

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

October 2022 Newsletter



Outreach Activities Planned for Seven Lakes Assisted Living

Under Linda Lindner's leadership, St.MM will sponsor October events for the residents at Seven Lakes Assisted Living.

A box has been placed in the Narthex where parishioners can contribute candy prizes and leave signed greeting cards. (A list of the first names of residents will be available so cards can be personalized.) Volunteers will be needed to help with Bingo games, cooking classes, crafts, and other special events. Dates for the various activities are listed on the volunteer sign-up sheet.



Jackie Wins Another Blue Ribbon for Fabric Art

Jackie Wells, a member of Sandhill Quilters Guild, added another blue ribbon to her collection of ribbons for fabric artistry. This recent win is for an appliqued wall quilt featuring a pair of stylized llamas. In addition, she won a Red Ribbon for a celestial blue and white appliqued wall hanging, "Big Bang Theory." The quilts were displayed at the Sandhills Quilt show held at the Fair Barn, September 23-24.

We congratulate Jackie for her beautiful artwork and her expert needlework.



OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 11 and 25 - Tuesday Morning Healing & Intercessory Prayer Meeting, 11:00 a.m.*
- Oct. 12 - Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. **All Are Welcome!***
- Oct. 14 – Fellowship Event at Sequoia Point -5:30 (details below)*
- Oct. 16 - Coffee and Contemplation following Morning Service*
- Oct. 22 - Men's Breakfast: 9:00*
- Oct. 27- **Articles for November Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.***

Fellowship Event Planned for October

A potluck dinner will be held at Sequoia Point, Seven Lakes North, Friday, October 14, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Golf carts will be available to help transport people from the parking lot to the pavilion.



October Birthdays

Trinity Thomas	4
Jack Douglass	5
Jane Hanham	6
Niko Cook.	11
Tally Bandy	13
Bob Rinaldi	23
Tim Burgess	26



October Anniversaries

Laura and Jim Douglass 4



Reflections from Psalm 90

In Psalm 90, we're invited to see our lives not just in the present but as a whole—to ask God to help us “number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (v. 12). This understanding of how short life is should motivate us for making the most of every opportunity each day presents.

When I worked as a hospice chaplain, one of my primary goals was to help people see that each day and each moment was, in fact, sacred, regardless of how futile and frustrating life might be towards its end. Yet even for healthy people, tedious chores and routines can cause us to lose perspective. That is why we need this instruction that Moses, the Man of God (see Psalm 90's title), gives us as he calls us to pray, “May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands” (v. 17).

This prayer is answered when God gives us his wisdom and direction. (See Proverbs 3:5-6) It also occurs as we ask God to fill us with his love as we go about our daily activities. Then little things, simple and mundane things, will be meaningful because they are filled with love -- love for God and love for the people we serve.



Merry Market: Julia Poisson will serve as chairperson for this year's **Merry Market** (Fall/Christmas Bazaar) to be held Saturday, November 19. So far, six of last year's crafters have committed to participate. Contact Julia if you know a possible vendor to add to the list.

As always, we will need baked goods, craft items, volunteers to set up, take down, and be present on Merry Market Day. Please help in promoting the event to friends and the community. Many hands make easier work.



Hard Work Pays Off

Linda Sapp's hard work as a gardener has not gone unnoticed. Her beautiful landscaping and gardens (including a butterfly garden) at their home in Pinewild gained notice from the local garden club and earned a recommendation to be featured in the May 2023 issue of *Our State Magazine*. Two gardens from each of the four regions of North Carolina will be featured, with Linda's impressive work representing the Sandhills area.

Congratulations, Linda. Your hard work paid off and we look forward to the magazine coverage.

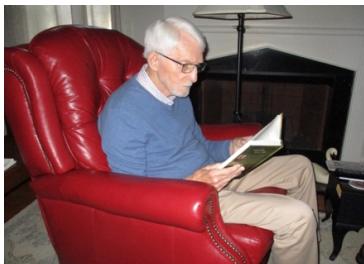
A New Outreach Opportunity: Fr. Stephen has proposed that St.MM sponsor a needy child through an international organization, such as Compassion International or World Vision. Possibilities within the United States will be considered as well. The sponsorship would cost around \$40 per month and would be supplied from Outreach funds. The Vestry agreed to look into this ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Resumes

After missing the community interfaith worship for the past two years due to Covid, plans are underway to resume this Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

The celebration will be held **Sunday, November 20, at 4 p.m.** at the Congregational Church of Pinehurst on Linden Road (across from Elliot's on Linden). Please plan to attend and give thanks along with area friends from different congregations.



Pete Enjoys Bishop David's Book

Bishop David Bane's book, *God, Life, You and Me*, is available. (\$20.00) Check the round table in the narthex. See Julia if you need more info.

Excerpt from Bishop David's book, pp. 4-6:

The Greatest Commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and soul and mind, *and your neighbor as yourself.*" That second part is the kicker. The truth is that, whether or not we choose to admit it, we all struggle with loving ourselves. We need to take a deep breath, cut ourselves some slack, and whisper, "Thank you for loving me, Lord. Teach me to love myself."



*It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High.
Psalm 92:1*

Vestry Members

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

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"I'm sick of following my dreams, man. I'm just going to ask where they're going and hook up with 'em later." —**Mitch Hedberg**.



"Halloween is the beginning of the holiday shopping season. That's for women. The beginning of the holiday shopping season for men is Christmas Eve." **David Letterman**

