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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

June 2021

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I want to tell you about an experience I had recently.

As senior warden, I spend a fair amount of time on the St. Mark's campus, in meetings, worship, signing checks and making announcements. Throughout the pandemic, I've gotten to see members of our congregation fairly regularly, mostly individually and always masked. Until Monday, May 17, when the first gathering of WINE met in The Rafters.

I have to admit that I get verklempt every time I walk into The Rafters, no matter what's going on in there. Both the smell of cedar and the realization of God's plan for St. Mark's, overtake me and, well, I'm not crying, you're crying. Rarely does something so consequential as putting up a new building exceed the expectations my imagination sets for the project. The Rafters does, and then some.

So, WINE held the first St. Mark's-sponsored gathering in The Rafters May 17. Fifteen or so of us BYOP (brought our own picnics) and sat in groups, catching up on the past year. We broke bread, told stories, talked about our families, wondered what the next year will hold for St. Mark's, and marveled at our new space.

At one point, Allison Rhinehardt scared the snot out of us by jumping up from the table and announcing that a "critter" had just walked by the windows. My mind went to Bigfoot. It turned out to be a cat. As we all settled back into our seats, I was overcome with emotion. "These are my people," I thought, holding back tears. "It feels so good to be among them. I have missed them so much."

The evening was lovely. And comforting. And, frankly, just what we all needed. A smaller group of us lingered long after the rest of us went home. I can't speak for the other three, but I didn't want to leave, even when we did.

These have been unnerving times – times that not only kept us apart, but kept us away from the people and places we typically turn to in unnerving times. The gathering that evening let us all once again turn to each other, for fellowship and love in Christ. It filled my bucket and soothed my soul.

You know what? I wish that feeling for all of us. We are once again able to worship together. I pray you'll join us. There are fellowship opportunities to look forward to. I pray you'll join us. We need volunteers to help us fully return to the work God is calling us to do. I pray you'll join us. We are St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the shining beacon on a hill in Huntersville. We are unstoppable, when we are together.

See you soon. Be well in the meantime.

Faithfully yours,
Beth Hunt

Worship offerings are listed below.

FACEBOOK FRIDAYS with JORDANA
Look for Jordana's Friday Reflections during the day.

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 2**

We can have 35 people in
attendance on Sunday
mornings

Join us at 9:30am

Signup to attend in person

[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>

Pick a hymn, any Hymn

It's time for our Summertime Hymn Pick

Do you have a favorite Hymn? One that you haven't heard for a while and makes you smile?

Please send your Summer hymn recommendations to Alex Ancona and he will fit them in

where appropriate

awancona@gmail.com

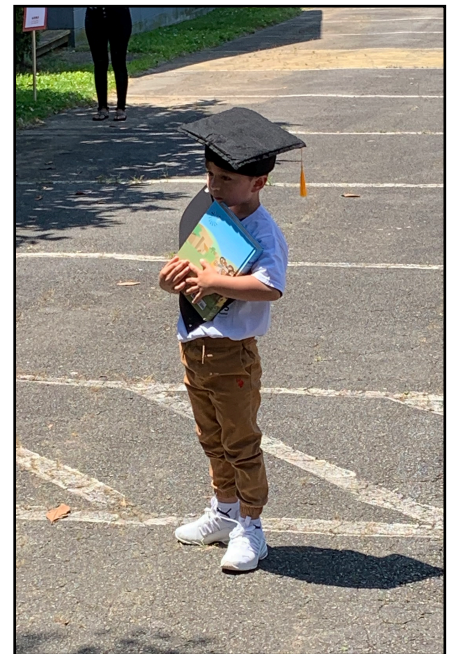


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Congratulations to La Escuelita
Class of 2021

Thank you to all who came out to
support them.





JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Our next class begins June 15th.
Lunches will resume at that time.

We are inviting our parishioners to join the instructors and students for lunch
Tuesday through Friday from noon to 1pm.

Flyin' Lion will post the menu each week in the e-blast.
Reservations will need to be made no later than Sunday following the Thursday e-blast.

We can accommodate 6 lunch guests per day.
A free will offering will be accepted.

You can find the weekly sign up links on the e-blast
or
If you do not have computer access you can call the church office to make your reservation.

We are almost ready to start taking weekly orders for baked goods.
Be on the look out for more information and how to order in the e-blast and Facebook.

Also visit us on Saturdays at the



Huntersville Farmers Market

Our website has now been made public.
<http://www.flyinlionministries.com>

Flyin' Lion Ministries
Linda Amidei -Administrative Coordinator
Sue Bartlett - Lead Culinary Instructor

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THE RAFTERS

AT HISTORIC ST. MARK'S

*Congratulations to
Glen and Sandy Hunt
on their marriage
May 1st*



*It was a beautiful day with a
wonderful reception catered by
Philip Lloyd in The Rafter's.
We are excited to have 9 more
weddings on the calendar over the
next several months*





Birthdays

Flo Flores – 6/5
Lorraine Lenardson – 6/5
Rustin McWhorter - 6/5
Jonathan Hines - 6/6
Norveline Thomas – 6/8
Tom Watson - 6/9
Teresa Pouliot – 6/11
Marilyn Wooten - 6/11
TJ Tatlow – 6/14
Amy Weeks – 6/14
Jeff Serra – 6/18
Patricia Woolley - 6/18
Drake Vanevenhoven – 6/25
Scott Hundertmark - 6/27
Tom Mooney – 6/27
Garrett Zinno – 6/27
Linda O'Connor – 6/30

Anniversaries

Scott & Penny Brett - 6/8
Chris & Mary Kendrick - 6/13
Lynn & Dawn Lyons – 6/21
Alan & Lesli Kathman - 6/26

Prayers for continued healing:

Saunders Black
Martha Ann Springer
Richard & Mary Beth Masline
Bob Chandler
Jim & Patricia Woolley
Marlene Bandis
Joe Brown
Marion Johannsson & Betsy
Elaine Reilly
Julia Williams

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Alan & Lesli Kathman – 6/4
Scott Hundertmark – 6/11
TBD – 6/18
Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 6/25

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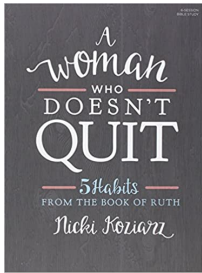


**JUNE W.I.N.E.
(Women in Need of Entertainment)**



We are back!
Mark your calendars for Monday, June 21st.
We will have WINE in
The Rafters
during the Summer months.

We will provide details each month regarding our food and wine status
as our protocol changes.



St Mark's Book Club
Wednesday
JUNE 9th and 23rd

We will be starting a new book.

A Woman who Doesn't Quit
5 Habits from the Book of Ruth

We will meet in person at 7pm in the
church gallery.

Each member is responsible for ordering
their own book.

Please contact Mandy Self Sparrow with
any questions.

mandyselfsparrow@gmail.com



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

We plan to meet IN PERSON
at Parry's Pizza, Northlake
No RSVP necessary but texts welcome
to David Fahey
david.fahey@carolina.rr.com
or text to
704-562-7587



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| | 2021 Budget | APRIL YTD Actual |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current Pledged Income | \$296,642.00 | \$157,040.00 |
| All other anticipated income | | |
| Non- Pledge Offerings | \$13,168.00 | \$4,341.00 |
| Other income (use of space by outside groups) | \$73,120.00 | \$21,780.00 |
| Sales Tax Refunds | \$1,600.00 | \$ - |
| Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income | \$33,360 | \$10,280.00 |
| Total Budgeted Operating Income | \$417,890.00 | \$193,441.00 |
| 2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry | | |
| Staff | \$191,525.00 | \$52,264.00 |
| Diocesan Support | \$42,900 | \$14,276.00 |
| Campus Maintenance & Utilities | \$43,688 | \$15,327.00 |
| Office Admin & Other | \$36,328 | \$8,809.00 |
| Youth & Christian Formation | \$4,500 | \$188.00 |
| Outreach \$ Escuelita Support | \$10,200 | \$1,200.00 |
| Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship,& Retreat | \$3,235 | \$532.00 |
| Worship & Music | \$2,765 | \$325.00 |
| 4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average | \$11,865.68 | |
| Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses | \$347,006.68 | \$92,921.00 |
| Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements | \$70,883.32 | \$100,520.00 |

2021 Pledge update-families 132 cards mailed. 83 cards returned.
Average pledge \$3,612.00. YTD Pledge fulfillment 52%