

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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"Before the mountains were born and before you created the earth and the world, you are God. You have always been, and you will always be."

Psalm 90:2

No matter what happens in this world, in our community and in our personal lives, we need not worry because our God is there to save us. We can hurt, we can bleed, we can cry, but our God is there to love us

back to health.

Recently I was exposed to an evil person. His main goal was to ruin me and my faith. I fell for his words and venom and I became weak and untrusting. This verse brought me back to reality. I am not alone. I have God. No matter what is thrown at me, I can recover. I may get hit but I will recover. I may suffer, but I will recover.

Life is wonderful and

life is horrid, but we are all traveling with a Savior who loves us and hurts when we hurt and heals when we heal. Cherish the words of the Psalmist David and know that God created it all and God will sustain it all. There is no love like the love of God. Nothing compares. Nothing lasts forever. You are God's forever.

Rev. Judi+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I heard something on TV the other day and it stuck with me. I don't remember the show it was on or why it was said but here it is: "If you have saved one life in your lifetime, then you have done what you are supposed to do." I bring this up because I ran across a letter the other day that I've had for many years. I used to speak to groups of drug and alcohol offenders as a part of my healing from my son's death. The offenders would have to attend an all week end program and my part was telling how a decision to drive while intoxicated can ruin the lives of others. Though most of the groups were men, one group was filled with women. One of

the young women in the group sent me a letter a few weeks after she had attended the program. In that letter she told me how I saved her life and the life of her unborn child. She said she would never drink and drive again, and she said all of that was because I shared my story. What a wonderful thing to be told, and what a wonderful thing to carry with you through life! Doing those presentations was extremely hard and heart wrenching for me, but I could see where it was helping me. And I had always hoped that I would reach one person...just one.

Because of Ronnie's death and other things, I had lost my faith. In fact, back then I

couldn't tell you when I had any faith. I blamed God for all the bad things in my life and told him so daily. Since I was so angry with God, going to church was out of the question.

Fast forward to the present. I'm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. I've been confirmed by Bishop Tom. Being Senior Warden, I work closely with Rev. Judi, and I am on your Vestry. Needless to say, my faith has been restored.

So, whose life was saved?

God has a way of being in all things. God understands our times of sorrow, grief, and lapses in faith. He has a way of knowing when we are ready for healing. He
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Trivia Time!
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Larry Wiley will be officiating a **Sunday Worship Service**, with the help of Jim Heathcote, on August 2. All are welcome to join them at the veteran's Home in Georgetown, OH.

Christian Ed news:

We begin to think of our Fall programming and preparations are being made for Sunday School and Adult Christian Education. Phyllis Johnson and Karen Vlaskamp are preparing to place two teachers in the classrooms which will combine talents and better educate our children. Also, when the tenant moves out, we will expand our Youth Program to include the upstairs area.

New materials have been selected and new resources are available to all teachers. Please let Phyllis Johnson know if you are interested in teaching our children.

Much excitement is generated with the possibilities for a new Youth Ministers at St Mary's. We have advertised and are waiting for responses. A team will do the interviews when we are ready for that. Keep you all posted!

Is there interest in having an Adult Bible Study, class or forum discussion on Sunday mornings? Please let Rev Judi know if you are interested to attend or to lead (on occasion?)

EfM begins in September. Still room for more students.

Our **Women of the Bible** series ends this month. This has been an exciting study with many unexpected turns and discussions. Rev Judi plans to show it again, so you will have an opportunity to watch and learn!

Homecoming Week activities will last for a week this year beginning on September 7 (Labor Day) and run until Sunday, September 13th. There will be a Scavenger Hunt all week, the Classics Tea (Saturday Sept 12) and a Carry-In dinner on Thursday, September 10th. Sunday School starts on Sunday, September 12 at 10 am in the Christian Education Center. More details next month.

A **Financial Council** will be selected to look at the budget for 2016. This Council will be called by the Rector and Senior Warden. Please serve if asked.

Thanks to Randy Martin for installing smoke alarms in the main church building and the CEC building.

TASK FORCE will meet on Thursday, August 6 at 6 pm in the EfM Room. Tasks include a survey for the congregation and a Visitor's Packet. Bring your ideas!

Would you like to be a **Reader (Lector)** on Sunday mornings? A training will take place on Sunday, August 9th, following the worship service and Coffee Hour. Let Rev Judi know if you wish to be trained.

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Task Force Team: meets at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 15th in the EfM room. Lots to talk about!



School starts this month!
Please pray for safety of
our children and their
openness to learn and to
become all they can be!

Senior Warden *(continued)*

knows what we need better than we do ourselves. And He gives it to us when He knows we are ready, and in His time.

My journey has lead me to St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Actually, the church itself was not my destination.....my destination was my FAITH. I was told that I had saved two lives, but it was really my life that was saved. Thank you, God. I can't wait to see what's next!

Paulette

Senior Warden



Mark your calendars! (Details elsewhere)

▶ August 2015

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

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

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2

10:00am HEII
 B: Connie Reynolds
 Vets' Home Worship

3

5:00pm TOPS LH
 A: Michelle & Ryan Myers

4

5:30pm Rector's Study TR

5

10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service
 A: Barb & Henry Dance

6

6:00pm Women's Alanon
 6:00pm Task Force EfM

7

6:00 & 8:00pm AA

8

9

10:00am HEII
 Lector Training

10

5:00pm TOPS LH

11

5:30pm Rector's Study TR

12

10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service

13

6:00pm Women's Alanon

14

6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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16

10:00am HEII

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5:00pm TOPS LH

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5:30pm Rector's Study TR

19

10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service

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6:00pm Women's Alanon

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6:00 & 8:00pm AA
 B: Lorine Harner

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B: Anne Marie Ogden

23

10:00am HEII

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5:00pm TOPS LH

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5:30pm Rector's Study TR

26

10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service

27

6:00pm Women's Alanon

28

6:00 & 8:00pm AA

29

5:00PM Soup's On
 A: Lynn & Bob Lowell

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10:00am HEII

31

5:00pm TOPS LH
 B: Larry Addington

HOLD MY MULE

Karen Vlaskamp

In a recent article by Dr. Tony Evans, he talks about Dr. Shirley Caesar. Shirley has eleven Grammy Awards and eighteen Dove Awards and a career that spans six decades. She's considered to be the "First Lady of Gospel Music". In her song "Hold My Mule", she tells the story of Shouting John, a man who loves to worship God. He ended up attending a city church where the congregation didn't appreciate his form of worship. But this didn't stop John, He'd shout out his love any time the Spirit moved him.

Before long he'd upset some of the members, so some of the deacons went to talk to him about toning down his enthusiasm. They found him plowing his

field with his old mule. "We're a quiet church" they told him. "And you can't be doing this."

Shouting John listened, then said, "Just a minute. Look out there." He pointed out his fields. "You see all that land? I'm a former slave; I'm not supposed to have anything, but when I see that land or think about it, Shouting Johns gotta shout!"

He continued, "Look at my chillen. My chillen are alive, all my chillen are saved. All my chillen are doing fine. Whenever Shouting John thinks about the goodness of God to his chillen, Shouting John has gotta shout."

Then Shouting John said, "I get up every morning when the rooster crows and

Shouting John get on the back of this mule, and it pulls that plow so Shouting John will have food all year long. When I think about God giving Shouting John a mule and the strength to plow when he's 85 years old, Shouting John gotta shout."

Then John handed the reins to a deacon and said, "Hold my mule, I feel a shout coming on."

When we realize where God has brought us from and the plans He has for our future, we will want to shout and never stop!

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for AUGUST

AUG	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR	TORCH BEARER
2	Jim Heathcote	Larry Wiley	n/a		Randy & Angie Martin	John & Carol Joy	OPEN	Deanna Flinn	OPEN
9	Paulette Goerler	Jim Heathcote	n/a		Bob Lowell Larry Wiley	Larry & Peggy Addington	Gees	Betty Heathcote	OPEN
16	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	n/a		Randy Martin Larry Wiley	Mildred May Larry Addington	OPEN	Karen Vlaskamp	OPEN
23	Paulette Goerler	Nancy Orth	n/a		Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Jan Vosper Deanna Flinn	Prices	Betty Heathcote	OPEN
30	Paul Orth	Jim Heathcote	n/a		Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Larry & Peggy Addington	OPEN	Deanna Flinn	OPEN

DID YOU KNOW?

That the new roof has been delayed because of all the rain we have had?

That EfM is starting soon and it is a wonderful experience?

That our Sunday School teachers are planning some wonderful things for Sunday School in the fall?

That if you see something that needs fixing in the church or Christian Ed Center, you may fill out a form for the Junior Warden and she will take care of it?

That some of the coffee hour times are still not filled in....and I would be glad to share that responsibility with anyone who asks me?

That there are new vases on the altar? Check them out!

Meandering Thoughts

*As I felt the morning sun upon my face,
From the window above my bed,
I silently, without opening my eyes
Ask the Lord, "What can I do for you today?"*

*Without an answer, I rose, dressed and went to the church,
Remembering to say "I love you" to my husband
And stroking my small dog's head.
"Have fun today, Alleah, I'll be back soon!" "I told her.*

*I slide up to my desk at work and lowered my head.
"What can I do for you today, Lord?" I asked.
Seems there is no response so I answer my first phone call,
Soothed my first crying mother, and listened to the fears of
a new father.*

*By noon, I ask, "What can I do for you today, Lord?".
Silence left me wondering if I am heard.
Lunch with a friend who husband just died,
Afternoon filled with Board meetings and
Making decisions for the many homeless people in our
area.*

*Back to the office I ran and called my priest friend
Who just lost her mom, and listened.....
Wondering when I would have time to do something for
God?
By 5 pm, I was ready to go home to eat and rest.*

*Later that night, as I was slipping into bed,
I once again asked the Lord, "What can I do for you to-
day?"
And as I was drifting off to sleep, I heard in a wee small
voice,
"You did all I ask of you, my child. Well done."*

Rev Judi Wiley

PRAYER LIST

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

Eric & Katie Aurigema	Anne Staffeld
Carson Bickel	Anne Stamps
Ray Butt	Ann Tieman
Georgetown Veterans'	Jackie Tucker
Home-residents & staff	Lynne Turnbull
Shirley Gilliam	Mary Brown Turner
Paul Johnson	Jane Turner
Phyllis Johnson	Marilyn Varvel
Adam Kretchek	Fred Vlaskamp
Margaret Lyons	Karen Vlaskamp
Roger Maines	Unspoken need.
Nancy Orth	
Paul Orth	Those in the military:
Rick Roush	Daryl Easler
Cecil Robertson	Kelly Easler
Ellen Shinkle	

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**at the Heathcote farm
in Brown County
Sunday, September 27th
3:00 pm**

**Hotdogs, barbeque on a bun,
chips and drinks will be
provided.**

**Please bring a salad, vegetable,
or dessert to add.**

**We hope that everyone will come
and join us around the bonfire
and around the dinner table!!!!**

**A map directing you to the
Heathcote farm will be posted on
the bulletin board in Lacy Hall.**

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Trivia Time!

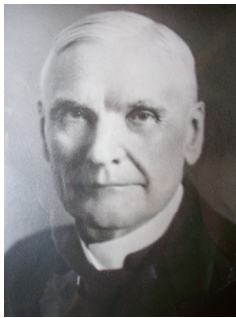
Name the priests! Then, list them in order serving.



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A: Orville Watson
B: ZeBarney Phillips
C: Luman Morgan
D: Westwell Greenwood
E: Louie Durr

Your answers: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____

Order served: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Answers to last month's trivia: 1. E; 2. C; 3. A; 4. B; 5. D

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY
SCHOOL 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon