

The Vessel

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St. Mary Magdalene
Episcopal Church
4775 Cambridge Street
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Rector

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Assisting Priest

The Rev. Mary Hardy

Deacon

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Children's Minister

Tammi Bailey

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Leslie Harvison

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Worship Schedule

Saturday

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday

8:15 & 10:00 am

Worship service

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From the Rector:

I practice my guitar. Hopefully, each day. I practice flat picking and finger picking. I play songs I know and attempt those I'd like to learn. I do scales and exercises, and I improvise. The more regular I am at practice, the more ready I am to play, literally & figuratively. The more regular I am at practice, the more the calluses stay on my fingers and it doesn't hurt to play; and the more regular I am at practice, the more nimble my fingers are. I have more fun and more confidence when I've been practicing. (The reverse is also true. The less I practice the more it hurts, I make more mistakes, and it seems I make no progress. The less I practice, the less I want to.)

Christianity is something I practice as well. Hopefully, each day. I'm not going to get it perfect, but I hope to improve. I practice saying my prayers and sitting quietly; on Saturday nights at 5:00 and Sunday mornings I practice worship. I practice other spiritual disciplines so I can improvise & play, so my spirit remains nimble, so my communion with God is less awkward. Being a Christian is not a profession (even for a clergy person), it's a practice. Each day is another opportunity to remember who I am, to try to love and serve those around me, to receive the grace that God wants to give, to struggle with my besetting sins--God gives me lots of opportunities to practice. Thank goodness.

I hope your practice is going well.

God Bless,

Mike

**Fall Worship Hours
begin
Sunday, September 5th
Sunday morning services
will be at
8:15 & 10:00 am
Saturday evening worship on
September 4th only will be at 5:30 pm**

Staff Update...

Leslie Harvison has been our interim youth minister following the 2010 mission trip to Idaho, and I'm pleased to report that she will continue in that capacity through next year's mission trip.

Della Krier will be our new bookkeeper. She will train with Leslie for a month, and then take over those duties in October.

As announced in last month's newsletter, Mary Hardy will be retiring in November from being on staff at St Mary Magdalene, but will continue to be an active member of the parish. There are two women who are interested in being considered for the part-time position here: The Rev. Kim Seidman and the Rev. Joell Szachara.

The Rev. Kim Seidman will be preaching at the September 4 Saturday service (at 5:30 pm), and the September 5 Sunday morning services. If you are able to attend please contact Mike or a member of the vestry with your impressions.

Choir

Choir will be singing the third Sunday of every month starting again in September. We rehearse the two Tuesdays preceding the third Sunday. Please join us Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. for practice followed by a meet and greet with refreshments. September we'll also rehearse Tuesday the 14th and sing Sunday the 19th. Please email me with any questions at JayanthiBunyan@gmail.com. Child care is provided.

Worship Committee Notes...

Beginning Labor Day weekend (Sept 4 & 5) the following will be implemented at our 8:15 & 10:00 am services, and they will continue until the First Sunday of Advent:

- ✝ We'll sing the Gloria, in place of saying the Trisagion.
- ✝ We'll continue to use Eucharistic Prayer C.
- ✝ We'll use the John Michael Talbot 'Sanctus' and Gary Leeson 'Agnus Dei', both of which we have been singing for years.
- ✝ The Introit will be 'Let My Prayer Rise Up', replacing 'Paths Intertwining'.
- ✝ The Post Communion Prayer will continue to be the Prayer of St Francis.
- ✝ We'll say the Psalm, rather than chant it.

Acolytes

The ministry of the acolyte is one of the oldest in the church. When acolytes first helped with the liturgy they carried candles in processions, lighted candles on the altar and assisted with Holy Eucharist.

At St. Mary Magdalene, acolytes perform all of these duties, and more. They process with the cross, lead the children to Godly Play and -- everyone's favorite -- ring the bells during the Communion liturgy.

We have a wonderful group of acolytes here at SMM. Each has learned their duties from a more experienced acolyte. As beginners become more experienced, they teach the next wave of newcomers. Younger or older, rookie or veteran, everyone has something to learn as well as to teach. All have something unique to offer. We welcome participants of all ages. Whether you are 12 or 112 does not matter. Knowing your work and doing it well is what is important. Children typically begin in this ministry around age 10. However, if you believe your child is ready for this ministry at an earlier age, please talk with Father Mike.

If you or your child have ever thought about acolyting, or if you have questions about this ministry, please call (303-444-4805), email (lillie59@msn.com) or talk with Jim Lillie sometime at church.

We look forward to welcoming you to this ministry.

Children's Ministry

Godly Play and Living the Good News begins Sunday, September 19 at the 10:00 service. As we did last year, the older kids (5th and 6th grade) will come to their classroom right away and the younger kids will be led out by the crucifer. All the children will join the congregation for Eucharist. Please register your children at the Kiosk in the next 2 weeks. Also, we'd love to have some new teachers and helpers. Training is easy and it's fun to watch our children grow in their faith.

We will have a beginning celebration on September 19th. The children will "decorate" the classrooms with banners and kites. We will celebrate with ice cream and special treats after the service.

Please come see what we are doing this year. Our Godly Play cabinets have been decorated and we are planning some wonderful activities this year. Call me if you have questions. 720-273-4874 is the best number.

Yours in God and Play,
Tammi <><

Faith Matters

Faith Matters, also know as St. Mary Magdalene 101, will resume for 10 weeks this fall.

The class is a good opportunity to:

- ✚ Meet some fellow St Mary Magdalene folks.
- ✚ Ask some questions about the Episcopal church in general or St Mary Magdalene in particular.
- ✚ Hear presentations and enter into discussions on topics like the Bible, faith, prayer, church history, Jesus, and the labyrinth.
- ✚ Share a meal you didn't have to prepare.

The class will be held on Thursday evenings beginning September 16, 6:30 - 8:30pm. There's no charge, and childcare can be arranged if it's needed.

You are invited to savor the flavors
of New Orleans with Chef Gus

Join us for a
**Cajun-Creole Style
Stewardship Dinner**

Saturday, September 11, 2010
5:00 pm Holden Evensong
6:00 pm Dinner

**Mock Turtle Soup
Blackened Redfish Salad
Chicken Tchoupitoulas
Seafood Sauce Piquant
Bourbon Street Bread Pudding
Mmmm Mmmm!!!**

Please RSVP by September 4

Laissez les bon temps rouler

Garage Sale

Saturday, September 18

Our annual garage sale is set for Saturday September 18th, from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. This is a huge project with huge results. ALL of the money from the sale goes directly to outreach. It's a perfect excuse to clean out your closets, garage etc. All unsold items will go to Sister Carmen in Lafayette. So, it's a win, win situation for everyone! There are, as always, a few rules. **NO SKIS OR BOOTS**. No thrift shops will accept them. Also, **NO HOLES in clothing**...even jeans. The donation drop off time is Friday the 17th 4:00pm - 7:00pm. If you're not going to be in town, please make arrangements with a friend to drop off your donations. The church does NOT have room to store anything, even for a night. If you have large items (desk, couch, tables), and need a truck pick up, please let us know ASAP. We can arrange that for you. One last item; We NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!! Lots of volunteers. Friday evening is the most difficult time. We need to sort out and mark everything. So, please consider helping out. It really is a lot of fun. We'll have a pizza party Friday, while sorting. Coffee and doughnuts(or possibly something healthy!) early Saturday morning. Don't forget to tell all of your friends, family and neighbors about this event. They may donate as well as shop. Thank you,

Nancy Lillie and Sheila Martinson



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University begins Sunday, September 12, 6 – 8 pm. Financial Peace University is a wonderful, practical, entertaining 13 week class designed to help people successfully manage their own finances. This course will help you understand the forces behind your financial distress, create a budget you can stick to, set goals you can achieve, and make things right for you and your family – financially, emotionally, and spiritually – for good. The cost is \$110 per person/couple and registration is due by August 15th. Please sign up at kiosk or call the church office.

Book Group...

More exciting books!

Janie and Wayne Pierre will host the Sept. 24, 2010, book club at 7 PM at their home, 6988 Hunter Pl, Boulder, 80301. Janie has chosen the 1988 Barbara Kingsolver novel, *The Bean Trees*, for some light summer reading. It was recommended by Ruth Gensert Jones so it must be good! It's about a young woman from rural Kentucky who moves to Tucson and becomes an "instant mother" to a three-year-old American Indian girl. Please respond to jmpie2@comcast.net or 303-530-0536 to let Janie know if you can attend.

In November the book club will meet at Pat and Jim Watkins', 2464 Vale Way, Erie, 80516, on Friday, November 12 at 7pm. Please respond to them at jpwatcol@gmail.com or 720-350-4291. Our book for November is *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, the second book in Stieg Larsson's powerful mystery trilogy. We read the first of these three books for our July meeting.

September Women's Gathering Thursday, September 9th

Please join us on Thursday, September 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Let's gather at the fireplace to celebrate and share.

The evening's topic will be "Serving Ourselves and Others." Light refreshments will be served. No need to RSVP. We look forward to seeing everyone.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Frank Lamb, Emiko Fredo |
| 3 | Jane Vertuca |
| 4 | Jon Morreale |
| 5 | Jamie Hollowell, Joe Buzas,
Chase Redfield |
| 6 | Heather Williams, Tre Vertuca |
| 8 | Julia Thornbury |
| 9 | Emma Tussey, Abbey Wright |
| 11 | Sarah Messenger Bouricius |
| 12 | Darcey Vertuca |
| 13 | Mike McKee |
| 21 | Ann Reid |
| 22 | Juanita Redfield |
| 24 | Shelby Kesterson |
| 26 | Logan McDanel |
| 28 | Rick Fredo |
| 29 | Robert Rowan |
| 7 | Pete & Laura Morreale |
| 10 | Lynn & Dennis Mulcare |
| 19 | Win & Spen Kellogg |
| 24 | Tracy & Lee Kendall |

Who's Who at St. Mary Magdalene...

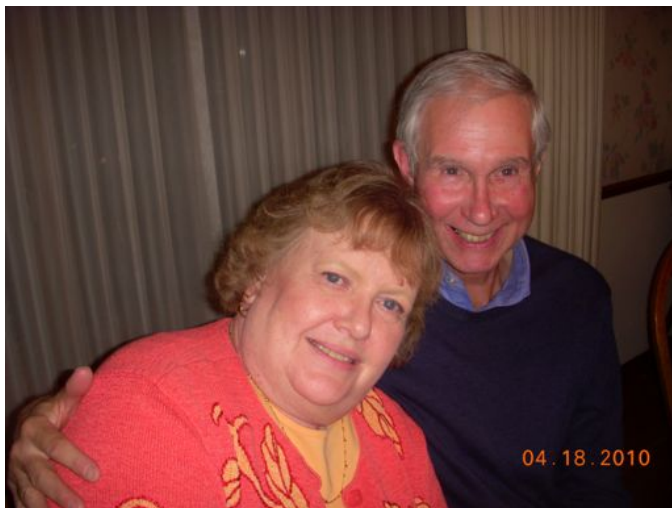


Bill and Cheryl Andrews joined St. Mary's 25 years ago as newlyweds! You have probably noticed them in a number of roles at SMM. Bill is an usher and a member of the Outreach Committee. Cheryl directs the Hand Bell Choir, leads the Mindful Handicrafts Group, and is a member of the Healing Prayer Team. In their work lives, Bill is a software engineer and Cheryl is a professional musician and knitting pattern designer. In their spare time, Bill enjoys mountain biking and golf, and Cheryl likes to read and knit. They have two adult children, Caitlyn and Ian. Ian led the building of the Labyrinth as his Eagle Scout project.

Kim, Paul, and Adelaide (4 years old) Obert began attending SMM in 2005 when they moved to Heatherwood. Kim and Adelaide usually attend the early service. Kim participated in JustFaith last year and has valiantly chaired the annual SMM Silent Auction for the past two years! Kim is from New York and attended the University of New Hampshire where she studied art history, although she has also studied horticulture and landscape design at CSU. In past lives, both Kim and Paul were landscape designers. Since 2004, Kim has owned and operated Fast Frame of Boulder, and Paul does account management for Universal Forest Products in Lafayette. Their hobbies include gardening, eating, running, yoga, crafts, classes and wine tastings. Adelaide attends preschool at Sandpiper Montessori in Gunbarrel. All the Oberts and their friends look forward to welcoming New Baby Obert in February 2011!



Jim and Pat Watkins have been part of the SMM family since the summer of 2009 and can usually be spotted at the early Sunday service. They are both active in outreach activities and Jim recently became part of the Legacy Committee. Having spent about 35 years in and near Madison, WI, they are avid Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer fans! Prior to retiring, Jim was an attorney and bank trust officer and Pat was an operating room RN. When not volunteering, Jim can be found golfing, hiking, or gardening and both Jim and Pat are always ready for a game of bridge or packing their bags to travel on new adventures or spend time in Rocky Mountain National Park. They have two grown children: Kate who is a journalist in Manchester, England, and Margo who is a graduate student in nutrition at the University of Minnesota.



Middle School Youth Group at St. Mary Magdalene

When I think back on the last three months of summer, the first word that comes to mind is “fun.” It’s one of the most general words, but in our case at St. Mary Magdalene, it stretches over 82 days, making them anything but lazy afternoons in the sun.

At the beginning of June several members of our high school crowd went on a mission trip to do some of the most beneficial things for a Native American reservation. Spending time with under-privileged kids, planning activities, and making small community repairs took up most of their time up in Idaho. During this period our Youth Group transitioned from one leader to another. Don Martinson retired from his leadership role and passed the torch onto Leslie Harvison, who is now the “Queen” of our group.

Once returned, Leslie exposed us to a new form of gathering that most of our members hadn’t ever been involved with. Theological reflections became, and are still, part of our Sunday routines. Middle and High school students rotate in joining Leslie and searching through the Bible, songs, and psalms to recall anything that would relate to the topic we were discussing that week. Some examples of things that have been talked about were same sex marriage, charity, mission, laws, and once we even reflected on peanut M&M’s. Leslie planned tie-dyeing, parties, and even took a few middle school students, like me, up to Nederland to camp!

My favorite part of the many amusing outings we had was Youth Week. On Saturday the youth of several churches headed down to Water World, in Denver, for a day of rides, bonding, and of course water! Monday was a Hike at Chautauqua, Tuesday Elitch Gardens, Wednesday was working at Community Food Share, St. Brigit, and Hope, and Thursday topped off the week with a dive-in movie. That’s right, a DIVE-in movie, where we watched a movie and swam all at the same time. National Youth Day (Thursday August 12th) really was celebrated by our Youth Group.

Even though school has just started, I already can’t wait until next summer when the whole thing starts again.

Alli Mulcare, 8th Grade

High School Youth Group – Summer 2010

The High Schoolers started off the summer by heading up on a ten-hour car trip to Blackfoot, Idaho. After enduring the boring landscapes of Wyoming, the St. Mary’s youth group stepped onto Shoshone Bannock land when they entered the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. They stayed in the classrooms of the Lillian Vallely School on the skirts of the reservation and woke up Sunday morning to attend church at St. Paul’s, the local Episcopal Church. On Monday, the first interactions between St. Mary’s Youth Group and Lillian Vallely kids occurred. The youth group met many new faces, in addition to seeing some familiar faces from last summer. Tye-Dye for Haiti took place that morning, and in the afternoon after the kids had gone home, the Youth Group set out to begin their work projects.

Team Orange (nicknamed Team Sweet Baby Child) built an overhanging roof over a door to the bus barn to protect drivers from falling snow. Team Purple cleared the basement of icky shelves on the first day and then turned their attention to putting pig pen fencing and lattice around the school’s deck to prevent balls from getting stuck under the deck. Team Green started pulling weeds and ended up taking down a shed that housed two no longer used water tanks, removing those tanks, and then residing the house. The only excitement happened when Father Mike stepped back onto a nail, which then went through his shoe and into his heel. Medic Tammy was on the scene and immediately helped Mike, who recovered enough to grill later that night. Wednesday afternoon was the only exception from work, when we went to a “local” water park and Golden Corral for the evening.

Each day, a different variation of the children on the reservation would come for the mornings, where we played jump rope, soccer, on the swings and play structures, looked at the horses in the bordering pastures, 9-square, and ate lunch. We were sad to leave after a fantastic Pow-Wow celebration Friday followed by a barbeque and an afternoon of volunteering at the Episcopal Church on the reservation, but deeply enjoyed the trip.

While many High Schoolers in Youth Group will be busy with homework, we will all hopefully make time to come to Youth Group and partake in a consistently fun and memorable activity with our beloved new leader, Leslie Harvison.

Meg Thornbury, 11th Grade

Youth Group Calendar

Sunday, August 29th - High School TR 9 am. in library
Pool Party at Don Martinson's pool from 3-5 pm. Please contact Leslie at ldharvison@comcast.net for directions and information. Bring a snack to share!

Sunday, Sept. 5th - Middle School TR 10 am. library
After church, mission meeting. Please bring ideas.

Sunday, Sept. 12 – Meet at Tammi Bailey's home for her house blessing.

Friday, Sept. 17th - Meet at 6:00 pm at church for lock-in.

Sat. Sept 18th - At the garage sale, sell baked goods and drinks to raise money for mission and Outreach!

Sun. Sept 19th - Middle School TR 10 am.

Good Sam Bike Jam with the Petroy family at 9 am. Contact them asap if you would like to ride.

DEADLINE for Genesis weekend If you are going, we must have paperwork and money by this day!

Sunday Sept 26th - High School TR

All Episcopal Church invitational 4-7 pm. at St. Mary Magdalene. Volleyball, 9 square, Indiana Horseshoes. Help St. Mary's keep our Trophy!

Friday Oct. 1st - 6 pm visit Common Cathedral in Longmont. Please meet there.

Sunday October 10th - Time TBD, but probably 7 pm. Youth Group Talent Show!

Important date for the calendar- Oct. 15th-17th Genesis Weekend in Buena Vista. Also, no TR for Middle School this day.



Heatherwood Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 12 8:00 - 11:00 am

Bring the family and enjoy a morning with a homemade breakfast cooked by famous Heatherwood Dads!!!

\$20 for a family of four or \$6 per person

BIKE RODEO: Get ready for Walk & Roll week - Ride your bikes so the kids can have their helmets fitted, bikes tuned and do the fun obstacle course!



CROP Walk for Hunger: Sunday, October 17, 2010

It's time for the 25th annual CROP Walk for Hunger in Boulder County on Sunday, October 17. We'll gather at 1:30 pm at this year's host sites: Congregation Har HaShem, 3950 Baseline Rd, and neighboring St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 3700 Baseline Rd.

Thanks to the support of St. Mary Magdalene and other faith communities in Boulder County, last year's event raised a record-breaking \$60,000 for local and global hunger-fighting agencies like Community Food Share and Heifer International.

Please consider how you can help. We need walkers, sponsors, and pray-ers for Team St. Mary Magdalene. Walkers of all ages, strollers, and leashed dogs are welcome along the 10K route. A shorter route is available to those who need it.

Please see Amy Thornbury on Sundays, call 303-652-0772, or email thornburys@comcast.net. You can also join or sponsor Team St. Mary Magdalene by clicking here:

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2010FallCROPHungerWalk/TeamRaiser-Fall2010?team_id=46081&pg=team&fr_id=6509

Millions of people around the world walk for water, for food, to get to school and to get to jobs – We Walk Because They Walk.

There is food enough for all, yet hunger persists: 1.02 billion people are hungry worldwide. Simply put, one in seven people doesn't get enough to eat – and as many as half of them are children.

Thank you for helping fight hunger through this one-of-a-kind charity walk. Together, we make a difference!

...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon day.

Isaiah 58:10

September 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 Morning Prayer	2 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts	3 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	4 3:30 pm Wedding 5:30 pm Worship service
5 8:15 am Worship 10:00 Worship 9:00 am Middle School theological reflection	6	7 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:15 Centering Prayer 6:45pm Healing Ministry meeting 7:00 pm Choir practice	8 8:00 Morning Prayer	9 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts 6:30 pm Women's gathering	10	11 Niwt Nostalgia Day 5:00 pm Holden Evensong 6:00 pm Stewardship dinner
12 8:15 am Worship 10:00 Worship 10:00 am High School theological reflection 6:00 pm Financial Peace University	13 5:45 pm EFM	14 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:15 Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Choir practice	15 8:00 Morning Prayer	16 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts 6:30 pm Faith Matters	17 4-7 pm Garage Sale Drop-off	18 8am – noon Garage Sale 8am –noon Safeguarding God's Children class at St. John's & St. Brigit 5:00 pm Contemplative Service
19 8:15 am Worship 10:00 Worship 10:00 am Middle School theological reflection Godly Play begins 6:00 pm Financial Peace University	20 5:45 pm EFM	21 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:15 Centering Prayer 4:00 pm Staff meeting 6:30 pm Vestry	22 8:00 Morning Prayer	23 8:00 Morning Prayer 9:00 am Mindful Handicrafts 6:30 pm Faith Matters	24 7:00 pm Book Group at the Pierre's	25 8-4 pm Women' s Drawing class 5:00 pm Worship service
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September Ministry Duties

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Greeter	8:15 Kathy Madsen 10:00 John Thornbury	8:15 Bob & Janet Poley 10:00 Peter & Jeri Chandler	8:15 Shelby & Carolyn Kesterson 10:00 Carol Park	8:15 Kathy Madsen 10:00 John Thornbury
Healing Prayer	8:15 10:00	8:15 Maria Greco Cox 10:00 Jeri Chandler, Linda White	8:15 Jeri Chandler 10:00 Linda White RJ Harrington	8:15 Cheryl Andrews 10:00 Jeri Chandler, RJ Harrington
Ushers	8:15 Neil & Maria Cox 10:00 Bill Andrews, Mark Christie	8:15 Rick & Karen Dauer 10:00 Robin & Patti Guilford	8:15 Dennis & Jenny Kapela 10:00 Doug & Leslie Harvison	8:15 Bob & Dickey Lee Hullinghorst 10:00 Win & Spen Kellogg
Altar Guild	Schedule not available			
Eucharistic Visitor	Sarah Wheeler & Eric Kallgren	Heather Herring	Karen Klena	Shelby & Carolyn
Lector/ Chalice Bearer	8:15 Sarah Wheeler 10:00 Peter Chandler, Amy Thornbury	8:15 Tina Fredo 10:00 Julia Lee-Taylor, Tom Fanning	8:15 Janet Poley 10:00 Kip White, Frank Lamb	8:15 Eric Kallgren 10:00 Amy Thornbury, Gete Bond
Acolyte	8:15 Alli Mulcare 10:00 volunteer needed	8:15 Alison Rowan 10:00 She & Morgan Herring	8:15 Volunteer needed 10:00 Emiko Fredo	8:15 Mark Lillie 10:00 Patricia Hyde
Sound Engineer	Kip White	Bea & John Morreale	Philip Killeen	Meg Thornbury
Nursery Helper	Carol Park	Carol Park	Vivian Dratch	Lynn Mulcare
Coffee Hour	Kim Obert	Barbara Rumsey	Alex & Alison Cloth	Need volunteer