

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

May 2022 Newsletter



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT EARNS FUNDS FOR OUTREACH

Our annual golf tournament, held April 24, at Seven Lakes Golf Club, drew eighteen teams and earned over \$2,800, all of which will go to community outreach. The amount includes entrance fees plus money netted from raffle items provided by parishioners and supporters.

We heartily thank the workers, led by Jim Douglass, Bob Rinaldi, Charlotte Kennedy, Bill Lindner and others, for taking the lead in the planning and execution of this endeavor, once again showing the generous spirit of St. Mary Magdalene's congregation. Funds raised will be distributed in Moore County as determined by the vestry.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

We thank the faithful choir members who joined to make beautiful music for our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.

On Easter, musician Emily Wright and her mother, Debbie added their voices to the choir. Emily sang a solo, and Kensley brightened our Introit with her bright smile and enthusiastic triangle playing. Kaelynn joined her for the final glorious hymn. We are blessed. Thank you, musicians.



Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 18: 16. KJV

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Healing & Intercessory Prayer, May 10 and May 24, (second and fourth Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.

*May 11 - Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. – **All Are Welcome!***

May 15 – Morning Prayer led by Tim Burgess and Vicki Derka

May 22 – Morning Prayer, The Rev. Candy Snively, Preacher and Kim Doolittle, leader

May 26 - Ascension Day

Fr. Stephen and Ellen will be on vacation May 15 and May 22.

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May Birthdays

Ray McClung
Brenda Yarish
Ernie Martin
Peggy Loomis
Donna McClung



May Anniversaries

Mary Ann and Ed Matthewson
Julia and David Poisson
Jared and Crystal Fravel

OUTREACH

As an Easter project the Outreach Committee, led by Linda Lindner, took on the task of ministering to Seven Lakes Assisted Living residents. Sherol Grigerick and Jackie Wells lovingly volunteered to assist facility residents in assembling an art project, wooden plaques adorned with colorful spring motifs, suitable for hanging. We thank these faithful workers for donating their time and skills.

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 8: 40b KJV

A Bible Study, led by Fr. Stephen, is planned for the residents at Seven Lakes Assisted Living. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this outreach. Details will be forthcoming. Please consider participating.

The recent **golf tournament** earned over \$2,800, all of which will be dispersed to local charities. (See article, page 1)



A REMINDER

There is a collection box in the narthex for non-perishable food items which will be made available to needy families through The Moore County Coalition. Please consider your blessings and be generous in this outreach effort.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: WIDENING OF SEVEN LAKES DRIVE

At the April Vestry Meeting, Kim Doolittle presented a written summary statement and contingent offer from the State regarding their acquisition of St. MM's property in conjunction with the widening of Highway 211 and Seven Lakes Drive. The total contingent offer was \$84,675.00, based on analysis of market data, comparable land sales, and building costs in the area. It does not include compensation for business interruption during construction.

Since parking spaces will be permanently eliminated, Fr. Stephen suggested that St.MM request a reimbursement of \$100,000 for the property (about twenty percent more than the contingent offer) to compensate for the inconvenience and the decreased appeal and attractiveness of the building. This asking amount was approved by the vestry.

Kim Doolittle continues to be the liaison with the State in all discussions. He will also work with the Diocese seeking their guidance on decisions. More information will be forthcoming following the May vestry meeting.



Message from the Vicar God's Abiding Peace

When I worked as a chaplain in the ICU unit at a hospital in Northern Virginia, the environment was intense. Family members were anxious and afraid as their loved ones faced life-threatening illnesses. Yet there I was, as a clergy member, representing God's peace amid life's tumultuous storms. Peace is something for which the whole world hungers. Each day we experience a world beaten and battered by news of devastation and destruction caused by wars and social unrest. We want and need God's peace, yet it can easily elude us. Therefore we need a power greater than ourselves to make it a reality.

On the night before Jesus left this world, he left us a gift that would make God's peace attainable regardless of circumstances. He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14: 27 This significant promise is one to which we can cling. God will make it happen if we trust in him. The prophet Isaiah declared: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on you because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3



MAY 26 – ASCENSION DAY

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. Ephesians 10 -11 KJV

FYI:

Beginning in June, Fr. Stephen plans to remain in Seven Lakes following the monthly vestry meeting for a Coffee and Contemplation study group. Topics will be centered on spiritual growth. All are invited. You will be notified of specific plans.

We need volunteers to provide snacks for the Sunday morning coffee hour. This weekly event enriches our fellowship and brings parishioners together for a brief time. Please sign up and take your turn in providing snacks.

photo gallery



Kaelynn & Kensley



Holden



Kade



Emily Wright and mother, Debbie



As I am becoming older, the only thing that speeds up is time. **Alan Alda**

Never miss a good chance to shut up. **Will Rogers**

What would you do if you found a million dollars? “Well, if it was a poor person who lost it, I’d return it.” **Copied**

Vestry Members

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

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