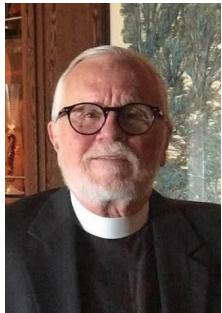


Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

April 2025 Newsletter

St. MM Joyfully Welcomes Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley, guest Preacher/Celebrant



On March 2 and March 9, St. MM was blessed to have Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley as guest Preacher/Celebrant. He will be back to serve May 4 and May 11. Rev. Tudor-Foley is a retired priest and a resident of Penick Village.

LENTEN STUDY



Photo by Sherol

During four Sundays in Lent, Vicki Derka presented a series of lessons focused on the writings of 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich. We talked of experiences of pain and loss as a means of bringing us closer to God based on the philosophy espoused by Julian: "All shall be well. All shall be well. All manner of things shall be well."

The study was based on *The Drawing of This Love*, by Robert Fruehwirth.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8 and April 22 Tuesday Morning Healing/Prayer Service, 11:00 a.m. (Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month)

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 18 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter

April 16 – Vestry meeting -- 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

April 27 - Articles for the May Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 6, following the service, there will be a congregational meeting with Rev. Marion Sprott, Diocesan Transition Officer. The Vestry will receive feedback from members regarding the desired qualifications for a part-time permanent rector. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

Supply Priests for March-May:

Rev. Patricia Grace- March 30

Rev. Marion Sprott- April 6

Rev. Patricia Grace- April 13 (Palm Sunday) and April 20 (Easter)

Bishop David Bane—April 27

Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley- May 4 and 11

Bishop David Bane- May 18

We thank Julia Poisson, our Senior Warden, for arranging this line-up of guest priests.

St. MM Welcomes Guest Celebrant



REV. GRACE AND LAURA

Photo by Sherol

March 23, we were honored to have as our guest *Preacher/Celebrant, Rev. Patricia Grace. She will also be our guest, March 30, April 13, and April 20. Rev. Grace is a retired Episcopal priest and canon.*



Jim Douglass 1

Skip Ragland 1

Ellen Becker 5

Jim Grigerick 7

Lia Fravel 13

Charlotte Kennedy. 18



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

7- Joan and Paul Fruiesen

29- Jackie and Bill Wells

Memorial Gift Planned



St. MM will make a donation to the Penick Village Foundation in memory of our beloved former priest, Rev. Fred Thompson. If you wish to donate to this fund, please make the check to St. MM Church, noting your wish on the memo line.

OUTREACH

St. MM will provide Easter cards and plastic eggs filled with candy for the residents of Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care. These eggs will be used for their annual Easter egg hunt. If you wish to donate or help with delivery contact Sherol Grigerick or Brenda Yarish, chairs for this outreach effort.

Any donations of candy filled eggs or greeting cards can be placed in the large baskets on the table in the fellowship room by Palm Sunday, April 13.

We will deliver these Easter gifts to the assisted living facility during Holy Week. Thank you for your support of this important outreach.

We heartily thank Sherol, Brenda, and Sherol's sister, Crystal Emery for leading the way in this effort.



IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the passing of Bill Yarish, husband of faithful parishioner, Brenda. Please keep the Yarish family in your prayers, and wrap Brenda in love and prayers as she grieves Bill's sudden passing.

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Psalm 46:10 "Be Still and know that I am God"



The Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend) at the Seven Lakes Golf Club. Steve, Jim, and Bob Rinaldi are coordinating this event.



When I was a kid, bedtime was 9:00 p.m. I couldn't wait to be a grownup so I could go to bed any time I wanted. Turns out to be 9:00 p.m. **copied**



The message below is part of an email from our former priest, Fr. Bob Brown. The attached photo indicates some of our activity up here in the north. The fact is that the people are not coming to the church because of their go-go lifestyle so we went to the people at our train station as they went on their way to work. One woman came rushing up to us and said, "I am going to work and then to the Philadelphia Flower Show and I was racking my brain to figure out a way to get my ashes - and here you are. Thank you. Thank you." I'm sure she is telling her friends about her encounter with the church as a result.

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"The highest of wisdom is continual cheerfulness: such a state, like the region above the moon, is always clear and serene." **Essayist Michel de Montaigne**

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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Junior Warden – Sherol Grigerick
Steve Loomis, Lloyd Brewer,
Jim Douglass and Linda Sapp

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