



# The Red Door

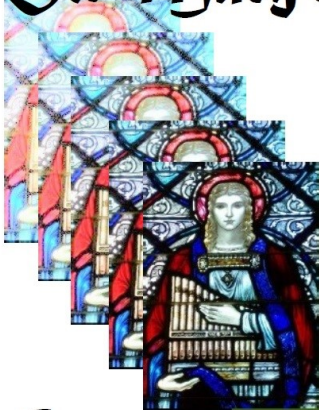
## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

March 2019

### Thoughts from Rev. Judi

234 N High St  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

## Music at St. Mary's



### Concert

### Series

2018-2019

### Lenten

### Concert

24 March

3:00pm

Thanks to all who stepped up to be our new Vestry! Bob Lowell is our Senior Warden. He is responsible for working side-by-side with me, the Rector, to support and lead the Vestry to make good decisions for the church. Betsy Miller is our dedicated Junior Warden whose position requires her to keep our facility beautiful, safe and ready for our worship to God. These are two very busy (and important) members of the Vestry. Kim Haines our Chancellor (or Lawyer) keeps us legal and within the bounds of regulations both on the Diocesan side and the community side.

The other members of the Vestry are just as invested in

St Mary's as the Chancellor and Wardens. Sandy Ferrell takes the valued minutes and signs and checks, Judy Franklin signs checks, and offers history information about the church, and Kyle Lawson brings his buildings and grounds experience and a lot of Spirituality to our Vestry. As everyone learns to work together and do what is best for St Mary's, we are blessed to have each member on this Vestry.

One thing to include about having only six members on the Vestry is that if there is a tie in voting, the Rector needs to be the deciding vote. Therefore, it is important to have an odd number of Vestry members to

settle a vote. This keeps the decision-making within the realm of the laity not the clergy. Have you considered what you can bring to the Vestry? If anyone is interested in joining the Vestry, please see any member of the Vestry to be voted in.

All that being said, I announce that I will be retiring on March 1, 2020. It is required that all clergy take retirement at age 72. On December 26, 2019, I will begin a sabbatical for 8 weeks. The above Vestry will be working on the process, along with the Diocese, to find a new Priest for St Mary's. Continue to pray that God's will be done.

*Rev. Judi +*

## Greystone - Home of George & Nannie

George B. Beecher went to Yale (Class of 1861) and studied for the ministry at the Andover Theological Seminary, and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church. He pastored until 1879 when he was asked to help out with the business affairs of Colonel Trimble. Here he joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church where he periodically delivered sermons, assisted the Rectors in services and, late in life, served as Senior Warden for many years. The Beechers built their home, "Greystone," between 1879 and 1882 on land obtained from Col. Trimble. This home, originally containing some thirty rooms, cost \$150,000 (in today's funds, over \$3.7 million.)



## MARCH NEWS

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>** We will have the dispersing of ashes at noon and at 7 pm.
- ◆ **Breakfast Club Bible Study on the Old Testament** begins Saturday March 2 and continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday mornings each month. You **MUST** sign up in Lacy Hall to let us know who is coming. Breakfast included. No cost to you!
- ◆ Vestry meets **March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30** am in the Conference Room.

## Where Are My Blessings?

Do you wonder why some people seem blessed and you feel "skipped over"? We know from scripture that God loves us and wishes to bless His children. (Matt. 7:4) God knows our hearts, our talents, and His plans for us. So if God chooses not to bless us in a certain way, that could be a blessing in itself. Here are several reasons why God may not be blessing your life:

1. **You haven't asked for the blessing.** Start asking specifically and see what God wants to teach you about asking, trusting, and being thankful.
2. **You haven't asked in faith.** You must truly believe "that you have received it and it will be yours." (Mark 9:23) Or pray "help me overcome my disbelief." (Mark 9:24)
3. **You're asking with the wrong motive.** God isn't going to help you win the lottery "so you can spend on your own pleasures." (James 4:3) "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)
4. **You're all about you.** All your complaints are about "I", "me", "my". God isn't a glorified Santa Claus. Nor is He obligated to bless any of us. You need to be all about Him. (Luke 9:23) You have to die to self. Ask to be a blessing to God. (Galatians 2:20)

To be continued.

*Karen Vlaskamp*

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

I'm rapidly finding that the role and responsibilities of the Senior Warden are more than I expected. But with the help and support of our Priest, Rev. Judy, our Vestry, and you, the congregation, I will try my best to do what is needed. The Vestry and both Senior and Junior Wardens serve you: the congregation. Please feel free to talk with or call any Vestry member about your thoughts, ideas, or concerns for the church. All will be heard and it is our hope, acted upon after the Vestry discusses them. We can only make changes or improvements in our Church and our service if we hear from the members. Some parts of our service can't be changed because we are who we are: the EPISCOPAL CHURCH. But ideas for enhancing our services and outreach are always welcome.

After the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Vestry meeting some ideas for upcoming events were discussed. It was decided that a calendar with the dates of the events should be maintained, published, and posted in various places in the church. Your ideas are more than welcome; so please put your thinking caps on to help with ideas. You will probably be asked to help with the events or be on a committee of some kind. We are a small church that needs to grow and everyone needs to be helpful in the growth of the Church. We all have talents that can be used in this way. Often finding the time in our busy daily schedules has made it more difficult to do what needs to be done for the growth of God's Kingdom. And it is difficult to prioritize what is really important. I know I am preaching to the choir and I have to take a hard look in the mirror myself.

The Red Door newsletter isn't just for the members of the Vestry, John Glaze, the Junior or Senior Wardens or Rev. Judy to publish thoughts and articles. We welcome articles, poems, pictures, etc. from anyone who wishes to submit an article for the Red Door. They just need to be submitted to John Glaze by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication the following month. You can send them to his email or give him a hard copy.

Please keep in mind that ALL Vestry meetings may be attended by any member of the congregation. The comments at the annual meeting were very helpful but may take some time to implement them all, so please bear with us. If I can be of service to you, please let me know.

*Bob Lowell*



## Vestry Meeting Minutes 1/27/2019 APPROVED

Vestry members present: Sandy Ferrell, Kim Haines (Chancellor), Judy Franklin, Betsy Miller (Jr. Warden), Kyle Lawson and Rev. Judi Wiley. Absent members: Bob Lowell and Charles Gorman

Rev. Judi opened with prayer. Welcomed Kyle Lawson as newest member.

Discussion held on copier issue. Kim Haines will handle the situation as St. Mary's Episcopal Church attorney. Kim will ask for attorney fees but will not charge anything to the church for her services. Betsy Miller motioned, Sandy Ferrell seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Lowell was chosen and elected Sr. Warden, Betsy Miller will reside as Jr. Warden again with assistance of Kyle Lawson. Judy Franklin, Sandy Ferrell made and seconded nominations. Motions passed unanimously.

Vestry minutes will be placed in our newsletter after approval.

Approved December 2018 minutes after minor correction. Kim Haines motioned, Betsy Miller seconded, vote unanimous.

Sandy Ferrell motioned to adjourn, Kim Haines seconded, unanimous vote.

Next Meeting February 17, 2019.

### Serving Schedule for March

MAR	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
3	Connie Reynolds	Connie Reynolds	Rob Harner Bob Lowell	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Kyle & Royal Lawson	Sandy Ferrell
10	Sandy Ferrell	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Ty Harner Rob Harner	Shirley Gilliam Dea Flinn	Lynn Lowell
17	Jennie Harner	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Haines Family	Karen Vlaskamp
24	Lynn Lowell	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Carol & John Joy	Connie Reynolds
31	Kim Haines	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Ty Harner Rob Harner	Kyle & Royal Lawson	Dea Flinn

## The Hymnal 1982

Since no one responded to my question last month, I have decided to inflict upon you the lessons about our hymnal in the Red Door on monthly installments. The Episcopal Church requires that the words of hymns be from officially approved sources, making the official hymnals perhaps more important than their counterparts elsewhere. Our hymnal was put together based on the Joint Commission's work by the Standing Commission on Church Music. It has a much expanded service music and chant section, which became necessary with the introduction of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*.

In addition to the service music, the hymnal has 720 hymns and takes some steps toward multiculturalism, including eight hymns based on spirituals, two on Ghanaian work songs, two on Chinese hymns, two on "Amerindian" songs, one Hispanic-American song and one by a Mexican composer.

How is our hymnal arranged? If you look at the "Contents" pages near the front, you'll see that first in the book will be found the Service Music, broken down by The Daily Office, followed by The Great Litany, Liturgies for Special Days, Baptism, Eucharist and Canticles.

Next are The Hymns, divided by The Daily Office and then sections of hymns for each part of the Church Year. Following this are hymns for major events of the church, such as Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, etc. and then General hymns. Next are divisions of The Christian Life, Rounds and Canons and National Songs.

You think we're done? We're not to the back cover quite yet. Our book has several indexes. These will be covered in a future lesson. Meanwhile, if you plan to follow this series, it would be helpful for you to borrow one of the hymnals to have at home for reference and suggested readings. You should begin by reading the PREFACE, found 4 page turns from the front. I read the names of those involved in the project and see many names of past faculty of my times at Sewanee Church Music Conference.

*(some material in this introduction from Wikipedia)*



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**The Academy  
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## **BOOK SALE**

**featuring new books for  
children of all ages**

**March 18-21  
9am-5pm**

### **Sunday School Rooms**

***The Academy will receive a share of all  
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## **St. Mary's Episcopal Church Information**

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The Diocese of Southern Ohio  
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The Rev. Judi Wiley, Rector

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with  
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon