

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## June 2021 Newsletter

### In-Person Services to Resume June 6

At the May vestry meeting it was voted to resume weekly in-person services beginning June 6. We will be following CDC and NC state requirements, plus the Diocesan Phase 3 procedures which begin on June 1.

On June 6, we will also resume our coffee/fellowship hour following the worship service. Fr. Ken Kroohs will be our Preacher/Celebrant on that day.



**Jackie Wells lights the Paschal Candle**

Our new Paschal Candle, a gift from the Carol Burgess Memorial Fund, adorned our sanctuary from Easter until Pentecost. Paschal candles, also known as Easter candles or Christ candles, are a part of the fifty day Easter season celebration for many Christians around the world.

The candle is rich with symbolism representing the Light of Christ and the resurrection.

We thank the Burgess Family for this beautiful contribution to our sanctuary and our worship experience.

(Photo by Kim Doolittle)

### JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

*June 6, 13, 20, 27 - In person worship, 9:30 a.m. (June 6 – Fr. Ken Kroohs, Preacher/Celebrant)*

*Crafty Monday – June 7 and 21*

*No Vestry Meeting in June*

*June 27– Articles for the July newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.*



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dodie Lynn  
Jessie MacKay  
Henry Fisher  
Crystal Fravel  
Bette Hanham  
John Sapp



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Phyllis and Jean-Charles Marion



### Vicar's Reflections

This past month our Church celebrated the feast of the Ascension. When asked what that feast day represents, one person whimsically stated, It's the

day when Jesus started to work from home.” Before he left this world, he gave us a glimpse of his work project. He said, “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”<sup>1</sup>

As many of you know, I, too, work from home. Being at home has given me time to work in the yard and be in a place where I plant seeds and water plants. For me, just being outside is therapeutic. It’s also an easy place for me to pray, as all around me are object lessons and reminders that the garden of my heart also needs attention. It is in such a place that the parable of the Sower and Seed comes alive, and I find myself asking the Lord to clear out of my heart everything that might hinder fruitfulness. Jesus said, “I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain.”<sup>2</sup> And so as we think about the meaning of Ascension Day, let’s not forget that Jesus is at the right of the Father, interceding for each of us so that we will fulfill that very purpose.

Yours in Christ,



<sup>1</sup> See John 14: 2-3

<sup>2</sup> John 15-16

## ***St. MM REMAINS STEADFAST IN OUTREACH***

### **Parish Churchmen Build Deck for Deacon Tally**



**Tally stands by as David Poisson installs the handrails on her new deck**  
(photo by Julia Poisson)

On two separate Saturdays in May, St MM men worked to construct a 10X10 wooden deck on the back of Deacon Tally Bandy’s home in Whispering

Pines. The many-talented, willing-workers secured a permit, purchased supplies, and gathered to build the addition.

Early in May, Kim Doolittle, Guy Standing and David Poisson cleared the space and set the base for the deck. Two weeks later the second group, Bob Rinaldi, Fr. Stephen and Jim Douglass, came with hammers and saws and installed the platform. David and Julia Poisson came later to install a handrail, and Jessie added the final touch, chairs and flowers.

Rev. Tally reports she is regularly enjoying the new addition, and deeply appreciates the generous outreach of our dedicated parishioners. (See her note, page 3.)

### **QUILTS BECOME OUTREACH PROJECT**

The women of St. MM are now creating small lap quilts, called “Fidget Quilts” for the residents at Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care. These colorful quilts, heavily adorned with textures such as buttons, flaps, pockets and zippers are designed to provide stimulation for the fidgeting hands of memory loss patients. These therapeutic quilts offer comfort as they keep the hands busy.

Quilt-making sessions are planned for June 7 and 21, 10:00 a.m. Supplies are available. Contact Jackie Wells or Julia Poisson if you desire more information. This project was initiated by Linda Lindner, Outreach Chairperson.



**Lin Cox, Julia Poisson, Linda Rinaldi, Brenda Yarish, Linda Stevens, Jackie Wells, and Phyllis Olson (not pictured) gather to construct fidget quilts for memory loss patients**

## A NOTE FROM DEACON TALLY



“Fidget Quilts” created by St. MM women, plus a “Fidget Board” created by David Poisson designed to offer the same type of comfort.



Pete pays a visit to Mel Keiffer to mark Mel’s 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

### FYI:

A fundraiser for Alzheimer's called "The Longest Day" sponsored by the Racquet Club at Seven Lakes will be held on June 19. St. MM will provide tables for this event.

Linda Lindner reports that the Memory Care facility is looking for volunteers to help the residents with games and crafts. Perhaps you can help.

Holiday and birthday cards for Memory Care residents will continue to be given. Perhaps you can help.

Skip Ragland reports that the painting of the church exterior has been completed.

When I was a little girl I wanted to be Tarzan's girl, Jane or even Cheetah, the monkey. I thought living in a treehouse would be the epitome of fine living. There may still be a bit of that in me today; I love being outside. Claude's and my house in Fairfax, VA was on a high hill with deep woods behind the house and floor-to-ceiling windows that made me feel that I was in a treehouse.

Whispering Pines is too flat for that kind of feeling but I now have a dear little deck that allows me to be outside with the birds and the bees, squirrels and rabbits, not to mention the golfers. I have never seen so many bluebirds. On two Saturdays in May, David Poisson, Father Stephen, Bob Rinaldi, Jim Douglass, Kim Doolittle and Guy Standing built this deck. It could not have happened at a better time as I had another surgery (hernia) five days later and I have been recuperating outside. Jessie and Doug put some deck furniture together for me and that took all day and now Jessie has added flowers so that it is a lovely haven.

If you pay attention to our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, he is always speaking about "the way of love." I saw this in action as these men and women (Oh, Julia was here, too) worked so hard to do this for me.

Clergy are asked to reflect on Covid 19 theologically. This may not be theological but I grew up in a family that loved me but did not express it in these words: "I love you." Covid has led me to say this when I really mean it ~ not just "Love ya." Truthfully, I say "I love you " to the wonderful people of St. Mary Magdalene.

*Tally*



**Julia, Crystal and Jared Sunday, May 23, 2021**  
Julia and David, and Crystal and Jared celebrate wedding anniversaries in May.



# file photos



St MM participates in a Seven Lakes Summer festival, 2014



Bob serves food at St. MM's booth



Worth a smile or two:

Someone asked an old man: Even after 70 years, you still call your wife Darling, Honey, or Love. What's the secret?

Old man: I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask.



*A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.*

*The little girl said, "Jonah was swallowed by a whale."*

*Irritated, the teacher reiterated that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human.*

*The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I'll ask Jonah."*

*The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"*

*The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."*

*(Brenda Yarish supplied this internet story.)*



I was trying to daydream, but my mind kept wandering. **Steven Wright**

## A PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE DAY:

I give thanks for all that was good in the day that is ending. I ask God's mercy on my sins and omissions this day. I seek God's peace in my home and in the world this night. *Amen*

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## Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Bob Rinaldi  
Junior Warden – Julia Poisson  
Charlotte Kennedy, Phyllis Marion, Linda Lindner, Skip Ragland, and John Sapp

Treasurer- David Poisson

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