

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

February 2022 Newsletter



BISHOP ANNE TO VISIT IN MARCH

Bishop Anne Cople-Hodges' visit to ST. MM on Sunday, March 6, will include a Holy Eucharist service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour with the congregation. She will also meet with the Vestry to discuss Diocesan goals and our mission together. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend ...**March 6th**.

Procedures and Policies for resuming Sunday Services:

It is hoped that in-person gatherings can soon return. Currently the infection rate in Moore County is extremely high but a steady downward curve is expected and hoped for.

A tentative reopening date is Sunday, February 6th. The advice of the Diocese will be taken into account.

Information will be passed along to the parish via weekly E-notes. Please pay close attention to these mail-outs.

February in-person gatherings will resume according to the Diocesan protocols. Please refer to the weekly E-Notes sent via Email.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m. Feb. 8 and Feb. 22. The leaders will make known if these meeting will take place in-person or from home.

Vestry Meeting - Monday, February 21, 3:00 p.m.
All Are Welcome!

Feb. 24– Articles for the March Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.



February Birthdays

Phyllis Marion
Jackie Wells



February Anniversaries

Sherol and Jim Grigerick



Thank you, Linda Rinaldi

Linda Rinaldi has served as organist, along with Phyllis Olson, for almost nine years, and as a substitute organist before that time. She has recently decided to retire from this music ministry. We are deeply grateful for her many years of dedicated service to St. Mary Magdalene. Thank you, Linda, for contributing your musical talents to our worship services, both vocally as a choir member and as an organist. Blessings to you!

Vicar's Reflections

*"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."
Romans 13: 11-12*

This admonishment from Paul's letter to the Romans is as relevant today as it has ever been. One reason for this is the loss that has come from not being together, and without that we can easily drift into spiritual slumber.

This tendency reminds me of a story about a German bank employee who was in the middle of transferring 62.40 euros from a customer's bank account when he accidentally took a power nap at his desk. Unfortunately, he dozed off while his finger was on the "2" key, resulting in a 222 million euro (300 million dollars) transfer into the customer's account. The fallout from the mistake included the firing of the employee's colleague who verified the transfer.

Paul tells us that we, too, can make costly mistakes if we don't stay awake spiritually. So let us "put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" as we watch and pray and expect God to do great things in and through each of us.



OUTREACH APPEAL

Continuing our friendship and connection between our ST. MM congregation and our adopted **Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility**, we would like to deliver seventy Valentine cards to the staff and residents the week of February 7th. How can you help? Please provide one or two Valentine cards (Dollar Tree and Dollar General both have two cards for \$1.00) by or on Sunday February 6th. There will also be a few cards available on the round table at the church.

Please sign the cards with your first name and the name of our church, "St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church." A bag will be provided on the round table in the Narthex of the church for the signed cards. Additionally, we will attach a waterproof envelope on the outside of the church entry door.

Please contact a Vestry Member if you need a pick-up.

Thank you for your continuing support of this important and meaningful ministry!

Blessings,

Linda Lindner (315-945-1320)

PS: If you have any Outreach ideas for Palm Sunday (April 10th) or Easter Sunday (April 17th) please let me or Andrea Schmitt (910-528-7224) know by the next Vestry Meeting on Monday, February 21st.

Outreach Report: Our "Adopt a Family" Christmas project was well supported by the parish. The gifts were delivered to the West End Elementary School and a counselor delivered them to a very grateful family. Linda Lindner, Outreach Chair, recommends continuing this project next Christmas.

Service Project Planned

The Rev. Tally Bandy will be moving to Penick Village in mid-February. Our men's group will be helping her pack books and other items. Bob Rinaldi will announce plans and arrangements. Watch E-notes for info you need.

(Tally's new address: Penick Village, 528 Katavolos, Apt. 8208, Southern Pines, NC 28387)

FYI:

John Sapp is our new Senior Warden. Julia Poisson will continue as Junior Warden. Andrea Schmidt, a new vestry member, will assist Linda with outreach projects.

Kim Doolittle will chair the Property Committee. He will also serve as liaison with the State regarding the widening of Highway 211 and its impact on St. Mary Magdalene's property.

Spring Golf Tournament Fund Raiser:

The spring golf tournament is planned for Sunday, April 24, at Seven Lakes Golf Club. The following details are provided:

Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

Bob Rinaldi and Bill Lindner will organize the event and are requesting volunteers to help.

Decisions will be made regarding entrance fees, sponsors, and advertising.



Holden reads *Adoration of the Shepherds*, St. Luke 2:8-14 at the Christmas Eve Service.

Photo by Jane Hanham

Lenten Programs:

It is the hope of the Vestry to hold Lenten programs this year including soup and bread suppers. The programs will take place on four Thursday evenings during Lent, **IF COVID CONTIDIONS PERMIT.**

Diocesan Convention will be held March 3-5. Phyllis Marion and John Sapp will be our delegates.

An Invitation to Attend Cursillo

The word Cursillo means “a short course.” It is a renewal movement in the church that presents a short course in helping Christians understand their calling to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

During the weekend the participants experience Christian community as they pray, sing, and share personal insights into what it means to live for Christ in fruitful service.

Your priest is one of the spiritual leaders and speakers at the next Cursillo, to be held March 3rd through March 6th at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, North Carolina. If you would like to learn more about how you can be a participant, contact Stephen or go directly to the Cursillo website at NC EpiscopalCursillo (nccursillo.org) Stephen’s email: notes51@icloud.com.



Let’s Celebrate Laura!

Laura Douglass recently received a notable promotion at *The Pilot* and is now the Features Editor. That’s impressive! Congratulations, Laura.



“Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.”

– **George Burns**

**A kicking mule does not pull.
A pulling mule does not kick.**

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WEATHER

Whether the weather be fine
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold
Or whether the weather be hot
We’ll weather the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not.

Anonymous

Vestry Members

John Sapp, Senior Warden
Julia Poisson, Junior Warden
Phyllis Marion, Linda Lindner, Kim
Doolittle and Andrea Schmidt

Vestry Secretary – Sherol Grigerick
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