

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

March 2022

PILGRIM PRIEST'S PONDERINGS

BUILDING EACH OTHER UP

"...encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:11

Fellow ambassadors of Christ,

A passage from the Book of Exodus has captivated me over the last several weeks.

Right before this passage, we read that the children of Israel are being led by Moses out of Egypt to Mount Sinai, to receive the Ten Commandments from God. Along this journey, the Israelites meet fierce resistance from the Amalekites, who are old enemies of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. To proceed further, the Israelites must battle the Amalekites. We pick up the story in Exodus 17:8-13:

⁸Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

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Dear St. Mary's Family,

I'm really excited to be joining you this month and to continue the journey of faith started by Father David. I'm familiar with St. Mary's and your committed ministry work in Hillsboro from my days as the Ministry Leader for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation.



As with Father David, I'm a second career priest, having spent many years in advertising, public relations, organizational development, and non-profit management. I'm a trained Interim and organizational development consultant and have just completed an 18-month transition at another parish.

I love to preach, teach, and help folks grow in faith and love. With Lent and Easter time upon us, there will be many opportunities for faith development and I hope you'll share your wishes for what is important for St. Mary's for both seasons.

I currently live in Montgomery, Ohio, with my husband Jim, not too far from my daughter Kim, her husband, Josh, and my two grandchildren, Aiden and Bennett. My son, Ryan, lives in Denver. I love to read mysteries, knit, and cook when I can find the time.

Blessings,

Rev. Terri J. Thornton

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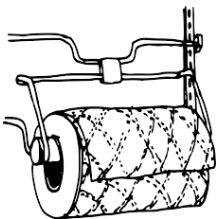


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Vestry Report

The story relates how Moses, that mighty man of God, needed the assistance of two others (Aaron and Hur) to defeat the Amalekites. The Israelites would not have won the battle (and subsequently carried out their mission from God) unless Aaron and Hur had been by Moses' side to hold up his arms.

We read other stories in the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) of how leaders chosen by God require the assistance of others to carry out their mission. These "others" may be leaders themselves, or maybe little-known people, but their ministry of holding up the leader's arms (literally and figuratively) is critical to the success of God's mission.

This is as true today as it was in Biblical times. Over the last twenty months that I have been privileged to be with you, I have depended on your support to help me carry out God's mission in Hillsboro. In turn, I hope that I have been able to support the arms of those involved in the ministry of Saint Mary's as you have carried out the mission God has given each of you personally, and Saint Mary's collectively.

As God has blessed me with your support, I pray that you will provide the same support to the Rev'd. Terri Thornton as she begins her ministry with you on Ash Wednesday. Terri is both a colleague and a friend, and we have pledged to support each other in this new season of ministry for both of us.

My time with you has been a blessing, and I will keep Saint Mary's in my prayers as you seek to live out your WHY and HOW.

Your fellow Ambassador for Jesus Christ,
David+



Queen size bed available in guest room at Florida home of nice couple. Afternoon high of 82 degrees today.

Please come and visit us and get warm.....anybody, somebody, everybody. Jigsaw puzzle and Scrabble game available. Flight

Guru may be able to help with reasonable flight fare.

Love you guys. Sorry you must endure the awful cold for a while longer.

God bless you as you seek

His will.

Sincerely,

Jim and Susan Price



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PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and these on our Parish prayer list: Herschel Hook, Nancy Orth, Mary Reynolds, Jim Shirkey, Maxine McGrath, Sharon Kamm, Bob & Dorothy Hodson, Susan Bright, Dan Fisher, **the families of Elmer Highley and Barbara Hess**, Randall Jones, Bob Lowell, Becki Crum, the concerns of Paul & Joyce Nort, those suffering with coronavirus as well as all health workers treating them, the patients and staff at Georgetown Veterans Home as well as those serving in our armed forces: Macy Lyle, Henry Sherrill, Jaden Chin-Franz and Javier Paula.

Names in **Bold will be removed at the end of the month. If you know the person continues to need our prayers, please call the church office.*

March

7—Peggy Addington
 9—John Miller
 11—Gary Ferrell
 18—Tom Zumwalde

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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WELCOME TO REV. TERRI THORNTON

Lector & Intercessor Schedule

1st week	Betty & Jim Heathcote
2nd week	Connie Reynolds & Dea Flinn
3rd week	Carol & John Joy
4th week	Rich Davis & Connie Reynolds
5th week	Connie Reynolds & Dea Flinn

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INFORMATION

The Diocese of Southern Ohio
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The Rev. Terri Thornton
Supply Priest

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am
IN PERSON & Streaming on Facebook
COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND—
Sunday after service.

*We strive to be safe and make our parishioners and
guests feel safe and welcome!*

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