

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

June 2023 Newsletter

GOLF TOURNAMENT EARNS \$3700 FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you to all the golf volunteers, raffle providers and church families who donated time and resources to make another successful event for our *Outreach* programs. We added north of \$3700 to the *Outreach* ministries all of which will go to aid military families.

It was a beautiful day, and a time for fun and fellowship. Thank you

Bob Rinaldi



Photo by Fr. Stephen

Kim Doolittle and Laura Douglass join the fun.



Photo by Fr. Stephen

Vietnam Veterans participate in the annual golf fundraiser.

**There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own. Edwin Markam**

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 13 & 27 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer Service – (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.

June 21- Vestry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – All Are Welcome!

June 27th– Articles for July Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick



June Birthdays

Dodie Lynn	4
Jessie MacKay	10
Henry Fisher	13
John Sapp	18
Crystal Fravel	20
Bette Hanham	27



No June Anniversaries

OUTREACH



Photo by Bill Lindner

With leadership from Linda and Bill Lindner we are now enjoying the presence of Seven Lakes Assisted Living residents at our morning Holy Eucharist Service. Pictured above: Five residents, their caregiver, and Sherol Grigerick and Linda Lindner.



Alice and Bishop Bane offer hospitality in their new home in Seven Lakes West



Photo by Fr. Stephen

On Sunday, May 21, The Banes welcomed the congregation to their new home for a celebration including a “House Blessing” and brunch. Twenty-five members attended.

We rejoice with the Banes over their beautiful new home and sincerely thank them for including us in the celebration.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS



STEVE AND PEGGY LOOMIS ARE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF GRANDDAUGHTER, SCARLETT ISABELLA, BORN MAY 13. KENSLEY, A PROUD BIG SISTER LOVINGLY HOLDS BABY SCARLETT.

Congratulations – Peace and Blessings



IN MEMORIAM



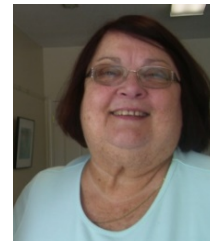
Our dear friend, Dona Webster Rouse, passed away December 22, 2022, at her residence at Shenango Senior Care in New Wilmington, PA. She was 95.

She, along with her husband Dale, were founding members of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. She was an active member for many years. Old timers will remember her signature rum cakes that she made for friends, our fall bazaar and social events. Some will remember her beloved cat named Mary-Mag.

A graveside service was held Saturday, May 6th, at the columbarium at the Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes, with Fr. Stephen Becker officiating.



IN MEMORIAM



We sadly report the passing of Phyllis Marion, a former member of St. MM who died Sunday, May 21, at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst.

As a Vestry member Phyllis was in charge of pastoral care and the weekly prayer list. She was a loving, faithful member of our congregation.

No service is planned at this time. Condolences can be sent to Jean-Charles Marion, 401 Laurendale Ct.



Reflections on the Holy Spirit

In the Church Calendar Year, June brings us into the Sundays after Pentecost. The liturgical color is changed to green, representing spiritual growth and the fruits of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, it was a promised gift given *“unto you and your children, and for all who are far off—to all whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*¹ This promise of the Holy Spirit includes us, and His words speak of God’s unfailing love that crosses every barrier on our behalf. The prophet Zephaniah proclaimed,

*“The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”*²

Through the Gift of the Holy Spirit, such great and precious promises are made real to us with the result that our hearts overflow with love, joy, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit. So let us surrender our hearts and lives to Him as we affirm that God’s word to us is true, *“for he has put his seal on us and given the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of everything he has promised.”*³

Sherol Grigerick continues to plan and teach the Sunday School Class when we are blessed with the presence of children. Often she needs help and assistance. Please consider helping in this worthy, rewarding contribution to our church life.

Psalm 127:3. Behold, children are a gift of the Lord.

Psalm 25: 4-5 Make me know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your Paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.



Linda Sapp featured in *Our State Magazine*

We congratulate Linda and celebrate with her the beautiful coverage of her garden in the May issue of *Our State Magazine*. With hard work and attention to nature, Linda has created a haven for Monarch Butterflies, one of God’s beautiful, ethereal creations. Good job, Linda. Thank you.

All nature sings, and round me rings the beauty of the spheres.



¹ Acts 2:39

² Zephaniah 3:17

³ 2 Corinthians 1:22 (New Living Translation)

WORDS OF WISDOM

St. Francis of Assisi said: Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Life always offers you a second change. It's called tomorrow.



GEMS FROM THE INTERNET

When a woman says "What!?" it's not because she didn't hear you. She's giving you a chance to change what you said.

With great power comes a great electricity bill.



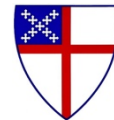
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