

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

August 2023 Newsletter

BULLDOZERS ARE ON THE MOVE



The roadside garden is gone.



“TIMES,... THEY ARE A CHANGIN’”
Photos by Skip Ragland



GOLF TOURNAMENT FINAL REPORT

The golf tournament held in May made a net profit of over \$3,600. That amount will be thoughtfully dispersed to the local military organizations and other non-profit groups. Considering the sacrifices made by our military on our behalf, this is a noble mission with a loving purpose.

This annual event requires a great deal of work, but at the same time it provides fellowship and a good outing for our golfers. It is a win/win effort. Thanks, thanks and thanks to those who continue to make this event happen.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 8 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer 11:00 a.m. (No meeting on August 22)
August 20 – Bishop Bane, Celebrant and Preacher
August 27 – Bishop Bane, Celebrant and Preacher
Sept. 3 – Bishop Bane, Celebrant and Preacher
August 27th – Articles for September Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick

Fr. Stephen will be away from August 14th until September 8th. Bishop Bane will be the Celebrant and Preacher on August 20, 27, and September 3rd. He will also cover pastoral care while Fr. Stephen is away.

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August Birthdays

Linda Rinaldi	5
Lilith Fravel	11
Julia Poisson	13
Ed Matthewson	14
Maureen Miller	16
Kaelynn Phillips	19
Bob Miller	21
Christa Burgess	28



August Anniversaries

Donna and Ray McClung	3
Phyllis and Pete Olson	16
Martha and Skip Ragland	26

CELEBRATING WITH THE LYNNS



DODIE AND JACK LYNN ON THEIR WEDDING DAY, JULY 13, 1946, ages 20 and 21

Dodie and Jack Lynn celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary in July. Dodie grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Jack moved there as a teenager and they soon became sweethearts. After a four-year courtship they married in Hershey in 1946, after which they moved to New Haven, CT, where Jack continued his studies at Yale ending with a PhD in Chemistry.

His first job was in Charleston, West Virginia, with Union Carbide where they remained for eighteen and one-half years. They raised their three children in Charleston, and Dodie said it was a beautiful time. They loved West Virginia. Later they moved to New Jersey then on to NYC, and back to New Jersey.

In 1985 Jack retired and they moved to Seven Lakes. Dodie joined St. MM and became a dear and faithful member, bringing joy with her kind, generous ways and her beautiful smile, taking turns on the altar guild, ushering, providing coffee hour treats, always ready serve.

Twelve years ago Dodie and Jack moved to Penick Village where they now reside. We congratulate them on their seventy-seven-year marriage, a notable achievement. Love and Blessings, Jack and Dodie, from your congregation.

END OF SUMMER OUTING:

A social gathering/covered dish supper is planned for Friday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m. Sequoia Point in Seven Lakes North will be reserved for this event. Johnson Point in Seven Lakes West is a possible alternative site. More details will be forthcoming. Mark your calendar.



COFFEE HOUR IN NEED OF SUPPORT

Most of us look forward to the Sunday morning coffee hour including a sweet treat and fellowship with our friends. It doesn't just happen; someone makes it happen, ... too often the same volunteers over and over.

Would you consider taking a turn? Store-bought treats are just fine. We love Famous Amos and Keebler cookies! Fellowship is the thing.

We also need a monthly volunteer to come a few minutes early on Sunday morning to make the coffee to be ready following the service. If we take turns, all will be blessed. Please consider providing this service for a month. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway by the office.

HELP NEEDED:

Tim Burgess is still seeking someone to take over preparation of the weekly bulletins. The templates are safely stored and available on a flash drive, and Tim will provide training in the beginning. Please see Tim if you are willing to help.



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR:

COMING HOME

In nature, there is a phenomenon known as migration and spawning. Usually, this is the tendency of various species of fish, fowl, insects, and mammals to return to the place of their origin. The miles they cover are a wonder. There is something stamped into their nature to remember and return to the place where they were born.

The Psalmist may have noted this when inspired to write, “Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”ⁱ In Israel’s history, God’s people knew what it was to be captured, moved far away, and long for home. Home, for them, was not just a place of origin, but it was where God dwelt. The Prodigal Son, for example, longed for “his father’s house,” where he would once again enjoy his father’s embrace. In his house, he found music, dancing, and a great feast.

Some of us may enjoy the respite of a seaside or mountain resort while on vacation this summer, but let’s remember that our real home is in God, and one day we will enjoy him forever. “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! The Tabernacle of God is now among mortals, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’”ⁱⁱ

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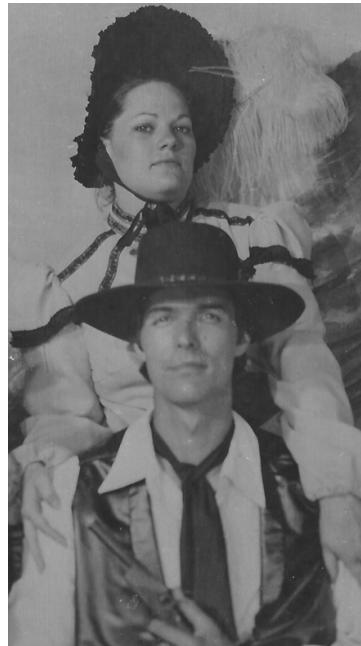
*Stephen*

<sup>i</sup> Psalm 90:1

<sup>ii</sup> Revelation 21:3



**Just for fun!!! Take a look at Fr. Stephen and Ellen 40 years ago. We need more information!! There's a story here.**



If you have a vintage photo you would enjoy sharing, we would enjoy seeing it,...maybe your wedding picture, a childhood favorite, you in your cheerleading uniform, ...something that would make your friends smile. Send it to Phyllis. [phyllisandpete@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisandpete@gmail.com)

### Words of Wisdom:



*There is no greater treasure than a good friend!*

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

**RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

“In return for these spectacular gifts of the Earth, say to yourself ... ‘What is my accountability in return for everything I’ve been given.’” **Robin Wall Kimmerer**

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Someone asked an old man: "Even after seventy years, you still call your wife Darling, Honey, or Love. What's the secret?"
Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask."



"Do this in remembrance of me."



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Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Come before His presence with singing.

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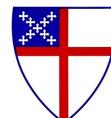
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The days grow hot in long July,
And dusty August gets so dry,
We long for fair September.