

# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

June 2017

### A Word from Our Rector

234 N High St  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

St. Mary's  
Episcopal  
Church  
2016-2017  
Music at  
St. Mary's  
Concert Series  
234 N. High Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio



#### THANKS!

A successful season of concerts! Thanks to those of you who attended and all kinds of questions to those of you who didn't. Mostly, "Why not?"

Thanks to Deanna Flinn for handling our publicity and kept the record of income! Thanks to our Cookie Queens, Lynn Lowell and Sandy Ferrell! Thanks to those who donated to MASM to help bring in the wonderful ADAGIO TRIO and CINCINATI CHORAL SOCIETY.

We Need your help! Don't you just love when someone says that? You are all ears to find out what you might be doing. Every opportunity streaks across your mind. "Does she want me to make new banners? I can do that!" "Does she want me to teach Sunday School? Yep! I can do that!"

But what does she want? Rev Judi wants me to help her on Sunday morning in front of the whole congregation! What if I fail? Maybe I would drop the wine and everyone would laugh at me! Maybe I would be asked to sing? No way! What does she want?

We need Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Lecturers (Readers). Not rocket science so I know you can do it! Please consider signing up to be trained. The church needs you!

The Acolytes light the candles 10 minutes before

the worship starts. Acolytes lead the procession on Sunday morning. There are two, one to carry the cross and one to carry the Gospel book. The Acolyte helps me (Rev Judi) set the table for communion. Nothing much to remember for if you forget, the Priest will ask for what she wants. No pressure there!

Both Acolytes lead the Priest to the center of the church to reverence the Gospel reading. Easy-peasy! Following the service, the Acolytes reverse the candle lighting ceremony and put out the candles. It looks so easy because it is! What you don't see is the joy God feels when we help His people Worship and Praise Him! Or the way you feel when you realized that you have had a hand in spreading God Word and promises.

So, all you must do is ask to be trained. Then watch

the movements of the Acolyte on duty to see how it's done!

Readers/Lecturers read the first, second and Psalm lessons. Just read! You don't have to memorize the lessons or sing the Psalm. Come on! Make your teachers proud by reading in church! See Rev Judi+

Now the Chalice Bearers have a few more rules to follow. You must be at least 16 to be a Chalice Bearer and be trained by your Priest. Then you are registered by the Diocese to act on behalf of the Bishop to serve the precious blood of Jesus. It is a sacred task and does need to be taken seriously!

So line up and get your name on the list of people who want to be trained to serve God in a special way on Sunday mornings!

*Rev. Judi+*

### From the Mouths of Babes

In a town in North Carolina lives a 5th grader whose life has touched lives in Hillsboro. The story starts a few months ago when I got a message on Facebook from a fellow HHS 1967 graduate, Debbie Fehring Pitsos. She said that her granddaughter was going to be on a trip to Washington, DC in the spring and as preparation for the trip, her teacher was encouraging the students to find a soldier who lost his or her

life in the Vietnam War. The next step was to write a letter to that soldier. The letters would accompany each student on the trip and then be left at the Vietnam Wall.

Debbie remembered Mark Hook losing his life in Vietnam and, in fact, had sung at his funeral in 1968. Her contact to me was to get more details, which I provided, along with a photograph of Mark for her granddaughter to connect that name with a face and make Mark more real to her.

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It has been a very wonderful year and many months of blessings to come. Sometimes it is good to reflect on the many blessings that have come our way.

- ◇ The building is finished and in use. We have a wonderful place of worship.
- ◇ This is my first church building project with so few problems and so few arguments.
- ◇ It has been a very harmonious experience and one that has really brought us together in single mindedness.
- ◇ The church has responded very generously to requests for donations to purchase Academy furniture.
- ◇ The auction was a success and a fun time with over \$600.00 raised.
- ◇ We have ten plus members showing up to help with Soup's On every month.
- ◇ We have a church that is full of love and encouragement to each other.
- ◇ We have a priest that wants to grow and expand our outreach into the community.
- ◇ We gladly open our building to the community for many uses.
- ◇ We have a wonderfully talented organist who leads our music ministry.
- ◇ We love one another. Wow, that sounds biblical.
- ◇ I love our coffee hour! Fellowshiping and eating together are such important parts of a church functioning well.
- ◇ We have received generous endowments from past members that have allowed this church to thrive. We are being good stewards of those monies.
- ◇ We have a liturgy that is tested and true. It keeps us focused on the core issues of the Gospel. The Eucharist keeps us connected and focused on Jesus.
- ◇ We are open and accepting, just like Jesus was.

## Serving Schedule for JUNE

**ALTAR GUILD: Deanna Flinn and Shirley Gilliam**

JUN	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
4	Sandy Ferrell	Jim Heathcote	Debby Shuler	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Larry & Peggy Addington	OPEN	Betty Heathcote
11	Connie Reynolds	Nancy Orth	Larry Wiley	Noah Eaton Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	OPEN	Lynn Lowell
18	Lynn Lowell	Bob Lowell	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Larry & Peggy Addington	OPEN	Sandy Ferrell
25	Jim Heathcote	Nancy Orth	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	OPEN	Betty Heathcote



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Pentecost Sunday is June 4<sup>th</sup>.** Happy Birthday Church! Wear Red!

**Safe Church training** will take place on Saturday, June 3 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Procter Conference Center. There is no cost for this training. Lunch included. Everyone is invited to take this training but those leading ministries are required to be Safe Church Trained. See Rev Judi to register.

**EfM** has taken the Summer off and will regather in September.

The **Monday Rector's Study** will continue through the summer, meeting on Mondays at 3 pm in the Conference Room. New members are welcome. We are starting a Course in Miracles Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our Wednesday **Noon Healing Service** starting Wednesday, June 7 in the Sanctuary. Everyone welcome. New liturgy.



### From the Mouths (continued from page 1)



The granddaughter is Lily Scallion, a 5th grader at Davis Drive Elementary in Cary, NC. Her letter is presented here, in its entirety. It shows an understanding of that dark part of US history and yet, through her youthful spirit, shows a love for the person who grew up miles and years away from her life.

Mark, you are still remembered and loved!

I asked if Lily and her family would allow this story to be shared with the people of Hillsboro and put on display in the Military Room at Highland House and they humbly agreed.

2151 Davis Drive  
Davis Drive Elementary  
Cary, NC 27519  
April 21, 2017

Dear PVT. Mark Hook,

I am sorry you died so young. I would like to thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for our country. I want to let you know that my family cares very much about you. My Grandma said that she sang at your funeral and she remembers sitting there crying. Her name is Debbie Fehring and she wanted me to tell you in this letter that she thanks you for your service to our country and Vietnam. I would never have been as brave as you to go into combat having a chance that I could die every time.

I just want to tell you how hard it was to write this letter to you without feeling so sad. I am positively sure you died fighting for us and another country with all the love in your heart. I really, really, really would like to thank you with all my heart and with all the reasons above and also thank you just for committing your time to fighting for us and for a country that doesn't belong to us.

I'm most positively sure that you were a loving, caring, kind person and I'm sure that now you are in a better place with no fighting or arguing, wars and violence. You, I am sure, are looking down at me right now as I write this letter. I thank you one more time for fighting for us, your family, another country, and all the suffering people that were in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Please know that you are loved and missed very, very, very much.

Love,  
Lily Scallion  
April 21, 2017



## Address given by the Rev. J. Watkins, Rector at a Church Fellowship Dinner, 08 Oct 1946

The large beautiful window in the Baptistry picturing our Lord embracing and blessing little children, was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Beecher in memory of their little daughter Catherine and their son George. Moreover, the altar now used in the Baptistry was the first altar or Communion Table used in St. Mary's church.

Other memorials are the tall candlesticks given in memory of Marie Trives (sic) (should be T. Rives) who departed Aug. 7, 1924; the Lectern, commemorating the return of peace at the end of World War I; the fine Bulletin Board given by Edwin B. Ayres Jr., in memory of his parents, Edwin Burette Ayres and Clara Billingham Ayres; and the present Altar Book presented by Mrs. Elsie Chaney. There have been also other gifts, the donors of which are not known to the speaker.

After Mr. Durr's retirement, Canon Watson took charge of the Sunday services temporarily. His flowery and striking sermons, together with his interesting personality, were greatly appreciated. September 1, 1924, the Rev. Mr. Phelps became rector, and stayed for five years. He did much good and made many friends, who were very sorry to see him and his family leave.

The Rev. Luman Morgan succeeded the Rev. R. R. Phelps in February 1930. He came to Hillsboro from the Semi-



nary, Gambier, Ohio. His fine and fruitful ministry in Hillsboro ended on July 31, 1936.

From November 1st, 1936 to June 3th (3rd), 1937, the Rev. Wm. Greenwood was in charge. His stay was short, but highly estimated.

Mention should be made of the valuable services rendered to St. Mary's Church and to the diocese by Mr. Charles E. Ayres as layreader. His faithful services when St. Mary's was without a rector was greatly appreciated. On Wednesday, March 22, 1944, he was ordained to the diaconate in St. Mary's, and was later ordained to the priesthood in Christ Church, Ironton, Ohio, of which he became rector. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his good works still follow him. May his rest be this day in peace, and his dwelling-place in the Paradise of God!

Finally, Mary 1st, 1938, came your humble servant, Jenkins Watkins, who has now been wedded to St. Mary's Church for better or worse, for richer or poorer, for eight years and six months. I have no comment to make about the present rector other than to say that both he and his "better half" have found the people of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church to be most cordial and admirable.

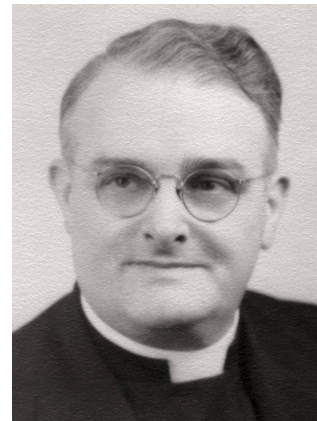
We have remembered and eulogized some of the good people of other days, recalled some of their names, erected monuments to their memory. It is well that we should do so. It is a matter of gratitude, and a matter of honor. But we can do something even better than that. We can emulate their spirit and help to make their dreams come true.

We are builders of that City;  
All our joys and all our groans  
Help to rear its shining ramparts;  
All our lives are building-stones;  
Whether humble or exalted,  
All are called to task divine;  
All must aid alike to carry  
Forward one sublime design.

And the work that we have builded,  
Oft with bleeding hands and tears,  
And in error and in anguish,  
Will not perish with the years;  
It will last and shine transfigured  
In the final reign of right;  
It will merge into the splendors  
Of the City of the Light.

This is the fifth and final installment of Rev. Watkins' address on St. Mary's.

## Charles Edward Ayers



We have previously met Charles Edward Ayers. You may remember that he was one of our "Timothys" - a lad who grew up at

St. Mary's and went on to become a priest. Below is the newspaper account of those from out of town who attended his funeral service.

(courtesy of Christopher Duckworth. Charles and Chris's grandfather, Ed B. Ayres, were great friends.)

**HERE FOR FUNERAL**  
Among those from a distance here for the funeral of Rev. Charles Ayers, which was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Saturday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ayers, of Hartwell, Mrs. Jessie Jaquin, of Mexico, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Little and children, of Columbus, Sgt. Allen Syders, of Ft. Dix, N. J., Mrs. Richard Syders, Mrs. H. W. Hobson and Miss Marjorie Ayers, of Cincinnati.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY  
SCHOOL 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with  
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon