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From Your Senior Warden:

On Wednesday, July 14, 2010 our Vestry met and had an exciting meeting discussing our youth, the women of our parish and the future of our parish.

Did you know that St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church has 28 youth from infants to high school age? Amy Satterfield and Kyle Phillips presented the results of a recent survey of parish members that indicated many of you are willing to help teach our youth in some capacity – whether that be full time or once a month or quarter. Thank you! We are going to have our Sunday School kickoff on August 8 and I hope all of you will attend and participate.

Our vestry also discussed the idea of bringing back the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) to St. Mary Magdalene. If you are a woman and a member of the Episcopal Church then you are also a member of ECW. I encourage all of the women of the church to participate. You may even want to form chapters within our parish so that some women could meet during day and others in the evening. There is a great need within our parish and our community for the wonderful talents of the Episcopal Church Women. Our vestry is excited about having an active ECW and Youth Program.

Our vestry also discussed the search process for a new rector at St. Mary Magdalene. The search committee has completed the difficult process of creating a church profile. That profile has already been submitted to the diocese and the diocese is submitting names of potential priests to the search committee. Our vestry has charged the search committee with the task of reviewing these submissions, choosing priests that are potentially a good match for St. Mary Magdalene, visiting and interviewing these priests and finally making a recommendation to the vestry. Once the search committee makes a recommendation of a new rector for St. Mary Magdalene to the vestry, the vestry then meets and interviews the potential candidate. Our vestry, working with the bishop, makes the final decision on a new rector. Please pray for our search committee and vestry. If you know someone that would make a good rector for St. Mary Magdalene please contact one of the Search committee members that include: Paul Johnson, Amy Phillips, Donnie Turpen, Judy Reed, Sandy Bray and Rob Caldwell.

What about our immediate future? Starting this week we will resume a full schedule of priests at St. Mary Magdalene for every service including Wednesday night services. Father Jim Pace will be here July 18, July 25, Aug 29, and Oct 10. Father Tom Wilson will conduct Wednesday night services beginning July 21 and he will begin Sunday worship services beginning August 1. With the exception of four Sundays (Aug 8, Aug 29, Sept 5 and Oct 10) Father Wilson has agreed to be our supply priest for the remaining of 2010. Father Wilson will also be available to conduct special events, and to visit and carry communion to those who are unable to attend church. Praise be to God!

David Brown
Senior Warden

PROPOSED VESTRY MINUTES July 14, 2010

Present:

David Brown (Sr. Warden) Paul Brindley, Jr.
Warden) Barbara Crawford
Troy Satterfield Leo Rowell
Debbie Rutledge Nancy Rutledge
Jean Silfies Amy Phillips

Shirley Turpen (Treasurer)

Jim Rutledge (Clerk)

Kyle Phillips and Amy Satterfield attended to discuss Christian Education.

Devotion: David Brown opened with prayer.
Previous Vestry meeting minutes for 6/09/2010 were reviewed and approved unanimously. L Rowell moved; B Crawford 2nd.
Parochial Report (none provided) *Confirmation Classes concluded Sunday, June 27th*; 4 parishioners were confirmed, 1 was received and 2 reaffirmed on July 4th.

Treasurer's Report

- Improved = Income: \$11,963.50; Expenses: \$9,025.28
 - YTD: Income \$59, 265; Expenses \$61, 314. Variance (-\$2,049)
 - June Pledges up; fewer pledges this year
 - June Plate down slightly
 - Rectory water bill is unusually high (10 times what it should be)
 - Search committee visits to hear candidates estimate \$1500 per trip for 3 members.
- N Rutledge moved, L Rowell 2nd; unanimously approved without correction or addition.

Parish Reports

1. Senior Warden's Report:
 - Long discussion with Bishop during July 3-4 visit. Bishop recommended two options:
 - Continue process with Search Committee per normal.
 - If Search stalls out, Bishop can appoint a Priest in Charge.
 - Vestry favors continuing search process.

- Fr. Jim Pace will supply July 18th and 25th. Fr. Tom Wilson will supply most dates in the remaining year.

2. Junior Warden's Report:

- Shrubs at Rectory need to be trimmed; Men's Group can do this.
- Several repairs at rectory (fireplace glass, awning, steps at utility room, etc.) Paul will get estimates and have repaired ASAP.

3. Committee Reports

Search Committee

- Visited prospective candidate but things didn't work out to invite candidate to visit SMM.
- Reviewed candidate names and resubmitted to Canon Snare to discuss additional candidates.
- Ready to send Parish packets when Canon Snare advises acceptable candidates.

Outreach

- A Committee Chair has not been identified
- S Turpen contacted an attorney to assist a parishioner with legal aspects of disability.
 - Cannot move faster.

Christian Education

- Amy S and Kyle P are meeting regularly, surveyed the parish during Bishop's visit and have developed a plan for Youth Christian Ed from Nursery through High School.
- Sunday School kick off August 8th. SS Teachers meeting last week of July.
- Monthly family fun nights are being planned.
- Amy and Kyle to attend both services and encourage participation.
- Adult Class. "The Heart of Christianity" book study can resume after Christian Ed resumes.

Men's Group

- J Rutledge advised a list of small repairs/tasks has been compiled and

more work days are planned as part of Men's Group meetings.

- Planning regular meetings on 2nd Saturday mornings, 8-12

Youth - No report. Youth sponsored Canoe Float with Bishop on July 3rd. 40+ attended.

Rainbow – No Report.

Parish Life – No report

Women's Prayer Group: No report.

4. **New Business**

- B Crawford recommended that ECW be reinstated as it has not been active for some time. Parish Life committee seemed to replace ECW in activities. Benefits include: roles more clearly defined, new women can become active in ECM and not all women are interested in DOK.
- L Rowell requested that the equipment loan policy be published and a list for loaned items be established to know what was loaned, who has the item and when its return is expected. Return in good condition is expected. Tools could not be located during the last workday and had been borrowed.
 - David Brown will draft an article for the SMM newsletter regarding borrowing items from the parish.

5. **Old Business**

- Proposed Procedure for Counting Offering, not discussed
- No update on Sanctuary being frequently found unsecured (unlocked, lights on, doors standing open) after 2nd Sunday service.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Please remember the Good Samaritan this month as you plan your meals and shop at the grocery. We need macaroni and cheese and canned fruit. Bring it to the parish hall.

Thanks
Jerry Arnett



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 Chris & Stephanie Gafford
August 6 Claire Root
August 6 Cliff & Nancy Sims
August 6 Joe & Lois Faison
August 7 Maynard & Virginia Dalton
August 11 Shirley Turpen
August 14 Jean Silfies
August 15 Jim & Debbie Rutledge
August 16 Ramona Doyle
August 17 Donnie & Shirley Turpen
August 18 Eric Cooter
August 19 Jerry & Sandra Arnett
August 19 John & Joan Scott
August 19 Kevin Goldasich
August 21 Clark & Louise Rein
August 22 Steve & Judy Bowman
August 23 Cecil Moses
August 24 Gene & Jean Steinquest
August 26 Casey Harmon
August 28 Maynard Dalton
August 31 Tom Schweitzer
August 31 Greg Taylor

RAINBOW

Rainbow is a ministry to members of our church who are ill, recuperating, or have needs which we can meet. We provide meals, rides, and other services. In August call **Bette Dacy at 256 828-6609, Sharon Eubanks at**

931 433-1627 or the church office at 931 433-2911.

If you are interested in helping with Rainbow either by helping coordinate occasionally or by providing food or rides, call Jo Goldasich at 931 438-0878.

Rides can be given for doctors appointments, church functions, and other necessary errands.



CHOIR NEWS

Wow, can you believe how hot this summer has been! Hope all of you have been in cool places enjoying some time off. As we move into the fall season, we still have available places for extra voices in our choir program. I always received so many positive comments after the 'musical' fellowships we had during Father Randy's tenure as our priest. Why not make a decision to engage yourself in those opportunities more often. I am very appreciative to our faithful choir members and thank God for their diligence and support. But they, along with me, welcome anyone who enjoys worshiping in song...no application or audition necessary Our rehearsal schedule for August is listed below...come on "just do it"!

Sunday August 8 @ 12 noon
Sunday August 22 @ 12 noon

Hugs, Kim



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Parish Family

Betty, Betty, Cecil, Hellen, John, Jonnie, Ken, Leo, Lois, Mariah, Martha, Nell, Paul, Susan, Tom

Individual Prayer Concerns

Aaron Cannon & family, Ashlea, Amanda, Scott & Ava Grace, Allison, Barbara, Becky, Ben, Beverly & Bud, Beverly, Casey, Charlotte, Christine, Cindy, Claudette, Dakota, Darrell, Deloris, Diane, Earl, Elaine, Ella, Erma, Frank, Gathee, George, George, Holly Grace, Jackson, James, Jean, Jesse, Jeff & Christy, Jim, Joe, Joseph, Judy, Juliet, Justin, Laura, Liz, Madeline & Blaise, Mark, Marie, Martha Ann, Mary & Cass, Mary, Mary, Matthew, Michael, Mike, Mike, Terri & Heidi, Nancy, Neil, Orville & Alta, Pat, P.T., Reinhold, Rich, Sheila, Sue, Sue, Terrie, Tom, Tori, Walter

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group continues to meet on 2nd Saturday for breakfast, work and fellowship. We will be working on small repair and maintenance items for the next several months.

Next meeting is August 14th

Jim Rutledge

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will offer a new class in preparation for membership in the fall. If you are interested or would like more information, call Celia Wallace at 931 433-6550.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 16, at 6 pm in the Church.

There is an **'Items Borrowed' Sign-out clipboard** in the office on the counter at the entrance for anyone wishing to borrow things that belong to the church. They would need to fill out the form and notify when the items will be returned. It will be easier to plan work details this way. Thank You!



**Sunday School
Kick-Off
Sunday, Aug 8th, 2010
9:15
Games, Prizes, Fun
Teachers and Classes
Everybody has a place
&
Everybody has a ministry!**

***Christian Education:
Children's Ministry & Adult Ed***

The new Sunday School season is fast approaching and some exciting events are coming our way! The Sunday School Kick-Off is scheduled for Aug 8, 2010 at 9:15. We have been spending a lot of time planning and organizing, and we believe we have some exciting new ideas to put into place. Faithful teachers are returning to some classes, new teachers will start in other classes, new curriculum has been chosen, and lots of special guests and surprises have been planned- but you'll have to come see for yourself. This is going to be a great year!

Classes include: Nursery, ages 0-4 yrs
Elementary, grades K-4th
Middle School, grades 5th-8th
High School, grades 9th & up
Adults

Also, we have some new events to share with you: a teacher's meeting (to be scheduled very soon) to help all the teachers get prepared for the new year, and a monthly

Family Fun Night (also to be scheduled soon) so we can enjoy hanging out together.

Sunday School has a new attitude - we want everybody to take part in it. Sunday School is always a place to learn about our relationship with God, our faith, and the Bible, but our goal is for SS to be a time of growing closer together as a church family. You are going to have fun and enjoy being in church community. It is our desire that every parishioner of Saint Mary Magdalene take ownership of Christian Ed and Sunday School from the oldest down to the youngest.

Everybody has a place, and Everybody has a ministry. Keep looking for more details. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Kyle Phillips
Amy Satterfield

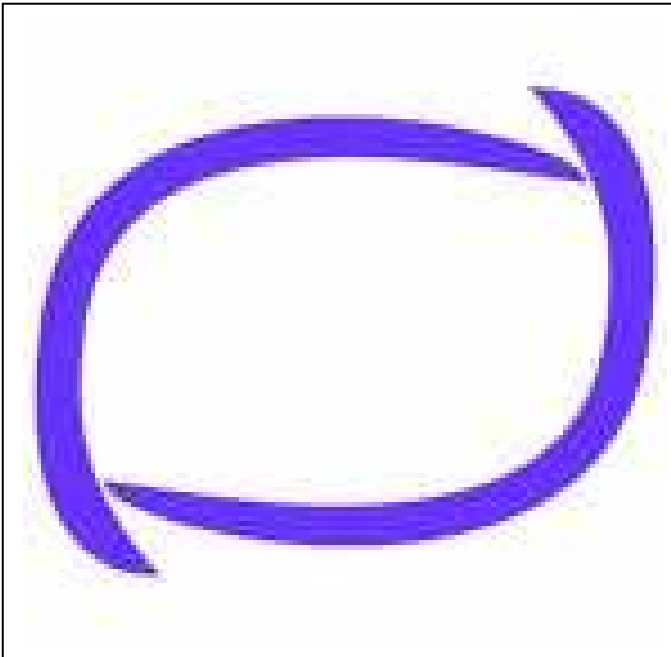
**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO THE VERY
SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND WITH THE
BISHOP AND HIS FAMILY**

The Bishop has named St. Mary Magdalene FIRST in the food prepared and served at our events. First in the diocese, that is! We started out at number three at the beginning of the weekend but quickly rose to our present status! (That may have been said tongue in cheek, but he did enjoy being with us!) **WAY TO GO, SMM! ALL the planned activities contributed to that honor.**

Please sign up for a coffee hour refreshments! Sign up sheet on bulletin board in Parish Hall. If everyone will do a coffee hour every month or two (and with a partner if possible), no one will have to do it often. Coffee, tea, and cookies are all that's necessary! Thanks

CURSILLO

Dear Church Family,
The next Cursillo weekend will be October 21-24th. In case you are wondering, Cursillo is... a Spanish word that means "a short course," in this case a short course in Christian living, a weekend retreat and workshop that begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon, an opportunity to hear the familiar Christian message again in a setting where there are no distractions, a place where we hear how Jesus has changed peoples' lives, a party with singing, eating, worshiping, and celebrating, a time to let God catch up with us and show us His promises are true, a chance for leaders in the Church to strengthen their ministries. If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions about Cursillo please feel free to contact me at nancyrutledge@fpunet.com or 931-625-8146. Des Colores!
Nancy Rutledge



Excerpted from an essay by Garrison Keillor

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! ...And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there. Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when: -It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you." And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye . . .

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Prayer for the Election of a Rector

Almighty God,
Look graciously on your Church,
and so guide the minds of those
who shall choose a Rector for this
parish, that we may receive a
faithful pastor, who will care for
your people and equip us for our
ministries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



AUGUST 2010 Service Schedule

8:00 A.M.

August 1

Leo Rowell-C/L
Harry Caldwell – A

10:30 A.M.

David Brown – C
Jean Silfies – L
Jo Goldasich - A

August 8

Donnie Turpen – C/L
Charlie Caldwell – A

Maynard Dalton – C
Jim Rutledge – L
Troy Satterfield – A

August 15

Hillard Parsons – C/L
Harry Caldwell – A

Troy Satterfield – C
Amy Satterfield – L
Jo Goldasich – A

August 22

Leo Rowell – C/L
Charlie Caldwell – A

Jeannie Brown – C
Jim Rutledge – L
Troy Satterfield – A

August 29

Donnie Turpen – C/L
Harry Caldwell – A

Sandy Brewer – C
Gene Ham – L
Jo Goldasich – A

AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 12 POTLUCK LUNCH	2 7 AA 7 Al Anon	3	4 7 Eucharist & Healing Service	5 7 AA	6	7	
8 9:15 Sunday School Kick off 12 choir practice	9 7 AA 7 Al Anon	10	11 5:30 Vestry Mtg 7 Eucharist & Healing Service	12 7 AA	13	14 8 MEN'S GROUP	
15	16 6 DOK 7 AA 7 Al Anon	17	18 7 Eucharist & Healing Service	19 7 AA	20	21	
22 NEWSLETTER COPY DUE 12 choir practice	23 7 AA 7 Al Anon	24	25 7 Eucharist & Healing Service	26 7 AA	27	28	
29	30 7 AA 7 Al Anon	31	WEEKLY SCHEDULE Sundays: Holy Eucharist 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Wednesdays: Eucharist & Healing Service 7pm				