

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

April 2020

GUIDANCE FROM GEORGE

der of hope. Once we realize the evil in the world resides in us and not some cosmic boggyman, we can turn from these ways into hope. Our hope is in Christ and in the promise of resurrection in Christ. We will triumph over COVID as we always have, with love, hope and generosity.

This is Easter. Easter is our reminder that Love wins, and our hope in Christ triumphs over all that this world throws at us. While the short term outlook may be unsettling our hope in Christ and our love of God and our neighbor looks as bright as ever. Our efforts in alleviating the suffering of our neighbors in the community will continue long after this crisis is over. It is the hope within me that this spurs us onward and brings about a resurrection of the Church as community, a place where people know they can find the

love of their fellow person, unconditionally. A place where forgiveness and reconciliation reign, and the kingdom of God is seen within us all. Now that would be an Easter for the books, would it not? Peace and All Good,
George+

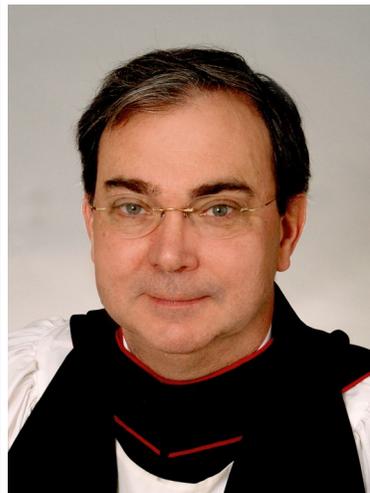
SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Spring finally arrived with warmth, sunshine, and a few spring flowers. At least for a day. With all the talk of the Corona virus and all the precautions we are to take on every radio and TV station, however, the coming of Spring and the regeneration we usually look forward to have been placed on the back burner. But Spring is truly a reminder of the newness of life, rebirth, and a new beginning; much the same way we feel when we make a commitment to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Some of the things we are supposed to be doing to help
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When after all it was you and me...
the Rolling Stones
"Sympathy for the Devil"

COVID19 has been making the news and frightening people out of their minds. Maggie saw a picture, on Facebook, of a man with a garage full of toilet paper selling at exorbitant prices. Really?? This illustrates two aspects of human nature that I hope we disavow forever. Fear and greed. If you want to put a face on the devil, then this is a good place to start. Fear and greed are the antithesis of joy and generosity, and the mur-



Music at St. Mary's



Concert Series 2019-2020

Lenten Concert will ONLY be streamed live on Facebook.

Queen City Sisters concert is being postponed until next season.

Southern State Singers Spring Concert is being postponed until late spring or early summer.

VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden
 Richard Davis
 Charles Everhart
 Sandy Ferrell
 Judy Franklin
 John Joy

Feel free to contact any Vestry member with questions, concerns, ideas, etc.

**WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR
 UPDATES ON SERVICES BEING
 STREAMED.**



May 12—Carlene Phillips & Lynn Lowell

**NEW in the library!
 3 volume set of
 Eleanor Roosevelt's
 biography by
 Blanche Wiesen Cook**

**This work is a very detailed
 account of ER's life from birth
 to death. A wonderful read if
 you are a fan of ER!**

Senior Warden Report *(continued from page 1)*

our neighbors through this time of crisis: making sure they have enough food, helping with transportation to and from doctor appointments, trips to the pharmacy, are things we should be doing as a Family in Christ all the time. I wonder why it takes a pandemic for us to be reminded of what we should be doing every day.

Our three new Vestry members, Jon Joy, Rich Davis and Charles Everhart, have infused the Vestry with fresh ideas and added support for the work of the Church. Our returning members, Judy Franklin, Sandy Ferrell, and I are grateful for the help and new ideas. Many thanks to Betsy Miller for her long and dedicated service to St. Mary's. She will be taking a much needed break this year and will be greatly missed.

In other Vestry news, Charles Everhart has been getting some needed work done around the church in the areas of Building and Grounds. Rich Davis has volunteered to head up an outreach program. He has some good ideas and welcomes your ideas and help in implementing them. Rich wrote an informative article in the Red Door last month introducing some of those ideas. I hope you took note and thought of areas where you can support and serve. We want to find ways to be a positive influence and a blessing to our community. As always, Rev. George has been a blessing with his wisdom and guidance. We don't take for granted his presence in our lives and church or the work he does on our behalf.

In an effort to stay connected as a church family, Live Streaming of the Sunday morning service will be available online. The link to the service can be found on the Church website www.smehillsboro.weebly.com no later than 9:45 am. Following the Bishop's instructions, future live streaming will continue until we receive further notice from the Bishop.

Your tithe is important to help with ongoing church expenses. We hope you will continue to be faithful with your weekly offerings, as well as considering any other financial assistance you may want to render to others in greater need. Currently, you may mail your offering to St. Mary's. Our secretary, Maggie Hatfield, will be there to take calls and help with your requests for the Vestry or Rev. George. Her hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00-2:00 and you can leave a message any other time.

On a positive note as family time increases during this time of social distancing, we are provided an opportunity to live out our faith in our homes. We can keep in touch online, by phone, by prayer and increasing family time with our children and spouses. For busy parents with children out of school and restless, the classic *Practicing the Presence of God* might be perfect Lenten reading. Check online sources for links for sources to help with devotional reading and fun activities.

Our time in South Carolina was refreshing and relaxing. Like Ohio, we had a lot of rain this year, but the She Crab Soup and hush puppies were as good as always and we didn't miss even one 50 cent Shrimp Wednesday night at Boondocks! Our Granddaughter, Macy, was able to drive down from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and stayed 4 days. We were able to entertain her and ourselves with a day trip to Savannah. We attended St. Helena's in Beaufort, for the 5:00 Sunday service, a contemporary service which is attended by about 150 people. We also attended the Ash Wednesday Service at noon which served about 500 people. Lynn and I are so thankful for the opportunity to refresh and rejuvenate. The only bad thing I can say about the trip is: I ate too much and gained ten pounds!

Please continue to pray for our government leaders, clergy, and parish leaders, health care workers, and all those who are helping to make our lives more manageable. And of course, pray for each other that we may show the love of Christ in all we say and do.

Bob Lowell
 Senior Warden

Get to know your church building!

The **FAITH** window includes the quotation of Romans 1:17:
*For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is my faith from first to last, just as it is written:
 "The righteous will live by faith."*

The figure carries the cross and Bible, symbolizing the source of our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. This window was given in memory of **Arabella Mary Blair Boyd** who died in 1908. She was the wife of **John Milton Boyd**, a lay leader of St. Mary's for more than 50 years. The window was probably given by Livy Blair Boyd. Livy was a graduate of Kenyon College as well as Miami University. He was a manufacturer and coal mine operator. In Hillsboro he served as an officer of the C. S. Bell Company. He was born 2 Jun 1849.



Museum & Library News



New in the museum—four priests' photos which were not part of the original project. These are not framed as nicely as the originals, but anyone who would like to take on this project is welcome to do so. Some of the new books in the library this month: 3 volume set of Eleanor Roosevelt's biography, Keith Thibodaux (Little Ricky) bio, Roy & Dale Rogers' bio, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' bio. There are even more! Stop in and see what's available.

SERVERS

Altar Guild:

APR	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
5						
12						
19						
26						

If you have an emergency on your assigned Sunday, either find someone to take your place, or call Deanna Flinn.

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QUIZ

(Last month)

Last month's quiz was a two parter, but multiple choice!

1. What date was St. Mary's consecrated?

- A. June 17, 1854
- B. August 18, 1855
- C. October 23, 1855**
- D. November 3, 1856

2. What was the approximate cost of St. Mary's (as originally built)

- A. \$9800
- B. \$12000**
- C. \$19850
- D. \$37800

This month's question:

Which of these persons was NOT an organist at St. Mary's?

- A. Meta Wright**
- B. Herman Zane**
- C. Clifford Lacy**
- D. Sara Murphy**

(answer will be revealed next issue)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY
WELL WISHERS—11:00am
HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST—12:00n