

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## November 2023 Newsletter



### Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated November 12, with a potluck brunch following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are on the round table near the front door.

Stewardship letters have been prepared, and parishioners may pick them up with their pledge cards found on the round table in the narthex. Those that are not picked up will be mailed to residences. Signed pledge cards may be mailed to St. MM, placed in the offering plate, or placed in the large envelope marked PLEDGES. (on the round table)

Treasurer David Poison will use the pledge cards as a guide in developing a budget, and only he will have access to them.

*2 Corinthians 9:7 As every man wisheth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. KJV*

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“[Stewardship is] our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to 'work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God' (BCP, p. 856).”

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Nov. 5 – All Saints Sunday*

*Nov. 5 – Sunday Brunch, Pine Crest Inn*

*Nov. 5 – All Saints Day Evensong Service, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*Nov. 12 – Stewardship Sunday – Potluck brunch following the service*

*Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m. (Second and fourth Tuesday of each month)*

*Nov. 19, 4:00 p.m. - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Temple Beth Shalom at 131 Jackson Springs Road, Jackson Springs (See article, p. 4)*

*Nov. 18 – Merry Market 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

***Date of November Vestry Meeting will be announced via E-note All Are Welcome!***

***Nov. 27 – Articles for December Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick***

**All Saints Sunday** will be celebrated at St.MM on November 5. Brunch at Pine Crest Inn will follow the worship service. The sign-up sheet is on the round table in the narthex.

On Sunday evening, November 5, **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** in Southern Pines is hosting an All Saints Day Choral Evensong from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The service will honor loved ones who have passed. A sherry reception will follow in the parish hall foyer.



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## November Birthdays

Julie Wahl - 7  
 Lloyd Brewer - 11  
 Tessa Fravel - 15  
 Lucy Dunn Martin - 22  
 Holden Brown - 30



## November Anniversaries

Andrea and Dale Schmidt - 4  
 Jean and Bob Brown - 9



## MERRY MARKET

We are just days away from our fall bazaar, called **Merry Market**. November 18 is the day! Crafters continue to work on items. More workers and items are needed.

The bake sale is always a popular money maker. If you are not a crafter, baking would be a good way to contribute to this fund-raising effort. (If anyone needs freezer space, contact Julia Poisson 673-0425.)

We need volunteers to stack chairs, and set up tables on Thursday, November 16. Sign-up sheets for the bake sale and volunteer times will be on the round table in the narthex.

This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping. If you are unable to contribute items, or volunteer to work, please be a shopper. All are needed. I hope to see everyone there shopping on **Merry Market Day, November 18**.

*Julia Poisson*

## Fall gathering at Lake Sequoia, September 29



Lloyd Brewer's snake cake was the hit of the party at the September gathering at Lake Sequoia.



Bill & Linda Lindner



## Family Sponsorship Planned for Christmas Outreach Project

Linda and Bill Lindner, Sherol Grigerick, and Julia Poisson are making plans to provide assistance to three local families at Christmas time.

The angel tree will be set up at the church after the Merry Market, November 18, and volunteers can sign-up at that time to provide gifts.

Linda is also contacting Seven Lakes Assisted Living to see what they need for Christmas this year.



## We mourn the passing of our dear friend, Dodie

Dodie Lynn, a long-time, faithful member of St. MM, passed away October 18, 2023. She was 97. Dodie (Doris) and husband Jack moved from Seven Lakes to Penick Village twelve years ago, but she continued her membership with us. She was always joyful, always smiling and always tuned in to the needs of our church, serving many years on the altar guild and as chalcist.

Dodie was beloved by our congregation and we thank God for the joy she brought us. We extend our sincere sympathy to Jack and all of the family. Dodie's memorial service will be Saturday November 4, 3:00 p.m. at Penick Village Grand Hall. A reception will follow.

## FYI:

### ALL SAINTS DAY

The feast, kept in the western Church on November 1<sup>st</sup>, which celebrates all Christian saints, known and unknown

### ALL SOULS DAY

The commemoration of the souls of the faithful departed, November 2nd each year, the day following All Saints Day.



### A Message from the Vicar

#### The Importance of Giving Thanks

At the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, the celebrant begins with a dialogue that calls us to "Lift up our hearts."<sup>i</sup> The series of phrases used is generally called by its Latin name *sercum corda* (*literally meaning "elevate the heart"*). It is an invitation to the people of God to raise their minds to "things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."<sup>ii</sup> This opening dialog between the presider and congregation is found in liturgical prayers from the Church's earliest centuries. Therefore, as we lift up our hearts, with all that is on our hearts (which includes our burdens and cares), we are to remember with thanksgiving all that our Lord has done for us. Then, with liturgical repetition, the celebrant imparts further reasons to do so. For "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."

The importance of beginning your prayers and praises with thanksgiving runs throughout the Psalter. Psalm 92 begins, "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High."<sup>iii</sup> Psalm 100 encourages us to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name."<sup>iv</sup>

Let us give thanks, not just in this season of the year when the holiday calendar reminds us to do so, but "always and everywhere."

<sup>i</sup>BCP p. 361

<sup>ii</sup>Colossians 3:1-3

<sup>iii</sup>Psalm 92:1

<sup>iv</sup>Psalm 100:4

## **SPECIAL SERVICE PLANNED - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, November 19, 4:00 pm., at Temple Beth Shalom at 131 Jackson Springs Road, in Jackson Springs. This service unites the different religious churches and organizations in the Sandhills area as we gather to give thanks for our blessings. It is an uplifting and inspiring service. All are welcome. We need a person to volunteer to be our ST. MM representative in attendance. Contact Fr. Stephen.



Just because you are struggling doesn't mean you are failing. **Copied**

### **A bit of trivia:**

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

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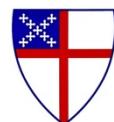
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Bill Lindner, John Sapp, Steve Loomis and  
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Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick

Treasurer- David Poisson