

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

October 2020 Newsletter



In Memoriam of our beloved deacon

The Rev. Carol Burgess

St. MM grieves the loss of our friend, Carol Jean Burgess, who passed away Sept. 2, 2020.

We remember Carol:

Bette Hanham: Carol was my best friend, one of the treasures of my lifetime. We were like siblings in many ways, free to share our deepest feelings, things silly and serious (excluding politics!). She was an *excellent listener*, a quality quite rare. When my husband, Bill, died she and Tim were my rock. They fed me, consoled me, befriended me in so many loving ways. In recent times Carol called me every afternoon for an end of the day visit. I weep at my loss. I will miss my dear friend. I already do.

Phyllis Marion: My parents were friends with Carol's parents long before I knew Carol. When Jean-Charles and I moved to Seven Lakes I joined Carol's book club. There she told me about St. MM, and that's what brought me here. As a book club member, she was knowledgeable, always offering insightful critiques.

Alice Hollingsworth: When I was music director at St. MM, Carol supported everything I did, and was always a good friend.

Pete Olson: Carol was a wonderful conversationalist, very knowledgeable regarding health issues and nursing. She patiently trained me as Lay Eucharistic Minister, for which I am truly grateful. Carol was a nice person.

Skip Ragland: Carol was a St. MM treasure!

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Due to Covid 19, church gatherings have been suspended until further notice

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m. From Home. Prayer list available. Contact Valerie Doolittle

Oct. 19 - Vestry Meeting, 3:00 p.m. – (Third Monday of each Month) - All Are Welcome! If you wish to join in, contact Bob Rinaldi for a Zoom link.

October 25 – Fall Golf Tournament (See article below)

October 27– Articles for November Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.



GOLF TOURNAMENT IS COMING OCT. 25, CHAIRED BY CHARLOTTE KENNEDY AND BOB RINALDI. THE VENUE IS FOXFIRE. THE ENTRANCE FEE IS \$60.00 PER PERSON. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONTACT CHARLOTTE OR BOB. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO MOORE COUNTY MILITARY MISSIONS.



Peace and Blessings to the following people who celebrate October Birthdays:

Jack Douglass
Jane Hanham
Tally Bandy
Linda Stevens
Bob Rinaldi
Tim Burgess
Trinity Thomas
Nico Cook



Laura and Jim Douglass celebrate their wedding anniversary in October.

Congratulations! Blessings!



SUCCESSFUL YARD SALE 2020



Co-chairs Julia and Charlotte



Thursday morning - Workers show up for sorting and pricing

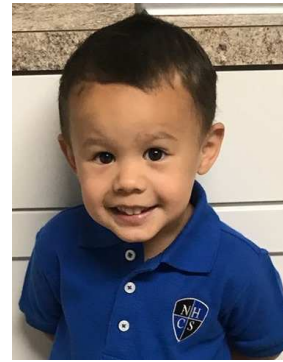


Vigorous sales on Saturday



Steve and Bob - available for toting and hauling

Message from Co-Chairs, Charlotte Kennedy and Julia Poisson: Thanks so much to all who worked so hard to make our Church Yard Sale a HUGE SUCCESS!! Even though we have some additional expenses to cover such as advertising and storage fees, we still had a very successful day. All proceeds go to outreach. **Thank you.**



Koa, First Day of School 2020

An Update on our friend, Koa Lee Aina:

Koa is now living with his father, Alike and his father's fiancée, Emily,... a happy arrangement for all. Koa's grandparents, Jeff and Rosalie Demarchi, who so lovingly cared for Koa, will be moving from NC to Erie, PA. Koa is pictured, happy about his first day of school.

Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop

The Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop in Southern Pines re-opened to the public on September 12th. Masks, social distancing, and a limited number of customers at any given time will be enforced.

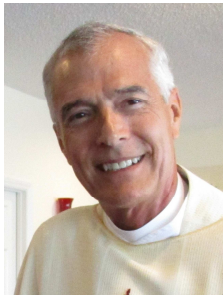
Schedule for Sales Days until further notice:
Thursday and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As before, donations will be received on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 till noon. No donations will be accepted on Sales Days. We look forward to your donations and the return of all our bargain shoppers.

FYI:

Lindsay Douglass is now a freshman at Appalachian State University. Mother Laura reports she is doing well in spite of Covid 19 circumstances. A letter of encouragement would brighten Lindsay's day. Let her know you are thinking about her.

Lindsay Douglass
ASU Box 11530
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Reflections from the Vicar

My wife Ellen has been studying the Gospel of John with a Community Bible Study group via Zoom, and she, from time to time, shares what she is learning. But even more impressive than new insights has been the encouragement she has received from the whole experience. The Psalmist reflected, “When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.”¹ Ellen has genuinely experienced comfort and joy as she has connected with this group. Another translation of that same verse says, “When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, your consolation delights my soul.” Ellen has been able to share some of those anxious thoughts with her study group, and she has discovered how vital it is to her spiritual wellbeing to stay connected with others.

During these unusual times, staying connected may seem difficult. But it’s those little things that mean so much. Phone calls, one on one gatherings, and getting together in small groups via Zoom are all ways we can share each other’s burdens as we wrestle with anxiety during these challenging times.

Our own Zoom Bible study is small, but we have all seen in our history how this little church can be a light to others. The prophet Zechariah said, “Who dares despise that day of small things.”² So even though we may be “small” doing “small things,” those very things may bring consolation that is much needed, making those little things great things in the eyes of the Lord. So let’s be encouraged and keep up the good work of staying connected.

Blessings and peace,

¹ Psalm 94:19

² Zechariah 4:10

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Peggy, Suzanne, Teeny, Fred, Martha, Phyllis
Thrift Shop Volunteers, 2016



Animal Blessing, Oct. 2014



Deacon Carol, Bishop Ann, & Fr. Bob



Whatever you do, always give 100%,.. unless you’re donating blood. **Internet**

Lazy is such an ugly word. I prefer the term “Selective Participant.” **Karen Friday Randall**

It’s okay, wifi password. I’m not always secure either. **Karen Friday Randall**

You never really know what you have, until you clean your house. **Karen Friday Randall**

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Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Sherol Grigerick: Carol had a gift of encouraging people to try new ways to serve God and our Church. Over the years, she recruited people to sing in the choir, serve as chalice ministers, serve as Lay Eucharistic ministers, and lead the healing services. When she asked me to lead the healing service, I was reluctant at first. However, she gave me guidance and directed me in a positive and uplifting way.

Phyllis Olson: Carol truly loved St. MM Church and was totally committed to it. She and Tim were great hosts and could comfortably invite the whole congregation into their home. Carol was a musician and sometimes played her violin for our worship services.

MEMORIAM OF CAROL BURGESS:

The Rev. Tally Bandy

Like all of you, I am reeling over Deacon Carol's sudden passing through the thin veil that separates this life from the life to come. How many times have I said the following words at a burial? : "She is now in the nearer presence of God." With the deep sorrow in my heart I find myself wondering what those words mean.

Carol and I shared our diaconal ministry for over twenty years. We did dual preaching sermons at Emmanuel explaining the Eucharist and the deacon's role. So many, including some priests, do not understand the deacon's call and ministry. Carol and I would laugh and say that folks thought we had flunked Theology 101. Someone recently asked, "How can you be called The Reverend when you're not ordained? We are ordained. Just look in the Book of Common Prayer and read the ordination of bishops, priests and deacons. All have different calls. If there is a hierarchy, we are at the bottom of the totem pole. In fact, in the catechism when the question is asked: "Who are the ministers of the church?" the laity comes first.

Following my first knee replacement five years ago Carol moved in with me. I called her Nurse Ratchet when she forced me to get up and bend that knee when I just wanted to stay in bed with an ice pack. She got up at 2 a.m. to give me pain medication and

then, a typical nurse, recorded it in a ledger. Thanks to her toughness my knee healed.

When Jessie and I couldn't get a venue for an art show to benefit the children of Tanzania, Carol stepped forward. She planned the food, flowers and wine and she and Tim helped us hang all of Jessie's beautiful paintings for at least four art shows.

We drove to clergy conferences, deacon's retreats and Diocesan Conventions over the years and laughed as we tried to solve the problems of the Church and the world. We surely flunked that.

During this pandemic, often at five o'clock, we'd talk on the phone with our glass of wine, calling it "wine time." In it all, even with her post-polio syndrome Carol never complained. She was a true and great servant of the Lord's and a friend that I will miss the rest of my days. *Tally*



Come, ye thankful people, come,

Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in,

Ere the winter storms begin.

God, Our Maker, doth provide

For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come.

Raise the song of harvest home.

Vestry Members

Senior Warden –Skip Ragland

Junior Warden – Bob Rinaldi

Charlotte Kennedy, Jane Fisher, Pete Olson,
Phyllis Marion and Julia Poisson

Treasurer- David Poisson

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