

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

April 2021 Newsletter



Golf Tournament Earns Funds For Outreach

The Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held March 28, earned over \$3,500, which will be given to local military organizations. One hundred-three golfers participated, creating twenty-six teams,...record breaking numbers.

In the fall, the event was cancelled twice due to rain. However, chairpersons, Bob Rinaldi and Charlotte Kennedy held firm, determined to follow through on the project. On tournament day, rain threatened once again, but the sun shone long enough to allow all but one team to complete their rounds.

We thank Bob and Charlotte for their dedication to this charity event, which was three times beset by weather in addition to other obstacles.

We also thank all church members who provided support and raffle items, and the many volunteers, sponsors and golfers who participated to make the day a successful one.



Gathering Returns with Limitations

On Easter, April 4, St. MM will gather for a worship service, 9:30 a.m. Rules and protocols prescribed by the diocese will be observed.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a. m., from home. Prayer list is available. Contact Phyllis Marion

April 1 – Maundy Thursday Service via Zoom, with Bishop Anne 4:00 p.m. Watch your email for a link.

April 2 – Stations of the Cross via Zoom, 3:00 , watch for a link

April 4 – In-person Easter Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. (strict protocols) Virtual service also available. Watch for link)

April – 11 – Morning Prayer via Zoom, watch for link

*April 14 – In-person Vestry Meeting, 3:00 p.m. **All Are Welcome!***

April 18 – In-person worship service at the church (strict protocols)

*April 27– **Articles for May Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.***



Jim Douglass
Skip Ragland
Kim Doolittle
Ellen Becker
Jim Grigerick
Jean-Charles Marion
Lia Fravel
Charlotte Kennedy
Bill Yarish



Valerie and Kim Doolittle
Lucy Dunn and Ernie Martin
Barb and Mel Keiffer
Jackie and Bill Wells



"He is not here!
Jesus Christ has risen,
the Lord has risen indeed!"



Life Transforming Faith

The month of April begins with the transition from Holy Week to Easter. The messages in each of our services bring us from the depths of our Lord's passion and death on a cross to the glories of Easter morning. Easter features the most positive of all Christian messages: "Jesus Christ has risen, the Lord has risen indeed!"

The heights and depths of these glorious truths are described for us in Paul's letter to the Philippians. In it he states, that "**though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**"¹

For us, this means that the Lord of glory not only willingly entered a sinful world and accepted a servant's role, but that he also died to provide an atoning sacrifice for sins. This act of selflessness was all due to his love which surpasses knowledge. It is a love, which the hymn-writer, Isaac Watts, describes as "so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."²

Yours in Christ,

¹ Philippians 2:6-8

² Isaac Watts (1674-1748), "When I survey the wondrous cross," # 471, Church Hymnal 1982

A thought:

PEOPLE MAY NOT ALWAYS REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT WE SAY OR DO, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW WE MADE THEM FEEL.

Ten important words to know and use:

Thank You.
I am sorry.
Forgive me.
I Love You.

Outreach programs



Peggy Loomis and Julia Poisson report for duty at Emmanuel Thrift shop, along with Stephanie Hillard, the shop chairperson. We do thank Peggy and Julia, and others in our parish, for representing us in this outreach. The shop is currently open on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Linda Lindner continues to lead the parish in outreach to Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care. Currently Linda, Julia Poisson, Jackie Wells, and Phyllis Olson are creating quilts for the comfort of the facility residents. If you would like to participate in this effort, contact Linda, 315-945-1325 or Julia 673-0425. Also, Easter greeting cards will be distributed to all residents.

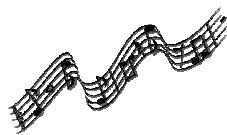
Vestry members continue to make telephone calls to fellow church members during our time of isolation which, though now winding down, still keeps some parishioners confined.

St. MM will distribute approximately \$3,500, to local military organizations, monies earned by the recent golf tournament.

PREPARING EASTER MUSIC



Hosanna, loud hosannas, the little children sang.



Elana and Evan record for Easter virtual service



Phil Cox practices *The Holy City*



Tessa Fravel prepares hymns for the Easter Morning live service

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## **FROM THE PHOTO FILE**



Martha Ragland and daughter Pam 2010



Ed and Mary Ann Matthewson

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An Irish Blessing –

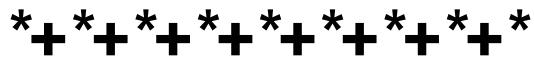
May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine upon your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near to you,
and May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer
you.



I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done. **Steven Wright**

Everything is changing. People are taking the comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.
Will Rogers

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## Vestry Members

Senior Warden –Bob Rinalsi  
Junior Warden – Julia Poisson  
Charlotte Kennedy, Phyllis Marion, Linda  
Lindner, John Sapp, and Skip Ragland  
  
Treasurer- David Poisson

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