



The Red Door

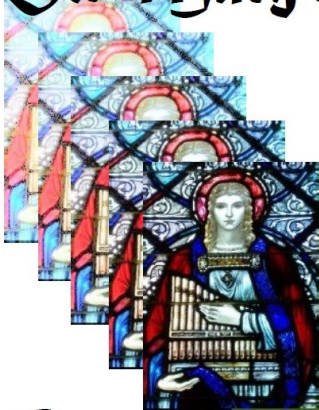
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

February 2019

Thoughts from Rev. Judi

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Music at St. Mary's



Concert Series 2018-2019

I write to you as I am contemplating sitting in the warm southern air of Florida. Not to gloat or brag, but I am so blessed to be able to make this trip. I am thinking about how gracious our God is and how sometimes I am overwhelmed by all God allows me to have! Ever feel that way?

I am virtually homeless, as I have (hopefully) sold my home in Hillsboro. But I am not without a blessing of a warm home for my wonderful hubby and 2 canine children. I have a calling which has enriched my life greatly, plus more talents than I will ever use. (Still not bragging!) I am mostly healthy, except for the annoying tremor that distracts me at all the wrong times. All this and more, has let me know I am an aging human.

But my heart, oh how it grows to bursting, at the faith I have in a living God! I see the signs of God's infinite love blessing me and those around me every day! Larry and I share, over coffee each morning, the visible actions that occur all about us and we are It is often difficult to understand the thing we call "Trinity". Is it God? Is it Jesus? What about the Holy Spirit? Nothing can pinpoint the answer to these questions.

When I was doing Youth Ministry, I'd tell the teens that God was like an apple. If you ate the skin, you were eating the apple. If you ate the meat of the apple, you were eating the apple. If you (heaven forbid) ate the seeds, you were still eating the apple. So it is with God. If you know the Father, you know God. If you know the Son, you know God. And if you know the Holy Spirit you also know God. Three entities as One.

But only God, the whole apple, knows what is the whole picture. God knows what the world needs. What voices will work. What movements will bring us peace. What deeds will clean up the mess we are in! Only God has all the answers, the Big Picture!

Orchestrated by the actions of the Holy Spirit, God gives each of us "gifts" by which we are to be God's actions in the world. You have gifts. I have gifts. Everyone has gifts to use to do God's work on earth. Just like an orchestra, when one person does not bring their gifts to be used by God, something important is missing! So it is. It is essential that we discover our gifts and use them in the world today.

More information from my Youth Ministry days; You discover your gifts by asking yourself, 1.) Am I good at anything? 2.) Do I enjoy doing it? 3.) Does it serve the world God created? If you say "yes" to all three, that is one of God's gifts to you. Use it!

FUDGE!

Looking in my thumb drive, I ran across recipes for FUDGE! So, there's always room to fill in our newsletter and I thought I'd share these recipes with you.

SUPER EASY FUDGE

Bag of chocolate chips (or any other chips) – Microwave until melted
Whip chips with a can of cake frosting (any flavor)
Put on parchment paper & refrigerate
(I told you it was super easy!)

FOOLPROOF CHOCOLATE FUDGE

3 (6 oz) pks of chocolate chips
14 oz can Borden's milk
Salt
1 ½ t vanilla
½ C chopped nuts
In heavy pan, melt chips w/milk.

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On **February 5**, there will be a Black History Month luncheon at Wilmington College in the Pyle Center Dining Room that will feature the Lincoln School Story film. The luncheon begins at 11:45 and is free to the public, but you must rsvp to Vicki Knauff at 393-3392.

The African American Research Council of Highland County will hold their annual program at the Hillsboro Library on **February 16** at 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Sigrid Solomon, Vice-President of Student Affairs of Wilmington College and they will be honoring Hillsboro resident Eleanor Harris. A music program will follow.

On **February 23**, the Highland County Historical Society and New Hope Baptist Church will host an afternoon musical program at the church with the incredible Rev. Wayne McLaughin and the Community Men's Choir of Chillicothe. Known for their singing of negro spirituals, and seen on YouTube, this group is really special! Joining them will be the talented New Hope Baptist Church choir and a spiritual dance performed by Hillsboro's Joyce Kittrell. This program is free of charge and please stay afterwards for cookies and fellowship!

The Gist Settlement in Highland County is the subject of a program on **February 28** at 7 pm at the Highland House Museum. It has been awhile since we hosted a program on this unique settlement in Highland County. Our presenters are author Paula Wright and Gist descendent and resident, Paul Turner. Come join us to hear the history and efforts made to keep the Gist Settlement as it was intended. An additional program on the Gist Settlement will be held **March 12** at 7 pm with Gist descendent, Peggy Warner. Peggy will be sharing her story and her exciting plans to visit the original plantation in Virginia that was home to the slaves prior to coming to Ohio. This will also be held at the Highland House Museum. As always, admission is free!

HISTORY LESSON FROM REV. EDWARD BRADLEY

The Rev. Edward Bradley, Rector of St. Mary's from 1884 to 1888, recorded in the Parish Register the following "Outline History of Hillsborough, Liberty Township, Highland County, Ohio."

The first surveys of land in the township were made A.D. 1795. The first white man known to have visited this spot was James Trimble, a youthful scout in Gov. Dunmore's expedition against the Indians in 1774. The same man, Capt. James Trimble of Kentucky, then 48 years of age, made his second visit to this region A.D. 1801, and purchased a tract of land on which his family settled after his death, which occurred in 1804.



The first settlements in this township were made in 1799 on Clear Creek by Hugh Evans and his four sons, Richard, Samuel, Daniel and Amos. The township and the county were organized in the year 1805.

Two hundred acres of land, on the highest point in the county, were purchased from Benjamin Ellicott for one hundred dollars, and a deed given on the 7th September, 1807. On this plat of ground the town was located, named Hillsborough by the court, and made the seat of justice for Highland County.

A public sale of town lots was made 1st October, 1807, and the purchasers were from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky.

The town of Hillsborough was incorporated as a village on the 7th February 1814. A second and amended act of incorporation bears the date 18th February 1848. The Hillsborough Public Library and Reading Room was first opened for use on the 12th July 1877.

(Compiled from the "History of Ross and Highland Counties," published by Williams Brothers in 1880 - E. Bradley)

Six reasons to change your seat this weekend

We don't like change. I know you have a certain pew you consider as yours, but think about this:

- 1. We get too comfortable.** You park in the same spot, eat in the same area at Ponderosa, sit in the same pew. Nothing changes, including your walk with God. We don't anticipate God changing, we get what we expect.
- 2. You'll get to know different people more deeply.** You'll better appreciate being the Body of Christ.
- 3. You'll see and hear the service differently.** It will alter your perspective. The sanctuary sounds and looks different. Even the sermon seems different.
- 4. Someone else needs your current seat.** Hanging out in the last row in the back makes newcomers walk up front. Uncomfortable for them.
- 5. You learn to be comfortable with change in general.** Change your seat each week to get to know new people. Don't get stagnant.
- 6. If you refuse to change, you might reveal a negative side to your heart.** Yes, I understand the need to sit in a particular place for handicapped, hearing impaired, access to the restroom. But most of us have little reason not to change or than our stubbornness. If that's your reason, you might need to check your heart.

A QUESTION

We use two hymnbooks. This should come as no surprise to you, unless you haven't been to church.....ever. But how much do you know about our hymnbooks? If there would be a decent number of you interested in a class about hymns and hymnbooks, please let John know. It would probably last about an hour for 2 to 3 weeks...perhaps even once a month. So....if you are interested, please let John know along with whether you would prefer 3 weeks in a row or once per month for 3 weeks. Thanks!

Serving Schedule for February

FEB	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
3	Connie Reynolds	Jim Heathcote	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Carol & John Joy	Betty Heathcote
10	Jim Heathcote	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Deanna Flinn Shirley Gilliam	Betty Heathcote
17	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Haines Family	Lynn Lowell
24	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Carol & John Joy	Karen Vlaskamp

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Remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients, spread in wax paper lined 8" pan. Chill 3 hrs. Turn out on board. Remove paper. Cut into squares.
Cover lightly & store at room temp.

AUNTY ANN'S MILLION DOLLAR FUDGE

1 12 oz pkg Hershey's semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 4-oz bars German sweet cooking chocolate, cut into small pieces
1 7-oz jar Kraft Marshmallow Cream
2 Cups walnuts, broken
4 ½ Cups sugar
Pinch salt
2 Tablespoons butter, plus more for pan
1 13-oz can evaporated milk
Butter 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Combine chocolate chips, German chocolate, marshmallow cream and nuts in bowl. Set aside. In heavy saucepan, combine sugar, salt, butter and evaporated milk. Let stand about 5 minutes. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil 7 ½ minutes after it has a good start to boil. Pour at once over chocolate mixture. Stir vigorously until chocolate has melted and mixture is smooth and creamy. Pour into prepared pan. Let stand several hours or overnight to set. Cut into squares. Store, tightly covered. Freezes well. Makes 48 squares.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon