

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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Following the Word of God is extremely difficult. First you have to identify 'the Word of God', then you have to figure out how to follow. Not for the weak at heart!

Finding God's Word means what is God calling YOU to do to build the kingdom of Heaven? What can you, as one person do to follow God's plan? Well, first you have to ask. Yes, prayer is the first step in any relationship with God and you

need to pray and then listen. It took me several years to really find what works for me. I speak to God almost constantly and so I am prepared for an answer whenever it comes. It may come through the lips and words of someone else, or it may be placed in my head as an idea. However, God never fails me if I wait patiently for a response.

I had an answer from God recently. I looked at our dwindling membership on

Sunday morning (I know it is summer and many are on vacation) and I wondered why more people are not eager to hear God's Word and be part of a loving church family? So, I ask God. And then I listened.

My answer came in the advertisement on the Connections newsletter from our diocese. There were 4 ads for Youth Leaders across the Diocese asking for full and part-time Youth Minis- (continued on page 2)

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I sat down to write this and for once I'm having a difficult time finding words to tell you something you might want to read. So, I went to the Book of Common Prayer thinking God may put the answer in my hands. I kept coming to Prayer Number 38 *For the Right Use of God's Gifts*. Let's see, what are my gifts? I'm a gardener, artist, writer, good neighbor, typist, and Vestry member. I know my gifts don't stop there...there's the sun, sky, stars, moon, flowers, air I breathe...you get the idea. But, am I a faithful servant and do I use God's gifts to the best of my ability, in a way that God would approve? Well prayer

Number 38 might be the best prayer for me to revisit every day. If I use God's Gifts the way He wants, that's all I need to do in life.

Other ramblings: Did you know that you can view a copy of the Minutes of the Vestry which is posted on the bulletin board?

Did you know that we need some coffee hour hosts for the months to come? (I will host with someone so just contact me. Sometimes if you buddy up with someone else it's easier to do.)

Did you know that if you teach Sunday School or have a key to the church you must take "Safe Church Training" (Future trainings will be an-

nounced in church.)

Thanks for reading, and continue to have a great summer!

Paulette

Senior Warden



Trivia Time!
(see page 6)

LOOKING AHEAD

SIDEWALK PROFITS at Festival of the Bells on Thursday, July 2, downtown Hillsboro! See Rev Judi for free tickets.

KLASSICS TEA: The St Mary's Classics group will have a tea (loosely titled) on July 11. This is a Saturday and begins at 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Games, food, lots of teas, fellowship all rolled into one! Men, you will enjoy this also, bring your wives!

TEACHERS needed! With new curriculum and lots of fun resources, our Sunday School will begin with a bang on September 6! In order to make the program successful you are needed to teach our children. Let Phyllis or Paul Johnson or Karen Vlaskamp know if you would like to teach. There will be a teachers' gathering before classes start to introduce the new curriculum.

Task Force Team: meets at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 15th in the EfM room. Lots to talk about!

12 Women of the Bible continues through June and July on Tuesday nights at 6 pm in the Telfair Room.

MY SON

Herschel Hook

Even now, I see him;
Standing there;
That little smile
And well groomed hair;
With a wave of hand,
And lipped good-bye.

Even now, I see him;
And wonder that he knew
God's plan for him;
As across this land
He loved, he flew.

Even now, I see him;
Standing there;
This kind and loving boy,
Whose wit and thought
Had always been a joy.
This boy, this artist, whose hand
Could draw that he knew,
We couldn't understand.

Even now, I see him;
As he walked along the brook;
This boy so slim and fair,

The many times he took
This time to meditate;
This boy, this man,
Who knew his fate.

Even now, I see him;
As a little boy
Who loved to laugh and play;
Whose many cheerful ways
Brought gladness every day;
This little boy, we loved so well.

Even now, I see him;
This boy, who was a man;
As he waved good-bye that day,
Brave as any can;
On a journey of no return.
This boy, this man who knew
Of things to come.
This gentle soldier;
I'm proud to call
My son.

*For Mark
Sept 23, 1968*



A Word *(continued)*

ters! The movement to bring an emphases to ministry to our youth has begun! So, I moved on with the Task Force Committee, which felt God was calling us to this position. And so a prayer became a ministry!

With the approval from our Vestry, I will advertise for a person called to be the minister to our young people. We, at St Mary's, have a strong value for our children and youth and this will be the beginning of our focus on growth of our younger families and youth.

"Thank you, God, for walking this road with us and guiding us every step of the way. Let us be mindful of your loving Grace and desire for a connection with young and old. Amen."

Rev. Judi+

July 2015

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

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

1 10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service

2 6:00pm Women's Alanon

3 6:00 & 8:00pm AA
 B: Mary Brown Turner

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5 10:00am HEII

6 5:00pm TOPS LH
 A: Caroline & Brian Siemers
 B: Melanie Harner
 B: Jacob George

7 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

8 10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service
 A: Randy & Angie Martin

9 6:00pm Women's Alanon
 B: Thomas Harner

10 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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12 10:00am HEII
 B: Angie Martin

13 5:00pm TOPS LH

14 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
 B: Linda Hopkins

15 10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service
 5:30pm Task Force EFM

16 6:00pm Women's Alanon

17 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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19 10:00am HEII
 A: Deborah & Robert Shuler

20 5:00pm TOPS LH

21 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
 A: Andrea & David Harner

22 10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service

23 6:00pm Women's Alanon

24 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

25 5:00PM Soup's On
 B: Tessa Weisenborn

26 10:00am HEII

27 5:00pm TOPS LH

28 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
 B: John Glaze

29 10:00am Well Wishers
 12:00pm Healing Service
 B: Anne Stamps

30 6:00pm Women's Alanon
 B: Cary Weisenborn

31 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Karen Vlaskamp

Mark Altrogge is a senior pastor who writes a blog for Bible Study Tools. In a recent article, he gave suggestions on how to invigorate your prayer life.

1. Write out your prayer. Tell God what you are thankful for. Tell Him what's on your mind. Ask for directions. Take time to listen for His response.
2. Pray a specific Bible verse. (Acts 16:3) "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." Read it aloud, then ask

- God to please do what the verse says.
3. Make lists. When the Well Wishers meet on Wednesday, they pray for each member by name, they pray for current needs, the sick, and for our sister organizations such as the Homeless Shelter.
4. Pray through the Our Father pattern. Praise God. Thank God, Pray for the future, the current situation. Ask for help, Praise God, Thank God.

This article made me think of several other ways to pray:

5. Pray in response of your Bible read-

ing. Look up a word such as peace, hope, love in the concordance and read the scriptures mentioned.

6. Keep a prayer journal. Write the date and the prayer request, then the date when the prayer was answered. Reread the journal and thank God for answering your prayers!

Before I get out of bed in the morning and when I go to sleep at night, I pray. It helps me to keep me in touch with my best friend, Jesus.

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for JULY

JULY	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR	TORCH BEARER
5	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	N/A	Open	Randy & Angie Martin	Paulette Goerler Mildred May	Millers & Harners	Deann Flinn	Open
12	Paulette Goerler	Connie Reynolds	N/A	Open	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Larry & Peggy Addington	Open	Karen Vlaskamp	Open
19	Paul Orth	Nancy Orth	N/A	Open	Larry Wiley Lizzy Zumwalde	John & Carol Joy	Karen Vlaskamp Larry Wiley	Jennie Harner	Open
26	Mildred May	Larry Wiley	N/A	Open	Bob Lowell Lizzy Zumwalde	Paulette Goerler	Open	Deanna Flinn	Opoen

DID YOU KNOW?

....that we are getting a new roof on the church and Lacy Hall? The insurance company covered the damage that we had when shingles blew off, so the new roof will cost us NOTHING! Yea!

...that the minutes to each Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board so you can read them anytime you wish?

... that soon we will have new smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the church and Christian education building?

... that prayers are going up to find God's answer on what we can do for our youth?

Wikipedia

Have you ever Googled our church name? Try it some time. Here is a Wikipedia entry which Paulette found recently:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a historic Episcopalian parish in the city of Hillsboro, Ohio, United States. Constructed during the middle of the 19th century, this Gothic Revival church building has been named a historic site.

St. Mary's considers its history to have begun in 1851, when occasional Episcopalian services were conducted in the Highland County Courthouse. The first priest, Noah Schenck, came two years later, after Bishop McIlvaine directed him to spend half of his Sundays with St. Mary's and half with a parish in Troy. In 1854, the parish began construction of its church building after hiring Cincinnati architect John R. Hamilton, and the Hillsboro contractors Henning and Shinn completed construction in the following year. Thirty years later, the building was improved by the installation of a large pipe organ with 1,600 pipes.

Built on a foundation of limestone and covered with an asphalt roof, the church has substantial components of wood and glass. A small tower sits atop the building's large gable front, much of which consists of a large stained glass window above the main entrance. Its buttressed limestone walls set it apart from all other churches in the city, as no other limestone churches were built in Hillsboro in the nineteenth century. Lit by six ogive-arch windows, the interior features oaken pews installed at the time of construction, a lofty vaulted ceiling, and wainscoting made of marble.

In 1988, St. Mary's Church and its rectory were together listed on the National Register of Historic Places, qualifying because of their distinctive historic architecture. The combined property is one of more than thirty current and former Episcopal churches on the Register in Ohio, and one of twenty-six Register-listed properties in Highland County.^[1] The parish remains an active part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

PRAYER LIST

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

Eric & Katie Aurigema	Anne Staffeld
Carson Bickel	Anne Stamps
Ray Butt	Ann Tieman
Georgetown Veterans'	Jackie Tucker
Home-residents & staff	Lynne Turnbull
Shirley Gilliam	Mary Brown Turner
Paul Johnson	Jane Turner
Phyllis Johnson	Marilyn Varvel
Adam Kretchek	Fred Vlaskamp
Margaret Lyons	Karen Vlaskamp
Roger Maines	Unspoken need.
Nancy Orth	
Paul Orth	Those in the military:
Rick Roush	Daryl Easler
Cecil Robertson	Kelly Easler
Ellen Shinkle	

Have a **HAPPY**
INDEPENDENCE DAY!

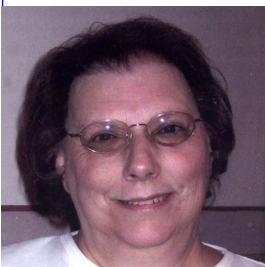


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Trivia Time!

Name the organists! Oh, yeah, the names are jumbled!



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5

A: Valper Nach
B: Tawem Girth
C: Dellferd Birchare
D: Parry Humas
E: Rajine Renhen

Your answers: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____

Answers to last month's trivia:

1. C; 2. D; 3. E; 4. A; 5. B

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

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