

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

October 2024 Newsletter

FELLOWSHIP AT LAKE SEQUOIA

September 20, parishioners gather for a potluck supper at Sequoia Point, Seven Lakes North



The table is spread



Brotherhood



Lloyd and Sherol Julia and David



**Good food, sweet fellowship, ending
with a beautiful sunset**

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8 and 22 - Healing & Intercessory Prayer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.

October 13 Sunday Brunch at Pine Crest Inn

October 19-Saturday-Men's Breakfast 9:00

October 20 and 27 – Bishop Bane

Preacher/Celebrant

October 27 – Coffee and contemplation following morning worship service

October 27th– Articles for the November Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol

LOOKING AHEAD

Annual meeting - Sunday, December 8

New Vestry Members for 2025: Linda Sapp has agreed to serve. Jim, who is completing his first term, agreed to serve a second term.

David Poisson will replace Bill Lindner on Vestry until the annual meeting in December

Stewardship Sunday - November 10.

Lloyd Brewer will host a Christmas party at her home in Seven Lakes West, December 13 at 5:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will visit St.MM for the Bishop's annual visit - Sunday, February 2, 2025.



October Birthdays

Jack Douglass 5
 Jane Hanham 6
 Tally Bandy 13
 Bob Rinaldi 23
 Tim Burgess 26



October Anniversaries

Laura and Jim Douglass 10



The Vicar's Corner

The statement, "Stewardship is the main work of the Church," is attributed to various church leaders from different denominations. That statement is accurate because it is the duty of all Christians "to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God."ⁱ This comprehensive statement on the duty of all Christians comes from our Catechism. By it, we understand that stewardship involves overseeing and protecting something valuable, namely our time, treasure, and talents, ensuring that they are used wisely for spreading God's Kingdom.

Stewardship is, therefore, based on gratitude and trust, -- trust that God is the source of every blessing and gratitude that He is the one who gives us the power to get

wealth. Therefore, the theme of our stewardship campaign this year is "Grateful Trust."

You will hear more about our fall stewardship campaign in a letter to be mailed to you later this month. Our annual celebration of stewardship is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th, when we will have a potluck brunch after the morning service.

Stephen

ⁱ BCP, Catechism p. 856



OUTREACH

~At Christmastime, St. MM will provide funds and support to four families in our community. We will also provide gifts and support to residents at Seven Lakes Assisted Living.

~Check the bulletin board to see a recent letter from Emanda, the Compassion child from Ethiopia for whom we provide monthly assistance.

Emmanuel Thrift Shop

Donna McClung, Peggy Loomis and Julia Poisson continue to volunteer at Emmanuel Thrift Shop. Thank you, ladies, for representing St. MM in this way.

CHRISTA HAD A BIRTHDAY AND WE
HELPED HER CELEBRATE



Christa is living at The Greens in
Pinehurst while recovering from surgery.

*The little things?
The little moments?
They aren't little.
Jon Kabat-Zinn*



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



*"In order to maintain a well-
balanced perspective, the person who has a
dog to worship him should also have a cat to
ignore him." —Peterborough Examiner,
Canada*

Vestry Members

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

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick
Treasurer- David Poisson
Webmaster – Jim Douglass

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