



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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What do we thirst for? Some would rather die than admit it. Others admit it and escape death.

"God, I need help."

So the thirsty come. A ragged lot we are, bound together by broken dreams and collapsed promises. Fortunes that were never made. Families that were never built. Promises that were never kept. Wide-eyed children trapped in the basement of our own failures.

And we are very thirsty.

Not thirsty for fame, possessions, passion, or romance. We've drunk from these pools. They are salt water in the desert. They don't quench --they kill.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..."

Righteousness. That's it. That's what we are thirsty for. We're thirsty for a clean conscience. We crave a clean slate. We yearn for a fresh start. We pray for a hand that will enter a dark cavern of our

world and do for us the one thing we can't do for ourselves—make us right again.

We usually get what we hunger and thirst for. The problem is, the treasures of earth don't satisfy. The promise is, the treasures of heaven do.

Come to the table to satisfy your thirst. Drink and eat as never before. It's there for you; ready and waiting. Come. Come. Come.

Rev. Judi+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

First of all I want to say that I feel privileged to be your Senior Warden this year. It will be a challenge to follow in the footsteps of the other Senior Wardens that you have had, but I am up to that challenge. At the vestry retreat held at Procter, Rev. Judi put together a well thought-out program, allowing us to have fun and bond on Friday evening with snacks and getting-to-know-you games. On Saturday, we got down to business by discussing the job descriptions of the vestry. Job descriptions are so important in the roles on the vestry, so that everyone understands clearly what is expected of them. And even though

reading the job description of Senior Warden I understand it clearly, it is in putting it into practice that I may falter. I hope that I can benefit from the guidance of previous senior wardens so that I do a good job for you.

During the retreat, as we always do with vestry meetings, we started with a Bible study. Rev. Judi chose Romans 12. Part of this Bible study contained this section:

"If you preach, just preach God's message, nothing else; if you help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get too bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to

give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face."

I have read this over and over along with the vestry job descriptions. It seems to me that Romans is telling the vestry how to be successful in our jobs. Even though we have a Bible Study before the start of the meeting, I think that while we are working through the meeting agenda, the Bible study gets forgotten somehow. Then we often make comments (continued on page 2)

MUSIC AT
ST. MARY'S
2014-2015
needs you!
(see page 5)

LOOKING AHEAD

ASH WEDNESDAY & WEDNESDAYS IN LENT continue with a worship service with the Lutherans on Wednesdays, alternating with Peace Lutheran on Wednesday evenings for Simple Supper and worship by the following schedule:

3/4 Simple Supper and Worship @ 6 pm at St Mary's

3/11 Simple Supper and Worship @ 6 pm at Peace Lutheran

3/18 Simple Supper and Worship @ 6 pm at St Mary's

3/25 Simple Supper and Worship @ 6 pm at Peace Lutheran

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS! Beginning March 1st, our children will join us in the Sanctuary for our worship service. They deserve to be there to experience and learn. They need the Word of God and the ability to praise with their parents. Welcome them with patience and love.

Sunday school will start immediately following the worship service with the children going to their room in the Christian Education Room. Temporarily, all ages will be together, as they are now, but after Easter we will separate

the children by age groups. Beginning in 4th grade, the older children will move to the Youth Room and have their own teacher, Rev Judi. She will work with them on their level to understand the worship experience and learn about serving and mission. This will be the beginning of our next Youth Group! The younger ones will continue with the teachers they know and love, with Bible Stories, arts and crafts and music. We hope this will enhance the Sunday school experience for all our children.

Women's Retreat! March 7th will find the women sharing and creating and blossoming as they spend a day together in retreat. The men will make and serve us lunch. Check with Rev Judi for open registration spots. Begins at 9 am and ends around 3 pm. Cost: \$15.00

Do you feel the power of Prayer? Do you know the way Prayer changes your life? If so, join us for Monday Morning Prayers at 10 am in the Chapel/Baptistery.

or make decisions that don't include God. If we continue to remember the Bible studies and what they teach us, we will continue to keep God in what we do for St. Mary's. If I falter in anything as your Senior Warden, I don't want to forget to include God in my decisions.

Please pray for the vestry. Some of us are holding new positions. Some of us are new to the vestry. Pray that we include God in our meetings and in our new "jobs."

Paulette

**Do not feel totally,
personally, irrevocably
responsible for every-
thing. That's my job.
Love,
God**

QUESTIONS ABOUT LENT

Where does the use of palms come from?

As Jesus rode into the city the people cut down palm branches to lay in his path. As we recall that event, we recall the fickleness of mankind who cried, "Hosanna," or Sunday and five days later called for blood with hardened hearts. For our remembrance any local greenery would be appropriate.

What is significant about Maundy Thursday?

Historically there have been a number of ceremonies observed on Thursday in Holy Week. The name comes from the word "mandatum," "commandment" to love one another—hence the name, Maundy.

The foot washing is kept as a ceremony to recall that our Lord washed the feet of His disciples—an act of humility.

On this day the Bishop also blesses the oils used in Baptism, Confirmation and Unction. The oils are used throughout the year in the local parishes. Their use represents the Bishop's sacramental authority and that the Bishop is the symbol of unity within the Diocese.

Maundy Thursday is a time of violent change. The institution of the Eucharist is celebrated as we recall the Last Supper of

Jesus and the disciples. Following the Mass the altar and sanctuary are stripped and we leave a church bare of all symbols. (It's a time when a family might experience the feeling of desolation by going home and locking all the doors, closing the curtains and drawing in on itself to re-tell and contemplate the Passover and the Garden of Gethsemane.)

Some churches also celebrate a Seder meal—recalling our roots in Hebrew life. As the blood of the Passover lamb was shed to save the Hebrews, the blood of Christ was shed to save us.

What are some of the Good Friday traditions?

Besides being a fast day, the Church has celebrated a Mass of the Pre-Sanctified with the elements of the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament. Often a special host was consecrated on Maundy Thursday for use at this Mass. Sometimes a large wooden cross is brought into the church so we might be confronted with the reality of the cross and to be able to make special devotions.

▶ March 2015

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

1 10:00am HE II San	2 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS A: Paul & Nancy Orth	3 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	4 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 1:00pm EfM CEC 6:00pm Supper & Worship	5 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	6 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	7 B: Peggy Addingtn	
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15 10:00am HE II San 2:00pm LENTEN CON-CERT	16 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS	17 5:30pm Rector's Study TR B: Mary Turner B: Meghan Stratton	18 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Heal Prayers 1:00pm EfM CEC 6:00pm Supper & Worship B: Ellie Elmoire	19 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR B: Ann Tieman B: John Miller	20 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	21 B: Larry Wiley	
22 10:00am HE II San	23 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS	24 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	25 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 1:00pm EfM CEC 6:00pm Peace Lutheran	26 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR B: Michelle Myers	27 6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	28 4:30pm Praise Time 5:00pm Soup's On!	
29* * 10:00am HE II San 3:00pm-THE ADAGIO TRIO Concert	30 10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS	31 5:30pm Rector's Study TR B: Caroline Siemens	<p>◇ *MARCH 8—Special DAY OF CHANGE Offering for Homeless Shelter</p> <p>◇ **MARCH 29-Special offering for the Anglican Church in The Holy Land</p>				<p>San = Ssanctuary LH = Lacy Hall CEC = Christian Education Center TR = Telfair Room</p>



SEARCH ME, OH GOD

I recently read in a blog by Dr. Todd Pickett, (Dean of Spiritual Development of Biola U.) that Lent means Spring. Just as new life bursts forth from trees, bushes and grass, we're reminded that God called for life out of darkness. We are reminded that the world is charged with the grandeur of God. God looked at all He had made and said it was good. We need to remember all the good things God created and enjoy them. We are meant to love some things more than others. I love to read and to learn new things. But my pursuit shouldn't mean more to me than the people who are close

to me.

When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment, He answered "Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind, soul, heart and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself."

He put these loves in the proper order. Our problem is that we sometimes love **things** more than God. We may not even realize it. This is idolatry! Lent is the time to notice how we may have drifted away from God. We pray, "Search me, oh God; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offense within me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24.)

Karen Vlaskamp

Lent is the time to repent, confess and ask for forgiveness, and ready ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

As we walk with Jesus toward His death, it is so that we may know Him ever more fully in life.

Jesus tells us, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains alone. But if it dies, it will bear much fruit." Jesus' resurrection is the first fruits of them that sleep. May we all bear much fruit for God and His Kingdom.

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for MARCH Altar Guild: Jan Vosper, John & Carol Joy

MAR	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR	TORCH BEARER
1	Jan Vosper	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	Judy Franklin	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Cleda Dietrich	Deanna Flinn	Alana Miller
8	Jennie Harner	Jan Vosper	Karen Vlaskamp	Andrea Harner	Lizzy Zumwalde Angie Martin	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Paulette Goerler	Lily Martin
15	Paulette Goerler	Larry Wiley	Andrea Harner	BJ Gee	Randy Martin Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	Zumwalde	Karen Vlaskamp	Alana Miller
22	Jan Vosper	Connie Reynolds	Betsy Miller	Deanna Flinn	Larry Wiley Lizzy Zumwalde	Larry & Peggy Addington	Open	Angie Martin	Lily Martin
29	Paulette Goerler	Larry Wiley	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	Jan Vosper	Randy Martin Angie Martin	Roy Goerler Paul Orth	Open	Deanna Flinn	Alana Miller

The Gospel According to Madea

The talented Tyler Perry portrays a comedic character called Madea, who is an older, black lady who is quick to let you know her mind and most everything that comes out of her mouth will make you laugh...if not by the content contained, then with the manner "she" presents it. Madea has gotten into about any situation you could imagine, and many you could never imagine.

While most of the Madea stories are presented in movies, Mr. Perry wrote a stage play, complete with some wonderful songs, sung by some wonderful actors. The play was filmed

and can be viewed on DVD available at our local library. The title is MADEA TAKES A JOB. The story takes place in a nursing home where Madea works off time to satisfy a release from prison! During the play, Madea presents wise words regarding life, child rearing and marriage amongst other topics.

I highly recommend that you get and watch MADEA TAKES A JOB. You won't be disappointed! And you can take that to the bank.

The Editor

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Dear church family,

For those of you who are reading this in warmer weather, I praise your choices; to those of you who are soon planning to escape to a place where the temperatures are above 50 degrees, I say...please take me with you...please.... Oh well enough of my begging. Now on to the reasons I am taking up your time and space in this newsletter.

We now have a new vestry for 2015. With this blended group of new vestry members this year will bring different ideas, and new challenges. Our new senior warden is Paulette Goerier. She will make a great senior warden with her enthusiasm, her dedication and her love for our church. She will be a blessing to the future of St. Mary's.

I am honored to be your new Junior Warden and will be working closely with a new Building and Grounds Committee [B&G for short]. Larry Wiley, Roy Goerier and Randy Martin have graciously agreed to help me handle certain problems that need to be taken care of right away. Don't you just love a guy with a tool box?

In collaboration with them, I will provide the vestry with important facts so that they can make decisions as to what needs to be taken care of in the most cost effective way.

Paulette, who was last year's Junior Warden, worked hard to accomplish so much even though at times it was an uphill struggle. I want to thank her for all her help and support. Putting together a binder with all contact information and notes, so that I can follow through where she left off, is a truly valuable tool. Thank you a thousand times, Paulette.

Due to the bad weather, meetings which were scheduled had to be cancelled; I will give more details once the B&G committee has met.

Mildred [Mertle] May

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.

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

Dear Publicity Committee (that includes ALL members of St. Mary's):

It's time to get to work promoting your March and April Concerts! We have FIVE concerts taking place in very quick succession:

MARCH 15—2:00pm LENTON CONCERT. This concert features musicians of St. Mary's: John Glaze, Organ; Jennie Harner, Flute; Lynn Lowell, Piano. They will present music of the Lenten Season.

MARCH 29—3:00pm THE ADAGIO TRIO. This group, with Linda Grieser of Cincinnati playing harp, Kathryn Daniels, of Norfolk, Virginia, playing flute and Kathryn's husband, Michael, playing cello. The group plays their own arrangements of familiar tunes such as "Shenandoah" and Pachelbel's "Canon in D." This is a group you won't soon forget!

APRIL 12—3:00pm THE CINCINNATI BOYCHOIR. This internationally well-known group, reminiscent of the Vienna Boy's Choir and choirs of so many English churches, is made up of talented youth from the Greater Cincinnati Area. They sing a wide variety of music and you'll not want this concert to end! Christopher Eanes is the director of the choir.

APRIL 26—2:00pm SOUTHERN STATE SINGERS. Southern State Singers will return to St. Mary's for their Spring Concert. The group, comprised of community members from Highland and Adams Counties, is directed by John Glaze. Accompanist for the group is Melanie MacDowell. The program will include a wide variety of music styles, from light classical to folk tunes to a medley of music of THE BEATLES.

What can you do? Talk up the concerts everywhere you go! Donate money toward the concerts. Costs for the 2014-2015 season total up to about \$1100.00. Donations from the concerts presented so far this year total up to less than \$300.00.

We will be having cookie receptions after some of these concerts. Bake your BEST COOKIES!

Please don't assume the someone else can do your part of the job! Only YOU can talk to YOUR friends and acquaintances. No one else can bake cookies like your specialties! We need you!

John Glaze

PRAYER LIST

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

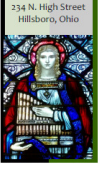
All persons serving in our Armed Forces, especially Darrell & Kelly Easler, Philip Townsend, Eric Hopper and Adam Strawmyer.

These with special needs: Herschel Hook, Cecil Robertson, Ann Tieman, Ann Stamps, Jane Turner, Ann Staffeld, Paulette Goerler, Rick & Deb Sansone, Paul & Nancy Orth, Pearl Wiley, Mary Brown Turner, Adam Kritcheck, Danny Lawwell, Brenda O'Cull, Phyllis Johnson, Sarah Fullencamp, Claire & Cora, Robert Schuler, Jackie Tucker, Marilyn Varvel, Margaret Lyons, Susan Price, Georgetown Veterans Home, Frank Lowe, Tammy Wynn, Willis Hamilton, Ebola victims.

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**Concerts
begin
again
March 15!**

Easter Services were reported below. Dedication of windows took place. But in what year?

A. 1885 B. 1887 C. 1889 D. 1903

Easter Services

At St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The attendance at St. Mary's Episcopal Church last Sunday was very large, and the services were very impressive. At the regular morning services at 10:00 the choir was assisted by Prof. Ed. Frey and Mr. H. E. Thompson, and rendered the joyous Easter music in a delightful manner. The ladies of the church had donated flowers for the occasion, and the magnificent floral decorations rendered the scene a most charming one. Two beautiful memorial windows, given by Mrs. Wm. H. Trimble, were unveiled. The first one is on the left side, near the organ, and bears the following inscription:

In Memory of Katherine Buckingham Trimble.

Entered into rest at Woodland, July ninth, 1883. "And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear."

The second window is on the opposite side of the church. It is inscribed:

In Memory of the Founders of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Prof. Isaac Sams
J. Milton Boyd
Col. Wm. H. Trimble
Carlton C. Sams, M.D.
Col. Wm. O. Collins
Alexander B. Sams
William H. Bayard

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

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