

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

August 2024 Newsletter



LAURA DOUGLASS BEGINS NEW COMMITMENT AS CHALICIST

Laura, always a faithful member at St. MM, has stepped forward to fill a need as chalicist/acolyte beginning July 14. We thank you, Laura, for your commitment and your willingness to serve.

Our church always welcomes volunteers willing to give their time and talents to fulfill the church's needs and demands. See Bob Rinaldi if you are willing to serve in this way.

“God has no hands but our hands.”

Helping Hands Needed

To keep our church running smoothly we always need helping hands to share the work. Listed are some ways you can join in:

- Donate flowers for the altar
- Set up or bring treats for Coffee Hour
- Serve as a Greeter/Usher
- Donate your time as a Eucharistic Minister
- Serve on the Vestry
- Help prepare the altar with the Altar Guild
- Volunteer at Emmanuel Thrift Shop
- Participate in Special Events
- Volunteer to teach a Sunday School lesson

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 13 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer 11:00 a.m. (no meeting August 27)

No Vestry Meeting in August. Next Vestry meeting Sept. 20. All are Welcome

August 18 - Fr. Morris Thompson, Preacher/Celebrant

August 27th- Articles for the September Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick

LOOKING AHEAD

Pulpit exchange with Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday August 18

A Fall Fellowship Dinner will be held Friday, September 20, 5:30 p.m., Sequoia Point in Seven Lakes North. It will be a potluck buffet fundraiser,-- asking cash or check donations, since the Merry Market will no longer take place.

The next vestry meeting will be Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m. at Sequoia Point (Before the fellowship dinner) All are welcome.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Linda Rinaldi will be the **new delegate to the Diocesan Convention** in November. She will serve a two-year term. Jim Douglass is the second delegate, serving the last year of his term. Laura Douglass is the alternate delegate. Thank you, Linda, Jim, and Laura for serving in this way.



August Birthdays

Linda Rinaldi 5
 Lilith Fravel 11
 Julia Poisson 13
 Maureen Miller 16
 Kaelynn Phillips 19
 Bob Miller 21
 Christa Burgess 28



August Anniversaries

Phyllis and Pete Olson 16
 Martha and Skip Ragland 26

IN MEMORIAM



Our dear friend, Lucy Dunn Martin passed away, July 15, 2024. We grieve the loss of this faithful St. MM member. In 1986, she and her husband, Ernie, retired and moved to Seven Lakes and became instrumental in establishing St. Mary Magdalene as a mission parish. Through the years, Lucy Dunn served on the vestry, the altar guild, and as Eucharistic Minister. She also served dutifully as kitchen manager for many years.

We will miss Lucy Dunn, her beautiful smile and her sweet spirit.

A graveside service will be held at the Seven Lakes Cemetery on Saturday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m., with Fr. Stephen officiating. Afterward, the family will receive and greet friends and neighbors at the Martin home in Seven Lakes South. Condolences may be expressed on the Tribute Wall on the Boles Funeral Home website.

MEMORIES:

I have such good memories of Lucy Dunn with her dear friend Grace Kirkpatrick. Together they took care of things with joy and grace. I smile just thinking about them keeping the kitchen just right, making coffee, serving treats. -- Such good memories. **Bette Hanham**

Lucy Dunn was a great conversationalist, kind, thoughtful, and a great listener. **Pete Olson**

When Linda & I first arrived at St. MM, we were welcomed warmly by this petite, soft spoken southern lady, who strangely had two names, Lucy Dunn. She and husband Ernie became like mentors and or parents to Linda and me. We cherished our visits to their home, hearing them share life stories. I particularly loved Lucy Dunn's sweet soft southern sophistication, with a pearly smile, when speaking with you. She was always asking & concerned more about you than herself. She and Ernie were one of the loveliest couples at St. Mary Magdalene.

We at ST MM were blessed to have had them serve in so many ways for some many years. We will miss them both.

Bob Rinaldi

When I see Lucy Dunn in my mind's eye, I see her lovely, expressive blue eyes and her beautiful, wavy hair. She was 94, she and

my mother were born two months apart! Sometimes they reminded me of each other.

Lucy Dunn wrote beautifully worded Thank You notes, always, thoughtful and generous.

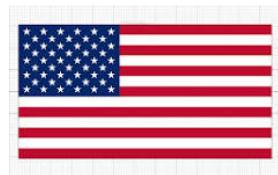
She was known for making delicious Lemon Bars for church suppers, my personal favorite! She kept homemade cookies on hand for Ernie and any friends who stopped in. We shared many good conversations with Lucy Dunn and Ernie, enjoying a cup of coffee with those cookies of hers.

Few knew Lucy Dunn played the piano. I'll never forget an afternoon she and Ernie came over, along with mutual friends, Lin & Phil Cox. We decided to sing some favorite hymns. I played piano as we all sang. It was a memorable moment, and looking back, so precious. Lucy and Lin were blinking back tears as we finished singing.

Lucy Dunn was a warm and wonderful friend to Bob & to me for over twenty years. These words cannot convey what she meant to me, to us both. We will miss her so much. But her memory brings me happiness and not sorrow. I will think and speak of her often and be thankful for her love and these many years of enjoying each other's company.

Linda Rinaldi

IN MEMORIAM



Our dearly beloved and long-time member, Edwin Matthewson, died in his home early Saturday morning, July 20th.

Edwin served on Vestry and several different committees in support of our church, including one to celebrate St. MM's thirtieth anniversary.

Ed and his dear wife, Mary Ann, sat in the same pew each week and were always a cheerful, engaged part of our congregation.

A graveside service will be held at the Seven Lakes Cemetery on Saturday, August 17th, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Bob Brown, our former Vicar, will deliver the homily.

A reception will follow at our church. Condolences may be expressed on the Tribute Wall on the Boles Funeral Home website or sent to his residence where his daughter, Judy Spivey, and her husband, Jeffrey, now reside: 6680 Beulah Hill Church Rd, West End, NC 27376.

MEMORIES:

I remember when Jack Whalen and I visited Ed and Mary Ann shortly after they moved to Seven Lakes. Although they were barely unpacked, they graciously invited us into their home. Ed told us stories of his life serving in the church as well as other activities and interests. They became active members right away.

Bette Hanham

I remember Ed as a true gentleman, soft spoken, and a good worker. He was very proud of his beautiful wife, Mary Ann, and spoke lovingly of her. He and Fr. Bob Brown were golf buddies throughout the years, and though Fr. Brown moved away the two of them remained faithful friends, in touch to the end.

Phyllis Olson



Thoughts from the Vicar

The month of August is one of the most popular times for families to take time off before a new school year begins and new rhythms of work commence. We need time for rest and refreshment. Jesus understood this, and Mark's Gospel shows his concern for his disciples after an intense time of service when he said, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."ⁱ That deserved time away gave his disciples a place to celebrate nature. One of the prayers for travelers in our prayer book calls to remember that "God's glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go."ⁱⁱ Similarly, Isaiah exhorts, "**Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things.**"ⁱⁱⁱ Oswald Chambers, the author of the popular devotional classic *My Utmost for His Highest*, commented on this verse and wrote, "Nature to a saint is sacramental. If we are children of God, we have a tremendous treasure in nature. In every wind that blows, in every night and day of the year, in every sign of the sky, in every blossoming and every withering of the earth, there is a real coming of God to us if we will simply use our starved imagination to realize it." May God give you such times of refreshment so that you may be inspired and strengthened to serve him with renewed joy. Amen.

Stephen

ⁱ Mark 6:31

ⁱⁱ BCP, p. 831, Prayer #53 "For Travelers"

ⁱⁱⁱ Isaiah 40:26



Laura Douglass, Acolyte/Chalicist

A Reminder:

Our church gathers food to be distributed by the Moore County Coalition to needy families in our community. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. Pete Olson delivers the food each Monday morning.



BE GRATEFUL

Can you see the holiness in those things you take for granted – a paved road or a washing machine? If you concentrate on finding what is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul. **Rabbi Harold Kushner**



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>



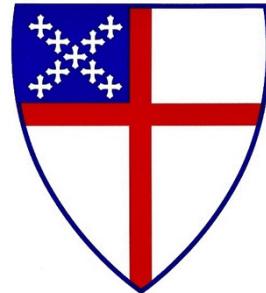
Vestry Members

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



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



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