



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Rector

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Music at
St. Mary's
Concert Series

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Only One More

07 May is the date of the final MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S Concert. Southern State Singers will be here for their Spring Concert. The concert features a wide variety of music. Contemporary, folk tunes, swing and show tunes.

So many blessings are being scattered on St. Mary's church and people. It forces us to stop and remember "whose" we are! We belong to the resurrected Jesus and that is no small promise!

Blessings come to us as miracles. Every day and in every way we receive miracles. Here is all it takes to receive a miracle.

Love your neighbor. That love that passes all understanding allows for mistakes, misjudgments, sin and all things needing forgiveness. And if we love our neighbor, we must be ready to forgive. The stirring of the Holy Spirit will help us pass through the bad times and move into the good. Then we can forgive with our whole heart. Miracles flourish in this atmosphere of love and forgiveness.

Communicate with God. Some say that their life is a prayer, and they don't need to pray, but I find that hard to believe. Prayer is conditional that we intend to link up with the Trinity in some way. So, to live your life and move about this world without fully engaging with God in prayer is like drinking from an empty glass. Furthermore, to receive a miracle, you must, however long you choose, directly connect with God in Prayer. Do it daily, hourly, by the minute or second, and you will not sever that connection to God. Watch for miracles!

Serve God. Now I believe people who do not serve God are still blessed, but the fruit of your blessings make you **want** to serve God. We were not created to live alone. We must participate in some way with the world. So, serving God means serving others. Even if you smile and wish someone well, you are serving a purpose. So, as easy as that is, why not

find a bigger cause to make a difference in the world. Join Well-Wishers. Come to church. Serve as an acolyte or reader. Be on Altar Guild. Do something! Miracles happen when you serve.

Read the Word of God. The stories are ancient, but true. The lessons learned are important today as when they were written. Some stories are hard to understand and those are the ones you read over and over again to find the truth. The Bible is meant to be savored and enjoyed and thought through, not taken literally and as a historical document. Some characters did exist but most stories were written to teach us about the ways of God. Open your mind and heart and study the Word as if your life depended on it.....because it does! Miracles happen when we understand the Word.

During the summer months, we will explore each of these methods for receiving miracles in our Rector's Study on Monday's at 3 pm in the Conference Room as well as devoting EfM time to renew our commitment to study. EfM time is Thursday evening at 6 pm in the Conference Room. There is no cost to either study and you are welcome to join in when you can. Starts the week of June 5th, and goes every week during the summer.

Rev. Judi+

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: Again this summer we will hear the reflections of our lay preachers. Our goal is to give a forum to every member of the Body in good standing who wishes the opportunity to publicly reflect on the Gospel lesson. All members wishing to reflect on the Gospel must first get permission from Rev Judi. We will have five open dates for these reflections. All, of course, are Sundays. June 18th, July 9th, July 29th, August 6th, and August 27th. Please give Rev Judi a call if you are interested in preaching on one of these dates!

LAY WEEDERS: We are looking for someone(s) to keep our Memorial Garden weeded and tidy. Many people from the community stop by and sit for a few minutes remembering those who have gone before. Please let Rev Judi know if this is something you would like to do. We also have

SERVERS NEEDED! We are in need of more Sunday morning servers (Acolytes, Chalice bearers, Ushers, and cross carriers). Please volunteer to be trained! See Rev Judi+

EASTER THANKS! Thank you to all who worked overtime to make our Easter Holy Week a beautiful worship. It was amazing!

THE CHOIR: Please join our choir! They sang on Easter Sunday and it was beautiful. Practice each Sunday morning at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary. See Carolinn Shibley to join!



more flower gardens on our church property that need attention. If playing in the dirt is

fun for you, let Rev Judi know!

Carolinn Shibley to join!

Serving Schedule for MAY

ALTAR GUILD: Martha Gorman & Carolinn Shibley

MAY	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
7	Sandy Ferrell	Bob Lowell	Debby Shuler	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	OPEN	Lynn Lowell
14	Connie Reynolds	Nancy Orth	Larry Wiley	Bob Lowell Noah Eaton	Carol & John Joy	OPEN	Sandy Ferrell
21	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	Larry Wiley Noah Eaton	Peggy & Larry Addington	OPEN	Betty Heathcote
28	Lynn Lowell	Larry Wiley	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Bob Lowell Noah Eaton	Carol & John Joy	OPEN	Sandy Ferrell

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San = Sanctuary
LH = Lacy Hall
TR = Telfair Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3:00pm Rector's Study 5:00pm TOPS LH		10:00am Well Wishers TR	6:00pm OA LH 6:00pm Women's AA TR	7:00pm AA LH	9:00am Rummage Sale
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NEW BUILDING UPDATE



Doors & Windows



JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

This is my first report as the new Jr. Warden. I am giving you a heads up on what the priorities are for the coming year. Now that we have new HVAC system throughout the old building, we hope all notice the difference in temperatures. We spent almost \$14,000.00 in the last two years on repairs to the old system. The new system comes with ten-year warranty.

This year we will focus on the following building needs, in order of importance:

Termites have visited us and we are addressing this issue immediately. We want visitors, but not the kind that eat our floors.

Repair and repaint outside wood trim on front of building.

Restore and repair steeple.

Get estimate to repair and repaint the rest of outside wood trim on building.

Get estimates on repairing areas where the heating grids were removed.

Get estimates on interior painting of building.

We plan to repair one stain glass window each year. The Vestry established a line item in the yearly budget until all are repaired.

This will be a labor of love.

Charlie Gorman

CHOIRS THROUGH THE YEARS



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

The first Junior Warden of St. Mary's was J. M. Boyd, through whose indefatigable and devoted labors the services and ministrations of the church were kept going during the frequent periods St. Mary's was without a rector. Here are the words of Mr. Durr who knew him well: "Mr. Boyd was one of the founders and first Junior Warden. And then for a period of almost 50 years he served as Senior Warden. In the absence of rectors and during the interregnums he buried the dead, and even in extreme cases, baptized the children. He was the father of the community, beloved by all, regardless of age, color, or religion. Each new rector was received with enthusiasm and had his sympathetic support. On my arrival in the parish, he took me over the entire town, introducing me to St. Mary's parishioners and fellow-townsmen. To him the field was the community as far as St. Mary's was concerned. His little frizzled horse and phaeton were a parish institution. For more than half a century he was St. Mary's most loyal, enthusiastic and devoted supporter."

The history of St. Mary's Church would not be complete without mentioning the loyal and dependable services of its women. Mrs. George B. Beecher was a woman beloved not only in her own church, but throughout the whole community. Of her it is said that



"she was a remarkable church-woman. She was superbly generous, giving freely of herself, her time, and her money". January, 1928, the Parish honored her by electing her a member of the Vestry. She was the first and only woman who has served on the Vestry of St. Mary's.

The many and various benevolent activities of St. Mary's churchwomen have been preeminently admirable. "Surely," says Mrs. M. B. Yeoman, "the women of St. Mary's have needled and cooked their way into Paradise".

In addition to the men and women already mentioned, there have been others whose dauntless hearts and sacrificial devotion cannot be forgotten. The names Scott, Morgan, Bell, Doggett, Pfarr, Doebele, Mathews, Hall, Ayres, Lacy, Muntz, Mullenix, Utman and many others will always be associated with long and faithful service in St. Mary's history. Edwin B. Ayres, Senior, was church sexton for more than 30 years; Sara Murphy, church organist for 40 years; Hazel Mullenix chorister for 47 years; Madge Utman church school teacher for 47 years; Meta Wright church organist for 20 years; and C. M. Lacy vestryman and warden for 20 years.

About 87 years ago a woman named Ellen Dorney, who had newly arrived from England, abandoned a two-year-old little girl at the Hillsboro railroad station. She said she was the child's mother, but was believed to be the child's nurse. According to the train conductor, the woman pushed the sobbing child from her, then boarded the train, shouting "Whoever wants this child can have her. I don't want to be bothered any more." From that day the woman vanished from the child's life. But a few good-hearted ladies of St. Mary's Episcopal church came to the child's rescue, making sure that she would be well-cared for. Among them were Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. John A. Smith, Mrs. Shenck, the rector's wife,

together with Mother Thompson. They arranged with a motherly widow named Mrs. Harper to take care of little Sarah Dorney as she came to be called, and they kept her well-clad in lovely clothes they made for her. Prof. Isaac Sams, Senior Warden of St. Mary's, tried to locate little Sarah's folks for her, at his own expense, but failed. He believed, however, that she was descended from nobility, and that Ellen Dorney, her nurse, had brought the child who was in line for an inheritance, to America, to lose her when opportunity presented itself, and thus make way for an ambitious male-relative. The scheme worked, and the mystery is as deep as ever, for little Sarah Dorney, who later became Mrs. Sarah Dorney Stroup, died a few years ago, still seeking an answer to the question "Who am I?".

This story is but one example of the fine Christian service rendered by the pioneers of St. Mary's Church, and we have reason to believe that this Christ-like spirit is not dead in their successors.

The beautiful window back of the pulpit is the gift of the late Rev. John H. McKenzie, in memory of his sister who sang in the choir when he was church organist. It not only recalls to mind the loyal souls who have served St. Mary's as organists and choristers, but brings to mind the great ministry of music in Church worship, "as a means of washing away from the soul the dust of everyday life".

The next three windows may be called "The Big Three", for they represent the big three graces or elements of Christianity—faith, hope and love. The Faith window was given in memory of Arabella M. Boyd; the Hope window in memory of James Wadman Smith and Lucy Reamy Smith; the Charity window in memory of Catherine W. Collins and her children Jasper (Caspar) and Josephine. It is told that Jasper (Caspar) was killed and scalped in battle with the Indians, and that when his mother saw the ghastly sight, her hair turned white overnight. (continued next month)

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MORE CHOIRS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY
SCHOOL 10:00 am