

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## April 2024 Newsletter



### St. MM Charity Golf Tournament Planned for May

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, St.MM's will host its annual golf tournament at Seven Lakes Golf Club, beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., and featuring men's flight, women's flight, and mixed flight. The goal is to assemble twenty teams. Bob Rinaldi, Steven Loomis, and Jim Douglass will serve as co-chairs.

The \$75 per person fee will which include green fees, golf cart and lunch. There will be prizes, plus raffle opportunities.

Volunteers are needed to prepare raffle baskets and solicit sponsorships by local businesses. Please let the co-chairs know what you are willing to contribute.

Net proceeds will go to local charities and veteran organizations. Watch for more details in an email.

### OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee, chaired by Bill Lindner, assisted by Linda Lindner and Sherol Grigerick, has assembled Easter gifts for the residents of Seven Lakes Assisted Living and will deliver them for their Easter celebration. Parishioners have filled around 200 eggs with candy, signed Easter cards, and donated colorful decorations. Many thanks to St.MM members who have lovingly contributed and supported this important outreach.

### APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*April 9 and 23 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer ( 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.*

*April 20 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.*

*April 22 - Golf Committee Meeting: 5:00 p.m.*

*April 28 - Fr. Stephen away. Bishop Bane, Preacher/Celebrant*

*No Vestry Meeting in April*

*April 27 - Articles for the May Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.*

### LOOKING AHEAD

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. **All are welcome!**



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jim Douglass 1  
Skip Ragland 1  
Ellen Becker 5  
Jim Grigerick. 7  
Lia Fravel. 13  
Charlotte Kennedy. 18  
Bill Yarish. 19



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

7- Joan and Paul Fruiesen  
29- Jackie and Bill Wells



### The Vicar's Reflections on Easter

April brings us into the Easter season of the Church calendar year. Easter features the most positive of all Christian messages: "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."<sup>i</sup> The resurrection is the miraculous proof that Christ has atoned for sin<sup>ii</sup> and "brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."<sup>iii</sup> Paul's letter to the Romans describes the heights and depths of this glorious truth: "For just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."<sup>iv</sup> This life is given to us because "God, who is rich in mercy," and "despite our offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavenly realm in Christ Jesus."<sup>v</sup> Our identity with the risen Christ gives us a heavenly perspective on the trials and sufferings of life with a hope that strengthens us to persevere, even when the gates of Hell come against us. I love how Charles Wesley expressed it in one of our Church hymns: "Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won."<sup>vi</sup> "Hallelujah, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed." *Amen.*

<sup>i</sup> Acts 2:32

<sup>ii</sup> Romans 4:25

<sup>iii</sup> 2 Timothy 1:10

<sup>iv</sup> Romans 6:4

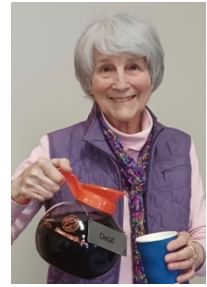
<sup>v</sup> Ephesians 2:4-6

<sup>vi</sup> Church Hymnal #188

### LENTEN SUPPER FELLOWSHIP



SOUP



DECAFE



MORE SOUP



*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!"*

*1 John 4:12*



### NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS

Suzanne and Ed Clarke, former St. MM Parishioners, now live in Ocala, Florida, and send word they have purchased a unit in a retirement village, "On Top of the World." They send greetings to St. MM.



"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like, 'What about lunch?'" — "Winnie-The-Pooh" by A.A. Milne

"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate." **copied**

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## PHYLLIS HAS PUBLISHED A BOOK

Copies of *The Faded Blue House* are available. Contact Phyllis if you would like to purchase one. [phyllisandpete@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisandpete@gmail.com)  
They are also available on Amazon.com.  
Phyllis B. Olson

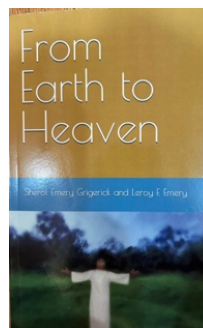
*Note from Phyllis: Your response to my book about the Great Depression has been heartwarming. Thank you so much.*



SHEROL'S BOOK, *FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN* is available on Amazon.com., and she also has copies.

Sherol's father, a Baptist Minister and English teacher, left his journals to her and asked her to select and edit entries to publish. It took Sherol a number of years to complete the task, and *From Earth to Heaven* is the fruit of that labor.

There are copies on the table in the fellowship room, or contact her and she will provide you a copy. [grigseg@aol.com](mailto:grigseg@aol.com)



Have you visited our website lately? Check it out. There's information there. Thank you, Jim Douglass for maintaining this website for us.



Jesus Christ is risen today...  
Alleluia!

### **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

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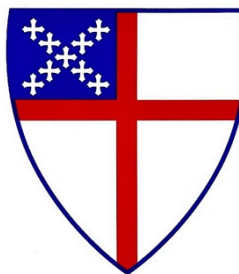
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**Bishop in Residence**

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