

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## July 2022 Newsletter



### Reflections from the Vicar

A favorite phrase you have often heard me use refers to “the changes and chances of this life.” The term comes from the evening prayer service of Compline in the Book of Common Prayer which acknowledges that we are often “wearyed by the changes and chances of this life.”<sup>11</sup> We at Saint Mary Magdalene’s have experienced such weariness in the last few years. COVID brought about many changes, including the dwindling of our already small numbers. Recently, we have had changes concerning the music program. In addition, we have had some people move out of the area, which is always somewhat traumatic in a small church. Now we are facing the imminent possibility of moving out of the church while the road is being widened out front. Amid all these changes, we can rest assured that the One who is changeless will guard and keep us and perfect the work he has begun in our church and in each of our lives.<sup>12</sup>

*Stephen Becker*

<sup>11</sup> BCP, page 133

<sup>12</sup> Philippians 1:3



Our street sign on Seven Lakes Drive, placed in 2006 as a Memorial to Dr. Bill Hanham, a founding member of St. MM along with wife Bette, will be removed and stored when road construction begins. It will be re-installed when work is complete.

### JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*July 12 and July 26 – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m. (Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month)*

*July 20 - Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. – (Third Wednesday of each Month) - **All Are Welcome!***

*July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day*

*July 27- **Articles for August Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson***



**Retired Bishop David Bane and his wife Alice recently moved to our area from Elizabeth City, NC, with plans to build a house in Seven Lakes. St. MM joyfully welcomes them to our church.**

Photo by Kim Doolittle



**July Birthdays**

David Poisson

Matt Kuchinos

Laura Douglass

Laura Mayer

Jared Fravel

Alice Bane



**July Anniversaries**

Heather and Matt Minnicozzi

Linda and John Sapp

Peggy and Steve Loomis

Dodie and Jack Lynn

## AROUND THE PARISH

Bill and Linda Lindner are traveling, visiting family they missed during the pandemic.

Jim and Sherol Grigerick have returned from Connecticut where they helped out during son Darrel's recovery from hip surgery.

John and Linda Sapp have friends visiting from Sweden.

Vicki Derka is enjoying a decreased teaching load at Fayetteville Community College this summer.

Phyllis Olson enjoyed a week in Delaware with her daughter Laura.

The Doolittle's are awaiting the birth of a granddaughter, due mid-July. The parents are Ian and Liesel Doolittle of Charlotte.

Emily Wright is spending time in Asheville working on her non-profit which will provide horseback-riding therapy for children.

In June, the Rinaldis traveled to Kansas to visit Linda's mother, Reba. Their son Joe and granddaughter Ella traveled with them.

The Poissons will host a large family gathering July 4<sup>th</sup>. They are babysitting grandsons and a grand-dog this summer.

In June the Raglands attended the wedding of their granddaughter Cassidy. She and her husband reside in NYC.

Phil and Lin Cox recently moved from our area. We will miss their warm fellowship and Phil's beautiful solos. Godspeed to the Cox Family.



Holden's new sport is fishing with his father.



Kaelynn graduated pre-school in June.



Kade finds relief from the heat.

## CATCHING UP WITH KOA



Our friend, Koa Lee Aina, baptized by Fr. Bob Brown, 2018, is now five years old. He lives with his father and step-mother in Lenoir, NC. After attending a private Christian school for two years, he will start public kindergarten in the fall. His grandmother, Rosalie DeMarchi, reports that he is doing well.

## Morning Prayer Service Continues

The Tuesday Morning Healing and Prayer Service, begun by Deacon Carol Burgess in the early years of St. MM Church, continues. Faithful women gather the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to pray, hear comforting Scripture, meditate and share fellowship. All are invited to join.

This group generates the prayer list for Prayers of the People, an important part of the Sunday worship service. Phyllis Marion maintains and distributes the list. Valerie Doolittle and Sherol Grigerick provide leadership on Tuesday mornings. We thank them all for their faithfulness.



Worry never climbed a hill  
Worry never paid a bill  
Worry never dried a tear  
Worry never calmed a fear  
Worry never darned a heel  
Worry never cooked meal  
Worry never led a horse to water  
Worry never done a thing you'd think it oughta.  
**Copied**



“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.”  
—Steve Martin

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**Happy 4th of July!**

**A Reminder:**

Our church gathers food to be distributed by the Moore County Coalition to needy families in our community. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Pete Olson delivers the food each Monday morning.

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**Helping Hands Needed**

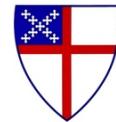
*To keep our church running smoothly we always need helping hands to share the work. Listed are some ways you can join in:*

Donate flowers for the altar  
Set up or bring treats for Coffee Hour  
Serve as a Greeter/Usher  
Donate your time as a Eucharistic Minister  
Serve on the Vestry  
Help prepare the altar with the Altar Guild  
Volunteer at Emmanuel Thrift Shop  
Participate in Special Events

The Rev. Stephen Becker, Vicar

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**Vestry Members**

Senior Warden – John Sapp  
Junior Warden – Julia Poisson  
Phyllis Marion, Linda Lindner, Kim  
Doolittle, Tim Burgess, and Jim Douglass

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick  
Treasurer- David Poisson