

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## May 2024 Newsletter



*The Altar adorned for Easter Sunday*  
We thank the Altar Guild for faithfully adorning and maintaining the altar for services. This is an ongoing task that requires attention to details. If you would like to volunteer for this gift to our church, please talk to Julia.



### GOLF FUND-RAISER IS AT HAND

It's time for all-hands-on-deck to prepare for the May 25<sup>th</sup> golf tournament. Our chairs, Bob Rinaldi, Steve Loomis and Jim Douglass, need you to be available to help. Teams should register by May 1. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, prizes, and raffles.

Sponsors are needed to prepare baskets of your choice for raffle items. We also need sponsors to pay a \$100 cost for various raffle items. Make checks to SMM golf.

The quilt pictured below has been donated as a raffle prize. See a tournament chairperson for raffle tickets. Your support means money for Outreach.



### MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*May 7 and 21 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer ( 1st and 3rd Tuesday this month) 11:00 a.m.*

*May 16 -- Vestry Meeting, 5:00 p.m. **All are Welcome***

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

Bishop Bane will be Preacher/ Celebrant on the following Sundays while Fr. Stephen is away:  
April 28  
June 9  
July 7



### May Birthdays

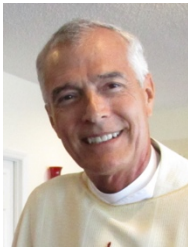
- 10 - Brenda Yarish
- 18 - Peggy Loomis
- 30 - Donna McClung



### May Anniversaries

- 21 – Julia and David Poisson
- 30 – Jared and Crystal Fravel

*A Cheerful heart is a good medicine.*  
**Proverbs 17:22**



### ***FROM OUR VICAR***

I like to think of my time preparing sermons as my personal expression of worship to God. I admit that sometimes my efforts do not have significant results, and my first drafts are often embarrassing. Yet, I continue in my efforts to worship God through what I do.

The Apostle Paul admonished pastors, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”<sup>i</sup>

There is a principle here for all of us. The little acts of worship that we offer to God are never wasted, for if the poor widow, who put into the temple treasury only a coin “worth only a few cents,” which our Lord declared was “greater than all the rest,”<sup>ii</sup> then certainly, every act of service can be an acceptable expression of worship and loving obedience. Like the widow, we honor God with intentional, generous, and sacrificial gifts, which are most often so small as to go unnoticed. Yet, when given from a thankful heart for all he has given to us, it is always more than enough to please Him, whom we worship and adore.

<sup>i</sup> 2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>ii</sup> Mark 12:41-44

*Stephen*

### **ST. MM MOURNS THE LOSS OF A DEAR PARISHIONER**



Our friend, Ray McClung, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2024, after a long illness. We grieve our loss, and give thanks for the kindness, joy of life, and the generous spirit he displayed to all of us through the years. And we offer love and condolences to Donna, his wife, and faithful caregiver during the last few years.

A memorial service is scheduled at St. Mary Magdalene for Saturday, May 11, 2024. Details are forthcoming.

A Prayer: O, God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant, Ray, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen

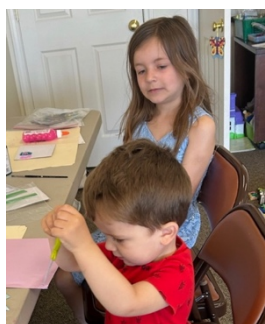
“God stands in the shadows,  
Keeping watch over His own.”

**James Russell Lowell**



### ***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ST. MM FAMILY MEMBERS.***

Twice a month Sherol Grigerick leads a prayer/healing service to lift up those in our church family who are ill or suffering difficult life circumstances. If you wish to add someone to the list, contact Sherol, and specific prayers will be lifted at the prayer gathering.



*Photo by Sherol*

Kade and Kaelynn, busy in Sunday School



Jim and Laura Douglass enjoy the grandeur of Scotland



*Photo by Karrie Sousa*

Elana and Evan,

Jim and Sherol's grandchildren, share their voices in praise on Easter Sunday Morning



Whatever you do, always give 100%, unless you are donating blood. **Bill Murray**



Well done is better than well said.

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Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. **Copied**



*Photo by Lolly Nazario*

*Phyllis signs a book for Fr. Fred at a Penick Village event.*

Bishop Bane's, Sherol's, and Phyllis' books are available. Check the table in the fellowship room.

### **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



### ***CHECK IT OUT***

Please take time to view our website  
faithfully maintained by Jim Douglass.  
Thank you, Jim, for providing this service to  
St. MM.

**Website:** <http://WWW.STMMSEVENLAKES.ORG>

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