



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND WHY IS IT IMPRTANT TO ME?

Good question! Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar. Occurring 46 days before Easter, it is a moveable feast that can fall as early as February 4 and as late as March 10.

According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this 40-day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or abstinence. Of the 46 days until Easter, six are Sundays. As the Christian Sabbath, Sundays are not included in the fasting period and are instead "feast" days during



Lent.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Although generally seen

as a Catholic practice, as it was mostly abandoned by Protestants except for Anglicans after the Protestant Reformation, it has become increasingly common in much of Christianity, now being observed by many Lutherans and Methodists in addition to Catholics and Anglicans.

As we practice our faith and encourage our relationship with Jesus Christ, it is important to relive the story. That's where Ash Wednesday comes in. We do not have to smear our foreheads with ashes and walk around for a day blemished because we are repenting, however, we do need to be mindful of our life in Christ. Jesus Christ did not come to walk among us because he had nothing
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Join our Facebook page as another way to stay informed, ask for prayers, etc!

Senior Warden Report

Farewell February! A month of snow, cold and ice, although a beautiful winter scene when we take a moment to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of Mother Nature, but a struggle for those of us who are involved in making sure the church is accessible and ready for worshippers on Sunday.

Thanks to all of you who shoveled snow from our walkways and steps and kept our entries safe. We welcome March, whether it comes in like a lion or a lamb because we know that Spring will be coming soon and we look forward to the blooming of tulips and daffodils.

Our February vestry meeting reflected the anticipation of Spring with an attitude of wanting to move forward with plans for the Lenten season of gathering on Shrove Tuesday for our annual pancake supper hosted and prepared by vestry members.
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A Word from... (cont.)

else to do! No, he gave us many daily reminders, knowing we forget easily, to our desire for a better life; a life in Christ, following the Way of Love for God and our neighbor. Reminders are sometimes carried in our pockets, in our thoughts or smeared across our foreheads for all to see. We all need to be reminded!

Easter is 40 (actually 46 days) before Easter. This year let us all remind ourselves that we are indeed Easter people and believe Jesus Christ came to love us and teach us to love. Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th. We will have a service at 12 noon and at 7 pm. Come and remind yourself of what really matters in our faith journey.

Rev. Judi+

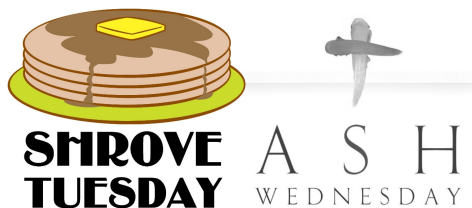
VESTRY MEMBERS

Suggestions, problems, concerns? Your elected vestry members stand ready to help you solve any problem! Judy Franklin, Deanna Flinn (Clerk), Andrea Harner, Phyllis Johnson, Paul Orth, Mildred May, Paulette Goerler (Junior Warden), Sarah Fullenkamp and Jan Vosper (Senior Warden)

Junior Warden Report

First of all I'd like to thank you for putting your trust in me as Junior Warden. I realize that I have huge shoes to fill as your former Junior Wardens have done great jobs and have met several challenges head-on and handled them so well. I want you to know that I take this job very seriously, just as I do being a part of your Vestry.

I love St. Mary's and want our church to be the best it can be so, I am asking something of you. Look around. Do



Shrove Tuesday is **March 4**. (see details in other location in this newsletter.)



Ash Wednesday is **March 5**. We will have a Healing Service with imposition of Ashes at 12 noon. Then we will join the members of Peace Lutheran at 7:00 pm for a joint Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. You are welcome to attend either or both services.

Day of Change—March 9 is the date we change our clocks to Daylight Savings Time and there will be a special offering which will go to the Homeless Shelter.

We will be joining the Lutherans at Peace for the Wednesday evening **Simple Supper and a Lenten study**. We will

things at the church and the Christian Education Building look the way that you want them to look? Would it please Jesus? Is there something that needs repaired or cleaned up? Painted? Does something merit a change. (Ooo there's a word that may scare some of you.) Change, not for the sake of it, but to present St. Mary's in the best possible way. I want to hear your ideas.

We will have a **SPRING SPRUCE-UP DAY** before Easter. I encourage all of you to come to church and get your hands dirty. I always think that when I am working outside, I am closer to

COMING EVENTS

be at St. Mary's on **March 12** meeting at 6:00 pm. Check the calendar for the Wednesday locations.

March 19 is the date of an offering for the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

March 30 there will be a special collection for Soup's On.

RUMMAGE SALE! Saturday, **May 3** will be the ECW's Rummage Sale. Clean out those closets, storage rooms and garages! Watch for details.

We will be having a **Silent Auction** on **May 4**. This is, once again, a "Gifts" Auction and you are to use the Gifts God has given you to auction off! Money raised will go to our Church buildings and grounds repair account for emergencies.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 12	6pm	St. Mary's
March 19	6pm	Peace Lutheran
March 26	6pm	St. Mary's
April 2	6pm	Peace Lutheran
April 9	6pm	St. Mary's
April 16	Seder Meal 6pm	Jennie Harner's new home at 11325 SR 729, New Vienna (SR 73 thru New Vienna; turn right on SR 729 for 2.1 miles—just beyond the 2 mile marker. Watch for a RED house on the right side of the road.)

God. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will get the job done. Kids are welcome too, please.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who dealt with the snow and ice and kept our sidewalks cleared. I don't want to start mentioning names because if I forget someone I'll hurt feelings. Just know that your hard work was noticed and very much appreciated.

Paulette Goerler

MARCH 2014

KEY:	A = Anniversary	1
CEC = Christian Education Center LH = Lacy Hall SAN = Sanctuary	B = Birthday	9:00am - Men's Breakfast CEC
2 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC Birthday & Anniv Obs. Training Session SAN 4:00pm Youth Group CEC A - Paul & Nancy Orth	3 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00PM TOPS LH	6 2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR 7:00pm Imposition of Ashes at Peace Lutheran
4 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - LH	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers with Imposition of Ashes SAN 7:00pm Imposition of Ashes at Peace Lutheran	7 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH B-Peggy Addington
9 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC Day of Change for Homeless Soup's On Meeting 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	10 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00PM TOPS LH B-Elizabeth Ogden	13 2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR
11 5:30PM Rector's Study TR	12 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 6:00pm Supper at St. Mary's	14 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH A-Maria & Cary Weisenborn B-Christina Kehayes B-Megan Tailleu
16 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	17 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00PM TOPS LH B-Mary Turner B-Meghan Stratton	20 2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR
23 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	24 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00PM TOPS LH	21 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH B-Larry Wiley
25 5:30PM Rector's Study TR	19 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 6:00pm Supper at Peace Luth. B-Anne Tieman B-John Miller	22 9am-4pm Vestry Retreat
30 10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC Hunger Sunday Coll-Soup's On 4:00pm Youth Group CEC	25 5:30PM Rector's Study TR	27 2:00pm EIM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR
31 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00PM TOPS LH B-Caroline Siemens	26 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B-Michelle Myers 6:00pm Supper at St. Mary's	28 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH
	29 4:30pm Prayers & Praise SAN 5:00pm Soup's On LH	

Senior Warden Report *(continued from page 1)*

We are planning a Vestry Retreat on March 22 with a theme of “Visioning into the Future for St. Mary’s”. Please share your thoughts and ideas with a vestry member about what your vision is for the future. Our hope is to learn from the past and honor our past history, but we must prepare for the future and anticipate some of the prob-

lems that we are always being confronted with in maintaining an old historic building like ours.

Your new vestry is bubbling over with ideas for future fund raising and fun things to do that we all can be involved with and participate in throughout the rest of the year. God has blessed us with members who want to

work together with sharing and caring for each other as well as the members and our community as a whole. Enjoy the rest of Winter while it lasts because it will soon be just a memory.

Jan Vosper

Serving Schedule for March

MAR	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	TORCH BEARERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTER-CESSOR
02	Jan Vosper	Connie Reynolds	Nancymae Ogden	Judy Franklin	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden	Harner	Deanna Flinn
09	Paulette Goerler	Jim Heathcote	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Andrea Harner	Larry Wiley & Jim Heathcote	Paul & Nancy Orth	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	open	Paul Orth
16	Jennie Harner	Jan Vosper	Betsy Miller	Nancymae Ogden	Larry Wiley & Lizzy Zumwalde	Larry & Peggy Addington	Alana Miller & Anne Marie Ogden	Zumwalde	Paulette Goerler
23	Jim Heathcote	Nancy Orth	Andrea Harner	Deanna Flinn	Bob Lowell & Lizzy Zumwalde	John & Carol Joy	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	Vosper	Betty Heathcote
30	Paul Orth	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley	Jan Vosper	Lizzy Zumwalde & Jim Heathcote	Sarah & Brandon Fullencamp	Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden	open	Jennie Harner

Altar Guild: Deanna Flinn & Judy Franklin

Usher—Johnsons

Kitchen Cleaner: Open

NEWS

TORCH BEARER TRAINING

If you would like to become a Torch Bearer and can carry a torch down the aisle on Sunday mornings, please come to a training on March 2 following the Worship Service. Age is not a requirement, dedication and desire are!

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Mary's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the Vestry members will be held March 4 from 6-8pm in Lacy Hall. Join us for sausage and pancakes as we celebrate Mardi Gras St. Mary's Style!

CORRECTION

Please correct the e-mail address for Betty Jo Gee to: bettyjogee@cinci.rr.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come share a laugh and learn a little bit about God's Universe and other creations. Saturday, March 8 in Christian Education Center.

WINDOW MATCH

Here are several faces from St. Mary's stained glass windows. Can you match them with the window name?

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Choices: St. Cecelia, Faith, Charity, Hope, Baptistery



Shrove Tuesday Fun 2013

PRAYER LIST

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

All persons serving in our Armed Forces, especially Darrell & Kelly Easler, Jarrod Jarrell, Bunney & Charles Lewis.

These with special needs: Family of Kathy Bright, Dorothy Elble, Lisa Hudson Guyett, Jennie Harner, Elaine Lee, Roger Maines, Jim Price, Susan Price, Mary Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Cecil Robertson, Ginny Rogers, Esther Russell, Rick & Deb Sansone, Violet Schmidt, Robert Shuler, Anne Stamps, Anne Tieman, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp, Cary Weisenborn, an unspoken request, all Emmaus walks, the residents of Georgetown Veterans' Home, our ministries with Soup's On, the Highland County Homeless Shelter, Samaritan Outreach Services and the people these organizations serve.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon



If you have an extra half-hour, why not stop by a nursing home, or visit a shut-in at their home? You'll never regret it!

(left) Rev. Judi visiting Jane Turner at Heartland

Answers to the WINDOW GAME:
Charity, Cecelia, Baptistery, Cecelia, Cecelia, Charity, Faith, Hope

St. Mary's Statement of Purpose

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to share the joy of a loving God through worship in the Anglican tradition, fellowship and service.