

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## January 2023 Newsletter

### St. MM Elects Three New Vestry Members



Sherol Grigerick



Steve Loomis



Bob Rinaldi

At the Annual Meeting, Dec. 4, St. MM thanked outgoing vestry members, Tim Burgess, Julia Poisson and Kim Doolittle for their faithful service. John Sapp and Julia Poisson were praised for their dedicated work and efforts as wardens this past year.

We welcomed new vestry members, Sherol Grigerick, Bob Rinaldi, and Steve Loomis. Bob will serve as Senior Warden and Sherol, Junior Warden. All will serve a three-year term and we heartily thank them for volunteering.



From [The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations](#) by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

### JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Eucharist and Celebration of The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Jan. 10 and Jan. 24 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer, ( 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.*

**Jan. 6 – Feast of Epiphany**

**Jan. 8 – First Sunday after Epiphany & The Baptism for our Lord Sunday - Bishop David Bane, Jr., Celebrant**

**Jan. 11 - Vestry Meeting - 4:30 p.m. [All are Welcome](#)**

**Jan. 14 - Men's Breakfast**

**Jan. 27th- *Articles for the February Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.***



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------|----|
| Linda Sapp    | 2  |
| Linda Lindner | 14 |
| Steve Loomis. | 29 |



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Jane and Henry Fisher  | 7  |
| Linda and Bill Lindner | 29 |



The New Year is a good time to renew our hopes for St. MM as we work together, always praying for strength and guidance as we move forward.



### Thoughts from the Vicar:

We begin the first week of the New Year with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The classic symbol of Epiphany is the star that guided the wise men from the East to the infant Jesus. After such a long journey, the light that led the wise men to Jesus must have been a welcoming sign that brought comfort and encouragement. This past month, after darkness fell around us due to the power outage, we all felt the icy chill of vulnerability. Yet as parishioners in our church reached out to each other, we became a sign of God's presence to one another.

The word Epiphany means "a manifestation or showing-forth." The Season of Epiphany, therefore, is intended to encourage us to let our light shine before others so that they will see something of God's glory in our midst. So let's do our part to make that light shine forth, bringing with it joy, gladness, and peace to all those around us. Amen.



### CONDOLENCES

Our good friend and long-time faithful St. MM member, Ernie Martin, passed away December 18, at the age of 97.

He and his wife Lucy Dunn lived in Seven Lakes and were an important part of St. MM. We were blessed by his choral singing as well as his baritone solos. His cheerful attitude and good humor greatly enhanced the choir and we were saddened when he could no longer participate.

Ernie became home-bound in recent years but he and Lucy Dunn remained in close touch with our church family.

We grieve his passing and offer sincere sympathy to Lucy Dunn and the family.

*"Let light perpetual shine upon him." BCP*



WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO OUR FELLOWSHIP:

**JILL STEINKAMP**, Jackson Springs

**MARY LOU STEINKAMP**, Southern Pines

### FYI:

Sherol Grigerick has a newly published book, **From Earth to Heaven**. It's an inspirational story based on her father's journals, assembled and edited by Sherol. Her father, Leroy Franklin Emery, was a Baptist minister and an English teacher. The book is available on Amazon, or you can see Sherol if you would like a copy.

### FYI:

More copies of Bishop Bane's book, **God, Life, You and Me**, will be available in February when they are retrieved from the storage unit. They will be on the round table in the narthex at that time. Bishop Bane will be happy to sign your copy.

### GODSPEED TO VALERIE AND KIM

Valerie and Kim Doolittle were given a loving send-off at the Sunday Brunch on December 11 at the Pine Crest Inn. Val and Kim, dedicated members of St. MM for a number of years, recently moved to the Charlotte area to be closer to their family. We wish them health, happiness and God's blessings as they begin a new chapter in their lives.



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### God's Peaceable Kingdom

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
The leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
The calf and lion ....together,  
And a little child shall lead them.

**Isaiah 11:6**

## A time to celebrate



John and Linda Sapp entertain the Vestry at their home in Pinewild

## THANK YOU

to all who stayed to decorate the church on Sunday, December 18, and those who took time to take it all down and store it.

to Linda Lindner for making sure the “Angel Tree” items were delivered and the adopted families received their Christmas gifts.

to Linda and John Sapp for honoring the Vestry with a Christmas party.

to Vicki for planning a beautiful Christmas music program.

to the altar guild workers who faithfully prepare the altar for worship.

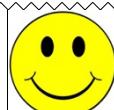
to the sweet souls who continue to bring goodies for coffee hour.

to faithful workers, the saints, who always show up when there is work to be done.

SOMETHING TO PONDER,  
PER ELEANOR ROOSEVELT:

Approach each person as a possible adventure.

- 1. Where have they been?
- 2. What are they thinking?
- 3. What are their desires?
- 4. What do you have in common?
- 5. What do they look forward to?
- 6. What can you share?
- 7. How can you help one another?



## A LITTLE NEW YEAR HUMOR

Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to. **Bill Vaughn**

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. **copied**

## Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Bob Rinaldi

Junior Warden – Sherol Grigerick

John Sapp, Linda Lindner, Steve Loomis and Jim Douglass

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick

Treasurer- David Poisson

## Happy New Year

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