

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

July 2026 Newsletter



Good News! Mark your calendar!
Bishop Sam Rodman will be our Preacher-Celebrant Sunday, July 19.

LOOKING AHEAD

Save the dates for
“A Month of Mary Magdalene!”

To celebrate the Saint we are named after, our parish will have a month of activities. Save these days and plan to join in:

Sunday, July 5 – Pick up your “Caught you being kind” buttons to distribute during the month.

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 – noon: “Community Gratitude Breakfast”

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. – **Holy Eucharist with Bishop Sam Rodman**

Wednesday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. – Parish Eucharist celebrating Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene, followed by a pool party and fellowship at the home of parishioner Charlotte Kennedy.

Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. to noon – “*The Spirituality of St. Mary Magdalene*” presentation and workshop with “Soul Kindling” artist Ally Markotich. Learn more about Mary Magdalene and create your own Mary Magdalene prayer card.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 14 and 28 – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m. (2ND & 4TH Tuesday of each month)

Sat. July 18 – Community Appreciation Brunch at the church - 10:00 (See notes on p. 3)

Sun. July 19 – Bishop Sam Rodman, Preacher/Celebrant

Wed. July 22 – Feast Day for Mary Magdalene, Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. followed by Pool Party at Charlotte Kennedy’s

Sat. July 25 – Spirituality Workshop 10:00 to 12:00. – sign-ups requested

** Next Vestry Meeting, August 12, 5:30 pm. **All Are Welcome!***

*July 27– **Articles for August Newsletter are due. CONTACT Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigrick***

BABY SHOWER

St. MM will host a baby shower for Rev. Colette’s daughter Adrienne Wood, who is expecting her first baby, a girl, in August. The shower will be Tuesday, July 28, 2:00 p.m., at Linda Sapp’s house. Adrienne is registered at my.babylist.com. Each guest is asked to bring a children’s book. Please tell Julia Poisson the title of the book you choose. There will be fun and surprises at this happy event!



July Birthdays

2 - Jim Camp
11 - David Poisson
23 - Laura Douglass
27 - Jared Fravel



July Anniversaries

3 - Linda and John Sapp

6 - Peggy and Steve Loomis



Words from our Vicar

As July approaches with our “Month of Mary Magdalene” events on the horizon and the season of summer underway, the preciousness of community sits gently on my heart.

Tis the season for vacations, boat rides, good books, visits with family, porch sitting with friends and walks with the family dog. Leaving June behind, with its own season of losses for the Bane family and my own, yes, the preciousness of community sits gently on my heart, and I have to wonder, where would we be without each other? Really, where would we be without community, without a circle of friends, without fellow spiritual pilgrims willing to walk the dusty road with us? You see, being community isn’t just about living in proximity to each other, sharing common beliefs and concerns, or enjoying the same snacks at coffee hour. It’s something deeper. Communities, like our parish, both hold and launch us. “Community” gives the deepest part of our souls a place to express love, care for each other, know we are valued and work for the greater good of God’s world.

I believe Mary Magdalene helped build such a community. And as her church in Seven Lakes, in Moore County, in North Carolina, I believe she can help us shape what it means to be an Episcopal Church in this place, at this time. As we celebrate her this month, I invite us all to think about that; why does an Episcopal church in this community

matter, for certainly there are a lot of spiritual options?

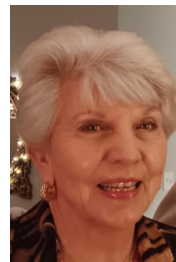
In the short time we’ve been together as parish and priest, our community has seen a lot of loss, Christa, Maureen, Pavel, Tim, Alice, and my sister-in-law Annette. We have individual challenges, life changes going on, decisions to make, and sometimes feelings of loss for *“how it used to be.”* But it is into such moments we can lean on our namesake, Mary Magdalene. She certainly experienced great loss as her world collapsed on Good Friday and like her, our lives are inevitably created by what we make of our losses.

What I love about Mary Magdalene is that she just kept going, and in doing so, was fundamental to spreading the good news she heard on Easter morning. She is called the “Apostle to the Apostles” because she was the first to hear, and then she told the others, and then they told others and then they told others, and her words have reverberated through time. “Love is not dead, but lives.”

Friends, she has given us a lot to celebrate! Just like her, let us continue to build communities of love.

Welcome to your “Month of Mary Magdalene!”

With love and peace,
Rev. Colette



St. MM is saddened by the June 12th passing of our dear friend, Alice Bane. Alice courageously fought a very aggressive form of cancer and died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving and supportive family. St. MM members have gotten to know Alice over the past three years

since she and Bishop Bane moved to their beautiful home in Seven Lakes. It was always delightful to speak with her and learn of her wealth of knowledge and experience both in the church and in life itself. A celebration of her life was held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 20th. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Bane family, including her loving husband, her daughters, Carolyn, Heather, and Amber, and son, David III, as well as eleven grandchildren, and sister-in-law, Lloyd. We pray for Alice as she begins her beautiful heavenly life with our Lord.

COFFEE HOUR PHOTOS



Robbie.



Laura and Jim



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” ~ Galatians 6:9

FYI:

*Rev. Colette and Sherol will attend the **Rise Against Hunger** organizational meeting, July 13, at West End Presbyterian Church. This **community outreach** event will be September 19. You are invited to participate.

*St.MM is continuing to collect donations for the 7 *Sparrows* center. Needs right now: non-perishable food and diapers. A collection bin is in the narthex.

*Due to other social activities this summer, Sunday brunches will resume in September.

*A fall potluck fellowship dinner will be held at Sequoia Point sometime in October.

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Rev. Colette and Todd
with doves of Pentecost



Maggie and Bette

To be honored at the Community Gratitude Brunch, July 18:

Bette Hanham-- the matriarch of St. MM who, along with her husband Bill, began our church in 1980. She will share what it was like to start a church.

Ron and Brenda Burt-- the founders of “God Sent Angels,” a local organization that provides clothing, food and necessities for thousands of people in Moore County.

Ciara Sheerin--the founder of “7 Sparrows,” a boutique in Seven Lakes that provides free clothing, food, and necessities plus guidance and prayer for people in need.

Jalisha Beauregard--the Activities Director at Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care. She manages and provides meaningful activities, schedules visitor

events, and provides dignified and loved filled care to residents there.

Maggie Beamguard -- a Presbyterian minister who is the spirit filled editor of "The Seven Lakes Insider." She brings stories that highlight the good of our community.

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**Good advice:** Talk less, listen more. Walk wherever. Drink more water. Be grateful for what you have. Take no day for granted. Find something to celebrate. Want less of what others have. Be a kinder person, a better friend. Copied ~ Author unknown to me



Steve and Peggy's grandchildren on vacation at the beach



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"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are." Will Ferrell
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"Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing." — Redd Foxx

## **Vestry Members**

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

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