



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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We love the Episcopal Church but I have a few questions:

"Why do we get up and shake hands and tell people, 'God be with you' during the service"?

Some call it the seventh-inning stretch, or, at the very least, a way to wake up after sitting so long! To answer this question, we must assume that everyone has sinned at some time or the other. And perhaps you have sinned against your neighbor. So, we greet each person with a handshake and a greeting before going to God's table for forgiveness. If you have a grievance against someone in the congregation, you must resolve it (or forgive it) before kneeling at God's table with them. This is not a bathroom break, a time to check out what is for coffee-hour or

a time to skip out and go to Frisch's. Return to your seat and get ready to face your Lord at the altar!

"Oh my, is that real wine?" Yes, it is. The alcohol count is 18%. But I have never heard of anyone getting drunk on the tiny drop of wine you get during communion. However, if you suffer from alcoholism, you will not want to partake of the wine. In that case, just take the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not want the wine. God is still alive in you and you are blessed!

"When should I make the sign of the cross on my chest?"

Well, in the Episcopal Church we are encouraged to do whatever makes us feel closer to God. There was a time when ancient Christians secretly made the sign of the

cross to identify each other. They were afraid to even speak the words "Christian", or they would suffer death. Now we make the sign of the cross to remember the suffering our ancestors endured to be Christian. Usually it is done when the name of Jesus Christ is said or indicated. If you do not do it you are still a good Christian!

"How do I know when to sit or stand?"

Do what is most comfortable for you. Some stand in reverence for Jesus during the Gospel reading. Some stand during the prayers. Many stand during the hymns. If you are able comfortably to stand when others stand, do so. If not, it is not a sin! Sit it out!!

If you have a question, please *(continued page 2)*

A NOTE TO YOU

Dear Saint Mary's Friends,
Thank you very much for your support with love and prayers through the difficult months of Jim's surgery and recovery. Praise the Lord he is feeling so much better these days. We are excited about a pain-free summer at

Rocky Fork.
Please note our new address. We bought a home 3 miles from our Daughter Abigail and her girls.
Sincerely,
Jim and Susan Price
3525 NE 18 Ave
Cape Coral, FL 33909-7325



Music at
St. Mary's
Concert
this month!

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ask. It gives us all a chance to share our traditions and faith.

Rev. Judi+



MAY 4

COMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE! Saturday, May 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, will be the ECW's Rummage Sale. Clean out those closets, storage rooms and garages! Bring items May 1 & 2.

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.

Time and Talents

"Gifts"

Auction

JUNIOR WARDEN

On Saturday, April 12, God graced us with a beautiful day to work outside. I appreciate the efforts of those who sacrificed part of their Saturday to be the work crew. The following people worked hard cleaning up the grounds around the church and Christian Education Center: Larry Wiley, Larry Addington, Roy Goerler, Deana Flinn, Jan Vosper, Nancy Strawmeyer, Andrea Harner, Dallas Harner, Robbie Harner and Tyler Harner. I got the pleasure of working awhile with the Harner boys and they were so eager to do a good job. A HUGE THANK-YOU to everyone who participated in making St. Mary's shine!

Several people have come to me with things they have noticed at church and the Christian Education Center that need repair and attention, and I thank you for that. I am making a detailed list and those items will be discussed by your Vestry. If you see something that needs attention, please let me know. Getting things repaired always depends on funds. So, don't forget our Celebration of Gifts auction because the money that is made that day goes into the Building and Grounds Fund. (continued on page 5)

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

What a glorious Easter weekend to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! As we welcome May and May flowers, I would like to first reflect back on Holy Week at St. Mary's for those of you who were unable to attend the Seder Meal on Wednesday evening. This was hosted by Jennie Harner at her new home with help from her girls and grandchildren and John Glaze who did such a good job as the Rabbi that I would have thought him to be of the Jewish faith. The children were a big part of the meal as they served the traditional Seder meal and read questions asked of the Rabbi. Thank-you Jennie and family for setting the stage for the remainder of Holy Week with the foot washing and stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday.

Special thanks to Deanna Flinn for helping decorate the church on Saturday for Easter Sunday with beautiful Easter Lily arrangements on the Altar and the windows decorated with lovely colors of primroses and pansies.

Thanks also to John Glaze and Henry Dance for the beautiful guitar music and songs at the 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise service in our Memorial Garden with the birds singing along and finally the wonderful Easter play performed by our Sunday School children under the direction of Phyllis Johnson and her teachers.

Thank-you Lord for providing a beautiful Spring day for us to enjoy.

As your Senior Warden, I would like to provide a little update on how we are functioning since the retirement of our long-time treasurer, Peggy Addington. As many of you know, we are using KMR Bookkeeping, Karen Reno, to handle the bookkeeping and check writing and pay-

rolls for St. Mary's. I am handling the Accounts Payable, which involves getting the bills to her and picking up the checks for signatures and mailing and making sure that a record is kept and that everything is paid on time.

Deanna Flinn is our Accounts Receivable clerk and makes the weekly deposits and gets the information to Karen. So far this system is working beautifully with no problems. We are happy that Peggy is still handling the Outreach and Soup's On accounts. If any of you have questions or concerns that I can address, please call or e-mail me.

I hope everyone will support the upcoming events that are scheduled for May at St. Mary's and thank those who are working on making the fund raisers a success.

Peace be with you,

Jan

MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>KEY: CEC = Christian Ed Center LH = Lacy Hall MG = Memorial Garden SAN = Sanctuary TR = Traffic Room</p>	<p>A = Anniversary B = Birthday</p>					
<p>10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC Birthday & Anniv Obs.</p>	<p>10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH</p>	<p>5:30pm Rector's Study TR B: Sam Harner A: Jane & Mitch Stratton (1987)</p>	<p>10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN</p>	<p>2:00pm EFM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR</p>	<p>6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH B: Jeremiah Ogden</p>	<p>B: Hollis Stevenson B: Bary Ebble</p>
<p>10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC</p>	<p>10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH</p>	<p>5:30pm Rector's Study TR</p>	<p>10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN B: Charlie Starr (1920)</p>	<p>2:00pm EFM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR</p>	<p>6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH</p>	<p>B: Marilyn Varvel</p>
<p>10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC 7:00pm HHS Symphonic Choir Concert SAN</p>	<p>10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH B: Tom George & Robert Shuler</p>	<p>5:30pm Rector's Study TR A: Melissa & Brad Elmore</p>	<p>10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN</p>	<p>2:00pm EFM CEC 6:00pm Women's AA TR</p>	<p>6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH</p>	
<p>10:00am HE II SAN Sunday School CEC</p>	<p>10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH B: Brandon Elmore (1997)</p>	<p>5:30pm Rector's Study TR</p>	<p>10:00am Well Wishers 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN</p>			<p>4:30pm Prayers & Praise 5:00pm SOUP'S ON! B: Robert Harner (2007)</p>



GETTING PERSONAL

A while ago I signed up for “Leading Outreach” and “Effective Evangelism” from the Billy Graham Training Center to get ideas we might use to bring others to God’s Kingdom here in our own community. Fred and I have attended several evangelism clinics, retreats, cell groups, Via De Cristo and prayer groups. The main point in all of these was to share one’s own personal experiences when discussing God with

anyone. Too often we are afraid to get personal lest we offend someone. When you help win someone to Christ, it’s the greatest joy!

We had a neighbor, Julia, who was in her early thirties, still lived with her parents down the street, next to the Gulletts. Julia’s family usually summered in Wisconsin, leaving her home alone. Julia was a college graduate, but had trouble keeping employment because

Karen Vlaskamp

she had epilepsy. One weekend when the Gulletts were out of town, Julia came knocking at our door. I was napping, so Fred invited her in.

Julia told him that we and the Gulletts were so different from other people she knew. She wanted to know why we were different and accepting. Fred explained that, like the Gulletts, we were Christians. We considered Christ *(continued on page 6)*

Serving Schedule for April

MAY	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	TORCH BEARERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTER-CESSOR
04	Jennie Harner	Jim Heathcote	Nancymae Ogden	Judy Franklin	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden	Auction	Betty Heathcote
11	Jan Vosper	Connie Reynolds	Betsy Miller	Andrea Harner	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	Weisenborns	Jennie Harner
18	Paulette Goerler	Peggy Larkin	Paul & Phyllis Johnson	Betsy Miller	Bob Lowell & Lizzy Zumwalde	Paul & Nancy Orth	Alana Miller & Anne Marie Ogden	Wileys	Deanna Flinn
25	Jim Heathcote	Nancy Orth	Andrea Harner	Deanna Flinn	Bob Lowell & Larry Wiley	Peggy & Larry Addington	Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden	Jan Vosper	Betty Heathcote

MUSIC AT ST. MARYS

Plans continue to be made for the 2014-2015 season of MUSIC AT ST. MARY’S. The Vestry has committed to underwrite the series as an outreach of the parish. We want to provide these concerts for the community at no admission charge and exist on donations and free-will offerings collected at each event. Ideally we would like to have funds leftover to support worthy causes such as Soup’s On, etc.

There are costs involved with the series, especially for the professional musicians who will be coming to perform. As I have been working on contacting groups and putting next year’s schedule

together, I have quickly discovered that more hands are needed to make the series successful. To help cover the costs involved, donors need to be invited to join in the support. We need to have a committee formed to help steer the series. We need new ideas to promote the series and put people in the pews! This brings us to the point of the matter!

I am looking for a few willing souls to help shoulder the load. Do you have an interest in the Concert Series? Enjoy fine music and can share your enthusiasm with others? Have great ideas on how we could structure the FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT ST. MARY’S or-

ganization? Ideas on “perks” which could be offered to “FRIENDS”? Please contact me with your offer to volunteer for the series committee.

What’s new since last month? I have settled on a fee with THE ADAGIO TRIO. We are still working on a date for them to come to St. Mary’s. One of the trio lives in Cincinnati, but the other two live in Virginia, so we are working to get a date settled when the Virginia couple will already be in Cincinnati. If you’ve not heard recordings of the group (I first became aware of them in the hearing of one of their recordings on WGUC radio) they perform a variety of music heavy in Celtic sound. The musicians perform with flute, cello and harp. They are certain to be a hit.





We have received a letter from Saint Francis Episcopal Church of Springboro announcing that their priest, The Reverend Edward Thomas Payne, will perform A Song Recital on 16 May at 7:30 P.M. He will sing the works of Scarlatti, Schubert, Wolf, Schumann, Beethoven, Burleigh and

others. Jenny Catalan, a member of St. Francis, will accompany at the piano and tenor, Vincent B. Davis, will join Fr. Ed in a duet from Theodore Dubois' sacred composition, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*.

Fr. Ed was born in Cleveland, was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church. During his junior year of high school, he was awarded First Prize in the Cleveland Oratorio Singing Competition and won the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Award for the Performing Arts as well. Before becoming a priest in The Episcopal Church, Fr. Ed was blessed with having experienced an international career in singing.

Leaving out much information about Fr. Ed's interesting life, it was as he was completing his 14th year on the School of Music Faculty of Ohio University and his two year run of Porgy and Bess at the Met that he finally stopped running from what God was calling him ultimately to do. He answered God's call to the Holy Order of Priesthood, resigned his position at O.U. and "left everything" and followed the call.

The recital is free and open to the public; a freewill offering will occur during the intermission. Seating is limited—doors will open at 6:30 P.M. The church is located at 225 N Main Street (Route 741) in Springboro.

This month I don't have much of a report, but I do have some thoughts I'd like to share.

These are hard times. All around us there are people suffering in many ways: a death of a family member or friend, losing jobs, dealing with health issues, caring for someone with health issues, struggling with our economy that is out of control, or they are alone. Everyone is going through something, whether it's small or monumental. And often we have no idea what the person sitting across the aisle in church is going through, because it's private and not always shared. What would Jesus call us to do in times like these? I have given this much thought, and believe that we all need to be a little more caring, a little more kind. On the news every day we see the awful things that are happening around the world, and it would appear that kindness is in short supply. I believe we can change our little corner of earth and make a big impact by doing some simple things, like performing Random Acts of Kindness. I have been on the receiving end of many of these. Sometimes it was a simple thing; sometimes it was a huge help that I needed at the time. I know that many of you already do kindnesses all the time. I wanted to talk about this, because I know that I can always do more. Can you? Even the smallest gesture can make a huge difference in someone's life. Send a thoughtful card. Send an "I'm thinking of you" email. Telephone someone who lives alone, and ask if he or she needs anything. The next time you bake cookies or make a big pot of soup, share with someone who is no longer able to cook and bake. Pick some of the lovely spring flowers and leave them on a neighbor's doorstep. Open doors for strangers, and smile. The person you smile at may be having a horrible day. That simple gesture of a smile may change the way he or she feels about the rest of the day. These are just suggestions. What will your Random Acts of Kindness be? Having been on the receiving end of Random Acts of Kindness, I must confess that it always happened when I needed it most, and it made a difference for me. So, this month I challenge each of you to go out of your way to do Random Acts of Kindness. Kindness, a form of love, is contagious. I believe if you perform Random Acts of Kindness, you will find yourself on the receiving end. Let's make kindness contagious at St. Mary's! Soon others will follow our example. And wouldn't that be awesome!

Thank you for listening, and thank you for your trust in me as a Vestry member and Junior Warden. Remember: I am always open to listen to your concerns about our church and its business. Phone: 937-393-9040; Email: pgoerler@cinci.rr.com.

Paulette Goerler

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, Eric Hopper, Jarrod Jarrell, Philip Townsend.

These with special needs: Marion Carr, Mary Carson, Dorothy Elble, Shirley Gilliam, Paulette Goerler, Herschel Hook, Bunny Lewis, Nancy & Paul Orth, Cecil Robertson, Ginny Rogers, Esther Russell, Violet Schmidt, Ann Staffeld, Anne Stamps, Robbie Stone, Anne Tieman, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred & Karen Vlaskamp, Merry Jane Wunsch, 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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ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation Sunday will be at Andrea & David's Farm on June 1st at 4pm, potluck dinner following. 11356 St. Rt. 729 New Vienna, OH 45159.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon

GETTING PERSONAL *(continued from page 4)*

the Head of our household, we attended church and Sunday School, but that it was our relationship with Jesus that colored our lives. He gave us joy.

She commented that we seemed happy. Fred told her that's because we have Jesus in our lives. He takes away our sins and forgives us, and He gives us hope for the future. Julia wanted to know how she could have that assurance, too. He lead her through a confession, asking Jesus for forgiveness and asking Jesus to come into her life.

Julia returned several times for more information. She joined a church, and prayed for God's direction. She found joy. She got a job mentoring Senior Citizens in a foster grandparent program where she's worked for the last twenty years. She shares God's love with those she meets. What she needed was that personal relationship!

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.