



# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

July-August 2018

### WELCOME

Welcome to our summer edition of the Red Door. Ironically, I will be talking about Fall! I wanted to put some special opportunities in your head so you can ponder what is God calling you to do. Paul tells us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good, acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

What does this mean to you? This means to enrich your mind so that you will know what is right and good. That is why I am offering two special Bible studies starting this Fall.

First, we are continuing our A Course in Miracles. We are called to show our connection with each other by teaching the ways of God to each other. The introduction to A Course in Miracles states, "A Teacher of God is anyone who chooses to be one. His qualifications consist solely of this; somehow, somewhere he has made a deliberate choice in which he did not see his interests as apart from someone else's. Once he has done that, his road is established and his direction is sure." So, each of us, in our discussions, teach

each other as God supplies God's Word. This Course is God directed and disciple lead. However, we are not all teachers all the time. We are students as well. In A Course in Miracles we learn to lead each other, through God's Grace, to a more enriched place. We then can focus our lives on doing the Work God has called us to do as we journey this earthly life.

No cost except for purchase of book.

Thursdays @ 2pm in Conference beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Next, we have a new Bible that I co wrote with a friend. We found EFM (Education for Ministry) too expensive and too time consuming (especially all the reading homework) so we looked at resources that would teach us the lessons without the cost and effort. We felt that the time in discussions was so much more valuable and that the inclusion of the Bible helped us get a better perception of how God orchestrates our story as Christians. So, we came up with ACTS. First it is a continuation of the disciple's story, like Luke does with the Acts of the Apostles, and second, it is an acronym for A Course Teach-

ing Scripture. We will have a text book and a Bible. We will study briefly the concept and information in the Old Testament. Then we work through the New Testament with more details. There will be lots of time for discussion and questions. My plan is to hold this class in my house or rotate to other living rooms if desired. Consider this class.

It will be held on Wednesday evenings @ 7 pm. No cost except a book and bible. Begins September 5.

### Rev Judi+

supposing her at Clarence, near Buffalo. My letter was dated the 12th of May, and just said, 'Send the goods to Sandusky--be yourself at Cleveland in about a month from this,' This done, I went on my journey by the way of Dayton, Lebanon, Cincinnati, Williamsburg, Newmarket (sic), Chillicothe, Circleville, Lancaster, and thence to Columbus again, as I believe I told you." (Vol. I, "Bishop Chase's Reminiscences," p, 133)

Newmarket in Highland County was on the road from Cincinnati to Chillicothe, and it may be interesting to note that, when at Newmarket, Philander Chase was just a few miles from the present location of St. Mary's.

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMES TO HIGHLAND COUNTY

The first evidence of an Episcopal clergyman's presence in Highland County is found in a letter from the Rev. Philander Chase to his son George, then staying with his uncle Dudley in Vermont. The letter is dated Worthington, July 10, 1817, about a year before the Diocese of Ohio was organized and Chase elected first Bishop of Ohio in 1818, and just a few months after James Monroe took office as the fifth President of the United States. Chase wrote: "While at Columbus, before my visit to Cincinnati, I addressed your mother,



### PHILANDER CHASE

In order to find the first record of an Episcopal clergyman's leading worship in Highland County, we have to move forward about eight years. The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, the first diocese not in a state on the eastern seaboard, was seven years old, having been organized at Worthington in 1818 when (continued on page 3)

## NEW WEBSITE

Our viewership of our new website has been increasing each week! If you misplace your newsletter and need to know when a certain event is, remember the entire newsletter can be found there!

If you have an idea for the website, let John know and he will see if it can be incorporated.

## ORGAN NEWS

Our Organ Fund increases every week, however our thermometer is set for \$500 increments. We have reached over \$8800! Questions? Talk to John!

## BLOOD DRIVE

JULY 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm until 8 pm. The Haines family are sponsoring this drive through St Mary's and the Red Cross.

**If you can—DO!**

*Congratulations John Joy on  
retirement from Southern State*

## ~ ~ ~ VBS ~ ~ ~

VBS: Renew-VBS

Grow in Faith, Have Fun, Change the World

**July 16-July19-6pm to 7:30pm**

For Kids of all ages-Bring a Friend!

I need everyone's help in getting supplies for VBS.

You can bring in a Garbage Bag full of re-cyclable items, such as, clean plastic milk jugs of all sizes, clean cans, newspapers, and card board. Just set these items in the Sunday School Room. I will be sure to get them.

Each child needs to bring in an old non-returnable pillowcase. We will be decorating these pillowcases and fill them with a few items. The children can bring in up to 5 old toys or games that they wish to give away. We will be giving these to the Kids that attend Soups On.

*Debby Shuler*

## PRAY EARNESTLY

Pastor Tony Evans tells a story of a little old country lady who lived most of her life without electricity in her home. Her children arranged for the wiring to be strung and installed for her. After six months, the electricity company realized that she had only used one unit. So they went to investigate. "Are you enjoying your electricity?"

"Oh, my, yes I am!" she replied. "Every evening at dusk I turn it on while I go around and light my kerosene lamps. then I turn it off." She was still living a kerosene existence when she could have enjoyed the comforts of electricity!

We read in Acts 12 that God has given us tremendous power through the presence of the Holy Spirit. There are many things God never intended for us to do on our own. We can choose our wardrobes and menu, but when things get stormy, we need an omnipotent Savior..

When Peter was locked up in prison, human kind could not free him..

His friends prayed earnestly and God sent an angel to get him up and out. Peter thought he was seeing a vision. Peter and the angel passed by two guards and got to the gate that leading into the city. The locked gate opened by itself! They walked through and the angel disappeared.

Peter knew without a doubt that the Lord had sent the angel and made this possible.

What barriers are you facing? Have you turned them over to the Lord? Stop struggling on your own and ask for help. Jesus is your strength and everlasting peace. .

*Karen Vlaskamp*

## MUSEUM NEWS

Please remember our Museum when you need a gift or if you need some note cards or post cards!

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email, instead of US Mail, let Maggie know. You'll read each newsletter in COLOR, save the church the cost of paper and postage!

## Serving Schedule for JULY

JULY	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
1	Sandy Ferrell	Carolinn Shibley	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Dallas Harner Rob Harner		Deanna Flinn
8	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Tyler Harner Rob Harner		Betty Heathcote
15	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Tyler Harner		Karen Vlaskamp
22	Sandy Ferrell	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Tyler Harner		Deanna Flinn
29	Jim Heathcote	Sandy Ferrell	Rob Harner Larry Wiley	Dallas Harner Tyler Harner		Karen Vlaskamp

## Serving Schedule for AUGUST

AUG	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
5	Sandy Ferrell	Carolinn Shibley	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Rob Harner Dallas Harner		Lynn Lowell
12	Jim Heathcote	Bob Lowell	Connie Reynolds Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Tyler Harner		Karen Vlaskamp
18	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds	Rob Harner Bob Lowell	Dallas Harner Tyler Harner		Lynn Lowell
26	Lynn Lowell	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Connie Reynolds	Rob Harner Tyler Harner		Sandy Ferrell

### The Episcopal Church comes to Highland County *(continued from page 1)*

Philander Chase was elected first Bishop of Ohio. As far as can be determined from existing records, performing divine service and preaching...also at Greenfield in late 1824 or early 1825 was the first worship service to be led by an Episcopal priest in Highland County. The following paragraph is from Samuel Johnston's report to Bishop Chase at Diocesan Convention June 6 and 7, 1821 in Worthington:

"On my way to the convention, I officiated twice in Wilmington; and though the members of our communion there had never before been visited by a clergyman of the Church, yet such was the solemn attention to the service and attachment to the primitive faith, that it will amply justify exertions for missionary aid in their behalf. It is needless for me to state to the Bishop, that at least two missionaries might be usefully employed in the Miami country. The Lord has indeed been gracious unto us; and we cannot doubt but our own exertions, accompanied with those of missionaries from the East, will cause the Episcopal Church in this region to rise, increase and flourish, as a vine which the right hand of the Lord hath planted."

"O, that such of our young men in the Atlantic states as are now entering into the fold, were within the sound of the bleating of the sheep in the West, that they might hasten, in obedience to the call of the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, and feed them with the bread of life, and give them to drink of the waters of salvation." (Diocesan Convention Journal, 1821, p. 56)

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## **HELP STILL NEEDED**

We still need someone to help in our museum. It's an easy job—duties include turning on lights, greeting visitors, selling merchandise (very simple system), turn off lights and lock door. Think you can handle that? Talk to John any time and VOLUNTEER! This would not be every week. The more volunteers, the less each works.

## **QUIZ TIME!**

**Which of these is not a founder of St. Mary's?**

*Prof. Isaac Sams*  
*John Milton Boyd*  
*Col. William H. Trimble*  
*Carleton C. Sams*  
*Col. William O. Collins*  
*Philander Chase*  
*Wm. H. Bayard*

**(answer on page 2)**

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

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The Diocese of Southern Ohio  
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The Rev. Judi Wiley, Rector

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**NEW WEB SITE:**  
**[www.smehillsboro.weebly.com](http://www.smehillsboro.weebly.com)**

SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with  
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon