



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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Our Catechism, in the back of our Book of Common Prayer, tells us all about being an Episcopalian. We use it to teach our children, to refresh our own memories and often just to answer a question we have. It begins on page 845.

So, I want to explore the Sacraments. " ... Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that

grace." BCP 857

"What is Grace? Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills." BCP 858

Many of us have experienced Baptism, a very important sacrament of the church. In the Episcopal Church we believe we only need one Baptism to have God adopt us as His own. Once we are Baptized, we

forever belong to God. Read BCP 858

Each Sunday (and other times) we have Holy Eucharist. This is another sacrament that brings us to a deeper relationship with God and God's grace. Read BCP 859

Other sacraments include confirmation, ordination, holy matrimony, reconciliation of a penitent, and unction. These acts also enhance our relationship with God. *(continued on page 2)*

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

There is sunshine as I write this, and yesterday I raked up decayed leaves and debris from one of my flower beds. Oh, Spring! I hope you are here. Sometimes there is a rhythm in raking leaves and using tools outside, and I often sing a gospel hymn called *Amen*. The hymn is sung in *Lilies of the Field*, a 1963 movie starring Sidney Poitier, and it has always been one of my favorites. The hymn *Amen* is also in one of our hymnals, and John Glaze played it one Sunday morning when he was playing congregational favorites. *Thank you again, John*. This hymn tells the story of the life of Jesus in one song, and this uplifting

tune that has stayed with me all these years. If you haven't seen the movie *Lilies of the Field*, I encourage you to catch it next time it is on television. There is a battle of wills that takes place between Homer Smith played by Poitier and Mother Maria, who seems to be the boss nun in a desert dwelling for nuns who are living off the land. Homer is passing by needing water for his car; Mother Maria is on a "mission from God" in her wanting a chapel built (by Homer) for the local people. One big problem: the nuns have no money and Homer wants to move on.

Battle of Wills. I am so familiar with this phrase as

I'm sure many of you are. We all have our ideas of what would be best for St. Mary's. Hence, there is often a battle of wills with old ways and innovation bumping heads over ideas. When Contemporary Music Sunday began, there were some who were not comfortable with the idea of guitars in the service. But we have given it a chance and I for one look forward to John and Henry playing their music. No. It's not elegant like the organ, but it is beautiful music.

I think of being Senior Warden and the huge responsibility, and I think I am a little like Homer Smith, *(continued on page 2)*

MUSIC AT
ST. MARY'S
2014-2015
needs you!
(see page 5)

LOOKING AHEAD

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 3/31: Renewal of Ordination Vows for Rev Judi at Procter

Wednesday 4/1: SEDER MEAL at Jennie Harner's home @ 11325 SR 729, in New Vienna. Call the church for directions. All invited.

Thursday 4/2: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE and washing of the feet at 7 pm in the church.

Friday 4/3: GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon in sanctuary. Ecumenical Community Service at St Mary's Episcopal Church @ 7 pm

Sunday 4/5: Easter Celebration @ 10 am. Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the service.

Monday 4/6: Church office closed.

April Vestry meeting is Sunday, April 19th @ 11:30 am in EfM Room.

TASK FORCE MEETING is Wednesday, April 22 @ 5:30 pm

Soup's On is Saturday April 18th instead of Saturday, April 25th. There is a wed-

ding on the 25th.

VACATION for Rev Judi and Larry will be May 3-13th. They will be going to Omaha Nebraska to visit Larry's family. Jim Heathcote will be leading Morning Prayer on May 3rd and 10th.

Rev Judi has an Episcopal Appalachian Ministries National Board Meeting in Ashville NC on April 30-May 2nd. She will leave from North Carolina to Omaha.

Registration for the Education for Ministry year 2015-2016, will begin on April 12th in Lacy Hall. Copies of Materials and registration forms will be available. Money is not due until August 1st. Call Rev Judi with questions.

Senior Warden *(continued)*

reluctant to be told what to do, wanting to go my own way, and having to be nudged in the right direction. Yes, some of you have nudged me and Rev. Judi has done a bit of nudging, but God has done most of it. I don't know how things were years ago at St. Mary's, but some of you are teaching me. At times I want to go in my own direction like Homer, but I know if I listen to all of you, Rev. Judi, and God, I will be pushed in a direction that will build up this church. Amen!

Paulette

For Sale: TV cabinet, well built
39w X 64h X 21d w/bottom door
Larry Addington
393-3571 or 763-2236
Price negotiable!

A Word *(continued)*

God when our minds and hearts take them seriously.

Confirmation is a serious adult "rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and laying on of hands by a Bishop." This is a serious commitment. BCP 860

Ordination is a process toward a calling in the church to become a Deacon or a Priest. Authority is given by God through the hands of a Bishop. BCP 860

Most of us understand that being married (Holy Matrimony) in the church is a Christian marriage with all the aspects of an intention to live a life of putting God first in the combination of two lives. BCP 861

Reconciliation of a Penitent is the "rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and grace of absolution." I hear confessions anytime with an appointment. BCP 861

And finally, Unction of the Sick is the rite of anointing the sick with oil. I take my oil with me to the hospital or someone's home in a round portable vial. This oil has been blessed by a Bishop and I pick up a new supply when I go to Procter

for Easter renewal of my ordination vows in Holy Week. BCP 861

I hope this was helpful as we rediscover what it means to be an Episcopalian! Please call me with questions or to make an appointment to meet with me.

Rev. Judi+



April 2015

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

1 10:00am Well Wishers
12:00n Healing Service San
1:00pm EfM
??? Seder Meal-J Harner

2 7:00pm Foot Washing
6:00pm OA-EDM
6:00pm Women's Alanon
B:Betsy Miller

3 12:00n Stations of the Cro 11:0am DAR
6:00 & 8:00pm AA
7:00pm Ecumenical Svc

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5 10:00am HE II San
B:Sarah Fullenkamp

6 5:00pm TOPS

7 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

8 10:00am Well Wishers
12:00n Healing Service San
1:00pm EfM

9 6:00pm OA-EDM
6:00pm Women's Alanon
B:B J Hopkins

10 Rev. Judi's day off
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

11

12 10:00am HE II San
3:00pm Cincinnati Boy-
choir

13 5:00pm TOPS

14 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

15 10:00am Well Wishers
12:00n Healing Service San
1:00pm EfM
B:Connie Fox; Jerri McCann

16 6:00pm OA-EDM
6:00pm Women's Alanon
B:Brian Siemers

17 Rev. Judi's day off
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

18 Soup's On

19 10:00am HE II San
Vesty Meeting
B:A Hammons

20 5:00pm TOPS
A:Eric & Jerri McCann

21 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
B:Cecil Robertson; Eric
McCann

22 10:00am Well Wishers
12:00n Healing Service San
1:00pm EfM
5:30pm Task Force Mitg

23 6:00pm OA-EDM
6:00pm Women's Alanon
B:Allyson George

24 Rev. Judi's day off
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

25 Mead Wedding

26 10:00am HE II San
2:00pm Southern State
Singers

27 5:00pm TOPS
A:Linda & Russell Roever

28 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
B:Hannah Hopkins

29 10:00am Well Wishers
12:00n Healing Service San
1:00pm EfM
Bring rummage

30 Set up for Rummage Sale
6:00pm Women's Alanon
B:Esther Russell

San = Ssanctuary
LH = Lacy Hall
CEC = Christian Education Center
TR = Telfair Room



EVERYBODY'S JOB

Recently I saw one of my former Sunday School students at our Lenten meal. I reminded her of what she'd said and what a mature and clever girl she was at eight years. We had been discussing the different ways one could serve God. I was their teacher, but also served as sometime cook and on council as Evangelism Chairman. I was explaining that evangelism was telling others about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit so that they would believe and become new creations in Christ. Lauren said, "Evangelism is everybody's job!" I was so proud of her that I wrote about her in our next newsletter. She was right, it

is everybody's job to spread the good news.

As Pastor Tony Evans says. "Some people believe Christianity is self-serve, but we can't just take the gospel and not share it with others. God wants us to empty ourselves so He can fill us with something new. Then we can give what He has given us. This is accomplished through ministry, or as the Bible calls it, good works." Our good works give to the world a glimpse of God. We are to let our light shine before others so then God gets the glory. We should "stimulate one another to love and good deeds," as Hebrews 10:24 tells us.

Karen Vlaskamp

We are to minister to those who minister to us, our rector, and our congregational leaders. We are to minister to the little children, the poor, and the unsaved by sharing the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission that Jesus gave us. Man can recover from earthly circumstances, but there is no eternal solution outside of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His all for us, and it's time to return the favor. God, bless us to your service.

Joyous Easter!

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for APRIL

MAR	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR	TORCH BEARER
5	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	No Sunday School	Judy Franklin	Randy Martin Larry Wiley	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Jennie Harner	Deanna Flinn	Lily Martin
12	Paulette Goerler	Jan Vosper	Larry Wiley	Andrea Harner	Angie Martin Lizzy Zumwalde	John & Carol Joy	Open	Karen Vlaskamp	Alana Miller
19	Jan Vosper	Larry Wiley	Andrea Harner	BJ Gee	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	Paulette Goerler Mildred May	Soup's On Leftovers	Angie Martin	Lily Martin
26	Larry Addington	Nancy Orth	Betsy Miller	Deanna Flinn	Larry Wiley Randy Martin	Paul Orth Roy Goerler	Open	Paulette Goerler	Alana Miller

THE ADAGIO TRIO

Hopefully you will receive this newsletter before the MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S CONCERT on 29 March—THE ADAGIO TRIO. I thought you might enjoy knowing some of the pieces which will be performed on the program. This should help you promote the concert to your friends and family.

An arrangement of the old Irish hymn, *Be Thou My Vision* will lead off the program. The very lovely, *Pavane* by Faure follows. This is a piece I'm sure you've heard many times, perhaps not knowing the title. If you know any traditional Scottish tunes, you'll be familiar with *Skye Boat Song*. Another old hymn which will be performed is *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. Another Irish favorite is *Danny Boy*. They will be playing a piece combining *Danny Boy* with another piece.

The Adagio Trio is made up of flute, harp and cello. Linda, the harpist, will be bringing two harps—her Irish harp as well as her standard harp.

There have been questions about the costs involved with MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S. Two of the groups involved in this year's series have a charge. Taking into account those costs, along with printing of programs when we had to do that "off campus" the cost of operating MASM this season totals between \$1200 and \$1300. Have you made a donation toward the series? If not, please consider helping out.

Promote MASM! We need you to attend and to bring someone! Remember to bring a little extra money to purchase a CD. A portion of CD sales will be donated to Soup's On!

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear church family,

Happy March! The snow is gone and now we have sun shine, rain and heat, lots of heat to look forward to.

Getting started into a new year is exciting don't you think? There are new goals to set, concerns to be addressed and work to be done!

As some of you know we now have a Building and Grounds Committee. Larry Wiley, Randy Martin and Roy Goerler have graciously volunteered. These men can take care of so many things that need attention. They will also give us a heads up on jobs that need to be contracted out.

This year we have decided to prioritize our always growing list of things that need to be done. Safety is our first priority that includes smoke alarms/detectors in both buildings, locks checked and treated and or repaired, safety strips on back stairs painted. Basements will be cleaned out, any safety problems addressed. Signs in hallways, exit signs where needed. By next winter we will have snow removal under contract that includes the sidewalks. This year we had more snow than usual and weren't prepared. So many of you have shoveled snow in the past so you know what a hard job it is. It's no job for anyone over... dare I say over 50ish. Larry Wiley shoveled all the side walks and took care of the salt this year as he often has done. We had a lot of snow. I feel certain that you will agree we can no longer allow any of our members to continue shoveling snow. New rule...if you are 50ish [and you know who you are] stay away from the snow shovel.

Lighting is another priority that we will be taking care of this year. It really is a safety issue that needs to be addressed.

We have something new we would like to try with your help. Randy came up with a great idea. A work/job order form. You will find them hanging on the board close to the 'coffee hour sign up sheet'. We hope that if you see anything that needs our attention please feel free to fill out the form so it can be taken care of. This form will also allow us to look back at what was done, when and cost. I know you will agree with me that if we take care of the 'small problems now, we won't have large costly problems later.

Speaking of jobs let us not forget that a job doesn't have to be handled by a hammer, screwdriver, saw and ladder job. There are jobs that are done inside the church building. Done with pots and pans, and spoons, knives hot soapy water, etc. Jobs that have wonderful results we all enjoy. Jobs done by the hands of women. Phyllis Johnson and Paul Johnson have been doing the job of 'Soup's On' and believe me it is no easy job. Soup's On feeds 70 to 80 folks a month! Shopping for food, shuffling it in the building. Sounds easy, well I did it this month due to Phyllis being ill and I want you to know it is a job, and it is not easy. And I will lock anyone in the freezer that disagrees with me. Thank you, Phyllis, you make us proud to be a church that feeds the homeless great food.

All the women and men that help in the kitchen are overlooked. Our socials, Wednesday night meals with the Lutherans', our Sunday brunch's , families that do Coffee Hour, all

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

APRIL 12—3:00pm THE CINCINNATI BOYCHOIR. This internationally well-known group, reminiscent of the Vienna Boy's Choir and choirs of so many English churches, is made up of talented youth from the Greater Cincinnati Area. They sing a wide variety of music and you'll not want this concert to end! Christopher Eanes is the director of the choir.

APRIL 26—2:00pm SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS. Southern State Singers will return to St. Mary's for their Spring Concert. The group, comprised of community members from Highland and Adams Counties, is directed by John Glaze. Accompanist for the group is Melanie MacDowell. The program will include a wide variety of music styles, from light classical to folk tunes to a medley of music of THE BEATLES.

What can you do? Talk up the concerts everywhere you go! Donate money toward the concerts. Costs for the 2014-2015 season total up to about \$1100.00. Donations from the concerts presented so far this year total up to less than \$300.00.

We will be having cookie receptions after some of these concerts. Bake your BEST COOKIES!

Please don't assume the someone else can do your part of the job! Only YOU can talk to YOUR friends and acquaintances. No one else can bake cookies like your specialties! We need you!

John Glaze

take a lot of work. Preparing the food, cleaning up as well as visiting with our quests,...wooooo no kidding these ladies may not wear tool belts but they are working hard just the same. Take a minute once in a while when you notice them cleaning up and say thanks. I would love to mention their names but I am worried that I would leave someone out. So ladies and gentlemen you know who you are. Thank you very, very, very much.

Mildred [Mertle] May

PRAYER LIST

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

Peggy Addington, College Missions Trip to Kosovo, Pam Dawson, Doris Gilliam, Herschel Hook, Paul Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bob Leydig, Katie Lowell, Margaret Lyons, Randall Massie, Susan Price, Connie Reynolds, Mary Kay Reynolds, Cecil Robertson, Emily Shinkle, Anne Stamps, Lynne Turnbull, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp, Ed Winkle, LuAnn Winkle

Those in the military: Daryl Easler, Kelly Easler

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**Upcoming
Concerts**
29MAR
12APR
26APR

Trivia Time!



Who is this?

- A. Nannie Beecher
- B. Catherine Collins
- C. Marie Rives
- D. Katherine Trimble

What adornment in our sanctuary was given in her memory?

- A. Processional Cross
- B. Altar candles
- C. Our torches
- D. The St. Cecelia Window

In what year was St. Mary's added to the National Register of Historic Places?

- A. 1978
- B. 1982
- C. 1988
- D. 1993

Who is this to the right?

- A. George Beecher
- B. Wm. H. Trimble
- C. Col. Oliver Collins
- D. Caspar Collins

(Answer to last month's quiz: 1889)



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY
SCHOOL 10:00 am**

**WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon**