Dear Parish Members and Friends of St. Mary Madgalene,

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for all that we have accomplished at St. Mary Magdalene. We have carried on God’s mission through our Thrift Store and MobileMed ministries. We were blessed by the presence of Father Davis while we successfully ended our search for new clergy, calling Rev. Carolyne Adhola as our Priest-in-Charge in July. Since her arrival, there has been a renewed energy and revitalization of our worship, formation, children’s ministry, acolyte ministry and fellowship. The vestry and lay leaders of St. Mary Magdalene continue to support the building and ground maintenance and we gained in August a Seventh-Day Adventist church to share our space with much welcomed revenue. It is clear the Holy Spirit is alive and active, blowing through our community and touching the lives of many people.

Now, it is time to look forward.

This year’s annual giving theme, *Taking the Next Faithful Step*, is inspired by many biblical stories of God’s people from Abraham and Moses to Jesus and his disciples, all of whom felt God calling them to move ahead and responded, even though the future wasn’t certain. Here at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, we are taking the next faithful steps in our life as a community. Over the next year, we will focus on building strong lay leaders and in transitioning many of our current vestry members who have served past their original terms. We will train individuals to support this work as well as our children ministry and the continual work of maintenance and rental support of our building and grounds. We aspire to affording more than ½ time with our clergy and in having paid office staff support. We ask for your help, praying that you will make a financial contribution for the coming year to be able to live into this next step.

Parish members are asked to give as they are able. Please prayerfully consider how you will contribute.

Included with this mailing is a pledge card for 2024. As we begin this year’s *Taking the Next Faithful Step* annual giving campaign, we hope you will consider making a financial pledge so that St. Mary Magdalene Church can continue its work of following Jesus and sharing His love with others. Together, we can have a tremendous impact on our friends and our community.

If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,
The Vestry of St. Mary Magdalene

The Rev. Carolyne Adhola - Priest in Charge