



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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"The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness." Psalm 103:8

My St. Mark's family, as Christians we know our year is in full swing because the Season of Lent is upon us. It is a most penitential time of the year for us Christians, a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the time ahead. As Christians it is a time we evaluate our inner being and ask what is God calling us to do and the tools we are given necessary to complete our task.

This year as we recover from Covid-19 we must continue to be cautious, but still allow the Presence of God to be our guide and our protector. On Ash Wednesday you will once again have the ashes administered to our foreheads by your Priest. Yes, this may be seen as a simple gesture but it is a public assurance to be one with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's also the one day we Christians can publicly identify as Christ's own. A day to tell the world we are followers of Jesus Christ, who in his great commandment teach us to "Love one another as he Loves us."

The Season of Lent also brings a renewal of Spirit by increasing our prayer life and encourages us to live more Christ like. Often we do this in the form of giving up something that in many cases is not pleasing to us and God. My commission to us is to add something rather than give up something, which will show the ministry of Jesus Christ in our lives

I have missed our traditional Lenten season the past two years because of Covid-19, however, I am looking forward to 2022, my First year at St. Mark's. Let's be more prayerful, kinder and yes more loving this season. Maybe we lost our way these past two years. If so come home and as the Episcopal Motto says "ALL ARE WELCOME" Even you.

Amen,
Father Garry +



**Holy Eucharist takes
place at
8:30am and 10:30am**

Masks are now optional and congregants no longer need to sign up for attendance.

Services will still be live streamed on
Facebook Live at 10:30am

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



Christian Formation

For ALL ages

9:30am

Adults will meet in the Rafters

**Kids in the Old Rectory and
Youth in the downstairs of Founders Hall.**

During Lent

**Matt Kerlin will lead the adults on Sunday mornings
at 9:30**

**Father Garry will offer a Wednesday night program
in the Rafters at 6:30.**



**"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing!"
Calling all musicians!**

Music at St. Mark's is looking for instrumentalists and singers to join the music team on Sunday mornings!

After a long two years of not being able to regularly offer music,
we are excited to be able to resume singing in person and offering up our musical praises again!

Anyone w/ an interest in liturgical music is encouraged to attend an interest meeting on
March 6th following the 10:30 service,
or reach out to Alex Ancona, awancona@gmail.com.



**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.**

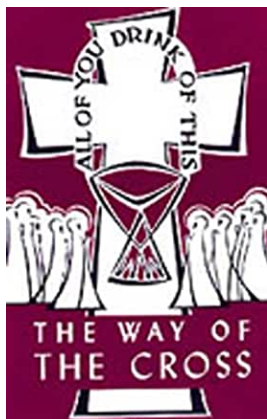


LENT

**Ash Wednesday March 2nd
We will have Ash Wednesday
Services on the Hill at
Noon and 7pm**

**If you can not make either service
Father Garry will be administering
Ashes to Go
following the noon service until the 7pm service.**

**Park and come in Founders Hall
to receive your Ashes during this time.**



**Join us on Wednesday Nights
for our Lenten Program
March 9th through April 6th
at 6:30pm**

**Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus.
Walking the 14 stations**

**Paired with a simple supper and fellowship
in the Rafters led by Father Garry.**



Birthdays

Steph Ryan Herrin - 3/2
Riley Milholland - 3/3
Vincent Boyle - 3/6
Alan Kathman - 3/7
Mallory Savage - 3/11
Greg Weeks - 3/15
Johanna Tatlow - 3/16
Robert James - 3/17
Jordana Gheraibeh - 3/21
James Woolley - 3/25
Chris Kendrick - 3/27
Hannah Savage - 3/27
Don Siegel - 3/28
Jim Wilson - 3/30

Anniversaries

John & Sue Basher - 3/5
Philip & Melanie Blythe - 3/5
Michael & Elizabeth Havens - 3/5
Richard & Mary Beth Masline - 3/19

Prayers for continued healing:

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

New Members:

**Lee Shubert & John Calabrese
& children J.R. & A.J.**

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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

ECW SPRING CONVOCATION



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

10:00am – 12 Noon

Christ Church, Charlotte

Presenting

William A. Darity Jr. & A. Kirsten Mullen

Authors:

"From Here to Equality-Reparations for Black Americans"

Cost: \$30.00

(includes continental breakfast and program-related material)

Contact: Lois Johnson, Chairperson, charlotte@ecw-nc.org



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

Mark your calendars for Monday,
March 21st at 6:30pm
We will have WINE
at the home of
Suzanne Ferguson
236 Hawthorne Park Ave.
Belmont, NC 28012

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

A few more hostess opportunities are available for
2022 if you would like to host either in your home or
at the Rafters.



**Thirstday
Thursday
is Scheduled to take place on
Thursday March 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

**SAVE THE DATE
Taste of Barbados
April 30th 2022
3pm-8pm
\$30
Tickets on sale soon!**

- **Live Steelpan Music**
- **Barbados Cuisine**
- **Rum Drinks**
- **Door Prize**
- **Raffle Prizes**

FINANCE

Is looking for a few folks to help (in specific ways)

Payroll Requests – Processing of adjustments and requests for existing employees.

We have good existing templates to use as guides and examples.

Project Work – Work closely with the Treasurer in the development and implementation of requests outside the routine Treasurer/Finance functions but support church financial processes. (Recent examples of this would be Submission of the PPP Loan Request, PPP Loan Forgiveness, Due Diligence re Payment Methods for Church, Flyin Lion, and Rafters (including Selection of Square as Payment Processing Vehicle , and Implementation of Square for St. Marks End Users),

Financial Processes & Audit Support

Quarterly Payroll Audit * Monthly Audit/Review of Church Bank Statements and Church Processed/Pending Checks * Research financial requests as needed * Support of Annual Audit (Pulling requested documentation pre-audit and during audit), Working with Treasurer to Schedule and Confirm Pricing of Annual Audit, etc.) * ACS Support as Needed

Contact Kelly Pope with questions or if you would like more information kellytpope@gmail.com

Come to the Annual Meeting

Meet the Vestry Candidates.

Sunday March 13th at 9:30am

No Adult Formation that day

On the following pages you will meet our Vestry Candidates for the 2022-2024 term.

The candidates for Vestry were asked to submit a bio and respond to the following questions.

How long have you been at St. Mark's?

Where do you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you in this ministry?

Where have you served at St. Mark's or what have you been involved in?

What unique skills do you have that will enhance Vestry?

Have you ever served on a Vestry before? If so where?

Please take time to read what each candidate has to say, prayerfully consider your options, attend the annual meeting and vote for 5 new Vestry members as 3 roll off and 2 step back.

Kevin Wilson



I have been at St. Mark's since 1989. I feel the Holy Spirit is calling me to serve in a creative, technical, financial, or leadership capacity. Growing up I served as an Acolyte for a few years. Recently, I have served as a videographer and A/V Technician. Leadership, Computer skills, Accounting and Financial Analysis, Creative Writing, Note-taking, Audio/Video skills, Public Speaking, and Presentations are a few of my gifts that I bring to the table. I have not served on a Vestry before but look forward to the potential opportunity.

Johanna Tatlow



I've been at St. Marks for about three and a half years. TJ and I joined shortly after we arrived in Charlotte in 2018. I'll be totally honest and say that I don't know where the Holy Spirit is calling me in this. I feel like I've been living in my own little turtle shell for the last few years, and God is whispering, "Come back out please. I have things for you to do." St. Mark's has been a good church to us, and I realized how happy I was to be going back when in-person services started again this summer. I want to be helpful to the church in this next stage with the skills I have.

Most of my last several years have been spent in the ministry of raising George. I suppose I could say I was his Sunday school teacher for our COVID times, if that's what trying to wrestle, occupy, and educate your toddler during virtual church services can be called. Since we've started attending in person, I have spent a good deal of time in the nursery and Sunday school rooms trying to get George used to this Church space. I recently joined the prayers and reading rotation. Having served in similar capacities at other churches, I know I enjoy that role.

I currently work in nonprofit administration and grant writing, including budgets, forecasts, and planning out programs. I would enjoy the chance to use those skills to serve the church. I also am skilled in facilitating conversations and amplifying the voices of those who might be shy in speaking up. For all my ministry experience in prior churches, vestry is not a role I've held before.



Patrick Wiley

After retiring from NE Florida State Hospital my wife and I relocated in late 2018 from Kingsland Ga and the Northeast Florida area where we had lived for 40 years to be closer to our sons and granddaughter here in NC. I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in the mid 1980's at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Orange Park, Florida. Some few years later I served on the Vestry and was trained as a Stephen Minister.

In later years I served as Vestry Member at St Martin's Episcopal Church in Clewiston Florida near where I was working. Prior to relocating, I served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and lector at King of Peace Episcopal Church in Kingsland.

I have been a member here at St Marks since late 2018. I'm currently serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and am responsible for scheduling ushers. I haven't had a yearning to serve on the Vestry and have been reluctant to consider "running for the Vestry"; however, there have been a few parishioners whose importuning alas, has been successful. Perhaps they see some hidden potential and a bendable will, so here I am.

Dawn Middleton



I have been at Saint Marks for almost 16 years. I feel that I am being called to take on more of an active role within Saint Mark's. I feel that serving the parish members through working on the Vestry with definitely fulfill that calling. I am super excited about all of the new energy at Saint Mark's and cannot wait to see what the future of Saint Mark's looks like. I am so grateful to be a part of all of this, in whatever capacity that is deemed for me. During my time at here, I have served in several areas of Saint Marks. I was a Children Chaplain for 3 years and I assisted with Christian Formation

when I taught Sunday School. I was fortunate to be able to attend several Youth Ministry trips with our youth in the past. I also have helped with the youth Acolyte program including serving as an Acolyte. In the past I served on the welcoming committee/bread ministry to welcome new folks. I have been a greeter. I currently serve as a Lay Eucharist Minister, Acolyte, and I am a member of the Parish Pastoral care ministry. I also am one of the coordinators of the St. Mark's women's group, WINE. In the past we have served several community needs through the outreach aspect that we have brought to WINE. This in addition to the important fellowship that the WINE group offers to the women of Saint Mark's. I feel that any time there are fresh, excited, members that are added to help lead an endeavor, only good things can happen. I possess motivation and energy and a genuine call to do better and help wherever is needed, I feel that those qualities will serve everyone well. I have not served on Vestry before but look forward to the opportunity.

Eileen Stack Moreno



I have been a member of St. Mark's since moving to North Carolina in the Summer of 2015, 6 ½ years. The areas that I feel called to are worship and learning. These are central to sustaining our parish family and helping each other grow in Christ. As we are nourished by communal worship and learn about the rich history and traditions of our faith, we are prepared to share with others, those in need and those seeking what we have been given. I have served as Lector at St. Mark's, and as part of the ministry of La Escuelita, first as a volunteer, then as a Board member, and then as the Director for three years. I have also been an occasional helper for Flyin' Lion Ministry, as translator, taxi driver, and server. In addition to fluency in Spanish, I bring experience in education and administration, and previous experience in serving as Subdeacon, Lector, and founder of a women's Bible study in my previous parish in Connecticut. I have not served on a Vestry but look forward to the opportunity.

Jackie Mooney



I have been at St. Mark's for 3 years after a 20 year absence (at Hopewell Presbyterian Church supporting youth programs) that was preceded by a 10 year membership. I feel the Holy Spirit is calling me to promote and build a solid ministry that attracts and serves persons and families who value a church family, and programs, to serve others, is my passion. St. Mark's is a strong church. I want to see it grow and thrive in ministry to the community (youth programs, social activities and more). I currently serve on Altar Guild, ushering, assisting with coffee hour and events at The Rafters. I served on the Vestry during my prior membership as Secretary, Junior Warden and Senior Warden at St. Mark's during 1989 through 1995.

Melanie Blythe



I have been at St. Mark's close to 40 years. In my time here I taught Vacation Bible School for 9 years. I have served as an usher, assisted with church audits, outreach committee, served on Vestry from 2010-2012 and currently serve on Altar Guild which I love. This is a critical time in our church especially with a new Rector and an important time to step up help and support the church. I am very dedicated and reliable person and member. I am happy to be a part of this slate of candidates.

Lacy Hamilton



I have been a member of St. Mark's for 26 years. My two daughters were raised in the church and our family has been active in many aspects of the church.

During that time, I have had many roles within the church. I have been on vestry during a very challenging time both financially and spiritually. I have been on a search committee and am very glad that will not be part of this vestry's duties (thanks to all of the current vestry!). I have led outreach and established our relationship with Ranson Middle School in that role as well as being a founding member of the group that formed La Escuelita San Marcos. I have also been a youth leader, Sunday School teacher and led the Parish Life Committee.

I believe my calling would be in helping to reestablish the feeling of family among the St. Mark's community. I think during Covid we have lost a lot of the connectedness that made St. Mark's special and I am passionate about doing things that will help to reestablish that. During the past year I have had the opportunity to really understand how important that connectedness is for a person and how critical having a church family can be at certain moments in our lives. I think it is important that we offer that type of place to the people who are new to the area, to those that have lost connection with other people, and to those that have lost faith in their fellow man.

I don't know that I have any special skills I bring to the role. I have recently retired and so have time to devote to the role. In my previous life I was a manager so understand financial management and project planning. I have a broad set of experiences that I bring to the table. But I think my best qualification is the belief that I have had that St. Mark's is a special place and is a welcoming place that can do great things. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!"

Andrew James



My family has been at St Mark's since approximately 2004. Through the years we've seen families and staff come and go, however the loving atmosphere at St Mark's has remained the same. It's my desire and responsibility to help sustain that atmosphere for my kids, current members, and new families. I'm honored to have another opportunity to serve on Vestry. Both my wife (Libby) and I served on Vestry years ago, and I was Treasurer for a brief period. More generally I've helped as chalist and with children's chapel. My gifts are first perspective. I'm very operationally and financially oriented, with a background in engineering and business. Second is experience. I've been at St Mark's a while and

think I understand the people and processes. Third is lightheartedness. I like to have fun. Reverend Hollar and my former Vestry colleagues can attest that I will sling sarcasm while we do business.

Willard Osburn



I have been a member since 1990. I had intentionally stepped back from St. Mark's "administrative" activities over the last several years for a variety of reasons, primarily because I just didn't feel it was the right fit for me at the time. I have turned down many requests to serve on the Vestry during that time. I have recently "felt" that I could once again contribute my energies towards the considerable forward momentum of St. Marks' ministries. The Holy Spirit seems to me the most plausible explanation! I have served two stints on the Vestry, two years as Sr.

Warden, taught youth Sunday school, coordinated VBS (with my lovely wife), two Rector search committees (one as the chair), stewardship committee, worship committee (coordinated ushers/greeters for 14 years), started/coordinated the Panera bread ministry and have been active on the pastoral care committee for the past 10 years. I don't know that I possess any unique skills, just a sincere concern for others and a willingness to contribute. I have been an active member of St. Mark's through some very challenging times and can offer my perspectives based on that experience.



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