

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

January 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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Listen, Pray, Listen, Do!

The snow has already fallen on our little town of Hillsboro. By the end of December we had felt Old Man Winter's blast! But inside St Mary's it's warm and inviting!

January is an invitation to pause and sip a cup of hot chocolate and wonder, and plan, and dream. Here are some of my wonderings, plans and dreams for St Mary's for 2017.

God has a way of placing ministry inside my head. Usually it is something I have never thought to do!

We have to liven up our **Coffee Hour!** Seems we have dribbled down to a few drops of coffee! I remember when the kids told me Coffee Hour was the best part of coming to church! (I'll take whatever it takes to bring our children back.) I have a few ideas, but I would like to hear from you. What would you do to liven up our Coffee Hour? All ideas will be considered. Fellowship is important to our relationship with each other and so Coffee Hour is important.

I see the need to form a **Newcomers' Club.** The Well Wishers was a brainstorm of one of my *think sessions* with God and now we need

a Newcomers' Club. We have new people coming to "check us out" several times a month and the sign up book in the back never gets used. If a member of the Newcomers' Club was "on duty" each week, we could get Visitors' Packets (yes, we have them!) in their hands as well as getting the name and address of each person so we can respond to their visit. We are such a friendly church but we have no follow-up for our visitors. I could visit the next week if I knew who they were or a member of the Newcomers' Club could take a batch of cookies to them. We are missing a vital piece of God's message to all people. If you are interested in any way, please let me know. We can work together to make this the last stop on the Church Searching Train!

Coffee House Ministry. Kim Abbott has shown me she has a heart for our young people. She and Noah Eaton have come up with the inspiration to create a coffee house at St Mary's Chaney Education Center. Why not, I say! There are hundreds of teens out there who are desperate to know Jesus and find a safe place to ask questions. So, I am going to support Kim and

Noah in this ministry by seeing to it that they have space in our new addition to create the atmosphere of fellowship and sharing. They will need your help. They will be putting together plans to add a room filled with tables and chairs. They will need a coffee machine, cups and condiments. Be prepared to help them out by donating money, time and/or talent to this important ministry. Watch us grow!

I have so many more ministries flashing around in my head, put there by God, but I will present them later. Please bring any of your inspirations to me or your vestry. It is through each of us that God speaks. Listen, Pray, Listen, Do. Help us make St Mary's all she can be in this world!

Rev. Judi+

Thank you for bringing cookies! We are now awaiting our next program, which will be in March. Meanwhile, please continue to talk to friends about MASM! We have wonderful programs coming. Many of you asked for The Adagio Trio to return and they are returning and a good portion of their program will feature Celtic music. Please note that Daniel Jacky's Recital date will be changing. Watch for the update!



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS HOME IMPROVEMENT

Karen Vlaskamp

Rev Judi and Larry will take a mid-winter vacation to visit family in Florida. They will be gone from January 1-13, 2017. Rev Judi will still be available for emergencies via cell phone (937-205-4292). Contact Charlie Gorman or Lynn Lowell with pastoral care issues.

Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th following the worship service. A pot-luck meal will begin directly after the service and we will call to order our Annual Meeting during dessert. Reports are due to Maggie in the office by Sunday, January 22, 2017. Please have all reports typed and ready for print before handing them in. The following ministries will need to submit a report:

Well Wishers-Larry Wiley
Altar Guild-Deanna Flinn
Music at St Mary's-John Glaze
Sunday School Min.-Phyllis Johnson
Coffee House Ministry-Kim Abbott
EfM Ministry-Rev Judi
CEC Task Force Min.-Charlie Gorman
ECW-Judy Franklin
Georgetown Veterans-Larry Wiley
Laurels Nursing Home-Larry Wiley
Church Periodical-Betty Heathcote

I've been watching reruns of "Tool Time". Tim Allen liked to amp up the power of his tools to make home improvements and usually ended up in the Emergency Room. In his new program, "Last Man Standing," he has a similar attitude, yet he has mellowed. His problems are with the women in his family and his sons-in-law. Moral dilemmas and politics play a major part of each story. But we do see some spiritual growth.

Unfortunately, most Christians have a home improvement mentality, where we depend on ourselves to produce the spiritual development we know we ought to have. If we could do it our-

selves, we wouldn't need the Holy Spirit. Nor should we assume we can do the work of the Holy Spirit.

Many Christians don't realize what power they have within them. The power of the Holy Spirit is yours. It came to you at baptism. You need only call on it and believe to make it work. When you believe in Jesus Christ, you become a new person. Your old self fades away as you become more

Christlike. With the new year so close, this would be the perfect time to ask the Holy Spirit to direct your life and spirit. Just ask and your are on **His** way. Happy New Year!

CONNECTION FROM OLD BUILDING TO NEW BUILDING

During the week of this writing (before Christmas), the window at the south end of the foyer has been removed. The protective outer covering remains in place. This is the location where the buildings will connect and by this time, the cut may have been made through the 1855 wall and, with God's help, the wall is still standing! This will open into a short hallway leading to a lobby/reception area on the first floor of the education center. From there, you will find stairs leading down to the basement as well as up to the 2nd floor. On the first floor are classrooms and restrooms. On the 2nd floor will be offices and meeting rooms. For those with mobility issues, at the rear of the building will be found a small lift (not a full size elevator), in addition to another set of stairs. Work is progressing at such a rapid rate, that it is projected that we may be in the building by March, instead of April!

Serving Schedule for JANUARY

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Ferrell & Lynn Lowell

JAN	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
1	Jennie Harner	N/A	Karen Vlaskamp	Noah Eaton Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote
8	Sandy Ferrell	N/A	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	Open	Deanna Flinn
15	Connie Reynolds	Nancy Orth	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Larry & Peggy Addington	Open	Karen Vlaskamp
22	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote
29	Lynn Lowell	Jim Heathcote	Debby Schuler	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Open	Deanna Flinn

January 2017

San = Sanctuary
 LH = Lacy Hall
 TR = Telfair Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Morning Prayer SAN	2 5:00pm TOPS LH	3	4 10:00am Well Wishers	5 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	6 7:00pm AA LH	7
8 10:00am Morning Prayer SAN	9 5:00pm TOPS LH	10	11 10:00am Well Wishers	12 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	13 7:00pm AA LH	14
15 10:00am HE II SAN	16 5:00pm TOPS LH	17 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	18 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service	19 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	20 7:00pm AA LH	21
22 10:00am HE II SAN	23 5:00pm TOPS LH	24 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	25 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service	26 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	27 7:00pm AA LH	28 5:00pm Soup's On
29 10:00am HE II SAN 11:30am ANNUAL MTG LH	30 5:00pm TOPS LH	31 5:30pm Rector's Study TR				

WELL WISHERS

PERSONAL PRAYERS BY NAME

Did you know that every Wednesday your name is lifted up to God in Prayer by the sacred team of WELL WISHERS at St Mary's? Larry Wiley, Connie Reynolds, BJ Gee and Karen Vlaskamp spend Wednesday mornings in Bible Study, visiting shut ins, hospitals, and nursing homes, then return to St Mary's to celebrate Holy Eucharist at noon. This is a very dedicated group of Prayer Warriors!

WELL WISHERS of St Mary's was organized in 2010 to be sure that every member of St Mary's was openly prayed for at least once a week. Larry Wiley created the ministry, along with Rev Judi, to lead in to Noon Healing Holy Eucharist at St Mary's on Wednesday's. At first the WELL WISHERS only prayed for all the members of St Mary's, but soon it was suggested that they start with a Bible Study and end in the prayers. This enriched the time spent together for the group so they continue to this day with a strong Bible Study on the Word.

BJ Gee found her talents were sending

greeting cards of well wishes to different people as a surprise each week. Now this has expanded to getting a list from Rev Judi and sending out many cards a week. How wonderful it is to get one of the encouraging, delightful messages in the mail. This card ministry is not supplemented financially by the church.

Join the Well Wishers and experience the joy of group prayer for others.

Connie Reynolds is the visiting member of the group. She finds her talents from God are to visit those who are shut in or in the hospital. She frequently visits our members in nursing homes. If you need a visit, Connie will be there. She is now a Eucharistic Visitor and can bring wine and bread (that has been blessed) to your home. Simply call Rev Judi to let her know you want a visit.

Karen Vlaskamp is a regular member who likes to go with Connie or simply

lift your name in prayer. Karen is an advocate for those residents in nursing homes and can use those skills to make our shut in members feel more involved and cared for. Karen has a sweet personality and is always a ray of sunshine when she visits.

Larry Wiley is the glue that holds the group together. He uses his Deacon skills to pray for each of our members, organizes the Bible Study, provides a list of all pastors in town and prays for them by name, and makes numerous phone calls and visits. He is one busy person. Larry also visits the Georgetown Veterans Home once a week.

We pray for our WELL WISHERS each Sunday in our Prayers of the People, and we can certainly tell them how much we appreciate their ministry. New members are welcome and all you need to do to join is come on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Telfair Room. Bring a smile and the desire to help, lift their names in prayer, and love others.

Colonel William Oliver Collins

Colonel Wm. O. Collins, one of our founders, was born 23 August 1809 in Somers, Connecticut. He came to Ohio with his wife, Henrietta, who died in 1837. He then married Catherine Wever, daughter of Colonel Caspar Wever in 1843. They built a home on what is now Collins Ave. (then Academy St., named for the academy of Isaac Sams. The name Collins Ave. was in honor of the Collins family.

The home, pictured here as originally built—a one story home, was in the Collins family until it was sold to Dr. Roy Rogers, Sr., a local dentist. The house remains in the Rogers family, as Buddy Pence, current owner, is of that family. When Doc Rogers bought

the house, he had the roof cut loose and raised to add a second floor to provide more space for his family.

The Museum Shop at Highland House sells a map of Hillsboro from 1853, which shows the Collins property as it originally existed, from the current Catherine St. to Somers St. and full of orchard, vineyard, etc.



THE NORMAN STATZER MEMORIAL GARDEN

How much do you know about that metal cabinet attached to the outside of the wall of the sanctuary? It is called a "columbarium" and was dedicated 29 Jan 2006 as Phase I. Phase II of the project will involve a vertical installation creating a large cross.

What is a columbarium? The dictionary describes it as: "A vault with niches to contain the ashes of cremated bodies." Why have such a device at the church? What better place could there be? It is where we are baptized and where we give our life to Christ. What better witness than to have our remains placed in this same sacred place?

The number of Christians who are being cremated rather than buried or placed in a mausoleum is ever increasing. With cremation comes the question of what to do with the cremains. Many keep them in the home in an urn, but the



question then arises of what to do with the ashes when the spouse passes, especially if there are no progeny. The installation of this columbarium was very forward thinking by the Vestry and

members at that time. To our knowledge, St. Mary's remains the only church in the county with such a provision.

Inside the columbarium are found several niches, each of which will hold a canister of ashes of a deceased person. When all of the current niches are reserved, plans will be made for Phase II.

To be eligible for inurnment in the columbarium, persons must be members, clergy or former members or clergy of St. Mary's, as well as members of their family. The cost of niche ownership is \$750.00.

Other regulations exist and if interested, you should request a copy from Rev. Judi.

You may be interested to know that at one time, consideration was given to placing the columbarium within the

baptistry room. Locating it in the Memorial Garden allows visitors 24 hours a day.

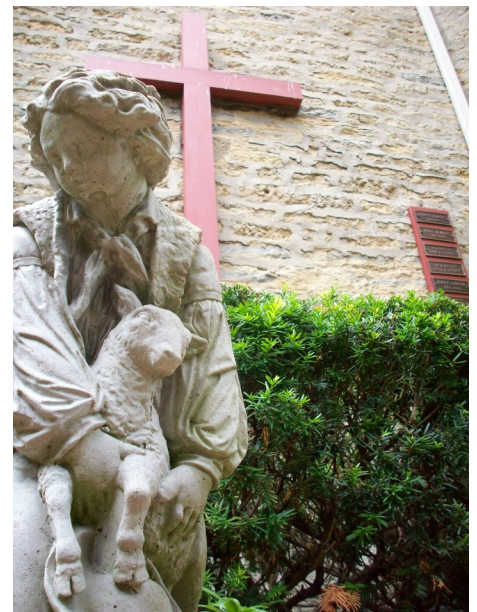
Inurnment of ashes placed in the ground of the Memorial Garden is also



Norman Statzer

available to members of St. Mary's.

Interesting facts about cremation: In 2001, cremation represented 27% of all deaths in the United States and this was projected to be 36% by 2010. At that time, Alabama had the lowest rate of 5% and Nevada, the highest at 63%. With the increasingly rising costs of traditional burial, caskets and vaults, more and more people are looking toward cremation.



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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

* The Vestry has prepared a budget for 2017. We were able to set a realistic budget because 24 pledges were made. Your "Attitude of Gratitude" is showing.

* Our new website will be up and running soon.

* We are looking for someone in the congregation to serve as outreach chairperson.

* Carolinn Schibley will lead our newly forming choir beginning in January. If you can sing God's praises, sign up in Lacy Hall.

* Our general contractor, Will, promised his crew would have us under roof by Christmas, but actually was three weeks early. He says they will be finished by March.

* We have a strategic renovation plan. The new air conditioning and furnace have been installed.

*All the stained glass windows will be refurbished; the trim and stipple will be painted next summer.

Karen Vlaskamp

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY
SCHOOL 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon