

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

July 2024 Newsletter

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe Elected the 28th Presiding Bishop



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 81st General Convention, June 26, 2024.

He was elected on the first ballot by the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies shortly thereafter. He is married and has an 11 year-old daughter.

Rowe's nine-year term as Presiding Bishop will begin November 1, 2024.

July 4, 2024 Happy 248th Birthday, America!



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

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7- Preacher/Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Bane

July 9 and 30 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer 11:00 a.m. (2nd and 5th Tuesday this month due to Sherol's travels.)

July 18 - Vestry Meeting, 5:00 p.m. All are Welcome

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

LOOKING AHEAD: The date of the priest exchange between Emmanuel Episcopal Church and St.MM has been changed to Sunday, August 18. This postponement is due to Fr. Stephen's recent shoulder surgery. We look forward to meeting Fr. Morris Thompson and his family.



July Birthdays

Alice Bane	3
Joan Fruiesen	4
David Poisson	11
Laura Douglass	23
Laura Mayer	24
Jared Fravel	27



July Anniversaries

Linda and John Sapp	3
Peggy and Steve Loomis	6



Linda Rinaldi, our church librarian, has been diligently working to showcase all the informative and inspirational books in our library. Included are many books from Deacon Carol Burgess' collection, and we are grateful to Tim and Christa for donating them to our library. Please browse the bookshelves and borrow ones that catch your interest. See Linda if you need assistance in finding a book.



Vicar's July Newsletter Article

In June, one of the most compelling Gospel lessons covered in our Sunday lectionary depicted the stilling of the sea as the disciples were in a boat with Jesus that appeared to be sinking. As a result of this story, the early Christians adopted a simple drawing of a ship with a cross for a mast as the symbol of the Church. In an age of persecution from the outside, controversy, and conflict on the inside, the emerging Church seemed like a boat on a storm-tossed sea.

Little has changed in the intervening years. Winds of change and waters of chaos continue to beat on the worldwide Church and people of faith. Christians are still martyred in shocking numbers in tribal, ethnic, and religious wars around the world. At home, the Church is fiercely divided around issues of authority, sexuality, and cultural diversity.

Our private lives are not spared the stress and storms of uncertainty, as sickness and change toss about our little boats. As most of you know, the ship of my own mortal body needed to be put in dry-dock as I recovered from both shoulder surgery

COVID-19 at the same time in June.

Through it all, my faith has been sorely tried and refined. Peter stated that these trials have a positive effect for "the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast."ⁱ He is still the Lord of the wind and waves. "To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."ⁱⁱ

ⁱ 1 Peter 5:10

ⁱⁱ 1 Peter 5:11

Stephen



TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP: BETTE, CRYSTAL, SHIRLEY, SHEROL, MAUREEN, LLOYD, AND (NOT PICTURED) PHYLLIS. THIS GROUP+, MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, LED BY SHEROL. JOIN US.



June 25, we helped Bette celebrate her 91st birthday.

Happy Birthday, Bette!





SMILING

Smiling is infectious,
 You catch it like the flu.
 When someone smiled at me today
 I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,
 And someone saw my grin.
 When he smiled, I realized
 I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile
 Then realized its worth.
 A single smile, just like mine
 Could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
 Don't leave it undetected.
 Let's start an epidemic quick,
 And get the world infected!

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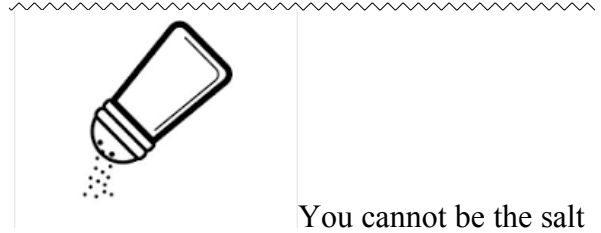


Our Vicar in dry-dock



"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival."

C.S. Lewi



You cannot be the salt
 of the earth if you are stuck in a container.
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JUNE 30th LUNCH

WE'LL GATHER FOR BRUNCH /
 LUNCH AT PINE CREST INN, JUNE 30th,
 FOLLOWING THE MORNING
 WORSHIP. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
 US. COME FELLOWSHIP WITH US.



For several weeks Phyllis Olson has been busy presenting her first novel, *The Faded Blue House*, to interested audiences around Moore County. Book signings have taken place at the Senior Enrichment Center, Penick Village, Belle Meade, and Quail Haven Village. During each session Phyllis has read selections from her book, which focuses on the Great Depression and the Evans family's determination to overcome their struggles and help others in need. After the readings, Phyllis has answered

questions and led interesting discussions about memories of this time. Then eager readers have gathered at the display table to purchase books. St.MM friends have attended each presentation to show their love and support. We wish Phyllis continued success with this inspirational novel!

Sherol Grigerick

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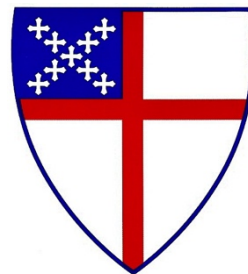
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ⁱⁱ 1 Peter 5:11