Lay Reading/Chalice Bearing

Volunteers serve as readers of the lessons and psalms at Sunday worship services as well as special services throughout the year. Lay readers also serve the chalice at the Eucharist. A good reading voice and calm presence at the Eucharist are required.

Contact: Janet Poley, jrpoley@comcast.net

Music Team

Play guitar, banjo, bass, recorder, flute, or just like to sing? The music team leads congregational singing and lends musical variety to Sunday mornings each week.

Contact: Ryan Connell, musicdirector@smmboulder.org

Sound System

This ministry operates the sound system, including providing assistive listening devices for those with hearing loss.

Contact: Jeff Doktor, jdoktor@comcast.net

Ushers

Ushers offer a warm welcome to anyone who attends a worship service, distribute bulletins, collect the offering, etc.

Contact: Rick Fredo, fredori.rf@gmail.com

Worship Advisory Team

This committee meets with the rector once a month to plan and coordinate liturgy and music based on changes in the church seasons. Contact: Fr. Bruce Swinehart, frbruce@smmboulder.org

PASTORAL CARE

Food Ministry/ Meal Train

Volunteers provide meals for parishioners experiencing difficult times such as illness, surgery, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one. Contact: Kim Freymiller, freykeb@gmail.com or Janet Taapken, janettaapken@comcast.net

Healing Prayer Ministry

Members of the Healing Prayer Team offer prayers on behalf of any who request it on Sundays during communion. Contact: Linda White, lindaswhite@comcast.net

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Eucharist to those who are homebound or unable to attend a service because of illness or other reasons. Contact: Linda White, lindaswhite@comcast.net

Pastoral Care

St. Mary Magdalene parishioners visit people in their homes or in the hospital on request. Visits may include prayer or just friendly conversation. Contact: office@smmboulder.org

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a group of people linked by email who quickly respond to confidential prayer requests To make a prayer request or become a member of the prayer chain, email the contact person. Contact: Lynn Mulcare, themulcares@gmail.com

Sandwich Generation Support Group

This group is for those who are dealing with aging parents, many while raising children. They meet the 4th Thursday evening of the month for supportive discussion and prayer.

Contact: John Thornbury, johnthornbury@gmail.com

Current members greet newcomers and encourage them as they are ready to become more involved in church life. A Welcome Center is located near the courtyard entrance to the sanctuary. Contact: Carolyn Kesterson, dancingwithmybeloved@gmail.com

OUTREACH/GIVING BACK

Community Garden

Following the words "feed and be fed", community garden volunteers are as nourished by their work as the food-bank patrons they serve. 100% of the produce grown is donated to local food banks. Contact: Barb Beaton, barbmackb@g.com

Endowment

This committee oversees the St. Mary Magdalene Legacy Fund which is made up of financial gifts from members of the congregation for the support of St. Mary Magdalene's long-term financial well-being. Contact: Barton Johnson, bartonjohnson13@gmail.com

Outreach Committee

This committee meets monthly from September through May to identify organizations that will receive financial, volunteer, and other support from St. Mary Magdalene. One on-going outreach effort is with ministry partner Locally Haiti in support of St. Paul's school in Haiti. Contact: Bill Andrews at wmandrews@yahoo.com or Amy Thornbury at amythorn100@gmail.com

Monthly Food Collection Program

Food is collected at the church each month, refer to the parish newsletter for drop-off dates/times and special food donation requests. Collected food is donated to Our Center in Longmont, CO Contact: Susan Odiseos, sodiseos@msn.com

Stewardship

This committee plans and implements the annual stewardship campaign. Contact: Janet Poley, Senior Warden at irpoley@comcast.net or Fr Bruce Swinehart frbruce@smmboulder.org

Dear Reader: In looking through this document, if you do not find a ministry that inspires your participation, or if you have other gifts to offer the church in the form of ministry, please let us know by contacting Fr. Bruce, frbruce@smmboulder.org

Ministry, Fellowship, and Faith Formation Groups

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"My goal is that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. Let your roots grow down into Christ and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught." (Colossians 2: 2-3, 7)

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ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY

Communications Team & Office Support

Communication is critical to SMM. Graphic design, social media, photography and videography all help keep our community connected and help document the life of SMM. Office support includes bulletin folding, mailing prep, data entry and other administrative projects. Contact: office@smmboulder.org

Finance Committee

This committee monitors the financial health of the church and its property, budget, programs, and expenses. Those who have an accounting or finance background can contribute their expertise to help shape the church's financial future. Contact: Jack Wheeler, treasurer@smmboulder.org

Property Committee

This committee helps the Junior Warden maintain the buildings and grounds. Contact: Mike McMillen, jrwarden@smmboulder.org

Vestry

The vestry is the elected governing body of the parish. It serves as the agent and legal representative of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and in the relations of the parish to its clergy. Contact: Janet Poley, Senior Warden, srwarden@smmboulder.org

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Forum

A variety of spiritual and faith formation opportunities are offered on Sundays and occasionally as separate evening or weekend programs. Offerings cover a wide range of topics, including Church history and traditions, spirituality, interfaith issues, exploring the Bible. contemporary issues, and others. Contact: Fr Bruce Swinehart, frbruce@smmboulder.org and Janet Poley, jrpoley@comcast.net

Book Club

The SMM Book Club meets informally each month. Anyone interested in a book we are reading is welcome to come to the discussion. Contact: Ed and Marge Szoke, szokebou@comcast.net

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to help facilitate the practice of contemplative prayer. Group members meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:15. All are welcome. Contact: Barb Beaton, barbmackb@g.com

Labyrinth

Come join us as we walk the labyrinth, care for the labyrinth and share wisdom from its invitation to quiet the mind, and find center. Contact us to be put on our mailing list for events and workshops.

Contact: office@smmboulder.org

Library

This ministry oversees the church library, including book checkout/ return and recording new additions to the collection. Contact: Linda White, lindaswhite@comcast.net

Men's Discussion Group

A group based on open discussion and examination of spiritual themes meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Men can come to the group anytime and can enter the discussion without having read the assigned book. Contact: Kip White, kipwhite@smmboulder.org

Social and Racial Justice Ministry

Striving for racial and social justice through communication and action within our community and beyond. Utilize resources to expand our knowledge: attend community events, invite speakers to SMM, join the Boulder County NAACP, explore ways we can become Indigenous allies. Meetings are the last Sunday of the month after worship. Contact: Carol Park park1557@gmail.com

Second Sunday Women's Gathering

This group meets on the second Sunday of each month following the main Sunday service. The attendees enjoy a program or topic that becomes a springboard for sharing. Contact: Joan Rinner at joanrinner@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

All church volunteers working with children and youth are trained and screened according to guidelines set by the Episcopal Church. Parents are always welcome to attend or volunteer with children and youth programming.

Godly Play

Godly Play is offered as an introduction to faith for children aged pre-k through 5th grade during Sunday services. A staff of trained volunteers introduces a new story each week.

Contact: Julia McMillen at julialt303@gmail.com or Carmel Hill at carmihill@gmail.com

Nursery

Adult volunteers help care for St. Mary Magdalene's very young children during worship services.

Contact: Rev. Sasha Bilow, revsasha@smmboulder.org

Children's Ministry

Children's ministry serves our youngest children through grade 5. In addition to Godly Play, each Sunday Eucharist includes a children's sermon. Children are invited to participate in special seasonal events such as pumpkin carving, a Christmas pageant, and a summer picnic at a lake. Contact: Rev. Sasha Bilow, revsasha@smmboulder.org

Youth Ministry

The youth ministry program serves youth in grades 6-12. Youth meet on the first Sunday of each month at SMM and on the third Sunday of each month for a multi-church youth group. Youth also have the opportunity to attend community-building events, service projects, retreats, and mission trips. Contact: Rev. Sasha Bilow, revsasha@smmboulder.org

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour

Volunteers sign up to provide coffee and snacks for fellowship time after the 10:00 am Sunday service. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. For questions, contact: Margaret Buttery at margaretabuttery@gmail.com

Kitchen Managers

This team manages coffee hour, kitchen cleanliness, party restocking, and kitchen use for events. Contact: Linda Whisler at lwhisler789@gmail.com

Marthas of St. Mary Magdalene

The "Marthas" of St. Mary Magdalene provide hospitality for weddings and memorials/funerals as needed. Contact: office@smmboulder.org

Small Group Social Gatherings

Small assigned groups get together once a month for a simple meal and fellowship in homes or restaurants for at least four months. These social gatherings are a great way to get to know both new and existing members of St. Mary Magdalene better.

Contact: Carmel Hill, carmihill@gmail.com

LITURGY

Acolytes

Acolytes are members of the congregation, often children, who assist the priest with worship. This ministry is open to anyone 8 years of age and older and strengthens children's understanding of worship and helps them become active members of the congregation. Contact: Kevin O'Brien, kevin.f.obrien54@gmail.com

Altar Flower Team

Team members design flowers for the Altar. The team selects flowers. orders from a wholesale florist, and designs flowers on Saturday to be put on the Altar Saturday. Also designs larger flower presentations for Easter, Christmas and weddings. Contact: Teresa Henry teresa.henry1004@gmail.com

Donate Altar Flowers

Individuals or families may sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church to donate flowers for the weekend worship services in memory of a loved one or to celebrate something special. Donations begin at \$45.00. For questions, contact: Carmel Hill at carmihill@gmail.com

The Altar Guild cares for the vestments and prepares the altar for each Eucharist. Duties include setting the table for Eucharist, marking the Bible readings, cleaning up after services, laundering linens, and providing the wine. Contact: Colleen Brolin, catsmeow505@gmail.com

Communion Bread

Individuals or families bake the communion bread each week. This is a very special way to share in the liturgical and spiritual life of the SMM community. The recipe is simple and the baker presents the bread at the offertory at the service he/she attends.

Contact: Heather Williams, histratton@mac.com

Greeters

Greeters stand at the entrances to the sanctuary and at the Welcome Center to welcome all who come on Sunday mornings before and after services. Contact: Carolyn Kesterson, dancingwithmybeloved@gmail.com