



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

December 2018

I HEARD THE BELLS

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Music at St. Mary's



Concert Series

2018-2019

December 2

3:00pm

Southern State Singers

Christmas Concert

1. I heard the bells on
Christmas day, Their old
familiar carols play,

And wild and sweet the
words repeat, Of peace on
earth, good will to men.

2. I thought how, as the
day had come, The belfries
of all Christendom

Had rolled along th'unbro-
ken song, Of peace on
earth, good will to men.

3. And in despair I bowed
my head: "There is no
peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and
mocks the song Of peace on
earth, good will to men."

4. Then pealed the bells
more loud and deep: "God
is not dead, nor doth he
sleep;

The wrong shall fail, the
right prevail, With peace
on earth, good will to men."

5. Till, ringing, singing, on
its way, The world revolved
from night to day,

A voice, a chime, a chant
sublime, Of peace on earth,
good will to men!

*Text: Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow, 1807-1882*

*Music: John Baptiste Calkin,
1827-1905*

This piece was written in
1863 when the world was

consumed with the fear of
the Civil War. Memories of
the past wars were still
fresh in the hearts of the
Americans. Longfellow sat
alone on Christmas Day and
felt the loneliness of his be-
loved country at war. Christmas is supposed to be
a time of love and joy. But
as he wrote, there came the
blanket of knowing that the
world will revolve and
things will change. He felt
the voice of peace calling
him to grab hope and all
would be well again in time.

Even though this is a som-

ber carol for Christmas, the
message is clear. Not always
do we feel the joy of our
days. There are ups and
downs. But God is real! We
never walk alone but we
continue to walk!

Find the joy by looking for it.
If you feel the absence of
God, call God near. You
have the power to step up,
sit up, stand up, and find a
loving God waiting for your
call! Have a beautifully joyful
Christmas with God as your
Prince of Peace on Earth!

Rev. Judi

Holidays Change Humbug into Ho, Ho, Ho!

**"Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted, forgiving
each other as God in Christ
also has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32.**

*Don't you wish your end-of-
the-year gatherings were
wholesome like the Waltons,
the Baileys, and the Hallmark
Movie channel? Love
abounds, Scrooge goes danc-
ing, the youth choir sounds
like the Mormon Tabernacle
Choir, no one get a lump of
coal in his/her stocking.*

We might think our own posi-
tivity may not make a differ-
ence, but it might spark a
change. Here's a list of ideas
to brighten you days and
those around you:

1. Smile. God gave you light
to carry around with you.
Use it!

2. Take a treat to the office
or the teachers' lounge to
share.

3. Write notes of encourage-
ment, jokes, Proverbs on
post it notes and leave on a
desk, bulletin board or mirror
in the restroom.

4. Carry God's peace, exude
patience, hold doors open,
say the magic words--
"please" and "thank you."

5. Volunteer at school,
Soup's On, take a plate of 30
cookies to the Homeless
Shelter, or police or fire sta-
tion.

6. Make time to play a game
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PARISH NEWS!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

A fun way of looking at the Episcopal Church and St Mary's! If you ever wondered **why** we do what we do, **when** we do it, and **who** came up with that anyway, this class is for **you**. The class is offered for newcomers but all are invited to attend. Held on Saturday Dec 1 and 15 in the Conference Room in the CEC Building. 10 am until 12 noon. No cost.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Reserve Saturday, December 15th from 12 to 2 for our First Annual Cookie Exchange. Here's how it works: Bring up to 6 dozen cookies, bars, cupcakes, or brownies to St Mary's Lacy Hall and join us for a fun event. A light lunch, and door prizes round out the fun! Contact Lynn Lowell (937-661-9290) to let her know you want to participate or sign up in Lacy Hall! Don't miss out!

ADVENT with the LUTHERANS

This Advent we have 3 gatherings with Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesday night during Advent. We will host 2 nights (supper and activity/worship) and they will host the one in the middle. This is because we hosted only one last year and Peace hosted 2 times. Please contact Karen Vlaskamp to help with the menu.

Wednesday December 5 @ 6pm: Simple Supper with the Lutherans, arts and crafts activity: St Mary's

Wednesday December 12 @ 6pm : Simple Supper with the Lutherans, worship: Peace

Wednesday December 19 @ 6pm: Simple Supper with the Lutherans, carol sing: St Mary's

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24th @ 7:00 pm will be our Christmas Eve Service. This will be a family service with special emphasis on the children. Bring some!

DECORATING THE CHURCH

This year we will be decorating the church for Advent. There will be greenery and candles with blue accents (Bows, Lights, etc.) for Advent. Traditionally we keep a "quiet" profile but this year we want to share the beauty of a winter's season with Advent. We have guests coming in for the Christmas Concert on December 2nd, so we may have some greenery up by then. The purity of the Advent season in the church will be expressed in our worship.

PRIEST'S VACATION

Rev Judi and Larry will be on vacation from Dec 26th until January 16th. There will be supply priest on December 30 (Mother Lynn Sinnott) and January 6 (Mother Lynn Sinnott) and Morning Prayer on January 13.

MUSEUM SHOP!

Christmas is coming! The Goose is getting



fat! Time to do some shopping for friends, family, gift exchanges! Please consider coming to the

Museum at St. Mary's and shop.

Here is our list of goodies from which to choose:



<i>Festival of the Bells "St. Mary's Bell"</i>	\$15
<i>History of St. Mary's book</i>	\$25
<i>Recipes from the Red Door</i>	\$10
<i>Academy Note Cards</i>	\$7.50
<i>Caroline Williams Note Cards</i>	\$4.50
<i>Watercolor Note Cards</i>	\$8.75
<i>DVD St. Mary's History & Organ</i>	\$10
<i>Post Cards</i>	25c
<i>Watercolor Coffee Mug</i>	\$12
<i>DVD of Chaney Building</i>	donation

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December Birthdays
Alana Miller—1st
Debbie Shuler—10th

December 23 3:00pm
A St. Mary's Christmas
Organ, Flute,
Piano, Trumpet
Musicians: John Glaze,
Lynn Lowell, Jennie Harner,
Ethan Neal, Bella Haines
Olivia Haines

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 with your family, work a jig saw puzzle, string popcorn and hang it outside for the birds.
7. Do random acts of kindness. Pay it forward for the car behind you at the drive thru.
 8. Freely give compliments at the dining table, share family stories, look at photo albums together.
 9. Show some kindness to your neighbors--shovel their sidewalk, take them a plate of cookies,
 10. Be kind to yourself. Life isn't perfect, it's okay to make mistakes, forgive yourself and others. Then you will have peace!

News from the Academy

Congratulations to Stephanie Williams who received her CDA Credential. After a year of taking course work (in all aspects of Child Development from infants to preschoolers) and through taking an assessment of learning, and being assessed from her mentor, Stephanie has completed her training. We are proud to have her with us at The Academy.

Parents will begin to pack a lunch for their children.

We have one before and after school age child to care for. She is a delight full of energy and questions!

All inspections passed and we will have a Continuous License. We will have yearly unannounced inspections from now on.



This past week we have been studying about the farm and farm animals and all about the Farm. We had Farmer Craig Adams come in for a visit (part of our Enrichment Program). He brought in hay and straw and pictures of the cows he has on his farm. The kids Loved the time they spent with Farmer Adams. Thanks to Farmer Adams.

Serving Schedule for December

DEC	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
2	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Deanna Flinn Shirley Gilliam	Karen Vlaskamp
9	Jim Heathcote	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	John & Carol Joy	Lynn Lowell
16	Kim Haines	Larry Wiley	Connie Reynolds Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Andrea Harner Lynn Lowell	Sandy Ferrell
23	Jennie Harner	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Haines Family	Karen Vlaskamp
24	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	OPEN	Sandy Ferrell
30	Jim Heathcote	Sandy Ferrell	Dallas Harner Connie Reynolds	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Andrea Harner Shirley Gilliam	Betty Heathcote

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Vestry Highlights for December

It's time again to make up the budget for St. Mary's Episcopal Church. We know that many in the congregation would prefer not to put pledges on paper. The finance committee needs your pledge to set a reasonable budget. This committee used last year's expenses and income to set up the tentative budget. Remember we've been blessed with endowments but they can only spent in certain circumstances. We need \$10,000 per month to pay our bills for water, sewer, gas, electric, salary, custodian, secretary and organist, copier, paper, newsletter, stamps, phones, office supplies, cleaning supplies, Mission Share and contributions to local charities and Soup's On. Your contribution is needed and appreciated.

Kim McGuire-Haines will join the Vestry to fill Carolinn's position for the next 14 months. She will serve as Chancellor, our legal representative. We found that we could add her in accordance with the Canons.

The Church By-Laws have been brought up to date.

Contributions have been made to the Pregnancy Center, Samaritan Outreach, the Homeless Shelter and Shiloh (Hillsboro's Drug Rehab Center) for the year.

Lori has returned as our custodian.

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The Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Judi Wiley, Rector

Rev. Judi is available by arrangement at all times.
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NEW WEB SITE:
www.smehillsboro.weebly.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon