

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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You know how wonderful it feels to bring in a large bouquet of fresh flowers into your home? You feel refreshed and delighted. You can smell the fragrance of each bloom and the colors soothe you? Well, that is January to me!

I know, most people think of the snow and cold as the January winds blow, but not me! I feel renewed as another year filled with possibilities awakens. January tells us that we get to start over. Last year is gone; can't change it, so move on.

I remember as a child, my parents let my brothers and me stay up to welcome the

new year. My mother was such a party-person (as some of you remember) that she would make something special for us to eat as we whistled and shouted in the new year. It was glorious! Daddy took the boys outside in the back yard and shot off his rifle to announce the new prospects of a new year. Every year I was home, the same thing happened! It was indeed glorious!

What I gleaned from that is that we need a fresh start, like the bouquet of flowers, to renew our faith in God and each other. New Year's Eve is not just about celebration, though, but about having the

chance to get it right in the new year. Make new friends, restore old relationships, go to church more, give and be present to the world around you. Build a big dream and see it through, be a better person and live a better life.

Pray for a better 2015 and live as though God has answered your prayer. Be kind. Be a part of something big. Do the right thing! Live as God intended for you to.

**Happy New Year!
Celebrate!
Rejoice!**

Rev. Judi+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

This short article is being hurriedly composed on the last Sunday of Advent to meet the deadline of publication of the January issue of "THE RED DOOR". Oh where, oh where has the time gone? It seems that all I do is rush from one deadline to another which I am sure that is how many of you are feeling; but this afternoon the wonderful Christmas concert performed by St. Mary's talented musicians gave me an opportunity to sit for an hour and reflect on the true meaning of this wonderful season. Thank you, John Glaze, Jennie Harner and Nancy Ogden for sharing your talent and time with those of us who were in attendance.

I wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year as we welcome 2015 and say good-bye to 2014. Our annual parish meeting is scheduled

for January 25th with a pot luck carry-in meal to follow the meeting and election of new vestry members along with hearing reports of the past year in the life of St. Mary's. My hope and prayer is that we can remember the positives from the past year and let go of the negatives and welcome the new year with a spirit of cooperation as we plan for the future years for our church. We each should make every effort to make all members of St. Mary's family feel welcome and invite them to participate in any and all phases of our church life. Peace be with you.

Jan

**MUSIC AT
ST. MARY'S
2014-2015
needs you!**

LOOKING AHEAD

Morning Prayer - Thank you to Jim Heathcote, for leading you all in Morning Prayer on the 4th and 11th of this month. We are so blessed to have him with us. And thanks to Betty Heathcote for volunteering to make the bulletins. This makes my vacation less stressful!

Priest's vacation - Larry and I will be traveling to Florida to see Larry and Peggy. Prayers are welcome for safe travels. We will be gone from January 2nd to the 15th. Please contact our Senior Warden, Jan Vosper, with issues that cannot wait until I get back!

Annual Meeting - This year we will have our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th. This is an opportunity to hear from each ministry in the church, how you can help, and informing you of all things St Mary's. There will be at pot-luck carry-in after the meeting.

Task Force Team - The Task Force Team has met for the first time in December. It is a positive, lively group that has lots of ideas. The Task Force Team is taking a year to look at ways for St Mary's to grow, both in numbers and in our work for God. Prayer and scripture are what grounds us in this task.

Women's Retreat - St Mary's is offering a women's retreat on Saturday, March 7th. The Theme is: "Blossoming in Our Spirit". Join us for a day of creating, relaxing, fun and wisdom! Watch for more details next month.

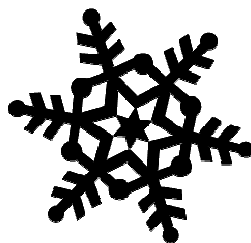
Vestry Retreat - Your vestry will be on retreat at Proctor Conference Center on February 13-14, 2015. This will be a time of community building and planning. Prayers welcomed.

February 1st - There will be a special collection. "SOUP-ER BOWL" for Samaritan Outreach Services.

SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved..... I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat..... In a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me.. Touching my own. I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side..... I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine.. But it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father'..... I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.
The shoe man said..... A quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayer..... But my thoughts were on his shoes again..
Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended..... And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud... . Sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters..... His hands were raised high.
The Lord could surely hear.. The shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached... Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out..... What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft 'clink' as when silver hits tin.
The sermon really bored me..... To tears, and that's no lie.
It was the same for the shoe man...For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service..... As is the custom here.

We must greet new visitors, And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow.....And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer..I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark.....And his hair was truly a mess.
But I thanked him for coming. For being our guest...
He said, 'My name's Charlie... I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'
There were tears in his eyes..... But he had a large, wide grin..
'Let me explain,' he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes.
'I've been coming here for months..... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'
'I know that my appearance.....Is not like all the rest.
'But I really do try.....To always look my best.'
'I always clean and polish my shoes..Before my very long walk.'
'But by the time I get here...They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'
My heart filled with pain..... And I swallowed to hide my tears.
As he continued to apologize..... For daring to sit so near
He said, 'When I get here..... I know I must look a sight.'
'But I thought if I could touch you....Then maybe our souls might unite.'
I was silent for a moment..... Knowing whatever was said Would pale in comparison.... I spoke from my heart, not my head.
'Oh, you've touched me,' I said.....'And taught me, in part'
'That the best of any man.....Is what is found in his heart.'
The rest, I thought,..... This shoe man will never know.
Like just how thankful I really am.... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	2 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	3
4 10:00am HE II San A: Nancy & Jeremiah Ogden B: Jim Price	5 10:00am Art Guild LH	6 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	7 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 1:00pm EFM CEC	8 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	9 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	10 B: Roy Goerler
11 10:00am HE II San B: Barbara Dance	12 10:00am Art Guild LH B: Lynn Lowell B: Carol Joy	13 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	14 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 1:00pm EFM CEC	15 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	16 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH B: Margaret Lyons	17
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25 10:00am HE II San	26 10:00am Art Guild LH B: Kathryn Ogden B: Anastazia Singleton	27 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	28 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 1:00pm EFM CEC	29 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	30 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	31 4:30pm Praise Time 5:00pm Soup's On!

San = Sanctuary
 LH = Lacy Hall
 CEC = Christian Education Center
 TR = Telfair Room

ARE YOU VULNERABLE?

Karen Vlaskamp

“Create in me a clean heart, oh God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.” (Psalm 51:10-12)

Worship and discipline have been in our recent study in EfM. We are called to make worship a central part of our lives as followers of Christ. When we take part in corporate confession each Sunday, we are examining our lives and our relationship with God. We all fall short! We need to

acknowledge that we cannot save ourselves, that Jesus is our only hope of reconciliation with God. We must become vulnerable. As Martin Luther said, “God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.” It’s when we are vulnerable that God can mold us into the Christ-like people He wants us to be. This self-denial opens us to the transcendence given in the Eucharist. We die to ourselves and are raised into Jesus’ life, passing from death into life. It is a meal of thanksgiv-

ing. We offer a hymn of praise, give thanks and this grounds us in Jesus’ life, as we remember what He has done in His life, ministry, and teaching and culminates in His passion, death and resurrection. The Eucharist is a celebration and a foretaste of the feast to come, not only when we arrive in His Heavenly Kingdom, but also here and now in His Kingdom on Earth. To know Jesus is to know peace. May you find Peace in Jesus this year.

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for JANUARY

JAN	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
4	Paulette Goerler	n/a	Karen Vlaskamp	Judy Franklin	Randy Martin	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Cleda Dietrick & Martins	Deanna Flinn
11	Paul Orth	n/a	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Andrea Harner	Bob Lowell	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Karen Vlaskamp	Betty Heathcote
18	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	BJ Gee	Angie Martin Lizzy Zumwalde	John & Carol Joy	Open	Karen Vlaskamp
25	Paulette Goerler	Jan Vosper	Betsy Miller	Deanna Flinn	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Annual Meeting	Betty Heathcote

GENESIS

God: All right, you two, don’t do the one thing. Other than that, have fun.

Adam & Eve: Okay.

Satan: You should do the thing.

Adam & Eve: Okay.

God: What happened!?

Adam & Eve: We did the thing.

God: Guys!

THE REST OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

God: You are my people, and you should not do the things.

People: We won’t do the things.

God: Good.

People: We did the things.

God: Guys!

THE GOSPELS

Jesus: I am the Son of God, and even though you have done the things, the Father and I still love you and want you to live. Don’t do the things anymore.

Healed people: Okay! Thank you!

Other people: We’ve never seen him do the things, but he probably does the things when no one is looking.

Jesus: I have never done the things.

Other people: We’re going to put you on trial for doing the things.

Pilate: Did you do the things?

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JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear Congregation,

While I have enjoyed being one of your Vestry members, the year was not without challenges. We had boiler issues, plumbing issues, and the stucco on the Christian Education Building needed to be taken off the south side. All of those things cost money, so with each challenge your Vestry had much discussion and worked hard to see that things were done, while keeping an eye on the budget. I guess it would be nice if the person in charge of Buildings and Grounds had nothing to do, but the church owns two very old buildings, so anything can happen.

I want to thank each volunteer in this church who worked on repair, weeding, coffee hour, cleaning and the numerous other things that got done this year. If you used your tools, labor or your mind, you did something to improve the church. I won't mention each name for fear of forgetting someone. You know who you are and what you did. THANK YOU! I hope that you will continue to pitch in when necessary. When we all work together it just makes sense and wonderful things can happen.

I also want to thank you for your prayers. We all know that prayers work, but when one is a direct recipient of positive results it does a lot to boost faith. Roy and I have had a few bumps in the road the past couple of years with health issues, and I really appreciate those of you who took the time to mention our names as you spoke to God. I credit you and God with the improvements in our lives as we actually had a vacation in October, and our health has improved some.

As always, thank you for your trust in allowing me to serve on your Vestry. I would like to continue to serve you as a Vestry member, but only with the blessing of this congregation.

Paulette Goerler

GENESIS *(continued from page 4)*

Jesus: No.

Pilate: He didn't do the things.

Other people: Kill him anyway.

Pilate: Okay.

Jesus: Guys!

PAUL'S LETTERS PART II

People: We did the things again.

Paul: Guys!

REVELATION

John: When Jesus comes back, there will be no more people who do the things. In the meantime, stop doing the things.

THE END

GOD IS!

Wherever I am, God is.

Wherever I go, God is.

Let everybody know: God is!

And all is well.

Whenever I give, God is.

Whenever I love, God is.

There is always going to be enough.

Cause God is, and all is well.

by: Rich Fagan

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PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following members and friends of St. Mary's. Our Father knows their needs.

All persons serving in our Armed Forces, especially Darrell & Kelly Easler.

These with special needs: Barbara Bot, Reagan Dawson, Cora & Clare Fullenkamp, Georgetown Veterans' Home-Staff & Residents, Highland County Homeless Shelter, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Laverne, MN, Herschel Hook, Phyllis Johnson, Bob Leydig, David Lowell, Ginger Lowell, Lynn Lowell, Margaret Lyons, Cecil Robertson, Samaritan Outreach Services, Violet Schmidt, Ann Staffeld, Bub Taylor, Ann Tieman, Jackie Tucker, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp, Sarah Weems, Marilyn Weems, Pearl Wiley.

St. Mary's Statement of Purpose

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to share the joy of a loving God through worship in the Anglican tradition, fellowship and service.

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**Concerts
begin
again
in
March!**



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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon

DATE NUT PUDDING

First Part:

1C brown sugar
1C flour
1/2 t salt
2 t baking powder

1/2 C milk
1C chopped dates
nuts

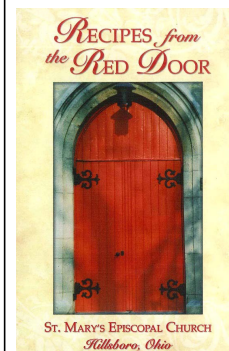
Second Part:

1/4C brown sugar
3/4C white sugar

1 1/2C boiling water
2 lg. T butter

Mix ingredients of first part together. Put in pan (9 x 13 inches). Mix second part ingredients in same bowl and pour over first part.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour or so.



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"Recipes from the
Red Door" cookbooks
available!
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