

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

December 2019 Newsletter



MERRY MARKET RAISES FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The annual Merry Market, under the leadership of Julia Poisson, raised over \$800 for community outreach. As always, parishioners joined in to share the work. In spite of the rain which continued throughout the day, faithful shoppers showed up.

ST MM's area featured a table of baked goods, an assortment of homemade jellies and jams, and various items handcrafted by our parishioners. A number of local vendors rented space to sell their holiday items.

Thank you to all who participated, and a special thanks to Julia, a steadfast worker beginning to finish. The community was made aware of the enthusiasm and generosity of St. MM.



Julia and Valerie take time to shop

Toys for Tots

A Toys for Tots collection box has been placed in the church entrance area. As we rejoice in our own plenty, please be generous and contribute a new, unwrapped toy to be delivered to a needy child in our community. Pick-up date is mid-December. Let's show the community just how generous St. MM is.



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m.

Dec.1 - Annual Meeting following Holy Eucharist

Dec. 15 - Vestry Meeting following coffee hour - All Are Welcome!

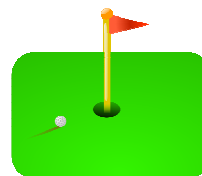
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – no service

Dec. 29 – Lessons and Carols during morning worship

FYI – No celebration lunch in Dec. due to busy schedules

Dec. 27– Articles for January Newsletter are due. See Phyllis Olson.



St. MM Golf Tournament earns record amount for charity

On a cold November 16th, stalwarts participated in ST MM's annual fund raising golf tournament, this year chaired by Bob Rinaldi. Bundled in coats and scarves, hats and thermals, twenty teams competed at Foxfire Golf Course.

Eighty people participated and \$3700 was raised for outreach. Chairman Bob suggested that two veterans' groups receive a total of \$2400, and the balance should go into the church's regular Outreach Fund to be distributed as recommended by the Vestry Outreach Committee.

For this event, there was a record-breaking number of golf teams participating, a record-breaking numbers of contributors, and a dedicated team of workers.

Be sure to thank Bob Rinaldi for directing this **time-consuming** but worthy project.



The Vicar's reflections on Advent

A Glorious Hope – Our Advent Theme

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ushers in the beginning of our Church year. Since Advent means “coming” in Latin, we begin our church year by anticipating and preparing for the coming of Christ, as we move toward the celebration of the birth of Christ during the four Sundays of Advent.

But we also remember during this season that we still wait for the completion of the work begun in Christ; when Christ will come, not in weakness, but in power, not in humility, but as a majestic King who comes to make all things new. This is the essence of our Christian hope.

The Apostle Peter calls this “a living hope,” for we have been born of His Spirit and given the power to live a new life. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.” 1 Isaiah 9:6

Yours in Christ,

Stephen Becker



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 3 – Jane Fisher
Dec. 10 - Dale Schmidt
Dec. 16 - Suzanne Clark
Dec. 17 - Mary Ann Matthewson
Dec. 20 – Fred Thompson
Dec. 21 – Kensley Wahl



Dec. 8 – Linda and Bob Rinaldi
Dec. 29 – Maureen and Bob Miller



Donna, Martha, and Phyllis
volunteer at Emmanuel Thrift Shop

Thank You St. Mary Magdalene

A message from Donna McClung:

A hearty thank you to the volunteers from St. Mary Magdalene who give their time and dedication to Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop. Martha Ragland, Peggy Loomis, Suzanne Clark and Phyllis Olson show up often and work hard and we thank them. Thanks also to the generous parishioners who donate items to be sold in the shop. Your time and your donations are greatly appreciated.

In 2019, we have given grants to over 35 Moore County Charities. We are proud to announce that our financial grants so far this year have amounted to **\$73,000**. Each of the charitable organizations we issue checks to are carefully researched and visited to ensure that they are qualified recipients serving Moore County. A list of these charities is posted in our shops front window. We also donate clothing, household items, and additional items to the needy in Moore County.

Fortunately the Thrift Shop has no paid employees and our expenses are limited to utilities, sales tax, maintenance and improvements. We are proud to have been in existence in Moore County since **1932**. That's **87** years of giving back to our community.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me. *Donna*

around the parish



A little nonsense at the November celebration brunch at Table on the Green! Doesn't everyone make a hat from his or her dinner napkin?!



Elana and Evan, creators of the dinner napkins hats!!



Henry and Jane have returned from their New York sojourn. Welcome home!



Kim, Fr. Stephen, and Phyllis Marion, our Diocesan Convention Delegates - November 22-23



Workers prepare gift bags for golf tournament participants



Tessa and Lia Fravel



Sunday School teacher: What do you know about angels?

Student: I don't know much, but I do know one of them is named Harold.

The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us. - **Bill Watterson** (Calvin and Hobbes)

The problem with doing nothing is there's no way to tell when you are finished. Karen Friday

"Where are you going to hang it?" is Southern Lady code for, "Is that art?"



Words have **energy** and **power** with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.

YEHUDA BERG

Another opportunity for outreach:

Solar Kits for Families in Tanzania

This Christmas there is an opportunity for alternative giving through **Karimu**. \$200 will purchase a "Fire Fly Solar Kit." These small solar lamps make it possible for women to earn money by sewing at night, and children can do their homework at night. A small lamp can change the life of a family.

If \$200 seems too much for your budget, any amount can be donated toward a kit.

A pig can be purchased for \$20.00.

Donations can be made to Karimu and sent to Tally or to Bill Rose, treasurer:

The Rev. Tally Bandy
22 Bogie Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327

William Rose, 514 East New Jersey Avenue,
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Donations are tax deductible. Please call Tally if you have questions. 949-2992

Jessie and I are so grateful to you and we wish you a blessed and happy Christmas. God bless you all.

Our love,
Tally and Jessie

*Merry
Christmas*



Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. St. Luke 2: 12

Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Kim Doolittle
Junior Warden – Skip Ragland
Brenda Yarish, Jim Grigerick, Jane Fisher,
Pete Olson, and Bob Rinaldi

Treasurer- David Poisson

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