

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

September 2025 Newsletter

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH

EMMANUEL THRIFT SHOP READY FOR GRAND RE-OPENING

The Episcopal Thrift shop will re-open soon after a summer of refurbishing and upgrading. Donations are requested, particularly those listed below:

Kitchen: Glassware, dishes, silverware, serving pieces, cooking vessels and small appliances, +

Linens: napkins, tablecloths, blankets, comforters, decorative pillows, +

Clothing: men's dress shirts, golf shirts, jackets, ties, children's clothing, shoes, costume jewelry, +

Other: pictures, frames, puzzles, toys books, craft items, vases, knick-knacks, unused candles, etc.

Other items are welcomed, but those listed above are needed for the "Opening." Donna McClung will pick up any items left at St. MM. Contact Donna for more information or assistance. Watch for the re-opening date.

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Money earned by the Thrift Shop goes directly to community outreach. Thank you, Donna, for representing St. MM so well. And thanks to Julia Poisson and Peggy Loomis for working on sales days.



The days grow hot in long July
And dusty August gets so dry
We long for fair September.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 9 and 23 - Tuesday Prayer/Healing Service. 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m., Vestry meeting ~ All are welcome.

Sept. 19 - Fellowship dinner, Sequoia Point, 5:30 (information below)

Sept. 20 ~ Rise Against Hunger work day – Find needed information in article~ page 3

Sept. 27 -Articles for October Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick.

LOOKING AHEAD

Preacher/Celebrants for September

9/7- Rev. Ryan Parker

9/14- Rev. John Gibson

9/21- Rev. Ryan Parker

9/28- Rev. Franklin Colebrook

Thank you, Julia Poisson, Senior Warden, for securing the Preacher/Celebrants for the coming weeks as we await the selection of a priest.

A Fall Covered Dish Fellowship

Fundraiser will be held, Sequoia Point, Sept. 19, 5:30 The sign-up sheet is on the round table.



Samantha Parsons (2)

Martha Ragland. (23)

Phyllis Olson. (30)

Valerie Doolittle. (30)

Bishop David Bane (11)



Vicki and Pavel Derka (9/5)



Jim Camp & Rev. Ryan

The Rev. Ryan Parker, our guest priest August 17, shared with us the following poem written by a Trappist monk.

“My Lord, God. I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am
doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by
the right road, though I may know nothing about
it.
Therefore, I will trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow
of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils
alone.”



**St. MM welcomes new members,
Lydia and Jim Camp**



**POLITICS AND SIN
Bishop Bane**

As a Christian, I believe that there really is an evil power in this world and in our lives. Whatever we call it, however we describe it, we've all felt its power at times, and it's almost always found in our relationships with other people. Evil's goal and greatest success is evident when it divides, separates, and alienates us from one another. The power of evil wins whenever we are tempted to see differences between each other as threatening and dangerous instead of the God-given diversity they are. Not a single one of us comes into this world hating black people, or white people, or gay people, or Republicans, or Democrats, or liberals or conservatives, and the list is endless. No, we are taught to hate by other people. At some point in our lives, each of us decided what the truth is for us about these differences, and how we will respond to them. I think we need to remind ourselves and each other that when Jesus talks about loving our neighbor, that includes all of those people I just mentioned, and the many others not on that list. In our present political climate that is, indeed, a significant challenge. With God's help, we can meet it.



Pete and Steve, in the
counting house ~ counting out the money

Community Outreach Volunteers Needed

The Rise Against Hunger community organizers report that over \$10,000 has been raised for this outreach event. The number of meals that can be purchased and packaged has increased to 25,000, which means that over one hundred volunteers are now needed for this event. At present, around sixty volunteers have registered, including nine representing St.MM. Please consider giving your time for this worthwhile and enjoyable outreach activity. Extended family members and friends of all ages are welcomed. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by September 10. See Julia or Sherol for more information.

Event Date: Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane



More items *reported* to be actual announcements in church bulletins:

- > For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- > Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- > Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- > Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- > Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



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

Vestry Members

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

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



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Thanks, Jim Douglass, for maintaining
this for us.

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