



# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

December 2016

### A Word from Our Rector

234 N High St  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

St. Mary's  
Episcopal  
Church  
2016-2017

Music at  
St. Mary's  
Concert Series

234 N. High Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio



Do you see the Star yet?

In the chilliness and calm of December, we wait and watch. Our expectations are peaked and we know that Love is coming! What we are watching for is surreal and fleeting but we know it is so very important. The child is coming!

Now we know every year that we celebrate to birth of Jesus, and we know that Jesus wasn't just a child, a baby. But still we watch and wait to catch a glimpse of that child. Somehow the newness and softness of the child

takes away the harshness of the cross. We'd rather have the baby than the pain.

Jesus is both to us; the gentleness of a new baby and the roughness of the crucifixion. December is a baby; soon spring will bring the words, "Crucify Him!" But the power of both visions of Jesus is so hard to take together so we separate them in our church traditions.

Jesus is both; child of innocence, and man of surrender. Jesus represents our lifetime of following God's plan for us. Begin-

ning as a child of innocence and arriving to become the Christian of adulthood and decisions. Babies don't decide, adults do. We can stay babies in our faith and never have to make the commitment to follow the Almighty. But staying a baby only opens the door to a richer life in Jesus Christ. Enjoy the beginning again. Look for the wonder of the star. Remember the cross.

*Rev. Judi+*

### SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

#### For Unto Us...

When I prepare my Sunday school lesson I first read the scriptures to find the important features of the story to bring out to the children. I use the **Adventure Bible** which is aimed at children and written in the New International Version. I chose this Bible because it has a lot of interesting facts about Bible times, the people and the authors of the

books.

Time and again, the characters in the stories are chosen because they are good examples of Godly men or women who do wonderful things with God's help. But then too, there are stories of ordinary people who do extraordinary things because they follow God's directions. There are also stories of others who fail miserably because they are selfish, mean-spirited or deceitful. But no

matter what, God is in control. That is the main point. So I'm not afraid of the future. I just turn my problems, concerns and misgivings to the Lord. He will take care of everything.

We should remember that unto us a son was given and He carried out God's plan and saved us all! Thanks be to God! Merry Christmas!

*Karen Vlaskamp*  
Senior Warden

04 DEC—2:00pm  
Southern State Singers

18 DEC—3:00pm  
A St. Mary's Christmas

#### COOKIES NEEDED!

Sign up on bulletin board!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

This year we are sharing our **Advent Simple Suppers** with our friends at Peace Lutheran Church. This has become a much-looked-forward-to event! See schedule for times and places.

Hopefully you got a letter from Rev Judi explaining the **Bad-weather Policy** for St Mary's Worship. If you have internet, go to your email box to see if church is cancelled. The information will be posted by 8 am. If you don't have internet, you will receive a phone call. If, by chance, you have not heard of a closing and you feel the weather conditions are threatening, by all means don't risk your life! Stay home! You can always call Rev Judi on her cell (937-205-4292). If you need help in any way, please call Larry Wiley (937-205-4343) and he will get what you need.

**The Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.**

Once again we will have the **Christmas Ornament Gift tree** up in Lacy Hall. Please take an ornament, purchased the suggested gift, and wrap it and bring to St Mary's on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to put the child's name on a tag so we know who to give it too. This year the Sunday School children and teachers will sponsor the event and see to it that your gift gets presented to a boy or girl before Christmas Day.

**St Nicholas Day!!!!** Dec 4<sup>th</sup> is St Nicholas Day. As a gift to all good boys and girls, St Nicholas will tie a stocking on the altar rail for them. Rev Judi will call the children in early to hear the story of St Nick. The children will untie their stocking after taking communion.

**Annual Meeting is January 29<sup>th</sup>.** Watch for details coming soon!

## MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

**04 Dec—2:00pm**

**SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS 18th Annual Christmas Concert.** Join us for a program of Christmas music—both sacred and secular. The Singers group is made up of community folks as well as college students, is directed by our own John Glaze and accompanist for the group is Melanie MacDowell. Jennie Harner and Nancy Orth sing in the group and Jennie plays flute along with two of the pieces. Debbie Howard plays clarinet on two of the pieces.



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**18 Dec—3:00pm**

**A ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS** John Glaze, Lynn Lowell and Jennie Harner will present music of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Featured will be Organ, Piano, Organ and Flute duets and Organ and Piano duets.

## Serving Schedule for DECEMBER

**ALTAR GUILD: Carolinn Shibley & Deanna Flinn**

DEC	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
4	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley	Karen Vlaskamp Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell Noah Eaton	John & Carol Joy	Open	Deanna Flinn
11	Jennie Harner	Jim Heathcote	Larry Wiley Alana Miller	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote
18	Lynn Lowell	Connie Reynolds	Phyllis Johnson Paul Johnson	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Mildred May Larry Addington	Open	Karen Vlaskamp
24	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	n/a	Larry Wiley	Volunteers?	n/a	Karen Vlaskamp
25	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

Can you serve Christmas morning? Please let Rev. Judi know ASAP!

# December 2016

San = Sanctuary  
 LH = Lacy Hall  
 TR = Telfair Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10:00am HE II SAN 2:00pm NASM Concert SAN	5 5:00pm TOPS LH	6 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	7 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service 6:00pm Advent 2 @ Peace	8 12:00pm ACTS 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm OA LH	9 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	10 6:00pm Community Candlelight Walk
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18 10:00am HE II SAN 3:00 pm MASM Concert SAN	19 5:00pm TOPS LH	20 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	21 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service	22 12:00pm ACTS 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm OA LH	23 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	24 11:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
25 10:00am HE II SAN	26 **OFFICE CLOSED** 5:00pm TOPS LH	27 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	28 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service	29 12:00pm ACTS 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm OA LH	30 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	31



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

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