



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

February 2020

GUIDANCE FROM GEORGE

LENT

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Looking to January, we had a very successful annual meeting and Vestry election. Please join me in welcoming the new vestry members Charles, John and Richard. These new members, coupled with the strong members we have, will lead St. Mary's into the future, and I see a bright future ahead. February brings cold and time for reflection and introspection. Ash Wednesday is the final Wednesday in Feb-

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Blessèd sister, holy mother, spirit of the fountain, spirit of the garden, Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehood Teach us to care and not to care
Teach us to sit still
Even among these rocks,
Our peace in His will
And even among these rocks
Sister, mother
And spirit of the river, spirit of the sea,
Suffer me not to be separated
And let my cry come unto Thee.

Peace and All Good,

George+

Music at St. Mary's



Concert Series 2019-2020

Next concert in March

Watch for details!



VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden
 Betsy Miller, Jr Warden
 Richard Davis
 Charles Everhart
 Sandy Ferrell
 Judy Franklin
 John Joy

*Feel free to contact any
 Vestry member with ques-
 tions, concerns, ideas, etc.*



Sunday Brunch

Feb 16—Carol & John Joy
 Mar—?

NEW in the library!

BOOKS

**about 100 of them
 on many subjects
 such as
 commentaries
 and devotionals!**

Senior Warden Report

2020 finds St Mary's Episcopal Church in a better place than it was at the end of 2018 or the beginning of 2019. Several adjustments and changes had to be made in the areas of finance, day to day operations, and rebuilding of confidence to get to the place we are now. Your Vestry has worked hard to make the appropriate, useful, and necessary adjustments to our general operation of the Church. It's a work in progress and more changes or adjustments may need to be made as time goes on. Listed below are some old news items as well as some necessary changes.

Still using Lacy Hall is a local AA group, ALANON and a group of ladies called TOPS. [Take off Pounds Sensibly]. They use Lacy Hall at no cost and do their own cleanup after meetings.

A requisition form was implemented to control all nondiscretionary spending to make sure we have the funds in the account for which it will be charged against.

Two restricted accounts have been created. One for the Organ Fund and another for MASM. Donations to these entities will be transferred into the restricted accounts when given to ensure that they will be used for those expenditures ONLY.

All outside door locks have been rekeyed and Code locks either have or will be changed. Some interior doors have been rekeyed as well. Anyone who receives keys to be used for church business/ministry work MUST fill out and sign a key registry form in order to receive keys. The Vestry felt this action had become necessary to maintain a safe and secure building.

Rev. George has been a blessing to St Mary's and we hope he loves being here as much as we love having him with us. He has been and is a great source of information, an avenue to the Diocese when needed, and has been helpful in many other areas when we need advice and leadership. He is also just fun to chat with about day to day stuff.

The Academy's last day was December 20th, 2019. No plans are being made at this time to reorganize and open again.

Our Secretary, Maggie Hatfield, and our Custodian, Lorie Smith, have had their hands full with the work load, but are doing a great job. If you see either of them, please tell them how much you appreciate what they do for St Mary's. They have been our mostly unseen right hands in making the church more organized, cleaner, safer, and pleasant.

Hopefully, Bible Studies will start again for those interested and it is good to hear that Well Wishers is meeting again on Wednesdays. For more information contact Connie Reynolds or Carolinn Shibley. They are listed in the address book. Healing Services have continued under the care of Rev. George on Wednesdays with attendance up to as many as 12.

I'm sure I have forgotten more than I have mentioned so please feel free to ask me or any Vestry member about any questions or ideas you may have.

Things are getting better and I believe we are on more solid ground with lots of good to come in 2020. A Church is only a body of people working together for a common goal. I always try to remind myself, "If I'm not part of the solution then I'm part of the problem."

Bob Lowell, Senior Warden



Dear beloved Brothers and Sisters at St. Mary's, Hillsboro:

I wish to thank you for your hard work baking

cookies for the Christmas on the River ministry project. Please know your love offering of cookies in support of the men and women serving on our "brown waters," the inland river waterways, were packaged and delivered to 48 boats, encompassing nearly 500 mariners! St. Mary's and Holy Trinity were able to fill all 48 boxes with home baked cookies, prepaid postcards, toothbrushes, tooth paste, bath soap, pens, paperback books, magazines, thermal cups, and handmade knit scarves and caps! The work towboaters do on our inland waterways is largely isolating and dangerous work; these men and women bring commerce to our communities in ways mostly unseen. Your gift of home baked cookies give's these mariners the reminder that they are cared for by our communities holding them and their families in prayer with gratitude for the work they do. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry with Holy Trinity-Kenwood!



WOW! Look at all of those cookies!

Faithfully Yours in Christ Our Lord's abundance,
The Rev. Karen F. Sherrill,
Priest in Charge

The Sound of Music

That title brings to mind thoughts of Julie Andrews frolicking over the mountainside singing as the boom camera soars in for a close up as she begins to sing! MONKEY MUFFINS! I just finished reading The Story of the Trapp Family Singers, written by Maria Augusta Trapp. Learning the *real* story on which the movie was based surely made the movie seem rather simple, contrived and downright silly. The real story is a beautiful tale of God's abundant presence and guidance in the lives of the Trapp Family. I am placing this in the library so that you can check it out and be blessed by reading it also.

I was going to put a small selection in this article, but it was too difficult to choose only one. You'll just have to take my word for it! It's a fast read, and you'll probably find it hard to put it down, eager to learn the next adventure they experience.

John Glaze

SERVERS

Altar Guild: Deanna Flinn & Shirley Gilliam

FEB	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
2	Connie Reynolds	Connie Reynolds	Charles Everhart Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Shirley Gilliam Deanna Flinn	Jennie Harner
9	Carolinn Shibley	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Carol & John Joy	Deanna Flinn
16	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Richard Davis Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Carolinn Shibley Andrea Harner	Sandy Ferrell
23	Jim Heathcote	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Richard Davis Charles Everhart	Betty Heathcote

If you have an emergency on your assigned Sunday, either find someone to take your place, or call Deanna Flinn.

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QUIZ

Name two towns in the west
named after members of
St. Mary's.



(Back row) Jane Rosselott, Frances Carrier, Violet Morgan, Jane Turner
(Front row) Arlene Jordan, Veda Crosby, Mrs. Fred Holaday

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The Rev. George Sherrill

The Diocese of Southern Ohio
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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY
WELL WISHERS—11:00am
HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST—12:00n