



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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January 2022

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**“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25: 35 NRSV**

The year 2021 is slowly drifting away and its quite common to say I can't wait for it to come to an end. I tend to take a more positive approach. These are the days the Lord has made, and I will always rejoice and be glad. We saw and experienced many challenges, the continuance of the disease of Covid 19, the loss of loved ones and yes, the continuing circumstances to wreak havoc to our lives.

In these challenges I saw opportunities. A vaccine, the reopening of our churches with live stream options. The ability to travel once again and spend time with loved ones. The ability to share stories with friends and meet once again. Just a year ago these usual norms seemed so distant.

As we embark on 2022, we must forge ahead using the theme of our Advent season with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. If we adopt these four principles in our lives, we will see the vision of Jesus' commandments to each and every one of us on this earth. John 12:34, "I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

St. Mark's family our achievements are outstanding, our Rafters, Flyin' Lion, La Escuelita and many more to mention. We however cannot sit on our laurels and feel satisfied, God is still working on us and

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through us to fulfill his mission on this earth and here in Huntersville, NC. "Many are called but few are chosen, and I believe we are chosen, and we accept with great humility.

Let us forge ahead in 2022 with Jesus as our leader and with him all things are possible. Where we see darkness Jesus will bring light to the world. My family and I wish you good health, God's riches and a Peace that passes all understanding in the coming year.

God's richest blessings

Your Shepherd and Friend with Love

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
for all ages will break on
Sunday January 2nd
and resume
Sunday
January 9th**

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.**

Thanks to all who helped prepare
luminaries on Christmas Eve



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By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman
Bishop of North Carolina
will ordain

Valerie Davis Colbert

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the twenty-second of January
two thousand and twenty-two
at eleven o'clock in the morning at
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
301 Caldwell Lane, Davidson, North Carolina.
Your prayers and presence are requested.
Clergy: Red Stoles

You also are cordially invited to view the livestream broadcast
of the ordination via the Facebook page of the
Diocese of North Carolina at

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



Progressive Dinner

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January 8th

Meet at 5:00 at the
Church

All Youth grades 6-12 are invited to a
progressive dinner.

We will gather at the church at 5:00pm
and Carpool to different houses where we will
enjoy dinner courses at each location.

Please bring an item for our

Cold Weather Drive

(mittens, scarves, hats)

to help support our families at

Caterpillar Ministries and the Homeless.

In addition to delicious food
we will have an activity at each house
as well as some special guests that will be
joining us.



BARBADOS YOUTH MISSION TRIP

June 14th - 20th

For Rising 9th through 12th graders

Father Garry will lead the youth on a mission trip to

BARBADOS

this Summer.

If you missed the interest meeting please see

Father Garry or Sarah Milholland

We will experience history, mission work, spiritual work
and fun.

Deposits of \$200 to hold your spot are due by

January 15th 2022

Please make checks payable to St. Mark's and note
"Barbados Trip" in the memo line.

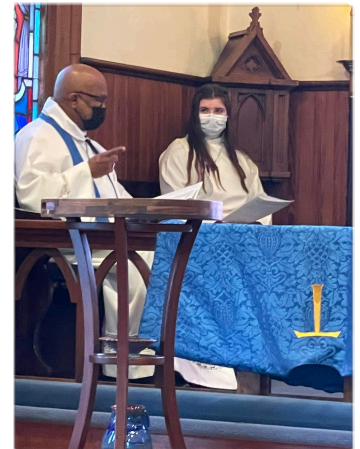
YOUTH SUNDAY

A big thank you and job well done to
our youth (not all pictured here)
for leading us in worship on Sunday
December 12th.

From Greeters, to Ushers, Readers,
Prayers, Acolytes, Sermons and more
the service was seamless.

We look forward to the next
opportunity to see you in action.

Special Thanks to Robbie Roberts and
TJ Tatlow for assisting Father Garry in
organizing this Sunday.



January
Cold Weather Clothes



In January we will be donating socks, mittens, gloves, hats and personal products (toiletries & feminine hygiene products)

These will go to any Caterpillar families that need them as well as homeless shelters.

Items are needed for ALL age categories.

While you are out shopping please consider picking up an extra pair of any of these items for someone who truly needs them.

Items can be placed in the bins in Founders Hall.

Please contact Liz Gail with any questions.

LGail16@outlook.com



Giving Tree Village

Each year the Rotary Club creates the *giving tree village* at Christmas in Davidson.

Companies sponsor trees in honor of various ministries.

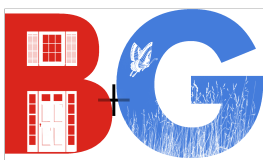
This year Flyin' Lions was one of the lucky ministries that was represented.

Our very own Flyin' Lion Students worked hard making decorations for our tree in the giving tree village to let people know about our ministry.

The Giving Tree Made

\$485 this year thanks to all of the votes we received.

We Consider this a success on our first year of participation.



WORK DAYS

Please Join Buildings and Grounds for our Upcoming Work Days.

The next work day is scheduled for
January 15th @ 10am

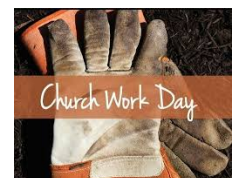
We need many hands to help clear the woods line

It is mostly a hands on labor task, not heavy labor.

It is much needed and appreciated. Good and drinks will be provided.

Please contact Mandy Self Sparrow with any questions

mandyselfsparrow@gmail.com





Baked Goods are Back

and available for ordering on a weekly basis.

First date for pick up in the new year is Friday January 7th.

Please use the order form below

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



FLYIN' LION LUNCHES

Thursdays and Fridays beginning in February



Flyin' Lion's next class
begins in January.

They will offer simple lunches for dine in or take out
beginning the first week of February on
Thursdays and Fridays

More details on how to sign up for lunch coming soon.



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.

Information about signing up will be coming soon.

Going forward

Tuesday Table will be offered

Every other month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Spaces will be limited



**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 cook off.

Sign up to enter your best chili

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



Birthdays

Sean Pope – 1/2
Glen Hunt – 1/4
Molly Marshall - 1/4
Larry Leisey – 1/6
Molly Thompson - 1/11
Emma Hines - 1/12
Kaelyn Sparks - 1/12
Genny Hinkle – 1/14
Liz Gail - 1/16
David Fahey - 1/19
Robbie Roberts – 1/22
Pierce Roberts – 1/24
Milton Sullivan – 1/25
Tony Bouldin - 1/26
Brent Sparks - 1/27
Mary Lou Blevins – 1/30
Beth Wilson - 1/30
Bridget Stein – 1/31

Anniversaries

Bill & Linda O'Connor – 1/28

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 mom
Paul & Michelle Cravetz
Milt Sullivan

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Brent & Amy Sparks – 1/7
Andrew & Libby James – 1/14
Alan & Lesli Kathman – 1/21
Scott Hundertmark – 1/28



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

Mark your calendars for Monday,
January 17th 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 January 13th
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.fahay@carolina.rr.com

or text to

704-562-7587

Christmas
WINE



2021
The Rafter's

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Stewardship Update Finding the Lost Sheep

**131 Stewardship Packets for 2022 were mailed out,
at the end of November we have received 75 pledge cards totaling \$299,286.00
making the average pledge \$3,991**

**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>**

Please contact a member of the Vestry or Libby James if you have any questions or would like to have a conversation.

**Beth Hunt, Mandy Self Sparrow, Amy Sparks
Alan Kathman, Laura Fahey, Rick Stein
Candy Sullivan, Kari Swogger, Kelly Pope
Libby James**



	2021 Budget	November YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$296,642.00	\$278,427.69
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$13,168.00	\$11,527.35
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$73,120.00	\$124,725.00
Sales Tax Refunds	\$1,600.00	\$ 4,497.00
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$30,853.57
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$417,890.00	\$449,982.68
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$232,382.36	\$193,171.77
Diocesan Support	\$42,900	\$39,259.99
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$43,688	\$44,483.13
Office Admin & Other	\$46,328	\$35,395.29
Youth & Christian Formation	\$4,500	\$261.40
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$10,200	\$6,622.90
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$3,235.00	\$2,206.81
Worship & Music	\$2,765.00	\$2,740.53
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$11,865.68	
Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$397,864.04	\$324,141.82
Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$20,025.96	\$125,840.86

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