



# The Red Door

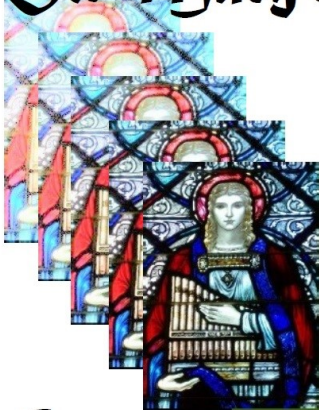
## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

January 2019

### I HEARD THE BELLS

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 brought to tears. I ask, "Why does God love us

so much?"

Our God is not like any other God. Our God created us to be in constant love with our Creator, God. The choice to not love, or to fear, is our own choice. God makes no requirements of us that says, "If you don't love me," says God, "I will make bad things happen to you." That is not complete love! God can only love us. We choose to love back or not.

So, my answer to why I am so blessed is simple that I am accepting God's love, and sharing that love. That's what I do. I am not perfect, but LOVE doesn't care. God loves. Plain and simple. I strive to do the same.

Wishing you and yours who you serve a blessed, loving, New Year!

*Rev. Judi*



*(left) Rev Judi with some of the preschool children this fall.*

**Mother Lynn Sinnott** will be here for Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>. You will celebrate Lay-led Morning Prayer on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNUAL MEETING is January 27, 2019

**For Annual Meeting**, if you are responsible for a ministry of the church, you will need to write a report for the congregation. This report should include:

- Your name and the names of those who help you
- What you do, who you serve
- Budget
- When you do this ministry
- Anything else you want to add

The following Ministries should report:

- Soup's On
- Used Book Ministry
- Altar Guild
- The Academy
- Children's Education
- MASM
- Well Wishers
- Nursing Home Ministry
- Maintenance
- Managing Gardens
- ECW
- VBS

#### Louis Durr

"In July 1901, came the deeply beloved Rector whose untiring ministry for 19 years has meant so much to St. Mary's Church--the Rev. Louis E. Durr. During his rectorate, the Parish House was built in 1907, the interior of the church was redecorated, and the church grounds were beautified. It was he who also donated the beautiful



Altar and Sanctuary in loving memory of his parents. Of him it is said, 'Of the good he did, the half cannot be told.'"

According to a brief article in the Hillsboro News-Herald, Louis Ernest (continued next page)

## MAKE A COMMITMENT!

You used to say the Pledge each morning along with your classmates. You may have committed your loyalty to 4-H, a club, or scouts. You said vows to God when you married. So why can't you make a commitment to God and your church to attend faithfully and to support your church by making a pledge?

We all have bills, taxes and demands on our time. Our church needs \$10,000 to run the church each month. The congregation provides \$4,000 each month, for which your Vestry is thankful! But that means \$6,000 has to come from our interest from our endowments each month. It doesn't seem right that we aren't using that money for our reach. If we could depend on pledges to better balance the budget we could add another Saturday to Soup's On, start a clothing depository for the poor or start other programs. \*Note: The Academy is now self-sustaining.

The Vestry isn't asking you to increase your pledge, but to let us know you will support St. Mary's with your regular giving. There is strength in numbers, that's why the church was started to support one another in fellowship, to do God's work. When all our talents are combined, wonderful things happen.

Think how God has always provided for you. Please rethink your commitment to St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Help us carry out our purpose of caring for others as God has cared for us in sending Jesus to save us and give us life abundant for all time, now and forever.

### *Karen Vlaskamp*

#### Vestry Highlights for December

Vestry Minutes for November 2018 are approved and posted in Lacy Hall.

The Financial Committee and Vestry have worked out a budget for 2019. Only three three pledges have been given. We will go by faith.

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following a pot luck dinner after the service.

Some of the new parking lines are disappearing. The company will return in warmer weather to reline at no charge. Kim McGuire-Haines and Karen Vlaskamp will attend Worship Leader Training in January.

We plan to repair a stained glass window this year. We will have a brick mason to look at the leak in the north wall of the Telfair room.

The Academy is now self-sustaining. We have six students and a before/after school program.

# VOLUNTEERISM

There are many statistics available to demonstrate the value of volunteering. Volunteers tend to be better citizens along with being better adjusted and happier.

What do you do to give back to your community? There are many opportunities without reinventing the wheel. Samaritan Outreach Services offers many opportunities. As you know, the organization was largely supported by John and Jean Carson. Our local hospital has a program of volunteers in place. Within our own parish, you can help with Soup's On the last Saturday of each month. You can volunteer at The Academy, or assist Larry Wiley each time he has a service at The Laurels. Our grounds always needs attention, especially in the Norman Statzer Memorial Garden.

Highland House Museum offers a multitude of opportunities to volunteer, from greeting to working in the Museum Shop, to helping in the library.

These are just a few of the opportunities available in our community. Perhaps you know of a need that isn't being met. One of those situations where you've often said, "Someone should do something." Well, you ARE someone and you can do something.

It all reminds me of the oft told story of the Starfish. An old man was walking along the shore and there were many starfish stranded upon the sand, and he was picking one at a time and throwing it back into the sea. A young man approached him and asked what he was doing. After the old man explained, the young man commented that there were so many, there was no way he could save them all, so what was the use? As he picked up another and threw it into the ocean, he said, "It made a difference to that one."

Never think that something you do, regardless of how small, doesn't make a difference.

*In April of 1900, the Children's Home Board records tell of gifts of little girls' aprons made by women of the Episcopal Church.*

## Serving Schedule for January

JAN	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
6	Jennie Harner	Sandy Ferrell	Rob Harner Connie Reynolds	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Carol & John Joy	Betty Heathcote
13	Connie Reynolds	n/a	Dallas Harner (cross)	n/a	Andrea Harner Rob Harner	Deanna Flinn
20	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Shirley Gilliam Deanna Flinn	Betty Heathcote
27	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Carol & John Joy	Lynn Lowell

*(continued from page 2)* Durr was born in Cincinnati and received his early education in the public schools there. He then went to Kenyon Military Academy in Gambier, Ohio, apparently for secondary school years. Later Durr attended Kenyon College in Gambier, graduating in 1892. His seminary training was also in Gambier at the Theological School of Kenyon (also known as Bexley Hall), and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1894.

After his ordination in 1894, Louis Durr was in charge of two congregations in eastern Ohio, Zion Church in Dresden and St. Matthew's, Madison Township, Muskingum County, filling both pulpits for seven years. In 1900 Durr built a church at Madison Township, which, according to an account in the Cincinnati Enquirer,

was the smallest church in Ohio at the time. It was constructed of rough stones gathered from the fields around the church yard, and had a seating capacity of about 100.

The diocesan magazine, "The Church Chronicle," for December 1905, included a rather lengthy report from St. Mary's, Hillsboro: "On the 25th of October this venerable and beautiful church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its consecration. The fact was not known in time to arrange for a fitting celebration of the event, but the services were simple, appropriate, and elevating. The rector made suitable mention of the event on the Sunday succeeding October 25th---reading the articles of consecration drawn up and signed by the scholarly Bishop McIlvaine.

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"It was proposed, and it is earnestly hoped that the proposition will eventually be accomplished, to commemorate the golden jubilee by erecting a complete parish house. Mr. Elzner, of Elzner & Anderson, has been consulted, and the people are being gradually educated up to the appreciation of the necessity of such an adjunct to the church. There is no place in Southern Ohio where a fully equipped parish house would do more good than in Hillsboro. It is a very wet-dry town of some five or six thousand inhabitants, where the young boys and girls have absolutely no place to spend their evenings under proper influences. It is almost a certainty that a parish house, with gymnasium, guild and reading rooms, would be doing the Master's work of making better citizens here and fitting them for citizenship in the world to come. Any friends of St. Mary's or benefactors of humanity, and especially those who are interested in keeping young men and women pure and clean, physically, and morally, as well as spiritually, will find this worthy object for the bestowal of their philanthropies.



## **St. Mary's Episcopal Church Information**

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The Rev. Judi Wiley, Rector

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

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