

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

February 2024 Newsletter

Vestry Committee Assignments 2024

Building and Grounds-- Steve Loomis
Offering Counters/Stewardship - Lloyd Brewer (Steve Loomis, and Pete Olson (non-Vestry) assist.)
Fellowship/Kitchen - Julia
Outreach - Bill Lindner (Sherol Grigerick, and Linda Lindner (non-Vestry) assist.)
Pastoral Care—Sherol Grigerick
Fundraisers/Golf Tournament - Jim Douglass and Steve Loomis (Bob Rinaldi (non-Vestry) assists.)
Web Master/ Tech Support - Jim Douglass
Advertising-Pilot/Golf - Jim Douglass
Newsletter - Phyllis Olson (non Vestry), and Sherol Grigerick
Correspondence- welcome notes, and acknowledgements—Lloyd Brewer
Bob Rinaldi (non-Vestry) will continue to send the Weekly E-Note.

We thank each Vestry Member for taking on this service to ST. MM. We also thank the other volunteers and faithful workers who offer their time and skills. Thank you.



*During the Season of Lent, the floral arrangements which normally adorn our chancel area each Sunday will be replaced with plain foliage.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 4 and 11 - Bishop Bane, Preacher and Celebrant
February 13 and 27 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.
Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Service, 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 17 – Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 18 – First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 18 - Sunday Brunch at Pine Crest Inn
Feb. 22 - Vestry Meeting at 4:00 p.m. *All are Welcome*
Feb. 22 - First Lenten Supper followed by Zoom Discussion led by Bishop Sam Rodman - 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 29 – Second Lenten Supper followed by Zoom Discussion led by Rev. Dr. Sherry Adams - 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 27th– Articles for the March Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.

LOOKING AHEAD

Four Lenten suppers planned:

Lenten Suppers (soup and bread) will be served **Feb. 22 and 29, and March 7 and 14.** Each supper, served at **5:30 p.m.**, will be followed by a devotional program. The programs will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 22, Bishop Rodman will lead via Zoom.

Feb. 29, Rev. Dr. Sherry Adams will lead via Zoom.

March 7, Rev. Sarah Morris will lead via Zoom.

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March 14, Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will lead via Zoom.
March 14- Vestry Meeting at 4:00 pm; Fourth Lenten Supper and program- 5:30-7:00 pm.
March 28- Maundy Thursday Service- 5:00 p.m.
March 29- Good Friday Service at noon

March 31- Easter Service at 9:30 a.m.

April 18- Vestry Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
May 4 - Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - Golf Tournament at Seven Lakes Golf Club



February Birthdays

Vicki Derka 19
Mary Lou Steinkamp 23
Jackie Wells 25



February Anniversaries

Sherol and Jim Grigerick 19
Alice and Bishop Bane 6



FROM THE VICAR:

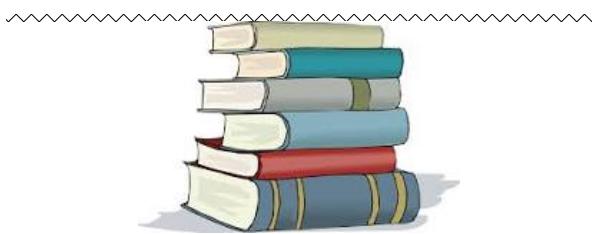
February will bring us into the Church season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14. The Lenten exhortation for Ash Wednesday invites us to "the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's holy Word."ⁱ At

first glance, this comprehensive list of spiritual disciplines looks mighty daunting. Fortunately, God's great and precious promises show us how our effort and God's power can work together, making these tasks a joy instead of a burden. Jesus described this harmony in his call, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."ⁱⁱ Eugene Peterson, in the Message Bible, translated these actions as "the unforced rhythms of grace." These are the gifts God longs to graciously impart as we walk with him during this season of the Church year.

ⁱ BCP, Ash Wednesday exhortation, p. 265.

ⁱⁱ Matthew 11:28-30

Stephen



A Treasure Close at Hand

St. MM is blessed with a well-endowed church library housed in the Narthex. Over time, generous parishioners have donated books as they purged or downsized their own libraries. You will find Scripture reference books, devotional guides, church history, faith-based non-fiction and more. Borrowing these books is hassle-free. Take them, enjoy them, and return them when you

are finished. Peruse the shelves and you might find a book that will enlighten, entertain, and perhaps lift you spirits.

Linda Rinaldi maintains the library and we thank her for donating her time to this project.

FYI:

Fr. Stephen will be away February 4 and 11. Bishop Bane will lead the services on those dates

Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.

Carl Sandburg



Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves, for we shall never cease to be amused.

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Vestry Members

Senior Warden – Julia Poisson
Junior Warden – Sherol Grigerick
Bill Lindner, Steve Loomis, Lloyd Brewer and Jim Douglass

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick
Treasurer- David Poisson
Webmaster – Jim Douglass

Look for an updated church directory delivered via email soon. If you need info changed, contact Phyllis Olson ASAP. Thank you.

Lent begins February 14.



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