

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## November 2019 Newsletter



### ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE HELD OCTOBER 5TH

On the day of **The Feast of St. Francis**, families brought their beloved pets to church for a blessing from Fr. Stephen. A number of family pets were blessed on that day.



### STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 10

The annual stewardship covered-dish brunch will be held November 10, following morning worship.

You are encouraged to attend and provide a favorite covered-dish to share. Fried chicken will be provided.

A sign-up sheet is on the round table in the narthex. You are encouraged to indicate your attendance and the dish you will provide. This information will help the hosts in planning.

A brief stewardship program will follow the meal. Pledge cards will be available. Please plan to attend.

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Every Tuesday Morning – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Nov. 3 - The Rev. Ken Kroohs. Preacher and Celebrant**  
**Nov. 10 – Stewardship Covered-dish Brunch following morning worship** - The preacher for November 10<sup>th</sup> is The Rev. Canon Ernest Graham. Fr. Stephen will also be present to celebrate Holy Eucharist.  
**Nov. 23 – Merry Market 9:00 to 3:00**  
**Nov. 27 – Articles for December Newsletter are due. See Phyllis Olson.**

### CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED



Our Fall Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, November 17th. We are privileged to help support our local military organizations such as Moore County Vietnam Veterans and Military in Action. The net proceeds will support these worthy causes.

Please consider building your team and come enjoy a day of golf and a pizza, wings & beer buffet during our awards time. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at any time. We look forward to seeing you in November.  
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Sincerely,  
Bob Rinaldi



## OUR MERRY MARKET – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Workers are needed. Items to sell are needed. Please be in touch with Julia Poisson.**

673-0425 - cellphone: 704-694-8047

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**Responding to Sherol's request for help with the Sunday School, Trin Thomas has volunteered to assist. On October 20, she taught four children. Thank you, Trin, for being a willing worker.**



### A REQUEST FROM PEGGY LOOMIS:

**My mother, Patricia Auch, was recently at a retreat for Daughters of the King. There she met a woman whose mission is to administer to the homeless in Kentucky. One of the things she supplies to them besides clothes and food are Bibles. My mother is looking for any Bibles that might not be needed or that you'd like to donate for this cause. If you would like to donate a Bible please bring it to church and just put my name on it and leave it in the office for me.**

*Blessing, Peggy Loomis*



### THE VICAR'S REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

I love the story that Randy Alcorn shares in his book, *The Treasure Principle* about Alfred Nobel, who one day dropped the newspaper he was reading and put his head in his hands.

It was 1888. Nobel was a Swedish chemist who made his fortune inventing and producing dynamite. His brother Ludwig had died in France. But now Alfred's grief was compounded by dismay.

He'd just read an obituary in a French newspaper—not his brother's obituary, but his! An editor had confused the brothers. The headlines read, "The Merchant of Death Is Dead." Alfred Nobel's obituary described a man who had gotten rich by helping people kill one another. Shaken by this appraisal of his life, Nobel resolved to use his wealth to change his legacy.

When he died eight years later, he left more than \$9 million to fund awards for people whose work benefited humanity. The awards became known as the Nobel Prizes.

Alfred Nobel had a rare opportunity to look at the assessment of his life at its end and still have the chance to change it. Before his life was over, Nobel made sure he had invested his wealth in something of lasting value. (1)

This story challenges each one of us to stop and think about the impact that we want to make with our lives and our wealth. The Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer states that it is "the duty of all Christians to follow Christ, and to ... work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God." (2)

This is a blueprint for how each one of us can make a difference. But giving is more than a duty, it is a joy. It is a joy because the grace of giving helps us

to realize that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, and his love flows through us as we use our wealth to spread God's kingdom and make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

*Stephen Becker*

1. *Alcorn, Randy, The Treasure Principle, Multinohah Book, 2001, pp. 79-80*
2. *BCP, Catechism, p. 856*



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- **Benjamin Franklin**

Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life.— **Anonymous**

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

— **Charles M. Schulz**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nov. 7 – Julie Wahl  
Nov. 15 – Tessa Fravel  
Nov. 22 – Lucy Dunn Martin  
Nov. 30 – Holden Brown



Nov. 1 – Lin and Phil Cox Golden!! ----  
Congratulations!!!  
Nov. 4 – Andrea and Dale Schmidt  
Nov. 27 – Suzanne and Ed Clarke

**coffee hour**



St. MM honors our dear parishioner, Dodie Lynn, as she moves her membership to the chapel at Penick Village. We love you, Dodie. Godspeed.



Psalms 106:1 - O give thanks unto the LORD for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

### **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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