

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

Rector's Reflection
The Rev. Dr. Sarah Lamming
Drawing the circle wide in 2018

In the year I became your fifth rector we have accomplished much and we continue to want to do and be more. At the installation service, we sang the song, "Draw the circle wide" by Mark Miller. It started with one voice singing and ending with a giant circle around the whole church and a joyous chorus of voices. It is hard to capture the whole year; below are a few points to reflect a summary of what we have achieved.

Strategic Growth –

- We continue to be one of the few Episcopal churches that are growing in attendance and membership
- We are developing faith leaders as well as worshipers
- The church has been awarded a congregational growth grant, to help fund grant writing and to fund a vestry retreat.
- Improvement in our websites and social media
- A Staff Handbook has been established
- Policies and Procedures of the Episcopal Church are being integrated and our operating procedures are being brought into alignment.

Continuing to widening –

- The Vestry has established a group that has done the "Securing our Worship Spaces" Training and is actively working on implementing recommendations.
- Signage at the Front of the Church
The vestry has reestablished a small task force to develop a cohesive policy and update the signages at the front of the building
- Accessibility
Our worship has been enhanced by the sound system update and thank you to those who contributed to this, especially to the Fajnor family.
The church has plans for an elevator and remodeling of the restrooms to meet ADA requirements. We are applying for grants to help cover the estimated costs. When we get 60% of the funds pledged/awarded we can apply for the permit. Once the permit is granted we will have a year to complete the work.
- Community Networks
Engaging with the Aspen Hill Resident Associations, the Boy Scout of America, the local Toastmasters, and the Lions Association,
- Misa Magdalena continues to work with the diocese

Collaborations

The body of Christ is made up of many parts, each with unique gifts. Ministry is not a solo adventure. St. Mary Magdalene is fortunate to have a group of loyal volunteers who assist our part-time staff. Thank you to our staff: Richard Dale Taylor, Yadira and Carlos Castillo, Cynthia Carr, and Harriet Newquist. We have been blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Canon Kortright Davis assisting us with his words of wisdom, grace and joy of the Spirit. We continue to collaborate with The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin and Misa Magdalena. On the reverse side of this insert, there is a list of our team of volunteers. Approximately 9000 hours of service to the church and community was given in 2018. It is a privilege to minister alongside our wardens, Michele Glidden, Ola Cole, Marion Marshall, and our vestry as together we help bring our dreams into reality. We thank Carol Gardner for her twenty years of service to the vestry.

In 2019, my prayer for the parish is that together we can continue to build a community where more people will feel welcomed and invited, and will want to make themselves at home, so that they can come and know God's grace.

Special Services in 2019

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19
Honoring Our Graduates

Sunday, May 26
Dr. Taylor's Memorial
2:30 pm

Sunday, June 2
Celebration of Richard Dale Taylor's Ministry

Sunday, June 9
International Sunday
Joint Service with
Misa Magdalena
at 10:30
Bring and Share Meal
from around the world
follows the service.

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day

Sunday, July 28
St. Mary Magdalene Day Annual Parish Picnic



Sunday, September 15
Youth Group Reunion Sunday

Friday – Sunday
Sept 20 – 22
Vestry Retreat

Ministry Teams

Key: *part of 2018 | **Bold** Chair/Leader of Ministry | *Italic* Support role

Acolytes: Gretna Ricks, Harry Brooke, Lucia Jones, Michele Glidden, Nora Wellington, Perrindo Palmer, Zoeann Millard, Herbert Lake, Damien Dennis, Charles Hosten, Modestine Johnson.

Adult Formation (Bible Study, Golden Pioneers, Young Adults) Irene Jacobs, Mapedro Willoughby, **Zoeann Millard**

Altar Guild: **Ginny Swann**, Alice O'Donnell, Carol Gardner, Lisa Fajnor, Martha Del Valle, Modestine Johnson, Sharon Totten, Zoeann Millard, Nora Wellington

Men's Group: Davidson Willoughby, Dandeson Moore, Deryck Small, Dudley Wellington, Francis Smith, Richard Freeman, Todd Hubley, William Bull, Jermone Findlay, Lorenzo Ariyo-Lewis

Building and Grounds: **Ola Cole**, **Alice O'Donnell**, Harry Brooke, Carlos Castillo

Chase Partnership (Meal Ministry): **Ethel Grant**, Alana, Damien, Michael, Evan, Maxen, Kenzo (Ethel's Grandkids) **Jacqueline Bowen**, Modestine Johnson, Dawn Bowen, Karen Johnson, Bertha Bright-Marke, Claudia Allotey, Jackie Simmons, Annette James, Dande James, Blake Downey.

The Choirs: **Richard Dale Taylor**, Anne Ambler, Bertha Bright-Marke, Beverley Collins, Carol Gardner, Daniel Rigerink, Davidson Willoughby, Dolores Cefail, Eugenia Palmer, Jacqueline Bowen, Joann Taylor, John Fay, Lee Harper, Lynn McClarrin-Vaupel, Todd Hubley, William Bull, Jonathan Endelm

Counters: **Lisa Fajnor**, Dawn Bowen, Dudley Wellington, Gebru Kabriyemer, Gloria Thomas, John Fajnor, Lorenzo Ariyo-Lewis, Martha Del Valle, Michael Thomas, Michele Glidden, Sharon Totten

Daughters of the King: Beverley Collins, Barbara Gary, Bobbi Meyers, **Carol Gardner**, Cecelia Bull, Denise Hebert, Dolores Cefail, Eve Wayne, Flavia Threatt, Helen Van Lowe, Jacqueline Bowen, Jane Utterback, Janet Beth, Jeanette Ferris, Louisa Jarrett, Lynn McClarrin-Vaupel, Marie Wallace, Martha Del Valle, Modestine Johnson, Ola Cole, Rosemarie Rehill, Sharon Totten, Thelma Griffith, Wendy Piccotta

Fellowship (Coffee Hour, International Sunday, Annual Picnic, HOG Sunday, Pancake Supper): **Bertha Bright-Marke**, Dawn Bowen, Irene Jacobs, Lisa Fajnor, Martha Del Valle, Michele Glidden, Modestine Johnson, Ola Cole, Elizabeth Lake, Lousia Jarrett, Elaine Jabobs, Ethel Grant

Finance Team: **Michele Glidden**, Deryck Small, Flavia Threatt, Fritzgerald Saintime, Ginny Swann, Lisa Fajnor, Ola Cole, The Rev. Sarah Lamming

Greeters/Ushers: **Marion Marshall**, Dawn Bowen, Gebru Kabriyemer, Leonard Milton-Cole, Lorenzo Ariyo-Lewis, Mapedro Willoughby, Massa Dempster, Perrindo Palmer

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Barbara Gary, Beverley Collins, Carol Gardner, Dawn Bowen, Dolores Cefail, Jacqueline Bowen, Lynn McClarrin-Vaupel, Marie Wallace, Modestine Johnson

Lectors: **Flavia Threatt**, Anne Ambler, Arlene Brooke, Bertha Bright-Marke, Carol Dyer, Daneson Moore, Denise Hebert, Gretna Ricks, Lucia Jones, Charles Hosten, Jewel Harmon, Michele Glidden, Modestine Johnson, Nigel McKenzie, Damien Dennis, Alana Dennis, Nora Wellington, Todd Hubley, Zoeann Millard

LEM: Bertha Bright-Marke, Carol Dyer, Harry Brooke, Lucia Jones, Michele Glidden, Modestine Johnson, Nora Wellington, Zoeann Millard

Liturgical Dance Ministry: **Althea McKenzie**, Ariana McKenzie, Aurora McKenzie, Chloe Saintime, Johanne Saintime, Emma Saintime, Dande James, *Annette James*, *Bertha Bright-Marke*, *Dawn Bowen*, *Denise Herbert*, *Eve Wayne*, *Irene Jacobs*, *John McKenzie*, *Nigel McKenzie*, *Zoeann Millard*

Social Media: Alice O'Donnell, Cynthia Carr, Dawn Bowen, Fritzgerald Saintime, Lorenzo Ariyo-Lewis, Michele Glidden, **The Rev. Sarah Lamming**

Misa Magdalena Leaders: **The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin**, Luis Correa, Martha Del Valle

Office Volunteers: Barbara Gary, Beverley Collins, **Carol Gardner**, Jacqueline Bowen, Zoeann Millard

Outreach: (Community Engagement) **Joann Taylor**, Arlene Brooke, Alice O'Donnell

Staff: Cynthia Carr, Carlos Castillo, The Rev. Sarah Lamming, Richard Dale Taylor, Harriet Newquist

Sunday School Leaders: Cecelia Bull, Irene Jacobs, Johanne Saintime, Matilda Taylor, William Totten, Zoeann Millard

Thrift Store: **Joann Taylor**, Alice O'Donnell, Lisa Fajnor, Barbara Gary, Carol Dyer, Carol Gardner, Dolores Cefail, Jacqueline Bowen, Jane Utterback, Jewel Harmon, John Fajnor, Karen Johnson, Lisa Fajnor, Martha Del Valle, Michael Marcus, Romayne Hagyard, Gloria Rosales, Lourdes Mendez, Wendy Piccotta,

Vestry: Alice O'Donnell, Ariana McKenzie, Bertha Bright-Marke, Carol Gardner, Flavia Threatt, Claudia Allotey*, Fritzgerald Saintime, Irene Jacobs*, Martha Del Valle, Michele Glidden, Ola Cole, The Rev. Sarah Lamming, Thelma Griffith

Women's Group: **Zoeann Millard**, Alice O'Donnell, Annette James, Barbara Gray, Bertha Bright-Marke, Beverley Collins, Blake Downey, Carol Gardner, Cecelia Bull, Clarissa Smith, Denise Hebert, Dolores Cefail, Eve Wayne, Flavia Threatt, Helen Van Lowe, Jacqueline Bowen, Jane Utterback, Jeanette Ferris, Joann Taylor, Lisa Fajnor, Lucia Jones, Lynn McClarrin-Vaupel, Mapedro Willoughby, Marie Wallace, Martha Del Valle, Matilda Taylor, Michele Glidden, Modestine Johnson, Nora Wellington, Ola Cole, Sharon Totten, Wendy Piccotta

Clergy who have assisted throughout the year: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, The Rev. Canon Dr. D. Kortright Davis, The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin, The Rev. Canon Dr. William B. Lewis, The Rev. Canon Prince Decker, The Rev. Canon Daniel Danko, The Rev. Canon Dr. Julius Grey-Coker, The Rev. Samuel Pratt, The Rev. Ken Toure, The Rev. Gloria Cline-Smythe, The Rev. Dr. Eugenia Osho-William, The Rev. Dr. William Bultman, The Rev. Victor Johnson, The Rev. Ernest Williamson-Taylor

If we have overlooked anyone, we apologize. Please speak to Cynthia Carr if there are any errors and we will endeavor to update our records.

