

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

October 2021 Newsletter

Healing Service Resumes Following Long Interruption

St. MM will resume the Healing & Intercessory Prayers Service, Tuesday, October 12, with plans for meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 11:00 a.m. *The Book of Occasional Services* will be used.

Each service will begin with a review of the current prayer list, followed by an opportunity to add people or remove them based on information from attendees. Prayer time will be based on the updated list. (The list will be available for the Sunday service.)

Recently Sherol Grigerick and Phyllis Marion attended lay-minister training, preparing them to lead services. Valerie Doolittle will continue to assist them as needed.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

(Please note that those unable to attend the healing service may contact Phyllis Marion to request changes to the prayer list. Changes to the list may also be made on Sunday before the service.)

Valerie Doolittle

Stewardship:

November 7th is Stewardship Sunday and will be celebrated with a potluck brunch following the worship service.

Pledge cards will be available. The pledges are confidential, used by the Treasurer for budget planning only. Filling out a card is strictly left up to each individual.

John Sapp is our Stewardship Chairperson.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Healing & Intercessory Prayer Service, 11:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. Prayer list available. Contact Phyllis Marion
Oct. 3 – The Rev. Randy Foster, Celebrant
Oct. 8 – Fund-raising dinner, 5:30 p.m. (set-up 4:30) See details below.
October 9 – Men’s Breakfast meeting 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 10 – Coffee and Contemplation, Fr. Stephen
*Oct. 20 - Vestry Meeting, 3:00 p.m. – (Third Wednesday of each Month) - **All Are Welcome!***
Oct. 17 – The Rev. Barbara Cooke, Celebrant
October 24 – The Rev. Randy Foster, Celebrant
*October 27- **Articles for November Newsletter are due.** Contact Phyllis Olson.*



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Laura and Jim Douglass

Heads up! Fund-raiser event planned

FYI: There will be no yard sale this year. A fund-raising covered-dish dinner will be held Friday, October 8, 5:30 p.m. (Set-up 4:30) Sign-up sheets are on the round table in the narthex (helpful, but not required). Join us for fellowship and good food. Bring your checkbook.

(Contact Julia if you need more info.)



MERRY MARKET (Fall Bazaar) will be held Saturday, November 20, with Julia Poisson as chairperson. Bob Rinaldi will be in charge of advertisement and promotion. Decisions will be made closer to the event concerning COVID restrictions.



Reflections from the Vicar

The Book of Common Prayer has a section called: "An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism."¹ In its question-and-answer format that covers many topics, the one that I find most practical and intriguing is the question that asks, "What is the duty of all Christians?" The answer it gives is profoundly simple. It says, "*The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.*"² The underlined emphasis on giving is mine because the theme we usually cover in the fall is Stewardship.

Jesus taught a great deal about the use of gifts given to us and how they are to be used to build up the Kingdom of God. As we daily and weekly commit ourselves to his teaching, our hearts, our minds, and our attitudes are transformed for the willing and joyful offering of our time, talent, and treasure in the service of others. In this way, we become partners with God in the spread of his kingdom.

In October, you will be receiving a pledge card, which we hope you will return in time for our celebration of Stewardship Sunday, scheduled for November 7th.

¹ BCP pages 845-862

² BCP, page 856

Outreach Report

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The worship services planned for Seven Lakes Assisted Living have been placed on hold due to continuing COVID restrictions.

There is a need for five more fidget boards or quilts for memory care residents.

Linda Linder, our Outreach Chair, is requesting items for a Halloween celebration to be held at the Seven Lakes Assisted Living facility October 21. Decorations are needed, and also candy and individually wrapped treats. A collection box for donations is located in the narthex.

Looking toward Christmas, we will be asked to provide gifts such as toiletries and other small personal items for Seven Lakes Assisted Living residents. Linda will give details later.

A Christmas outreach project is under consideration, possibly the provision of gifts and food for needy families. Bob Rinaldi will research the project regarding specific needs in our community.

Photo Gallery



Holden, Niko and Kaelynn busy on a Sunday School project.



Our friend, Frank Butler and Fr. Stephen, Sept. 5th



The Lindners and daughter Jennifer, Sept. 5th



Jim Douglass, Lector, Sept. 19



Phil practices his solo -
Masks/shields required for singers

FYI: Acolyte/Chalicist Renewal: Eucharistic Ministers, lay ministers, and lay preachers will have licenses renewed. Those involved in lay ministry are expected to experience on-going Christian renewal and growth. Church resources are provided for that purpose.



"I am only human, though I regret it."

Mark Twain



When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. *Prince Philip, Duke of Edenborough*

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Happiness keeps you sweet.
Trials keep you strong.
Sorrows keep you human.
Failures keep you humble.
Success keeps you glowing
But only God keeps you going.

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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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