



# 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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*Matthew 25:40 "Then the King will reply to them, I assure you that when you have done it for one of the Least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." (CEB)*

My St. Mark's family, I just completed a 6.6 mile walk in Barbados to raise funds for needy families and it was so rewarding. It was on a Sunday morning where I would normally be in church; however, I recognized I was still in church but in a different way. I was following Jesus' ministry as I was helping the "least of these" who are the bedrock of his ministry.

I am back and fully engaged to be part of the commitment our Vestry made to give more focus on our outreach ministries here at St. Mark's. The Flyin' Lions, La Escuelita San Marcos and Ranson Middle School are our outreach ministries that require an all hands on deck commitment from our members.

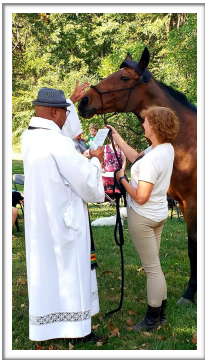
As your leader I am commissioning myself together with your assistance and prayers to go beyond our normal self and adopt one of these ministries. We can do this together as a family. It takes a village to raise a child and together with God's help all things are possible. What I ask of you is to reach out to our Outreach team and church leaders of these ministries to find ways to get involved.

Liz Gail is our contact for Outreach and Ranson Middle School [LGail16@outlook.com](mailto:LGail16@outlook.com), Flyin' Lions can be reached at [flyinlion@stmarksnc.org](mailto:flyinlion@stmarksnc.org) and Lacy Hamilton who is one of our board members for La Escuelita San Marcos [lacy.hamilton57@gmail.com](mailto:lacy.hamilton57@gmail.com). Additionally more information can be found on these ministries through the St. Mark's website [stmarksnc.com](http://stmarksnc.com), <https://flyinlionministries.com> or <https://www.lesanmarcos.org>

We will give quarterly updates on how we are doing. Check our social media, e-blasts and websites for status updates. With God's will all things are possible; and as one of our youth J.R. told me when he was reading lesson for the first time, "I got this Father Garry". St. Mark's family, I know we all have got this.

Peace and Blessings

Father Garry



**Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday October 2nd at 4pm  
On the Lawn of the Parish  
House**

**Bring your furry, feathered  
and scaly friends for a  
special blessing.**

**Bring your lawn chair!**



## The Faithful Shepherd



**STEWARDSHIP SEASON  
CONTINUES  
IN GATHERING WILL BE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th  
ONE SERVICE AT 9:30am  
FOLLOWED BY A HOT  
DOG LUNCH.**

**No Christian Formation this Day**

**Remember you don't have to wait for ingathering  
to turn in your pledge card.**



**The Stewardship Committee's latest budget raising idea:  
4-Channel headsets.**



## KIDS and YOUTH NEWS

Kids and Youth Christian Formation

**Sundays 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**

**Join us for bowling at Spare Time**

**October 16th from 5pm-7pm**

**Please RSVP to Brandy by October 10th.**

**[brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org](mailto:brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org)**



**October 9th our Elementary Aged Kids**

**will get together at the Robert's house from 2pm-5pm.**

**Please RSVP by October 3rd to [brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org](mailto:brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org)**

**So we have a head count**

### 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.**

**October dates:**

**High School 10/10 and 10/24 from 4pm-6pm**

**Middle School 10/4 and 10/18**

**from 4pm-6pm**

### Youth Needs

- Kids Sunday School Teacher Pre-K-1st grade. If you can only help 1 or 2 Sundays that would be great.
- Youth Parents to help with Youth Group Meals

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



## THE RAFTERS

It has been a little over a year since we were able to take possession of our beautiful new building.

It is time for a DEBRIEF on the process.

If you were involved in one of the Rafters Committees from Vision to fundraising Building, Technology or other

Please reach out to Mandy Self-Sparrow.

We would like to have a discussion on the process and want to make sure all of the appropriate parties are included.

You can reach Mandy at  
[stmarksjuniorwarden1@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksjuniorwarden1@gmail.com)



## FLYIN LIONS

Our current class will end on September 30th

We will break from lunches and the cafe

from October 1st through October 14th

Lunches and the Cafe will resume the week of October 16th.



Look for October links for lunch in the bulletin and the e-blast.



## La Escuelita SAN MARCOS

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La Escuelita San Marcos is having a Trike-a-thon October 28th to raise funds for the preschool.

Emails and social media with the details should come out the beginning of October.

Parishioners are asked to invite 10 people to donate \$10 to support this bilingual preschool.

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.





Good people of St. Mark's,

On behalf of the La Escuelita San Marcos board, I want to say thank you so very much for your steadfast support. We continually give thanks for your generous hearts and for the way in which St. Mark's has adopted our mission and embraced our students as beloved children of God. Because of you and our partners at Hopewell Presbyterian, last year's "Turning the Page" event and the 2021-2022 school year were both great successes. You made it possible by volunteering in the classrooms, visiting as guest readers, serving on our board, writing grants, providing supplies, and of course, by making financial donations. In all the ways you have contributed, you have proven that La Escuelita San Marcos is integral to our congregational identity and a true ministry of our members. Likewise, the success of our students, and the positive impact we are having on them and their families, stand as evidence our efforts are producing Spiritual Fruit, and are pleasing to God.

**John 15:16-17** "You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work, to go and produce fruit. I want you to produce fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other".

I'm writing to invite and encourage you to please join us **Saturday, November 19th** for this year's "**Fruit of the Vine**" La Escuelita dinner event. After three straight years where our ability to gather was inhibited by the pandemic, we are finally able to cut loose again! For the very first time, we will be offering our traditional sit-down dinner / gala format at The Rafters on St. Mark's campus! We are excited by the new opportunities **The Rafters** venue will bring and are certain you will enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the opportunity to learn more about our Escuelita.

As you all know, this event is about more than buying something to eat. This is the principal fundraiser that makes the La Escuelita San Marcos mission a reality. So here is my ask: At a minimum, purchase at least (4) tickets. Better yet, please consider joining our Special Patrons list by purchasing a Table. Tables include (8) meals & a bottle of wine of your choice from a curated selection. If you are not able to attend the event, or if that's just too much food, order only what you need and make a donation to round your total contribution up. Another option is to purchase a Table to be designated for our Teachers, or for the Family of an Escuelita student.

How to get Tickets: Simply use this link: <https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/lesmdinner>

Or, you can get your tickets in person after church services starting Sunday 10/9, or from the church office by calling (704) 399-5193.

All orders must be made **no later than 11/14**, but it will really help our planning if you will please do it today.

**Ticket Prices:**

- \$20 Individual Ticket (1) Meal**
- \$80 Half Table (4) Meals**
- \$150 Full Table (8) Meals, (1) Bottle of Wine**

The menu and additional details will be provided in upcoming eBlast notifications. Beer and wine will be available!

I again thank you sincerely for your patronage and hope we can count on your continued support. I'll see you in The Rafters!

Peace,

Mike Tinsley

For the board members of La Escuelita San Marcos



### **Birthdays**

Nathan Kendrick - 10/1  
Chaytor Chandler - 10/2  
Scott McWhorter - 10/4  
George Tatlow – 10/9  
Tracy Tinsley - 10/12  
Annemarie Lafreniere - 10/13  
John Calabrese – 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**

Marc & Cindy Gies – 10/1  
John & Sarah Milholland - 10/4  
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 Woolley  
Marion Johannsson & Betsy, Martha  
Paul & Michelle Cravetz  
Milt Sullivan**



## Bishop Anne's Retirement Party In the Rafters



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

Mark your calendars for Monday,  
October 17th at 6:30pm  
We will have WINE  
in the Rafters  
Hosted by  
Jackie Mooney

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 Jackie with any questions  
jackie.e.mooney@gmail.com



Thirstday  
Thursday  
Will meet on Thursday, October 13th  
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



	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>August Actual</b>
Current Pledged Income	\$314,516.06	\$200,021.59
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$15,119.00	\$11,451.50
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$145,885.04	\$92,455.00
Sales Tax Refunds	\$9,408.00	\$11,611.06
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360.00	\$26,630.85
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$518,288.10</b>	<b>\$342,170.00</b>
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$328,458.72	\$201,244.98
Diocesan Support	\$44,257.00	\$29,504.77
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,860.00	\$32,648.12
Office Admin & Other	\$40,352.00	\$29,972.20
Youth & Christian Formation	\$2,760.00	\$671.27
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$9,104.00	\$5,054.99
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$5,400.00	\$2018.74
Worship & Music	\$1,604.00	\$2,537.74
Rafters Loan Payment	\$100,708.20	\$67,127.80
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$12,580.64	
<b>Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$586,503.92</b>	<b>\$370,780.61</b>

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

**YTD Pledge fulfillment 64%**

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