

# St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

## Wheaton Parish



November 2022

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary Magdalene:

Have you ever wondered if you have enough? If your neighbors have enough? How much is enough? Now ask yourself this: Did Jesus do enough for us? For our neighbors? Is Jesus enough? The old Spiritual "Give me Jesus" puts it this way: "In the morning when I rise...Dark midnight was the cry, O when I come to die, Give me Jesus...You may have all this world, Give me Jesus."

Our life of Stewardship is expressed in the way we manage and use God's gifts to us—both our individual talents, abilities and resources, and the gifts in our Christian Community. St. Mary Magdalene has more than enough abundant gifts of hospitality, welcome, warmth, caring, and commitment. From the Thrift Store to the volunteers who helped clean out the basement; from those who worship with us each week on zoom, to those who come to worship in person, from the youngest members newly baptized to the adult members presented for Confirmation and Reception, we express and show forth our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. This summer, you demonstrated your generosity in the "Summer Offering," giving your Church a much-needed boost, and for that we are so thankful and grateful.

As you consider your gift to the ministry of Jesus at St. Mary Magdalene for the coming year, 2023, keep this in mind—am I giving enough? How much is enough? How might I give in ways I did not consider last year? How might I contribute to the life of this Church and the promise of the ministry of a new Rector? What is God calling me to do? To give? How might I pray and work for the Kingdom of life and abundance that God has placed in front of us? St. Mary Magdalene has completed a year-long transition and is now open to receiving names for a new Rector. We don't know what will happen in this search, and we know that offering a half-time position will be a stretch for us. Will we have enough? It is tempting to let the anxiety about the unknown rule our hearts, but remember the words Rev. Anne shared with us a year ago? "Only God could say what this new Spirit gradually forming in you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete." (Pierre Tielhard De Chardin)

We ask that you consider your gift to St. Mary Magdalene for the coming year and that you complete the inserted card and return in the envelope provided or bring to the church. Individuals may also create a recurring gift via the online "give" feature on the [www.stmarymagdalene-md.org](http://www.stmarymagdalene-md.org) website. We will hold the in-gathering at our December 4 worship services. You are enough—enough for God, enough for your family, enough for your community, and what God has given us out of love, we are called to share.

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With gratitude, Michele, Marion, Mother Anne

## Sunday December 4, 2022 -- In-Gathering of 2023 Pledges

Dear Parish Members and Friends,

As we begin a new Season of Transition together, you are invited to respond today by sending your Stewardship Intention to the Church using the enclosed envelope, or by going on-line to the "give" tab of the Church website and click on the "Give" button.

Please use one of the following options to make your 2023 "treasure" giving wishes known:

Under the "Give" tab of our website, you can find the stewardship materials.

- Use the pledge card and return envelope included with this letter and send it back to the Church or put it in the offering plate during the ingathering on November 20.
- Download a pledge card from the website, [stmarymagdalene-md.org](http://stmarymagdalene-md.org), fill it out and mail it to: St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 3820 Aspen Hill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906
- OR you can come to the Church on Friday, November 4, between 11-1 and we will have copies of the pledge cards available for you to pick up.

If you are experiencing difficulty with these directions please email Michele at [finance@stmarymagdalene-md.org](mailto:finance@stmarymagdalene-md.org) or call her at 202-302-3821 and leave a message.

**Pledges of Time and Talent are welcome ANY time!** We always welcome new ushers, lectors, acolytes, Altar Guild, other liturgical ministers; as well as so many of you who support the mission and ministry of St. Mary Magdalene in outreach and mutual care. If you have time and talent you are willing to share, please contact Michele Glidden, Senior Warden (202-302-3821), or the Rev. Anne Weatherholt (301-491-5792).

We thank each one of you for responding with grace and prayer as you consider how you will share with God and God's Church from what you have received.

--The Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, Interim Rector

Michele Glidden, Senior Warden & Treasurer

Marion Marshall, Junior Warden