



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

March 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



MARCH 19—3:30pm

CINCINNATI CHORAL SOCIETY

MARCH 26—3:00pm

DANIEL JACKY

WE NEED COOKIES!

Call Lynn or Sandy!

Learning about Lent:

Despite its ancient history (Lent became standardized around the year 325) myths about Lenten traditions abound. Here are 3 of the most common.

Myth 1: Lent is 40 days

Counting from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, there are 46 days. Then why do we always refer to the 40 days of Lent? The 40 days of fasting during Lent do not include Sundays. Every Sunday Christians commemorate the day of Christ's resurrection, thus, Sunday by its nature is a day of joy and celebration. The Sundays during Lent are not prescribed days of fasting and abstinence, so meat is permitted.

Myth 2: Lent ends on Easter Sunday

Lent ends on Holy Thursday. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 this year, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 13, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Thanks in part to astronomers who figured out when all full moons would occur, for nearly 1,700 years Easter has fallen on the first Sunday after the Paschal, or Passover, full moon. The

earliest possible date of Easter is March 22, and the latest is April 25. This year Easter is on April 16. The way to calculate the date of Easter was determined at a meeting of church bishops and others called the Council of Nicea in 325 (when the Nicene Creed was written) near Constantinople in what is now modern day Turkey.

Myth 3: Jesus went into the desert for 40 days before he was put to death

Actually, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry, several years before he was crucified. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke -- individual, yet similar, interpretations of Christ's message -- each tell of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, where he fasted, prayed and was tempted by the devil. After this he went to Galilee where he called his first disciples and began his public ministry.

The 40 days of Lent are a time to remember and imitate the life and ministry of Jesus as Christians prepare to commemorate his death and resurrection at Easter. Some Christians give up, or abstain from, something they like to

eat or do. This is a reminder of what Jesus "gave up" in the desert. However, it is OK if you don't give up something. Some Christians even add on extra prayer time or meditation time.

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a simple meal and worship along with our Peace Lutheran family.

Rev. Judi+

CINCINNATI CHORAL SOCIETY **19 MARCH—3:30pm**

Since 1974, the **Cincinnati Choral Society** has offered quality musical experiences not only to audiences in and beyond Cincinnati, but also to talented non-professional singers seeking a satisfying choral ensemble experience. The CCS repertoire encompasses a wide range of musical styles, both accompanied and a cappella, from traditional masterworks to modern classics. The 40-voice choir has performed with a number of orchestras and chamber ensembles, including the Cincinnati Pops, the Kentucky Symphony and the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony. Outside the tri-state, they have appeared at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral and All Hallows by the Tower in London. Director of CCS is Phil Clary.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. We will have disposition of ashes at 12 noon and 7 pm. Peace Lutheran Church will join us at St Mary's at 7 pm for the Ash Wednesday Service.

Wednesdays in Lent:

Mar 8: Simple Supper @ 6pm at Peace Lutheran.

Mar 15: Simple Supper @ 6pm at St Mary's

Mar 22: Simple Supper @ 6 pm at Peace Lutheran

Mar 29: Simple Supper @ 6pm at St Mary's

Apr 5: Simple Supper @ 6 pm at Peace Lutheran

Mark your calendars! Procter Summer Camps 2017 are ready to engage your children in a great experience. Rev Judi will be going to Family Camp II July 5-8, so if anyone else want to join her, please let her know. Cost for camp is \$275 per person with scholarship money available. Plan now!!!!

2017 Procter Summer Camp dates

Family Camp I—June 16-18

4th & 5th Grade Camp—June 20-24

9th - 12th Grade Camp—June 25-June 30

Family Camp II—July 5-8

6th - 8th Grade Camp—July 9 - 14

Creative Arts Camp—July 17-22 (6-12th grade)

Family Camp III—August 2-5

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! April 30, 2017, will be our dedication of the new Chaney Education Center. The community will be invited and we will have guest speakers and tours from 3 pm to 5 pm. More on the plans next month.

Our **Noon Healing Service** will continue on Wednesday, March 8th, with a new service. Our focus will be to pray for the world, our nation, our community and ourselves. A Holy Eucharist will also be included. Plan to join us!

We are in need of people to train to be **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Ushers and Lectors (Readers)**. Please consider serving the church in this way. The more we have—the less times you are assigned! See Rev Judi to be trained.

Our **Jr. High Teens** (12-15 years) will be meeting with Amy Wallace at least once a month. This is a new program and they will discover what they want the group to stand for. The teens have their own room in the Chaney Education Center and mission and fun (plus food) will highlight their time together. Watch for a schedule coming soon. Friends welcome!

MARCH 26—3:00pm

Daniel Jacky is a pianist, organist and senior at Hillsboro High School. He serves as organist at the First Presbyterian Church. Jacky is a baritone and accompanist of the Hillsboro High School Symphonic Choir and the Highland County Chorus presenting such works as Pergolesi's "Magnificat," Bach's "Christ Lag in Todesbanden," Faure's "Requiem in D Minor," Vivaldi's "Gloria," and more. Daniel has received multiple superior ratings in Ohio Music Educators Association adjudicated events in the categories of composition and piano performance. We have watched Daniel grow up in our joint meetings with Peace Lutheran Church. He has been practicing at St. Mary's and well deserves our attendance at this recital!

Serving Schedule for MARCH

ALTAR GUILD: Deanna Flinn and Shirley Gilliam

MAR	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
5	Jennie Harner	Rev. Judi	Karen Vlaskamp	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	John & Carol Joy	Carry In	Deanna Flinn
12	Jim Heathcote	Nancy Orth	Larry Wiley	Bob Lowell Randy Martin	Larry & Peggy Addington	Open	Betty Heathcote
19	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Nancy Orth	Open	Deanna Flinn
26	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Randy Martin Larry Wiley	John & Carol Joy	Open	Lynn Lowell

March 2017

San = Sanctuary
 LH = Lacy Hall
 TR = Telfair Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:00am HE II SAN *Bishop coming*	6 5:00pm TOPS LH 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	7	8 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00pm Healing Service Ashes at Noon and 7:00pm Lenten Service	9 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm EFM	10 7:00pm AA LH	11 DAR
12 10:00am HE II SAN	13 5:00pm TOPS LH 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	14	15 10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00pm Healing Service 6:00pm Lenten Svc @ Peace Lutheran	16 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm EFM	17 7:00pm AA LH 7:00pm Vestry retreat begins (Procter)	18 3:00pm Vestry retreat ends
19 10:00am HE II SAN 3:30pm-Cincinnati Choral Society	20 5:00pm TOPS LH 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	21	22 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service 6:00pm Lenten Svc @ Peace Lutheran	23 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm EFM	24 7:00pm AA LH	25 5:00pm Soup's On LH
26 10:00am HE II SAN 3:00pm Daniel Jacky Re- cital	27 5:00pm TOPS LH 5:30pm Rector's Study TR	28	29 10:00am Well Wishers 12:00pm Healing Service 6:00pm Lenten Svc	30 6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR 6:00pm EFM	31 7:00pm AA LH	



ABIDE IN ME

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me.” (John 15:4)

When you put God first in your life, be sure that you are rooted in a relationship with Him instead of rules. Don't confuse structure with surrender. You can't just mark off a list, thinking that you have put God first. You don't need a list because you will naturally seek Him, His heart, His way and surrender out of love.

I could not have gotten through the last three months of Fred's illness nor my broken foot without my relationship with God. I turned everything over to Him just as He advised me to do. It's been a heavy loss, but my relationship continues

with God who strengthens me. It is well with my soul! My life is more abundant because I have Jesus and the Holy Spirit to turn to, confide in and to direct me.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow and surgery. No matter what happens, I know God will do what is best for me, because He loves me, He died for me, and rose again. And I'll rise again!

*Dear St. Mary's Family, Katrina, Nelson and I would like thank you all for the prayers and acts of kindness, Memorial dinner, calls and cards that you poured out on us. You certainly know how to **love one another!***

Yours in Christ,

Karen Vlaskamp

Sr. Warden Report

At the Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting on January 29th, the Vestry elected Karen Vlaskamp as Senior Warden, Charlie Gorman as Junior Warden and appointed Martha Gorman as clerk.

Come one and all to our Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28th. Pancakes, sausages, fruit salad and all the fixings will be served beginning at 5 P.M. until 6 P.M.

Ash Wednesday services will be held March 1st at Noon and at 7 P.M. we will have Lenten meals and combined services with Peace Lutheran. March 1st will be at St. Mary's beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Meet Charles Ayers

Charles Edward Ayers, born 2 Feb 1894 in Chicago, was very active in Hillsboro's St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He was superintendent of the Hillsboro Water Works in 1937 and had been involved in numerous church-related activities when he was asked to become Director of the Wayside Cathedral. This was a mobile ministry conceived by Bishop Henry Wise Hobson II. Charles Ayers had been a Lay Reader and Vestryman of the church at this time. He married Louise Marie (maiden name unknown) and in 1944 was ordained first a deacon and then a priest and became rector of a parish in Ironton.

*-Christopher Duckworth
(Grandson of Ed B. Ayres)*

(from our history)

Charles Edward Ayers

In 1937 when the Wayside Cathedral program started, Mr. Ayers was Superintendent of the Hillsboro Water Works. Having been very active at St. Mary's, it was not long until a call came requesting him to serve as Director of Wayside Cathedral. The Wayside Cathedral was started in 1941 by Bishop Henry Wise Hobson. Basically, it was a church on wheels designed to minister to areas where there was no Episcopal Church. At the time St. Paul's Cathedral (Cincinnati) was demolished, the sale of the property helped support this new venture. Charles Ayers was involved helping out in churches where there were vacancies, which led to them asking for his services as their minister. As a layman who proved himself so thoroughly qualified for the ministry, he prepared himself under the Examining Chaplains and was ordained a Deacon in St. Mary's Church in March of 1944 and to the Priesthood in Christ Church, Ironton in December of the same year.



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

During his (Rev. Thomas Applegate) rectorate the church was decorated for the Christmas season with a cross as well as with other sacred symbols. The introduction of the cross proved to be a serious offense to some members of the congregation. One of the historians of Hillsboro tells us that "the feeling engendered became so bitter that the heart of this learned, eloquent, and gentle divine was deeply wounded, and he resigned at the close of one year. The vestry sent a committee to dissuade him from his purpose, but 'the iron had entered his soul' and his determination was not to be revoked."

April, 1861, the Rev. Ezra P. Kellog accepted the rectorate with the understanding that it was to be temporarily. He is described as "a charming old gentleman, genial and lovable, tenderly watchful over his charge, and fully possessing the confidence, respect and affection of his people". During his rectorship, the last of the church debt was paid.

The next rector, the Rev. Wellington E. Webb, arrived from Kentucky in 1864. "He was impossible," says one record, "and made one think of Dickens' parsons." He stayed for two years.

In 1866, the Rev. John Steele came from Australia, "a large, powerful man, but not very acceptable". His rectorate

ended in less than a year.

In 1867, the Rev. Thomas S. Bacon became the rector. His stay was also brief. It seems that he left undone some things which others thought he ought to have done, and did some things which others thought he ought not to have done.

The next rector was the Rev. S. H. Boyer, who stayed for six months in 1870. He married a Hillsboro girl. That was the end of him in Hillsboro. He finished his career in Philadelphia, Pa. He must have been a good pulpiteer, for one churchwoman said that "he was the kind of man that should be locked in the pulpit and have his meals sent up".

He was succeeded by the Rev. John H. Ely in 1871. Mr. Ely had been in Government employ in Washington, D. C. He is described as "a single man, very good looking, with charming manners" but "no sermonizer".

In 1871, something very outstanding occurred. Women were allowed to vote for the first time in the election of the Vestry. Until then they were not entitled to vote. But the hour had now arrived when the women said "If we do not vote, we do not support". So on April 1, 1872 the Vestry passed the following resolution: "The Constitution and Canons of the Church having been referred to, it was the opinion that there was nothing therein to prevent ladies who contributed to the support of the Parish, and were also bonafide members of the Church, from voting at the election for vestrymen, contrary to the practice of this parish heretofore".

This took place during Mr. Ely's rectorate, who, in a letter to the congregation, once said "I owe you all nothing but love". One of the windows in the baptistry is placed to his memory. He served St. Mary's Episcopal Church for four years.

For some time St. Mary's had a mission in Samantha. But on September 26, 1874, the rector and vestry decided to discontinue the afternoon services

there and to hold Sunday afternoon services in St. Mary's instead.

After Mr. Ely came the Rev. W. T. Bowen in 1876. He came from the Barbadoes. He is said to have had "a delicate wife and four children; was an interesting talker, but had asthma and financial troubles." He remained for less than two years.

In 1879, the Rev. C. S. Percival of Iowa officiated temporarily, and in 1870, the Rev. John Boyd of Marietta had charge of the services.

In 1881, the Rev. A. D. Heffern, fresh from the Seminary, became the rector. He is described as "a pleasant young man although he had student sermons". Later, he accepted a chair in a Philadelphia Seminary.

Next in line was the Rev. A. B. Hunter, who took charge in 1882. He is described as "a very peculiar man, somewhat fanatical, very unsociable, but finally found his niche at the head of a Negro School in the South in the year 1884".

In that same year, 1884, the Rev. Edward Bradley became the rector. He had been a business man and had entered the ministry late in life, and is described as "a most charming and lovable old man." One of the windows in the Baptistry is placed in loving memory of him. During his rectorate, a beautiful new organ was presented to the parish by Mrs. Margaret Rives King as a tribute to, and in loving memory of, her brother Dr. Edward Rives, who had been a vestryman of St. Mary's and a true friend and generous helper of the church. The organ was consecrated and used for the first time in Divine Service on August 20, 1885. Through the beneficence of Mr. Frank W. Armstrong who was a devoted member and secretary of the vestry for many years, the organ was afterward rebuilt according to specifications drawn by Mr. Prower Symons, Cincinnati, and rededicated Christmas 1933.

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Daniel Jacky Recital

26 March—3:00pm



With Daniel's high school friends, friends from the Presbyterian Church where he plays and Peace Lutheran, his home church, coming, we will need a good supply of cookies for Daniel's reception. Call Lynn or Sandy to let them know how many you can provide!
THANKS!

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

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