

# Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## May 2023 Newsletter



Photo by Julia

Julia captured the beauty of the altar adorned for Easter



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The Rt. Rev. David Bane, our Bishop in Residence, and Fr. Stephen serve as a team for Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday

### OUTREACH

Linda Lindner, our Vestry Outreach Chairperson, continues to lead our congregation in lively, loving activities. The April activity included an Easter celebration for the residents of Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care. St. MM provided plastic eggs filled with candy for the residents' annual Easter egg hunt. Each resident also received an Easter greeting card and a decorated treat bag.

With Linda and Bill Lindner as facilitators, we are now welcoming Assisted Living residents as guests at the Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist. On Easter Sunday five residents and a care giver were present.

We thank the Lindners for their hard work.

### MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7 - **Annual Charity Golf Tournament.** See announcement - page 2
- May 9 & May 23 - **Healing & Intercessory Prayer Service (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month) 11:00 a.m.**
- May 17- **Vestry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – All Are Welcome!**
- May 21 - **Sunday Brunch hosted by Bishop and Alice Bane - sign-up requested – see below**
- May 28 – **Day of Pentecost**
- May 27<sup>th</sup>– **Articles for June Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigerick**



### May Birthdays

- 9. - Ray McClung
- 10 - Brenda Yarish
- 18 - Peggy Loomis
- 30 - Donna McClung



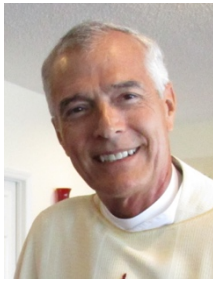
### May Anniversaries

- 2 – Mary Ann and Ed Matthewson
- 21 – Julia and David Poisson
- 30 – Jared and Crystal Fravel

### AN INVITATION TO THE MAY BRUNCH

Bishop David and Alice Bane have graciously invited all parishioners to a Sunday Brunch, May 21, at their new home in Seven Lakes. 184 Baker Circle, Seven Lakes West

Please indicate you are coming by adding your name to the sign-up sheet located on the round table near the front door.



### THOUGHTS FROM OUR VICAR

The following quote from Tish Harrison Warren was written in the religious section of the New York Times on April 16<sup>th</sup> and passed on to me by John Sapp: “The season of Easter is a 50-day period of joy and celebration. During this time, Christians around the globe celebrate and proclaim that Jesus physically rose from the dead, not as a spirit but in a body — one marked with scar tissue and freckles, one that ate and drank, one that, though transformed, was still recognizable, touchable and palpable. Christians believe that when Jesus rose, he walked on hard earth and ate fish caught from real, salty seas. This resurrected body points to the ultimate destiny of humanity. It says that we will not float away to some faraway heaven but that eternity will (one day) be found right here on earth, in what the Bible calls “a new heaven and a new earth.”<sup>1</sup>

The resurrection of Jesus that the apostles proclaimed was something they had “seen with their own eyes, looked at, and their hands had touched.”<sup>2</sup> It was so real that they risked their lives, were persecuted, beaten, and suffered hardships of every kind. They even surrendered their lives to death so that the message of our Lord’s resurrection would be faithfully proclaimed. Therefore “let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,”<sup>3</sup> for in a future coming day, our faith will be sight.



We are getting close to our **Annual Charity Golf Tournament** date and would appreciate all who can find businesses as hole sponsors or provide raffle gift baskets or raffle items. This event, to be held Sunday, **May 7,** at Seven Lakes Golf Course, supports our local military organizations.

Support has been strong for this event in the past and we want to give all an opportunity to get a foursome scheduled early. Registration forms are available.

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**Questions?** Contact Bob Rinaldi ([brinaldi1614@gmail.com](mailto:brinaldi1614@gmail.com)) or Steve Loomis ([sloomis53@hotmail.com](mailto:sloomis53@hotmail.com))



Photo by Sherol

Nine children participated in Sunday School on Easter Sunday, enjoying a lesson and an art project. Included: Holden Brown, Kaelynn Phillips, Kensley Wahl, Elana and Evan Sousa, Peter, Daniel and Elise Banach, and toddler Kade Phillips. Thank you, Sherol, for being our faithful Sunday School Teacher.

<sup>1</sup> Revelation 21:1

<sup>2</sup> 1 John 1:1

<sup>3</sup> Hebrews 10:23



Photo by Julia

The voices of six children brighten the morning worship on Easter

### THANK YOU

We heartily thank the parishioners who planned and served the beautiful reception for Ernie Martin's Memorial Service. We especially thank Charlotte Kennedy and Linda Rinaldi for volunteering to lead the effort.

There was an obvious outpouring of love for Ernie and Lucy Dunn, and the family was very appreciative.

Well done!! Thanks to all who contributed.

### CHECK IT OUT



Please take time to view our website faithfully maintained by Jim Douglass. Thank you, Jim, for providing this service to St. MM.

**Website:** <http://WWW.STMMSEVENLAKES.ORG>



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

## Tuesday Morning Healing/Prayer Service



Sherol Grigerick is leader for the Tuesday Morning, Healing and Prayer service held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The quiet time together is restorative and healing, offering opportunities to share concerns and experience the strength of praying together.

The Rev. Jim Bolyard of Carthage United Methodist Church has been an often visitor at this service. Recently he told the group he had begun a similar service in his church, inspired by our group. (This service was started by Deacon Carol Burgess early in the life of St. MM at Seven Lakes.)

All are welcome. Please do join us.



Whatever you do, always give 100%, unless you are donating blood. **Bill Murray**

Even if you are on the right track you'll get run over if you just sit there. **Will Rogers**

"To be is to do." -- **Socrates**

"To do is to be." -- **Sartre**

"Do be do be do" -- **Frank Sinatra**

**Kurt Vonnegut**





### May Is Pretty, May Is Mild

by Annette Wynne

May is pretty, May is mild,  
Dances like a happy child;  
Sing out, robin; spring out, flowers;  
April went with all her showers,  
And the world is green again;

Come out, children, to the glen,  
To the meadows, to the wood,  
For the earth is clean and good,  
And the sky is clear and blue,  
And bright May is calling you!



## **Day of Pentecost May 28**

### **Don't forget to wear something red!**

This month we will celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples and gave them power and encouragement to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus on earth.

We must be alert to promptings from the Holy Spirit that would provide us the opportunities to serve Jesus. (copied from The Cornerstone)

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