



# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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### A Word from Our Rector

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The Church is NOT dying! I hear so much today that the younger generations find the church stuffy and out of touch with the world. The Church is dying, they say. I disagree!

First of all, the church is not a building. It is not the pews, the stained-glass windows, or the materials in the Book of Common Prayer or hymnal. The church is, however, the people who attend! The church is the seekers as well as the explorers. The

church wonders and solves issues and stays up-to-date on all aspects of the world. We preach world poverty, terrorism, drought, educating our kids worldwide. I network with a lot of people who are as concerned with the world and its demise as anyone else. But, we, the church, refuse to see only the face of disaster in the people of today. I'm wondering if the voices of our apocalyptic movies and television shows shade us into thinking the

whole world is doomed! Not so!

The church is us, plain and simple. We gather together to draw strength from each other. We network with our church family in order to recharge after a stressful week. At St Mary's, I know I will receive a smile and "How are you?" each Sunday morning no matter who it is. This is my church. This is my support system and this is my life! I cannot imagine a world *with* (continued on page 2)

### SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

One Sunday a young man entered our church. There was nothing outstanding about him, and his clothes showed a lot of wear....like he had been wearing them a long time. The service was already in progress so the ushers were seated and paying attention to the service. I sat there and watched the man off and on while I was reading. He didn't have a bulletin, he didn't grab a book. He just sat. I don't know why but, I was immediately suspicious of this young man. I wondered: *Did he choose our church to hide from something? Was he going to rob us?* Nothing good came to my mind. Now usually someone would come up to a new-

comer and give them a bulletin or offer assistance in some way. But no one did. Maybe no one noticed him. I wanted to go up to him and help but I didn't....because of my suspicions. After a while he left. I was still suspicious so I left my seat and went back to check the nursery and the back door thinking that he was coming in the back to steal or harm someone. I never saw the young man again.

I often think back on that Sunday and wonder what would have happened if I had offered some help to the young man. I think I would have been better for it, but I often wonder if he would have. Would my gesture of

coming up to him in church and offering a hand made a difference to him? Maybe a difference in his life? My fear and my suspicion kept me from doing what I should have done. Kept me from doing the right thing.

I wonder if anyone else remembers that Sunday. Does anyone else wish they had gone up to that newcomer and offered help? Does anyone else which they had done something different that day?

That Sunday I don't remember the sermon, the lessons or the songs. I don't remember if I stayed for coffee hour, and if I did who I might have talked to. I don't (continued on page 2)

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Rev Judi and Larry will be combining a business trip with a vacation.** On April 30, we will leave to go to a National Appalachian Ministry Board meeting in Asheville, NC. Then on Saturday, May 2, we will travel to Omaha to visit Larry's mom, Pearl, and stay until Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be back on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe travel for us as we join others on the highways and byways!

**12 Women of the Bible** series begins Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Telfair Room. You won't want to miss this newly acclaimed series that looks at the lives of 12 women who influenced the ancient world. A DVD and discussion questions will help us look at each woman in detail. Call Rev Judi with questions.

The **Task Force** meeting for May is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the EfM Room.

**Pentecost** is Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is traditionally known as the birthday of the church. In Acts 2:1-13, we learn about the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples as the wind and fire from heaven. (This is why we wear red, to represent the red flames.) The dove kite will be flown and we will celebrate the movement of God in the lives of the disciples and in our

lives today! Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because the disciples were call out to all the world to create the church of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate!!!

This year, we have two high school seniors graduating; **Lizzy Zumwalde and Tom Zumwalde**. Both students have spent time in our church as either acolytes and/or teaching our children in Sunday school. We have truly been blessed by these two young people. However, we are not losing them, they will be living close by in school or work. So, to honor them, we will celebrate Lizzy and Tom with a special Worship Sunday on May 31<sup>st</sup> at St Mary's. Be sure to come and offer support and love as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Special Coffee Hour planned.

**EfM Graduation** is Sunday, June 7 during worship. We have three students who have completed all four years.

**Rummage Sale at St Mary's** is moved to Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Save your treasures to help us have a successful sale. Money goes to buy coffee and supplies for the church. Remember: one man's trash is another man's treasure!

## Senior Warden *(continued)*

remember who was at church that day except for Rev. Judi, me and the stranger. I think the lesson that God wanted me to learn that day was how to accept people as they are and to reach out to them; how the best lessons are not always spoken by the priest or the reader of the day. I remember that moment in church more than any of the moments that I have had in church since. And I'm sorry that I didn't do something different; that I didn't go up to the newcomer and give him a bulletin or sit beside him and offer help. God knows that I'm sorry because I know that I have thought it many times since that Sunday.

Since that Sunday, I hope that I am more observant and watch for new people coming in. And, if you remember that Sunday, did you learn any lessons that day? Do you regret not helping a stranger? Are you more accepting of people as they are and are you reaching out to them? The most terrible part of this is ....it could have been Jesus walking in the door....and we ignored him.

*Paulette*

Senior Warden

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## A Word *(continued)*

out that support system. I get a glimpse of that other world as I read Revelation.

So are we dying? No, not by a long shot! We, the church, work hard to feed the hungry each month at Soup's On. We, the church, visit each other and call on each other to make sure each of us is OK. And we the church, care about our world, each other and what happens here on earth. Does that sound like dying to you? Not me!

So, could we do more? Of course! Could we be a better church, yes? Could we make less mistakes and shout out Alleluias at a higher octave? YES! But we are not dying. I know I am not dying and I can vouch for many of you at the church!

So let's stop this rumor that the church is dying and get to work and prove we are still alive and kicking!

*Rev. Judi+*

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## HELP WANTED!

I am seeking a team of two people, husband and wife, or two friends, or two enemies, or even two strangers that have a few hours once a month to go over the kitchen area with some tender loving care. The day and time will totally be your choice.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you might have, then say yes. Thank you very, very much. Our kitchen thanks you too!

Mildred S. May 859-663-7071

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## MOTHER'S DAY

Our May bulletin board theme is "The Whole World Needs Mothering". Bring in a photograph of you and your Mother, Aunt, or another much loved woman who raised and guided you. Let's celebrate their life this month in recognition of Mother's Day. Angie Martin

# ▶ May 2015

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

**1**  
 Women's Day of Prayer  
 Rev. Judi's day off  
 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

**2**  
 B: Jeremiah Ogden

**8**  
 Rev. Judi's day off  
 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

**9**

**7**  
 6:00pm Women's Alanon

**6**  
 10:00am Well Wishers  
 12:00pm Healing Service  
 1:00pm EFM  
 B: Sam Harner

**5**  
 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

**4**  
 5:00pm TOPS LH  
 B: Hollis Stevenson  
 B: Gary Elble

**3**  
 10:00am Morning Pr  
 B: Hollis Stevenson  
 B: Gary Elble

**15**  
 Rev. Judi's day off  
 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

**16**

**14**  
 6:00pm Women's Alanon  
 B: Charlie Stair

**13**  
 10:00am Well Wishers  
 12:00pm Healing Service  
 1:00pm EFM

**12**  
 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

**11**  
 5:00pm TOPS LH

**10**  
 10:00am Morning Pr  
 B: Hollis Stevenson  
 B: Gary Elble

**22**  
 Rev. Judi's day off  
 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

**23**

**21**  
 6:00pm Women's Alanon

**20**  
 10:00am Well Wishers  
 12:00pm Healing Service  
 1:00pm EFM  
 A: Melissa & Brad Elmore

**19**  
 5:30pm Rector's Study TR  
 B: Tom George  
 B: Robert Shuler

**18**  
 11:00am Scioto Valley  
 Clergy Gathering @ St.  
 Mary's  
 B: Marilyn Varvel  
 5:00pm TOPS LH

**17**  
 10:00am HEIL  
 Vestry Meeting  
 7:00pm MASM Concert  
 B: Marilyn Varvel

**29**  
 Rev. Judi's day off  
 6:00 & 8:00pm AA

**30**

**28**  
 6:00pm Women's Alanon

**27**  
 10:00am Well Wishers  
 12:00pm Healing Service  
 1:00pm EFM

**26**  
 5:30pm Rector's Study TR  
 B: Brandon Elmore

**25**  
 5:00pm TOPS LH

**24**  
 10:00am HEIL  
 Auction

**31** HUNGER SUNDAY

10:00am HEIL  
 Honor Seniors  
 B: Robert Harner  
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\*\*\* 31 May—Special Offering for Soup's On

San = Ssanctuary  
 LH = Lacy Hall  
 CEC = Christian Education Center  
 TR = Telfair Room



# BECAUSE HE LIVES

**Karen Vlaskamp**

*“You have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 1:6-7)*

I thought I knew a lot about being a follower of Jesus Christ. Fred and I have attended several churches that had excellent Bible Studies, cell groups, prayer partners and adult Sunday School classes. I learn more when I prepare for my Sunday School class here at St. Mary's.

Three years ago I joined EfM and learned even more. Not only can I think

like a Jew to better understand the Old Testament, but I also see how God's plan for our salvation was expressed through the prophets. My New Testament knowledge moved from head knowledge to heart knowledge. I know my old self died with Christ at Baptism. I am a new creation that continues to grow spiritually day by day. I know I belong to Jesus; I know where I'm going when I leave this earth. I'll rise again to join with the other saints in Heaven. So, I'm not worried about my heart.

Adverse circumstances are designed to help us develop spiritually. Every time

we face a trial we have an opportunity to move up to another level of spiritual growth. I felt relief, comfort and love when I attended a healing service here at St. Mary's before my visit to the hospital. The laying on of hands and prayers were a mighty revelation! I'm blessed! To be blessed is to be spiritually satisfied with the results of something. I can persevere because I know Jesus lives, I am His, and He is with me always.

*Karen Vlaskamp*

## Serving Schedule for MAY

MAY	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR	TORCH BEARER
3	Paulette Goerler	n/a	Andrea Harner	Judy Franklin	Jan Vosper	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote	n/a
10	Jan Vosper	n/a	Betsy Miller	Andrea Harner	Randy Martin	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Jim & BJ Gee	Deanna Flinn	n/a
17	Paul Orth	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley	BJ Gee	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	Open	Mildred May	Alana Miller
24	Jennie Harner	Larry Wiley	Larry Wiley	Deanna Flinn	Randy Martin Angie Martin	Larry & Peggy Addington	Open	Paulette Goerler	Lily Martin
31	Larry Addington	Nancy Orth	Andrea Harner	Jan Vosper	Larry Wiley Lizzy Zumwalde	Mildred May Paulette Goerler	Open	Deanna Flinn	Alana Miller

## Congratulations to our May Graduates!

In discussing a scholarship gift to our two graduating seniors, Lizzie and Tom Zumwalde at our recent vestry meeting, we thought it a good idea to ask members of the congregation if they would like to make a donation towards the scholarships. In recent years, we have given a \$500.00 gift to a member of our congregation that is graduating from high school and this year we are fortunate to have a brother and sister who have been a major part of our church family and have been very faithful servants to St. Mary's.

Rev. Judi has selected Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> as recognition Sun-

day for our graduates and will be presenting the gifts to Tom and Lizzy at our worship service. Please join me in making a contribution toward their gifts and showing our support for them as they move on to further their education and training for future employment. Contributions can be given to Deanna Flinn or Rev. Judi. Thanks to all of you in advance for your generosity and caring.

Jan

## SOUL MUSIC

Where did He go that rainy night?  
I venture to even guess.  
Suppose He went to meet His God  
To calm His pain and stress.

The day was long and filled with fright,  
And control was taken away.  
But Jesus didn't refuse to die,  
For darkness would turn to day.

We can find Him in the garden,  
Or on a crowd street.  
We find Him in our quietness,  
Hidden for only us to meet.

Our Jesus is inside our heart,  
Inside our *everything*.  
He creates in us a loving soul  
And a prayer upon a wing.

*Rev. Judi Wiley*

### The KLASSIFIED

We have a new section in our newsletter starting next month. It is called The Klassified. It's a space that is designated for anything that you might want to give away or sell. Anything you might want to trade? Perhaps you have something you no longer want but perhaps someone in our church could use. Are you are looking for help with yard work? Cleaning out the garage?...etc.... A member might have a grandchild looking for a summer jobs.

Not certain if your ad/need will fit? Please feel free to call me or catch me at church.

Mildred S. May 859-663-7071

### OUTREACH OBSERVATIONS

Many of you are participants in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and have received an e-mail that reregistration is required this year. If you have not received the e-mail and you are a participant and want to continue your participation be sure to go to [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com) and reregister. If you are not now a participant and have no idea what I am talking about, here is a little history. For the past several years Kroger has been distributing \$4,000,000 to registered Cincinnati area charities. The amount distributed is based on a percentage of the number of dollars spent at Kroger by registered shoppers. St. Mary's is a registered charity and our number is 81162. Go to [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com) to enroll. Then every time you shop all you need to do is swipe your Kroger Plus Card.

Peggy Addington

## MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

**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.

**MAY 17—7:00pm HHS SYMPHONIC CHOIR**

This has been a wonderful CONCERT SERIES and provided by St. Mary's as a gift to our community. Offerings by those attending the concerts and others in our community and in our parish have been generous and we have been able to cover all the costs of the series.

I am currently working on next year's series and have been starting to contact groups. One of the groups is similar to one which we had this year and one is EXTREMELY different! "Stay tuned" for updates!

Did you attend each concert? Did you attend any concerts? We need your support in the form of your attendance. For St. Mary's to be successful as a church, when we have events of this type, folks who attend the concert series should be welcomed and get the feeling that, if they might be seeking a church home, this would definitely be one they would like to consider. At a former church I attended, we had a big, involved production and one of my friends who attended commented that from the time they arrived and found a seat until they left, not one person greeted them nor tried to make them feel welcome. We don't want to leave that impression on anyone!

The old saying that you only have one chance to make a first impression is very true. Decide that every week will be your week to be the welcoming committee. Repeat this mantra, "If it is to be, it's up to ME!"

*John Glaze*

## PRAYER LIST

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

*Eric & Katie Aurigema, Carson Bickel, Ray Butt, Georgetown Veterans' Home-residents & staff, Shirley Gilliam, Paul Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Margaret Lyons, Nancy Orth, Rick Roush, Cecil Robertson, Ellen Shinkle, Anne Staffeld, Anne Stamps, Ann Tieman, Jackie Tucker, Lynne Turnbull, Mary Brown Turner, Jane Turner, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp,*

*Those in the military: Daryl Easler, Kelly Easler*

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**26 APR  
17 MAY**

## Trivia Time!

Which of these was NOT one of the founders of St. Mary's?

- A. George Beecher
- B. William O. Collins
- C. Carleton Sams
- D. William H. Trimble

Who served as our first rector?

- A. Rev. John Boyd
- B. Rev. John Carson
- C. Rev. Noah Schenck
- D. Rev. ZeBarney Phillips

Who was the first organist known to serve St. Mary's?

- A. Herman Zane
- B. Ralph Vance
- C. Sara Murphy
- D. Meta Wright

Who donated the marble altar?

- A. George & Nannie Beecher in memory of Harriet Beecher Stowe
- B. Rev. John McKenzie in memory of his sister, Ida Hammond
- C. Col. & Mrs. Oliver Collins in memory of Caspar Collins
- D. Rev. Louis Durr, in memory of his parents

Answers to last month's trivia:

1. C; 2. B; 3. C; 4. B

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

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