opportunity to host a meal with your family in support of La Escuelita San Marcos!

We will again be taking a Covid-safe approach to the event, but with a few new twists.

The opening of the Rafters presents new options for making this year's dinner fit your needs.

We expect to offer pick-up for take home dining, casual dine in seating and outdoor seating if weather permits.

The popular 50/50 raffle will be back too. More details to come!

Thanks to your generosity, last year's dinner raised \$8,000 during what was an especially difficult year for teaching and serving our students. The funding you provided was absolutely critical in helping to develop and deliver creative solutions for both in person and virtual learning. Because of your support, our teachers and students thrived. Please continue in your giving to this ministry and help us make this year an even greater success.





October W.I.N.E.
(Women in Need of Entertainment)
Mark your calendars for Monday,
October 18th at 6:30pm
We will have WINE
In the Rafters

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

*This event is for ALL women.
If you don't have time for either just bring
yourself.*

Contact Allison Rhinehardt with questions
Or to serve as hostess for a month.
allibrett@gmail.com



Thirstday Thursday
is Scheduled to take
place on
Thursday
October 14th
at 6:30pm

We plan to meet IN PERSON
Harvey's in Vermillion
13812 Cinnabar Pl #2,
Huntersville,

No RSVP necessary but texts welcome
to David Fahey
david.fahey@carolina.rr.com
or text to
704-562-7587



Join us on October 22nd
For an evening of beautiful music featuring performances from the
top-level students at Boruff Violin Studio.
This free concert at the Rafters begins at 7:30pm and is open to the
public so bring your family and friends.

Eric Boruff of Boruff Violin Studios has been a long time patron of St. Mark's.
He often hosts workshops and recitals for his violin students here. You may have heard him a few months ago on
facebook playing his violin in the Rafters.

<https://www.facebook.com/theraftersevents/videos/787508758614192>



Birthdays

Nathan Kendrick - 10/1
Chaytor Chandler - 10/2
Scott McWhorter - 10/4
Lauren Savage – 10/12
Tracy Tinsley - 10/12
Annemarie Lafreniere - 10/13
Janet Mann – 10/13
Myra Southwell – 10/16
Michael Thompson - 10/17
Candice Sullivan – 10/18
Roger Benskin - 10/19
Kathy Reade – 10/21
Dawn Michael - 10/22
Penny Brett – 10/24
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
Scott & Jackie McWhorter - 10/10
Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 10/22
Sara Tinsley & Zach DeBoer – 10/23

Prayers for continued healing:

Saunders Black
Martha Ann Springer
Richard & Mary Beth Masline
Jim & Patricia Woolley
Marion Johannsson & Betsy
Elaine Reilly
Mary Lou Blevins & her parents
Paul & Michelle Cravetz

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Andrew & Libby James – 10/1
Alan & Lesli Kathman – 10/8
Scott Hundertmark – 10/15
Lacy Hamilton – 10/22
Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 10/29



	2021 Budget	August YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$296,642.00	\$228,894.70
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$13,168.00	\$8,152.25
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$73,120.00	\$69,665.01
Sales Tax Refunds	\$1,600.00	\$ 4,497.00
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$21,852.36
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$417,890.00	\$333,051.32
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$246,333.46	\$104,623.98
Diocesan Support	\$42,900	\$28,552.72
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$43,688	\$30,937.81
Office Admin & Other	\$46,328	\$20,545.31
Youth & Christian Formation	\$4,500	\$188.09
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$10,200	\$5,647.57
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$3,235.00	\$1,051.35
Worship & Music	\$2,765.00	\$1,158.00
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$11,865.68	
Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$411,815.14	\$192,704.83
Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$6,074.86	\$140,346.49

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