

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

April 2014

A Word from Our Rector

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Happy Easter!! Time for Easter Egg Hunts, colorful baskets, jelly beans and chocolate bunnies! We visit family and dress in new clothes and shiny shoes. All because Jesus hung on a cross and died for our salvation? Now, does that make sense?

We form the spring celebration on pretty things because we can't bear to remember the ugly reason for Easter. Learning to love Jesus by reading his birth story, meeting his friends and following them around from town to town gives us intimate reasons to grow fond of him. We love him. He loves us. We don't want to think of him

dead!

But God looks differently on us and our rather strong relationship with



Jesus. God sees Jesus as the link between our life on earth and our eternity in heaven. To keep us connected, God gives us a tiny reminder of Jesus as "often as we drink it" in the Holy Eucharist. If Jesus had not died, there

would not be a Eucharist, nor would there be reason to be Baptized. Would the miracle of healing and blessings be necessary if there was no redeemer?

So, do we need to dwell on the crucifixion or the slaughter? No! Can we relish in the amazing resurrection....yes! We are Easter people, not because we dress up or eat bunny eggs, but because Jesus Christ lived and died to bond us with a God who loves us more than anyone could ever love us. Now, that's a reason to get dressed up and celebrate!!!

Rev. Judi+

Senior Warden Report

I have seen a lot of robins in the yard this past week, so I am hoping that spring can't be far behind. I know that we all would like to take the time in this Holy Lent season to rest and reflect, but it seems that this can be the busiest time for the church. A time for sprucing up the grounds and the church in

preparation for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I know that, weather permitting, we will have a Spring clean-up day real soon and I hope that many of you will be available to help beautify our outside, the Memorial Garden and the sanctuary as well. The work has already begun with the trimming of

the hedges in front of the church and the CEC Building. Thanks go to Larry Wiley and Jim Gee for all their hard work. The light that illuminates our parking lot has been off for a couple months because of a short in the switch of the old fixture, but by the time you read (continued on page 4)

Music at
St. Mary's
2 Concerts
this month!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday: Procession with palms from Lacy Hall to Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16: Seder Meal at Jennie Harner's home at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday service of the Washing of the Feet and Holy Eucharist, 7:00pm

Friday, April 18: 12:00n Stations of the Cross.
7:00pm Living Passion at Nazarene Church

Sunday, April 20: 7:00am Sunrise Service in Memorial Garden; Worship Service at 10:00am; Breakfast follows, then Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

COMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE! Saturday, **May 3** will be the ECW's Rummage Sale. Clean out those closets, storage rooms and garages! Watch for details. Bring items May 1.

We will be having a **Silent Auction** on **May 4**. This is, once again, a "Gifts" Auction and you are to use the Gifts God has given you to auction off! Money raised will go to our Church Buildings and Grounds repair account for emergencies.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 2 6pm Peace Lutheran
April 9 6pm St. Mary's
April 16 Seder Meal 6pm at
Jennie Harner's new home at
11325 SR 729, New Vienna

DIRECTIONS:

(SR 73 thru New Vienna; turn right on SR 729 for 2.1 miles—just beyond the 2 mile marker. Watch for a RED house on the right side of the road.)

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S 2014-2015

Plans are being made for next season of **MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S** concerts. **JIM MCLAUGHLIN** will be returning in October to present an organ recital. In November, **COLLEGIUM MUSICUM** and **MY MUSICAL FRIENDS**, both Wilmington College based early music groups will present a concert.

We are very excited to announce that in April, the **CINCINNATI BOYCHOIR** will be presenting a concert.

Again next season, we will depend upon freewill offerings and other donations to cover the costs of bringing these groups. Please talk up our concert series with your friends and neighbors! If you would like to help in anyway with our concert series, please let me know!

John Glaze

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Hi, all! So far being Junior Warden hasn't been too eventful. We've had a plumbing issue in the Christian Education Building. And last month I did ask you to be looking around the two buildings—the Church and the Christian Education Center—to see if you believe anything needs repair, painting, improvement, or change. I encourage you to do this. We don't see the church every day like we do our homes. Minor repairs would be easy to overlook.

I am so done with snow and cold, and I've heard that echoed throughout Hillsboro. I'm waiting for a nice Saturday morning for a spruce up around the church and building grounds. I'm afraid that the scheduling of the cleanup will be an abrupt announcement, because of the way the weather has been. I don't want to schedule something and

then have it rain or snow. When I find a good "work outside day" I will send an email and may call some of you to see if you can pitch in.

A big "THANK YOU" to **Jim Gee** and **Larry Wiley** for trimming the hedges! And if you have done something around the buildings and grounds, please tell me so that I can acknowledge your good work.

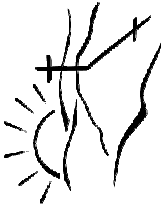
On Saturday, March 22, the Vestry will have their annual Retreat. The entire day is used to discuss and plan for the future of St. Mary's. Please know that your Vestry works hard in each monthly meeting, in committee meetings, and at this Retreat. The Vestry wants St. Mary's to run smoothly businesswise, while also focusing on worship and praise, education, music and the many other ministries that we sup-

port. I enjoy hearing what YOU want, and what your opinions are. I want to do a good job for you, but I think that involves hearing from you. It's your church. Maybe you can't be an active participant in a ministry, but you do have ideas and opinions of things that could be done.

Please let me hear from you. Phone: 937-393-9040; Email: pgoerler@cinci.rr.com.

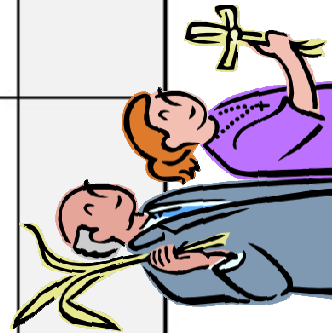
Lastly, please pray for your Vestry. Personally, I ask God for the wisdom to make good decisions, the strength to disagree when I need to, and energy and focus to get things accomplished the way God would have me do them.

Paulette Goerler



APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KEY: CEC = Christian Ed Center LH = Lacy Hall IMG = Memorial Garden SAN = Sanctuary TR = Talk/air Room	A = Anniversary B = Birthday		10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: Betsy Miller			9:00am Finance Mtg 10:00am D.A.R. B: Sarah Fullenkamp
10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC Birthday & Anniv Obs. 2:00pm LENTEN CONCERT 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH	5:30pm Rector's Study TR	10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: BJ Hopkins	2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR	6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: Sarah Fullenkamp
PALM SUNDAY* 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH	5:30pm Rector's Study TR B: Connie Fox, Jerri McCann	10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 6:00pm Seder Meal at Jennie Harmer's Home	MAUNDAY THURSDAY 2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR 7:00pm Foot Washing B: Brian Sterners	GOOD FRIDAY 12:00n Stations of the Cross 6:30pm AA LH 7:00pm Good Friday Service 8:00pm AA LH	B: Al Hammonds
EASTER SUNDAY 7:00am Sunrise Service 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 4:00pm Youth Group CEC A: Jerri & Eric McCann	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH B: Cecil Robertson, Eric McCann	5:30pm Rector's Study TR	10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: Allyson George	2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR	6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	4:30pm Prayers & Praise 5:00pm SOUPS ON!
10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 2:00pm Southern State Singers Concert 4:00pm Youth Group CEC A: Lynda & Russell Roever	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH B: Hannah Hopkins	5:30pm Rector's Study TR	10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: Esther Russell			
*13th-Special collection for the Anglican Church in the Holy Land						



Palm Sunday: Gather in Lacy Hall to begin the service and procession to the Sanctuary!

Senior Warden Report *(continued from page 1)*

this, a new LED light will have been installed with the hope of saving money on electricity. Your wardens and vestry members hope that you will talk to us if you see things that need attention in and around the church. Let us know your thoughts and feelings on our contemporary music and the changes in the bulletins and newsletter or any other

concerns that you may have. Your thoughts and observations are important to us.

Happy Spring and Easter to all!

Ed Paine will be singing at St. Francis Springboro (222 N. Main St) on May 16 at 7:30pm

ALTAR GUILD

Serving on the Altar Guild for April will be Jan Vosper and Carol and John Joy.

Would you like to donate toward the Easter Lilies which will decorate the church for Easter Sunday as a Memorial to a loved one? Look for a form elsewhere in the newsletter.

Serving Schedule for April

APR	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	TORCH BEARERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTER-CESSOR
06	Paulette Goerler	Nancy Orth	Betsy Miller	Judy Franklin	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden	-	Deanna Flinn
13	Passion Play	Jim Heathcote	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Andrea Harner	Larry Wiley & Lizzy Zumwalde	John & Carol Joy	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	-	Betty Heathcote
20	Jim Heathcote	Bob Lowell	Andrea Harner	Jan Vosper	Larry Wiley & Lizzy Zumwalde	Paul & Nancy Orth	Alana Miller & Anne Marie Ogden	Harner	Deanna Flinn
27	Jan Vosper	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	Deanna Flinn	Bob Lowell & Larry Wiley	Peggy & Larry Addington	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	-	Paulette Goerler

Altar Guild: Jan Vosper and Carol & John Joy

Kitchen Cleaner: Open

SAINT M NEWS

PALM SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION will go toward the Anglican Church in the Holy Land whose work aids those in need, regardless of their religious background.
Peggy Addington

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

Our time out for bad weather months has ended and Music At St. Mary's Concerts will resume with a special Lenten Concert at 2:00pm on

6 April. This concert features the musicians of St. Mary's: John Glaze, Organ; Jennie Harner, Flute; and Lynn Lowell, Piano. The music of the Lenten season will be presented.

Next, on 27 April, will be Southern State Singers in their Spring Concert. The director is John Glaze and accompanist is Melanie MacDowell. Shirley Gilliam, Jennie Harner and Mary Brown Turner sing with this group.

OUTREACH

Andrea Harner, Outreach Chair reports that St. Mary's has received a grant award from Episcopal Community Services Foundation. The \$8,000.00 award will be given to the Highland County Homeless Shelter. Thank you to Larry Addington, Rev. Judi, and Bill Fife, the director at the homeless shelter, for working to receive this grant.

SOUP'S ON—April 26! Can you help?



This beautiful cross is the Sewanee Memorial Cross, dedicated to the “sons of Sewanee”. It is a sixty foot structure, found in a wooded area on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. It is located on a bluff of the Cumberland Plateau, overlooking Franklin County Valley.

The text at the base reads: WW1—To the sons of Sewanee who answered their country’s call to service in the World War 1917-1918.

WW2—To those from the University, The Military Academy, Sewanee and all Franklin County in World War II, 1941-1945.

The cross was constructed after World War 1 in 1922, to honor those who died in the “war to end all wars.” Now it honors all from Franklin County who have died in wars since WW1.

The cross is illuminated at night and can be seen from the valley below.

SILENT AUCTION/CELEBRATION OF GIFTS: On May 4, 2014 after the service we will hold our annual silent auction of handmade items. I know several of you have been working on the items that you are donating, but I wanted to remind the rest of you so that you won’t run out of time and will get done with your projects for the auction. As you know, it can be a food item. We had several beautiful pies, loaves of bread and tasty cookies last year. You can donate as many items as you want. I will have forms at church in the next couple of weeks so I can get an idea of what you are donating, or you can simply email me: pgoerler@cinci.rr.com or call: 393-9040 and let me know. The money that is raised will go into a Building and Grounds maintenance fund.

FESTIVAL OF BELLS: Phyllis Johnson and her sister are making an Americana quilt to be raffled off (sometime in the fall) and tickets will be sold during the Festival of Bells. Also, in the planning stages is a scheme to rent tables in Lacy Hall to crafters during the festival. I will be calling the Festival Committee to see what, if anything, is required of us in order to accomplish this. We will be asking people in the congregation to help work this event so that the people using our church are properly supervised and things run smoothly. A committee meeting for this event is scheduled for Sunday, March 30, 2014 after the service. Anyone may attend.

Paulette Goerler

Chairperson of Fundraising Committee

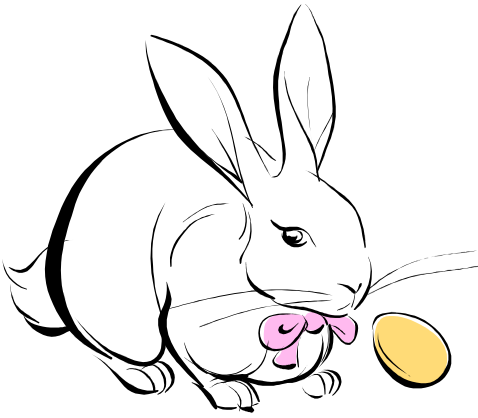
PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following members and friends of St. Mary’s. Our Father knows their needs.

All persons serving in our Armed Forces, especially Darrell & Kelly Easler, Jarrod Jarrell, Bunney & Charles Lewis.

These with special needs: Family of Kathy Bright, Dorothy Elble, Lisa Hudson Guyett, Jennie Harner, Elaine Lee, Roger Maines, Jim Price, Susan Price, Mary Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Cecil Robertson, Ginny Rogers, Esther Russell, Rick & Deb Sansone, Violet Schmidt, Robert Shuler, Anne Stamps, Anne Tieman, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp, Cary Weisenborn, an unspoken request, all Emmaus walks, the residents of Georgetown Veterans’ Home, our ministries with Soup’s On, the Highland County Homeless Shelter, Samaritan Outreach Services and the people these organizations serve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



We are very busy preparing for Easter in the Sunday School. The children are honored to present your Easter Sunday sermon. It will be a play entitled, "THE COLORS OF EASTER." We will be telling you the Easter story through colors.

Colors are very much a part of a child's life. After this play, we hope the children will think of

the Easter story as they use crayons, paints, etc. in their daily life.

After church on Easter Sunday we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt, so we are asking you for help by bringing in some plastic Easter eggs filled with wrapped candy.

Thank You all for your support.

Phyllis Johnson

WELL WISHERS

We are well into Lent. We often think of Lent as a time to give up a habit, good and/or bad, and to change. I like to think of doing something more than I have been gifted to do, with God's help.

In our Well Wishers time of March 19th, we studied Mark 4:1-20. You know it as "The Parable of the Sower". Remember, the farmer or sower is God, and he sows the seed, the Word. It reflects on how the sown Word to us, the people, becomes the seed that lands on various types of soil. In the parable, some soil was the path on which the birds soon ate the seed that fell there. Another soil was in rocky places that could not support the full life of the seed. Then there was the unfavorable soil in the thorns and weeds which smothered out the new seed, killing it. Finally, there was the good soil in which the seed grew and produced a plentiful crop.

Here is another reflection of the scripture. We, as believers of the word, having been planted in the good soil, now have a new role. We have been gifted in many ways. So

what more can we do for the new seeds that have been spread by the farmer, God? Many of us feel that we cannot do more. Try thinking this thought: that we are the good soil. By our Baptismal vows, we can take care of the new seed to be sure it grows in the good soil.

Well Wishers pray for all of you, our neighbors, and study every Wednesday. We also send cards and make calls and visits throughout the week. Early Wednesday mornings there is an ecumenical team of Lutherans and Episcopalians that prays for our churches, the community, the country and the world. At noon on Wednesdays, there is a healing prayer service and Eucharist. On Sundays, our prayers for you are included in "Prayers for the People".

If you would like prayer for healing or for any other reason, then ask me, Rev. Judi, B. J. Gee or Connie Reynolds, the Well Wishers Team. Susan Price also prays for each of us while she is living in Florida. That leads to what we can do as "the good soil."

Larry Addington started us praying for groups, and we can continue by praying a few minutes daily or weekly. Another thought is for us to pray for everybody listed in our congregational directory. Start with your name and pray for the ten families following. The next day, pray for ten more, and so on and so forth. If each of us would do this, then everybody would be covered with prayer daily.

You can pray for specific needs, or just read the names. God knows our needs.

This leads to what Mark 4:20 teaches us: "Others, like seed sown on good soil hear the Word, accept it, and produce a crop thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." Remember that we are the "good soil" for ourselves, our families, our church and our neighbors. Thank you for being the "good soil" through your gifts of service and prayers.

Larry Wiley

RESEARCHING REV. EDWARD BRADLEY

Searching for more history on priests who served St. Mary's through the years was interesting, exasperating, exhausting, exciting—well, the list of adjectives could be endless.

One of the more interesting searches involved Rev. Edward Bradley, who was called to serve St. Mary's on 16 October 1884 and accepted that call on 4 December 1884. Coming to the priesthood later in life, Rev. Bradley had been a businessman. Actually, Rev. Bradley was a 2nd fiddle as the Vestry attempted for a second time to call Rev. John Boyd of Marietta. Dr. Boyd had actually been the Vestry's first choice to come to St. Mary's as the first priest to serve the congregation. He was a brother of J. Milton Boyd. Unfortunately, every rector to serve St. Mary's was compared to Dr. Boyd and found wanting in the comparison.

Rev. Bradley was born in New Haven, Connecticut, January 11, 1819 and died in New York on November 4, 1897. He prepared for Yale College and wanted to enter the Navy, but his father persuaded him to go into business. For about 30 years he was a hardware merchant in Troy, NY and New York City. The war destroyed his business and stripped him of a fortune, but it opened the way for his entrance into the ministry.

One of the congregations which Bradley served was in Franklin, Tennessee. After learning this fact, I found a website for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin and communicated with Scott Smith, parish historian of St. Paul's. Here is part of our email correspondence:

"He (Rev. Bradley) literally saved our church here after the war and is therefore one of the favorites. I have included his photograph--the only one we have of him. I hope you can use it and would love to see the window or anything else you have of his. Do you have any further information about him? Thanks again and I hope this helps."

"I believe he came to St. Paul's from Memphis but have never tried to research him much. He traveled all the way across the country to solicit funds for rebuilding our church after the war (War Between the States) as it was annihilated by the army. He went to Philly and New York and all about telling the tale of the mother church of Tennessee and came home with \$2000

in gold to start anew. He will always be one of my favorites."

"He left us in the early 1870s so wasn't here long...but made a lasting contribution indeed."

Edward Bradley was married to Ann Augusta Grenelle (born about 1822 in New York, died August 23, 1903 in Wheeling, West Virginia), the daughter of Thomas Grenelle and Matilda Earl Grenelle. Research shows they had eight children, most of who died in infancy or early childhood.

I tend to connect Rev. Bradley with our pipe organ as at the first Vestry meeting attended by the new Rector, the following letter, dated "Xmas 1884," was read:

*"To the Vestry of St. Mary's Church, Hillsboro: I wish to place a memorial of my brother, Dr. Edward Rives, in St. Mary's Church if consistent with the view of the Vestry. I desire to make the gift an organ of best workmanship, with power suitable to the size of the church, two banks of keys and stops, and pedals sufficient for the most elaborate church music. I would wish this condition entered upon your minutes, that the organ shall be exclusively for the use of St. Mary's Church, and in case the church shall become extinct, it shall revert to my heirs. Hoping that my desire to memorialize one so dear to me will find response in your hearts, I am very Respectfully yours,
Margaret Rives King"*

The Vestry minutes of November 2, 1885 record that a letter of resignation from the Rector, the Rev. Edward Bradley, was read by Sr. Warden J. M. Boyd. The Vestry voted not to accept the resignation, and proposed to offer Mr. Bradley a three month leave of absence "in the hope that before that time Mrs. Bradley's health would permit his continuance in the Rectorship." The Rector concurred with this proposal, and his letter of resignation was returned to him. In a letter dated November 9, 1885 Mr. Bradley wrote, "My present purpose is to accompany Mrs. Bradley in her Southern journeys and will advise the Vestry of our progress at frequent intervals." There is no record in minutes or correspondence of details of the Bradleys' trip. Mr. Bradley is recorded as present at the Vestry meeting of April 26, 1886, so it would



appear that the Bradleys were in the South for the winter of 1885-86.

Among the historical items kept in the records of St. Mary's is a newspaper clipping of the sermon preached by the Rev. Edward Bradley on October 25, 1885, the thirtieth anniversary of the consecration of St. Mary's Church. His sermon was based on this scripture:

"I have redeemed them, and they shall increase as they have increased." Zechariah 10-8

The Vestry meeting of May 4, 1887 "adjourned to meet on call," and the next Vestry minutes are dated August 20, 1891. In the meantime in his historical notes in the Parish Register Mr. Bradley writes, "On the 8th of March 1888, Rev. Mr. Bradley offered to the Vestry his letter resigning the rectorship of this parish to go into effect immediately after Easter Day, 1 April, prox. This resignation was accepted by the Wardens and Vestry and the fact was communicated to the Rector in a letter from the Senior Warden, acting as Secretary, on the 29th day of March."

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Don't forget to sign up to provide flowers for Easter Sunday morning! (see form inside)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon

REV. BRADLEY *(continued from page 7)*

There is no specific reason given for Mr. Bradley's resignation, but one can speculate *(continued on page 8)* that repeated calls for discussion of the building of a Rectory, and repeated negative responses from the Vestry, may have led to Bradley's departure. Bradley's tenure of slightly less than four years, and the Rev. John Ely's four year ministry from 1871 to 1875, are the longest rectorates until the Rev. Louis Durr's nineteen years as Rector beginning in 1901.



St. Mary's Statement of Purpose

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to share the joy of a loving God through worship in the Anglican tradition, fellowship and service.