

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

February 2017

A Word from Our Rector

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

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Music at
St. Mary's
Concert Series

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February contains the Hallmark card day known as Valentine's Day. Happens to be the day of my birth also. So, what do we know about St Valentine? Well, he was a Roman Catholic priest who believed in marriage and creating families through that marriage. In the 4th century, Valentine began encouraging a Christian marriage in a world of polygamy and lust. He preached that a Christian marriage meant a couple coming together in the church and vowing to each other. This wasn't very popular in the world at the time. Eventually, Valentine was beaten, scourged and decapitated for his vocal condemnations. Some years

later, the Roman Catholic Church anointed him a saint and assigned February 14th as his day of remembrance. A celebration on his day became a celebration of love and marriage. Hallmark cards came much later! Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day, are the two most popular days to send greeting cards.

Marriage has taken an amazing journey since Valentine. Different cultures celebrate the union of two people in many different ways. There still exists a plural marriage (polygamy), although it is illegal to have more than one legal spouse in the United States. Same-sex marriage is legal in the United States but carries a

lot of negative thoughts and feelings. There have been times in history, since Valentine, when same-sex marriages were the norm!

So, the controversy over marriages has been a hot-topic since Fr. Valentine began his campaign to unite us as Christians in a stable family situation in 425 A.D. For me, I believe we all have the right to form a loving family and wonder down this path called "Life" with a close companion who loves us and wants what we want. Being born on Valentine's Day is a plus because I am reminded each year to love back those who love me!

Rev. Judi+

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that Daniel Jacky's Recital date has been changed to 26 March. Please help get this word around to those with whom you have shared a brochure or the word about this concert.



AN ARMCHAIR TOUR

Most of you have not had the opportunity to walk through our new building, therefore, come along and walk with me. We are entering though the back door (as that is the only door of access!). Next we descend to the basement. We are standing at the back looking toward the front. The steps you see are those which lead to the first floor. You can see many of the heat ducts are installed, as well as insulation on the side walls.

Now, step on to page 4 to continue your tour!



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

St. Mary's provides this wonderful devotional at no charge.

Noon Healing Service: I have wanted to revise the Wednesday Noon Healing Service. We have the opportunity to pray for healing in a beautiful and meaningful way for this country, our community and our friends and family. God is waiting to hear from us and if we purposely pray, I believe we can move mountains. So, the Noon Healing Service will be refocused into a service of worship to heal our country as well as our homes and hearths. So, until I get this worship liturgy written, we will put the service on hold. I will let you all know when we will begin anew. In the meantime, please pray for our country, our government and our communities and all who live within.

Do you take a copy of FORWARD DAY BY DAY home with you each quarter and read each of the daily devotionals?

In case you missed one from January 10, it is being repeated for the wonderful message contained:

Mark 1:17—And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Our congregation had gotten small, really small—like an average Sunday attendance of ten. Everyone wanted new members, so we brainstormed as a group, developed a strategic plan, and got to work. Our plan seemed good, but we weren't seeing any results.

In our lesson from Mark, Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee where

his friends are working, and as he encounters them, he issues an invitation to join him in his mission. The call is so meaningful, his friends actually leave their work immediately to follow Jesus.

Our members decided if people weren't coming to us, we would go to them. I joined a local service club, members evangelized in supermarkets, work and barbershops. They talked to people at concerts, farmers' markets and doctors' offices, keeping it simple. We mentioned our church affiliation, and we extended an invitation. No one reacted immediately, but before long, we saw some new faces—and then new faces brought their friends. Our simple plan appears to be working. Some Sundays, forty people come together for worship. We will keep fishing, thanks be to God.

Our new **Vestry** will be retreating on Friday evening and Saturday, February 17-18th at Procter Center. This is an important time for us to get together, without interruptions, to bond and begin our work together. This is an overnight. Friday night will be a lighthearted time of getting to know each other and sharing through fun activities. On Saturday, Fr. David Getreu from Circleville will lead us in what it means to be a Vestry and help us establish goals for 2017. Begins Friday at 7 pm and ends at 3 pm on Saturday. It is expected that all Vestry members will attend and stay at Procter. A room is reserved for you.

Serving Schedule for FEBRUARY

ALTAR GUILD: Martha Gorman & Carolinn Shibley

FEB	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
5	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Karen Vlaskamp	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	John & Carol Joy	Open	Deanna Flinn
12	Connie Reynolds	Nancy Orth	Larry Wiley	Noah Eaton Randy Martin	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Open	Paul Orth
19	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Noah Eaton Randy Martin	Larry Addington	Open	Sandy Ferrell
26	Sandy Ferrell	Jim Heathcote	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Larry Wiley Randy Martin	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote

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San = Sanctuary
 LH = Lacy Hall
 TR = Telfair Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:00am HE II SAN	6 5:00pm TOPS LH	7 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	8 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00pm Healing Service	9 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	10 7:00pm AA LH	11 7:00pm AA LH
12 10:00am HE II SAN	13 5:00pm TOPS LH	14 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	15 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00pm Healing Service	16 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	17 7:00pm AA LH 7:00pm Vestry retreat begins (Procter)	18 3:00pm Vestry retreat ends
19 10:00am HE II SAN	20 5:00pm TOPS LH	21 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	22 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service	23 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	24 7:00pm AA LH	25 5:00pm Soup's On LH
26 10:00am HE II SAN	27 5:00pm TOPS LH	28 5:30pm Rector's Study TR				

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1. We will have a noon service and a 7 pm service where we distribute ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period (excluding Sundays) that ends with Easter. This is a solemn period observed by prayer, repentance, fasting, and moderation. Sundays are excluded as they are considered a celebratory day that represents the resurrection of Jesus and the Sabbath day of rest.

“Ashes to ashes, dust to dust” is a

phrase commonly recited during Ash Wednesday services. It is meant to remind us of our mortality in that we began as dust and our bodies will ultimately return to dust after our death. This phrase originates from Genesis 3:19: ...for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Ashes symbolize the dust that we eventually become after our death. This is a reminder to us of our mortality and that our time on earth is limited.

The day before Ash Wednesday, **February 28, is Mardi Gras**. As this is the

last day before the start of Lent, it is often accompanied by partying and celebrations. The idea being that it is the last day to indulge before the Lenten period of moderation and repentance. We will have a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 28, at St Mary's, prepared and served by your Vestry.

Blessing of the Weddings: On February 12, we will bless all the weddings in our church. You will come forward and receive a special blessing for your special wedding day.

Continuing Your Armchair Tour....



Now we have climbed those stairs and ended up in the front of the first floor.

The

doorway you see on the left leads to the foyer of the sanctuary and the steps lead to the second floor. This is a lobby type area. There are restrooms behind where we are standing; the large red door leading to N. High St is out of sight, but to the left. There are classrooms on this floor, on either side of a center hallway. At the back of the building is found a stairway leading down to the basement and up to the second floor.

Now we have arrived on the second floor, looking from the top of the stairs toward the front. You can see the top of the arched window and the circular window above that. Walking up the hallway toward those windows, there is a conference room on the right and offices



on right and left. In this photo, we are standing in the secretary's area and can see the stairway which leads down to the first floor. On the right are restrooms. As you can see, the ceiling on this floor is sloped.

Our next photograph is a view which you shan't be able to see for much longer—THROUGH THE WALLS. Still standing in the secretary area, we are looking through the walls into an office and on to



the conference room.

Much of the electric wiring has been installed, as well as the water pipes and heating ducts. Once inspection has been finished, sheet rock will be installed. However, meanwhile with the warm temperatures, the rock facing is being installed on the outside of the building (you can see this in the front page photo). Turn to back cover for two more photos.

Address given by the Rev. J. Watkins, Rector at a Church Fellowship Dinner, 08 Oct 1946

The first public service of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Hillsboro was held in the Hillsboro Court House in the year of our Lord 1851. A good starting-place, for one of the primary purposes of the Court House, like that of the Church is to promote and maintain justice, peace and good citizenship.

How came the Episcopal Church to Hillsboro which was then "one of the waste places of Southern Ohio"? The answer is given by the venerable and beloved Isaac Same, who in 1876 wrote his reminiscences of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for a publication entitled "The Standard of the Cross," and in which he said:

"The person most instrumental in bringing the church to Hillsborough was William H. Bayard, son of the Rev. Mr. Bayard of New York City, who died in the Holy Land, where he was traveling for his health. His son, who was with his young wife, had settled in the vicinity of Hillsborough about 1850, and was a very strong churchman, and sorely troubled at the lack of church privileges, sent for the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from Chillicothe to baptize his first child; and when the second was born, invited the Rev. Mr. Grey, from Cincinnati. To both these gentlemen he poured out his grief, and induced the latter to come and hold occasional services in Hillsborough."



The Rev. John Boyd, of Marietta, whose brother, J. M. Boyd, had settled in Hillsboro, became so intensely interested in the establishment of the Episcopal Church in Hillsboro that he offered his services to Bishop McIlvaine without monetary reward or compensation. The bishop had, however, already appointed the Rev. N. H. Schenck to take charge, and to officiate on alternate Sundays in Hillsboro and Troy. Mr. Schenck took charge on December the ninth, 1853. Soon afterwards the following vestry was elected: Isaac Sams, Senior Warden; J. M. Boyd, Junior Warden; B. H. Johnson, Nelson Barrere, J. W. Price, Wm. H. Woodrow, W. H. Bayard, C. H. Smith, G. W. Lawrence, and John Dawson.

At the suggestion of Isaac Same, "St. Mary's" was adopted as the name of the new parish, and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a church building. Later, through death and removal, the vestrymen were Isaac Sams, Senior Warden; J. M. Boyd, Junior Warden; Alexander Sams, Col. Wm. Trimble, Col. Wm. Collins, Carlton h. Sams, M.D., and Wm. H. Bayard. These names are on the Memorial Founders' Window, placed on the north side of the church by Mrs. Wm. Trimble.

No doubt all these men, together with the others who were members of the first vestry, were men of faith and courage. They had the spirit of Christian adventure. They loved their church and the church of their fathers and mothers, and they believed in it as an institution needed to meet the deep and a biding needs of the community.

So in 1854, it was resolved to build a church edifice at a cost of \$5,000 upon a lot bought from Mathew Lane. Plan for the new church building was furnished by J. R. Hamilton, an architect from Cincinnati. But the vestry, after examining said plan, unanimously rejected it, believing it would be impossible to build on that plan for \$5,000. The architect

then offered another less pretentious plan which he claimed could be built for \$5,000. This was unanimously accepted, and the church was built at a cost of \$12,000 upon the southeastern corner of high and North Streets. The first lot purchased was one on which the city building now stands, for \$1100.00. This was sold for \$1600.00, in favor of the present location.

It is recorded that subscriptions to the building fund were generous, but that the unexpected expenditure upon the church led to accumulated debt. Through the efforts of Wm. H. Bayard, \$5000 was collected from friends in New York. Thomas P. Cummins of that city presented to the church a silver communion service, suitable books for the lectern, altar and prayer desk, one hundred books for the Church School of which Alexander Sams was superintendent, and a handsome freestone font. Mr. Schenck also obtained considerable support from Friends in Cincinnati.

On October 25, 1855, the church was consecrated by Bishop McIlvaine. In 1856 after a ministry of two years and four months in Hillsboro, the rector of St. Mary's left with these words: "My heart shall never cease to swell with gratitude to our Father in Heaven for His goodness in permitting me to labor under circumstances which have afforded me so much happiness."

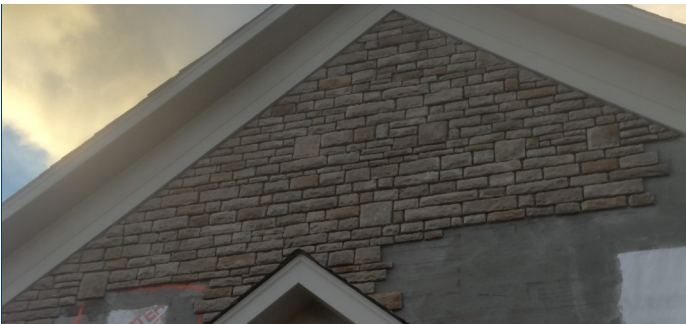
Next after Mr. Schenck came the Rev. Warren H. Roberts. Mr. Roberts must have arrived with shoddy and shabby vestments which the churchwomen made him discard. They wanted to see their rector well-dressed inside as well as outside the church. So they immediately bought him a fine looking gown, which cost \$30.40. Mr. Roberts remained 2 years. May 15, 1859, the Rev. Thomas Applegate took charge. Here was one priest who was quite sure of always getting a fair-size congregation, for he had ten children who, together with his wife and himself, made the apostolic number twelve.

(continued next month)

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MORE PHOTOS



Close-up of stone facing.



Second floor secretary's area; shows the top of the entry door and the round window above.

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

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