

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

July 2023 Newsletter

Seven Lakes Honors Julia Poisson

Sherol Grigerick



Julia Poisson was recently recognized by the Seven Lakes Landowners' Association as its Citizen of the Year. This award is presented to one who has shown outstanding service to the community.

Always a willing worker, Julia faithfully sets up and manages the small library in the Seven Lakes office building. She also leads a water aerobics class at the community pool, and assists at stable events.

Of course, we at St. Mary Magdalene are aware of the many volunteer tasks she does for our church as well. She is a multi-talented, tireless worker.

Congratulations, Julia, for a well-deserved award!
You make us proud.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE PUT ON HOLD

Skip Ragland

The construction work on Route 211 and the widening of Seven Lakes Drive will soon be put on hold to accommodate the 2024 US Open Golf Tournament scheduled for June 2024 in Pinehurst.

Clearing and preparation have been underway for a number of months. Focus will now be on making the route leading into Pinehurst functional and attractive to accommodate tournament traffic.

The delay in widening Seven Lakes Drive means the frontage of our building will not be disturbed until after the US Open, though we could expect some utility work during that time. The delay will provide extra planning time for what's next for St. MM Church.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4 – Independence Day

July 11 & 25 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.

July 23 and 30 – Bishop Bane - Preacher and Celebrant

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



July Birthdays

Alice Bane	3
David Poisson	11
Laura Douglass	23
Laura Mayer	24
Jared Fravel	27



July Anniversaries

Linda and John Sapp.	3
Steve and Peggy Loomis	6
Dodie and Jack Lynn	8

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BETTE



Bette Hanham, one of the founders of St. MM Church, celebrated her 90th birthday June 27. We were happy to celebrate with her. Thank you, Bette, for the work you did and do for us and your unwavering faithfulness to St. Mary Magdalene Church.

IN MEMORIAM



Mary Ann Matthewson passed away June 6, 2023. Mary Ann was a life-time member of Rocky Fork Christian Church in Sanford. In later years she regularly attended St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church along with her husband Ed.

We lovingly remember Mary Ann as a beautiful, kind, vivacious member of our church, always smiling, always engaged with the parishioners.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Seven Lakes Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Edwin: 6680 Beulah Hill Church Rd, West End, NC 27376 or <http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com>



Friends gathered for Mary Ann's Memorial Service



Ed and Fr. Stephen



Linda, Jackie, Ed, Phyllis & Bob

PHOTOS



The Becker Family on vacation at Pigeon Forge



Mary Lou Steinkamp and Bette

Reflections from the Vicar

For most people, Summer is a time for vacations. It is a time to relax and take in the beauty of God's creation. In a prayer for travelers, our prayer book guides us to address our "Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go."ⁱ God's purpose in showing us a glimpse of his glory is to remind us who we are as his children and strengthen us for our purpose in life. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, writes, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."ⁱⁱ

The word for “workmanship” in Greek is *poiéma*,ⁱⁱⁱ from which we get our English words “poem” and “poetry.” Poetry is art, and art expresses what is most valuable to its creator.

Therefore, as you take a break from your usual routines this Summer, let us be careful not to take a break from what God has in store for you. He not only wants to inspire you with the beauty of his creation but also with a renewed vision of your calling to reflect his glory to others.



¹ BCP, p. 831

ⁱⁱ Ephesians 2:10

ⁱⁱⁱ Strong's Concordance #4161



WORDS OF WISDOM

Life is short.
There is little time
To gladden the hearts
Of those who go the journey with us.
So, be quick to love,
And make haste to be kind.

“Isn’t it funny how day by day
Nothing changes
But when you look back
Everything is different....”

C. S. Lewis

A sense of blessedness comes from a change of heart, not from more blessings.



“Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Bob Rinaldi

Junior Warden – Sherol Grigerick

Linda Lindner, John Sapp, Steve Loomis and Jim Douglass

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick

Treasurer- David Poisson



America, the Beautiful

**O, beautiful, for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain**

**America, America,
God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good
With brotherhood –
From sea to shining sea.**

PRAY FOR OUR NATION.



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