

# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

August 2019

### A Word from George

234 N High St  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Don't miss the Annual  
**GHOST WALK**  
22 Aug - 6:00pm  
Hillsboro Cemetery  
Meet at the chapel  
  
*(Sandy Ferrell will be  
portraying one of our  
ghosts!)*  
  
Highland County  
Historical Society

In the game of tennis, I have always been (though never accomplished) a singles player. It is only recently that I have discovered my age and condition may not allow for this any longer. This means I must acquire a new skill set. A skill set that I am reluctant to embrace, doubles. Dagnabbit I like overseeing my play and if I make a mistake it rests squarely upon my shoulders. Now, I must rely on someone else and they must rely on me. I find this awkward and uncomfortable, but if I am to continue playing the game, this is how I must acquiesce. I find this teamwork of twos to be particularly relevant to the Gospel. Jesus continually reminds us that we are not to do ministry alone. He sent his people out by twos, he promises that when two or three are gathered in his name, he will be with

them. We are called to teamwork in accomplishing our goals. Now you are called to teamwork in setting your goals. You have begun the process of creating the future of St Mary's. I ask that people dream of what you can create for mission of the church, in St Mary's next step.

Our gifts of time and talent and treasure are what we present to God every Sunday during the sacrificial offering. The offering is placed on the altar/table to be consecrated along with the gifts of bread and wine; it is a part of the gifts we offer to God. We offer the symbols of our labor. Bread symbolizing the planting, harvesting and making of food. Wine the symbol of the fruits of time and labor making drink, and money symbolizing what we work hard to earn for God and ourselves. We bundle these symbols in a musical offering in thanksgiving of our God given creativity, and the representatives of the people, bring them forth. These things we offer to

God in thanksgiving of what God gives to us, and God gives them back to us as the Church and Communion with Christ. This is my theology of Eucharist. This theology is incumbent on teamwork, much like the early Church where people of differing abilities gave to bring the Kingdom of God into to the world, we too have these abilities to give. To accomplish these missions, we ask everyone at St. Mary's to contribute what you feel is sacrificial. Your time, talent and treasure are what will insure St. Mary's mission into future generations.

People ask me, "George, how do we grow the church?" My response is always a simple, "Be the Church!" It is a simple statement, but it is a complex and joyous task. So, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, and let us be the Church by using all our skills to accomplish our mission.

Peace and All Good,

*George+*



## VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden  
 Betsy Miller, Jr Warden  
 Sandy Ferrell  
 Judy Franklin  
 Kyle Lawson

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

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*noun*

a meeting of parishioners, originally in a vestry, for the conduct of parochial business.



August 11—Carlene Phillips & Lynn Lowell

September 8—NO BRUNCH  
(due to picnic)

October 13—Jim & Susan Price;  
Connie Reynolds

November 10—Carol & John Joy

December 8—TBA

*Brunch is  
 always a  
 good idea*

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

It's August and the dog days of summer seem to have come early! The last few days of July were so hot I didn't feel like going out of the house to do anything I didn't have to do. Hope you felt the same way and stayed indoors.

I hope having Rev. George filling in as Supply Priest has been as enjoyable for the congregation as it has been for me. Since Rev. George is unable to be with us on two Sundays, we will have Morning Prayer July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> led by Gary Haslop from the Chillicothe Church. Rev. George will be doing the other 3 Sundays in August.

The Tour of Homes at the end of June hosted many visitors from our community. All had wonderful things to say about the church, the original portion as well as the new addition. Everyone commented on the great vision shown on the part of the planning committee for how beautifully the new building matches the original Church. Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help assist with the tour. Thanks as well to those who helped with serving lunch before the tour. Many thanks are due to our church secretary, Maggie Hatfield for volunteering to help on that day, and our custodian, Lori, who graciously came in on Saturday to get us looking nice for the tour. John Glaze did a wonderful job coordinating the tour, writing and displaying the helpful self guided histories of the various rooms and calling attention to St. Mary's beautiful windows. The video and music in Lacy Hall was a good way of winding up the tour in the old building.

Many thanks to all for the wonderful food and time spent together after church 2 Sundays in July! Jennie Harner, assisted by her family, prepared her "signature" July picnic lunch the first Sunday and Karen Vlaskamp, assisted by her son, Nelson, hosted a delicious Sunday Brunch the second Sunday. Carlene Phillips will host our August Brunch. September's Brunch will be omitted as the Church Picnic will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoon in September at Jennie Harner's home. Time and directions will be coming at a later date. Please plan on bringing your favorite covered dish to the Picnic. Jennie is providing the meat.

The Sunday Brunch is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and a new signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in Lacy Hall. Remember; if you would like to help but feel you can't prepare the food, you may also participate with financial support. Of course, anyone who wants to celebrate Coffee Hour any Sunday is welcome to do so. It doesn't have to be lunch. Any treat with coffee is great! The Vestry is pleased with the generous response to the monthly Brunch and believes that the time we spend in fellowship is an important part of growing our church. New signup sheets for Sunday Brunch/Coffee Hour will be up in Lacy Hall on Sunday.

We will be talking to Priests who may fill the vacancy left by Rev. Judi in the near future and hope a Priest will be found soon. The process is entirely different than it used to be. If you have questions about the new process, please feel free to ask any Vestry Member. We are there to serve the interests of the Church.

In God's Love,

*Bob Lowell*, Senior Warden

*"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*  
 -Romans 15:4



## A Letter from Highland County Historical Society

Dear Vestry,

On behalf of the Historical Society I want to extend our sincere appreciation to you for opening your beautiful church for the 2019 Home Tour.

The first Home Tour was held in 1984 and has been held every two years since then. The tours have highlighted some of the loveliest homes and churches in Highland County. Now, you can proudly add your church to the list.

Jennifer did an outstanding job organizing the tour. She combined ideas from other home tours she had attended, from our past tours and added her own ideas to make this tour the best one ever. Her energy, enthusiasm and level of commitment are remarkable. She has justly received many compliments.

We had visitors from 10 counties and six states! Our profits totaled \$3326. As you know, the Home Tour is a major fundraiser for the Historical Society and helps us fund projects and maintenance of the Highland House and Scott House.

Be sure to mail your complimentary membership envelope as you will receive the August newsletter. The Home Tour will be featured in that issue.

If you have any ideas for improvement or any concerns, please let me know.

Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Vicki Knauff, Director  
Historical Society

## Goodbye, Well Wishers?

Well Wishers is temporarily (I hope) finished for now. Larry Wiley and I were the only ones who have been attending for a long while now. I will miss it, as well as I will miss Rev. Judi and Larry! If anyone would like to be a part of Well Wishers, just let me know. We can meet at a time and day which would work for you. This has been a truly wonderful experience. I think you would love it as much as I have. We would discuss problems we had, others had, etc. We would study a book that Larry had chosen. Most important, we would pray for every person at St. Mary's!

In lieu thereof, Lynn Lowell has approached me about having a prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of this, just let me know. I will call or email you with the names of anyone who needs special prayers. My email is reynoldssonnie3@yahoo.com.

Also, please let me know of anyone who needs our prayers, whether due to an accident, their health, employment problems, family problems, or personal problems. Anyone who needs prayer!

Please help us get this new ministry started! I look forward to hearing from you!

Connie Reynolds

## PSALM 23 *(found on internet)*

Someone supposed how Psalm 23 possibly changed with changing vernacular of the historic eras.

### Old English (800-1066)

Drihten me raet, ne byth me nanes godes wan.  
And he me geset on swythe good feohland.  
And fedde me be waetera stathum.

### Middle English (1100-1500)

Our Lord governeth me, and nothyng shal defailen to me.  
In the sted of pastur he sett me ther.  
He norissed me upon water of fylling.

### King James Bible (1611)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

### Modern (1989)

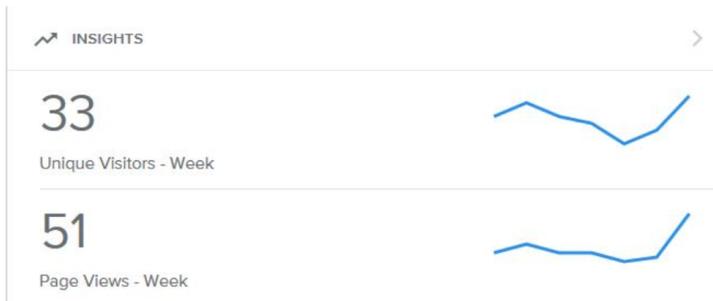
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## WEB STATISTICS



The numbers above are from our web site host. In the 7 days preceding 22 July, this shows us that we had 33 unique visitors to our website. We can tell that with our average attendance, we are garnering some attention from folks other than our members. The bottom figure indicates that 51 pages were accessed. So, many of our web visitors are staying to view at least one other page.

Interesting statistics to know. Do any of you have ideas for things to be included on our website? If so, please speak to John.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY  
SCHOOL 10:00 am