

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

June 2024 Newsletter



TOURNAMENT EARNS MONEY FOR OUTREACH



Lloyd, Julia and Brenda assemble gift bags for tournament players

The SMM Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, May 25th and was a very successful & enjoyable event. Twenty-two teams (87 players) participated and for the first time, five teams from Emmanuel Episcopal in Southern Pines joined us.

There were awards for three flight winners, men's teams, women's and mixed teams. Awards were also given for closest to the pins on all Par 3's.

All the success is due to the generosity of church members with their time and the sponsorship and raffle items, also provided by church members.

Thanks to all who made this our best ever total, reaching over \$3000.00, all of which goes to our outreach efforts.

Peace & Blessings,
SMM Golf Committee, 2024

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 – Preacher/Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Bane

June 11 and 25 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.

*No June Vestry Meeting. The next Vestry Meeting, July 18 **All are Welcome***

June 23 – Pulpit exchange with Emmanuel Episcopal Church – More info below

*June 27th– **Articles for the July Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick***

LOOKING AHEAD

On Sunday, June 23, Fr. Stephen will exchange the pulpit with Fr. Morris Thompson of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We will meet Fr. Morris' wife, Emily, and their two children, Mack and Liza at that time. Please make plans to be present to welcome our guests.

Fr. Stephen will be on vacation June 9, and July 7. Bishop Bane will lead the service.



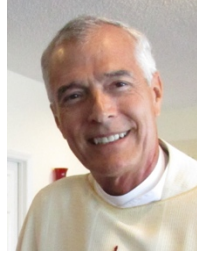
June Birthdays

Jessie MacKay 10
Henry Fisher 13
John Sapp 18
Crystal Fravel 20
Bette Hanham 27



June Anniversaries

No anniversaries in June



Reflections from the Vicar

One of my favorite prayers that I have memorized is called “A Prayer of Self-Dedication.” It was written by William Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury, during the early part of WWII. You will find it on page 832 in our Prayer Book. It reads, “Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, and so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you, and then use us, we pray, as you desire and always to your glory and welfare of your people.”

That prayer was written during some of the darkest days in English history, when Churchill inspired the people with words like, “If you’re going through hell, keep going.” The endurance Churchill stirred required hope and an imagination that could see better days ahead. As Christians, we have a God who has promised to be our Shepherd, who will guide us through dark valleys and empower us to fear no evil.¹

If you are anything like me, using my imagination is not easy. I tend to be a realist, but after taking time with my grandchildren and reading stories with them, I have been inspired to let my imagination grow. Now, I can see why Jesus used parables to shape the imagination in ways that allow people to see with new eyes ways they might take hold of God’s kingdom.

Stephen

¹ Psalm 23:1, 4

**To: Saint MM Episcopal Church
Family
From: Donna McClung**

I would like to thank each of you for your love and support over the past 15+ years, but most recently for your caring and love for Raymond.

Thank you, Rev. Stephen Becker for your help with Ray’s funeral and the beautiful service.

Thank you, Rev. David Bane for your calls and visit.

Thank you, Skip Ragland for the Readings.

Thank you, Phyllis Olson for the beautiful music at Ray’s funeral service.

Thank you, to all who ushered during the service.

Thank you, to each person who helped with the arrangements and desserts.

Thank you, to all the members that attended.

Thank you, Bob Rinaldi for being with our family and praying with us at Ray’s passing.

I don’t know how we would have made it through the recent difficult time without our Saint Mary Magdalene Family. God Bless each of you.

With Love,

The Family of Raymond McClung





Tournament workers, David Poisson, Linda Rinaldi and Skip Ragland



Ellen Becker, winner of the tournament raffle quilt
Congratulations!!!



"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!"
1 John 4:12



"Insomnia sharpens your math skills because you spend all night calculating how much sleep you'll get if you're able to 'fall asleep right now.'"
—Anonymous

A kicking mule does not pull. A pulling mule does not kick. **Copied**

"A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face." **Maya Angelou**

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Tuesday Prayer Group celebrates Crystal Emery's 80th Birthday
Clockwise: Crystal, Maureen, Shirley, Bette, Phyllis, Andrea, Lloyd, Sherol & Brenda

Vestry Members

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

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick
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