

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

November 2014

A Word from Our Rector

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Hillsboro, OH 45133

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1st Peter tells us; "You have not seen Christ, but still you love him. You cannot see him now, but you believe in him. So you are filled with a joy that cannot be explained, a joy full of glory."

Several words pop out at me. The first is Glory. A joy full of glory. What a gift we have been given by our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only do we love him but he gives us glory as well. Glory is the unexplained 'halleluiah' that bubbles up inside of us as we come closer to Jesus in our prayers, our ways and our lives. I remember once, as a child, that feeling of jumping all over the room because I had received a gift or a visit from a relative! I just couldn't contain my joy! I giggled and laughed and jumped as high as I could! That's how it feels

to receive the glory of God. Filled with joy and wonder.

The second phrase that jumps out for me is "You cannot see him now, but you believe....." That is pure faith. We experience faith as we struggle to understand this life and world. We have faith when we wake up each morning that God will greet us during our day and bless each minute. Faith is the knowledge of what is unseen but believed. We cannot see Jesus but have the knowledge that he is there, waiting to hold us and comfort us. He strives to guide and council us in our everyday encounters. We must believe in that faith and trust that Jesus is there, even though we cannot see him.

If 1st Peter can give us this

revelation, we must follow through by believing in God and the Bible. Many lessons in the Bible will lead us to a happier life and a more blessed journey here on earth.

Rev. Judi+

CONCERTS in a COUNTRY CHURCH

02 NOV—3:00pm

St. Colman Catholic Church
Washington CH
Music of Vivaldi and Faure

The choir of St. Colman will be joined by the choir of First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro

GOOD SAMARITANS

THANK YOU ST. MARY'S GOOD SAMARITANS

Thank you for your tremendous response helping to assure the homeless continue to receive aid at the Shelter. This project has been expanded to all of the Highland County churches.

By the way, I did not tell you that the Homeless Shelter is celebrating its tenth anniversary of continuous operation. You can contribute anytime by designating donations for the benefit of the Shelter or by sending directly to:

Highland County Homeless Shelter
145 Homestead Avenue
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Who do you believe in Jesus' parable felt most rewarded? The man who was helped, or, the Good Samaritan?

Thanks again,

Larry Addington

MUSIC AT
ST. MARY'S
2014-2015
needs you!

LOOKING AHEAD

EfM has moved to Wednesdays! The class meets in the EfM room in the CEC at 1 pm.

Diocesan Convention begins November 14th and runs through Nov 15th. Each year all clergy and lay delegates are invited to spend two days with the Bishop and the Diocesan staff in making decisions on issues and concerns of the diocese and the National Church. A 2015 Budget will be voted on at this time also. Your delegates this year are Judy Franklin, Larry Wiley, Jan Vosper and Paulette Goerler. Please see any one of them to make comments to them to take back to convention. Also, thanks to all volunteers who have agreed to help out with registration this year. The Convention is held at Chillicothe's Shoemaker Center, Chillicothe Ohio. If you would like to be a delegate at next year's convention, be present at our Annual meeting at St Mary's in January and volunteer!

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service

will be held at First Baptist Church on November 23rd at 7:00 pm. Various churches in the Hillsboro area will be participating. This is a special way to celebrate Thanksgiving with our neighbors.

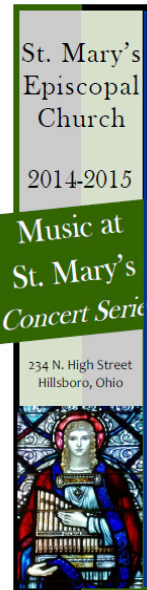
November 30th will be **Advent One**. This year we will have a carry-in and special worship service on Wednesdays. Watch for details in next month's Red Door.

If you or someone you know goes into hospital or a rehab/nursing facility, please let Rev Judi know. We have many people who will visit them, including Rev. Judi, if we know where they are staying. Folks often think that clergy somehow know these things. It isn't so! Someone must inform them!

Special Collections:

November 9—"Day of Change" collection will go to Samaritan Outreach Services

November 30—"Hunger Sunday" collection will go to Soup's On



A Concert of
Early Music
November 23
3:00 pm
Collegium
Musicum and
My Musical
Friends
from
Wilmington
College

*Can you help pass out programs?
Will you be an unofficial greeter
and give a smile and a "howdy"
to our guests? Will you tell at
least 10 friends about our Music
at St. Mary's Concert Series?
The success of our Concert Series
is up to you!*

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

As I look at my liturgical calendar for the month of November, I see that we still have almost a month of what the Altar Guild calls, "the long green season of Pentecost" and on the last Sunday of November we start a new calendar year for our church with the first Sunday of Advent on November 30th. I look forward to the change in the church colors and what it signifies in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child. As I look forward to this wonderful season in our church year, I want to let go of talking to you about all the problems we face at St. Mary's, with our building and always asking for money or help in solving those problems.

I hope that you will appreciate the following article taken from one of my old issues of the National Altar Guild Association's Newsletter that was reprinted from the St. James, Jackson Newsletter of July 1, 1992. It reads:

MOTHER TRIED TO TELL ME... AND I JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN

The secret to happy living is not to do what you like, but to like what you do. Hatred can be an acid that does more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured. Use the talent you possess... For the woods would be very silent if no birds sang, except the best. You can give without loving...but you can never love without giving. We are never more discontented with others than when we are discontented with ourselves. It doesn't matter if you're in the right track...you will still get run over if you don't keep moving. Love is like the five loaves and two fishes....It doesn't start to multiply until you give it away. If you trust...you don't worry. If you

worry....you don't trust. Strength is the charm of a man....and charm is the strength of a woman. If God had wanted us to be permissive. He would have given us the Ten Suggestions. Real Friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't think you've done a permanent job. To handle yourself use your head; to handle others, use your heart. A friend is one who comes in when the whole world has gone out. Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well.

My prayer and wish is that each and everyone of you will enter the Advent Season with hope and joy in your heart. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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November 2014

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

1

2 10:00am HE II SAN
Day of Change collection goes to Samaritan Outreach

3 10:00am Art Guild LH
5:00pm TOPS LH

4 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

5 10:00am Well Wishers TR
12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN
1:00pm EFM

6 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR
B: Amy Schneider

7 6:30pm AA LH
8:00pm AA LH

8 B: Alison Stratton
A: Esther Russell & Kelly Fenner

9 10:00am HE II SAN
6:00pm Benefit Concert
B: Stephanie Habig
B: Dorothy Elble

10 10:00am Art Guild LH
5:00pm TOPS LH

11 5:30pm Rector's Study TR
B: Tyler Harner

12 10:00am Well Wishers TR
12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN
1:00pm EFM

13 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR
B: David Harner

14 6:30pm AA LH
8:00pm AA LH
DIOCESE CONVENTION

15 DIOCESE CONVENTION
B: Mildred May
B: Shirley Gilliam

16 10:00am HE II SAN
B: John Robert McCann

17 10:00am Art Guild LH
5:00pm TOPS LH

18 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

19 10:00am Well Wishers TR
12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN
1:00pm EFM

20 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR

21 6:30pm AA LH
8:00pm AA LH
B: Jane Stratton

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23 10:00am HE II SAN
3:00pm MASM CONCERT
7:00pm Comm. Thanksgiving Service
B: Melissa Elmore

24 10:00am Art Guild LH
5:00pm TOPS LH
B: Paul Orth
B: Brad Elmore

25 5:30pm Rector's Study TR

26 10:00am Well Wishers TR
12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN
1:00pm EFM

27 6:00pm Women's Alanon TR
B: Nany Ogden

28 6:30pm AA LH
8:00pm AA LH

29 4:30pm Praise Time
5:00pm Soup's On
A: BJ & Jim Gee
B: Mitch Stratton

30 ADVENT 1
10:00am HE II SAN
Hunger Sunday—collection for Soup's On
Carry-in Dinner

STEWARDSHIP AND FIRST-FRUITS GIVING *Karen Vlaskamp*

Christ criticized the Pharisees and the scribes for calling attention to their meticulous giving while at the same time disregarding the “weightier matters of the law.” At no time were the first-century Christians commanded to pay tithes. Instead of giving fixed amounts, Christians were to contribute “according to what a person has,” giving “as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Some people treat financial stewardship as a kind of “membership dues” to make the budget. Then there are those who know that all we have belongs to

God. They give generously out of thanks. They give first to honor all that He’s done for us. They come to worship God first and enjoy the fellowship as a fruit of their action. They share the joy that God is in us and pray that we raise a Holy Church to do what He calls us to do, minister to one another, the community, and the body at large.

Since joining the church thirty-three years ago, Fred and I have been “first-fruits givers.” We are proud to be part of God’s family and we give out of thanks for all the grace He extended to us. To those who are given much, much is expected. We received more and more of

God’s blessings, never fearing for the future! He granted our prayers for a son, made it possible to adopt one of our foster daughters, provided for five children for Compassion International; He made it possible to move to an area of excellent schools, and prospered Fred’s business. Now that we are living on Social Security, we still make ends meet. God has blessed us again and again!

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for NOVEMBER

NOV	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
2	Jan Vospier	Nancy Orth	Karen Vlaskamp	BJ Gee	Larry Wiley Lizzy Zumwalde	Peggy & Larry Addington	Open	Deanna Flinn
9	Paul Orth	Connie Reynolds	Andrea Harner	Judy Franklin	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Carol & John Joy	Open	Larry Addington
16	Jan Vosper	Jim Heathcote	Larry Wiley	Deanna Flinn	Lizzy Zumwalde Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Open	Betty Heathcote
23	Paul Orth	Connie Reynolds	Betsy Miller	Deanna Flinn	Larry Wiley Lizzy Zumwalde	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Open	Karen Vlaskamp
30	Jim Heathcote	Nancy Orth	Phyllis & Paul Johnson	Jan Vosper	Bob Lowell Larry Wiley	Peggy & Larry Addington	Open	Paulette Goerler

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Music at
St. Mary's
Concert Series

234 N. High Street
Hillsboro, Ohio



Around 55—that’s the approximate attendance for the first MUSIC AT ST. MARY’S CONCERT. Not bad, but I would certainly like to see better. Some people tell me they don’t read the local papers. We have no local radio station. How can we get the word out? If you have ideas on this, please let me know!

The next concert is coming up this month: A Concert of Early Music presented by Collegium Musicum and My Musical Friends, both from Wilmington College. What can you expect to hear? Madrigals and motets, lively dance music, music of voices as well as music played on early music instruments, such as recorders.

The director of these groups is Elizabeth (Liz) Haskins. I knew her in 1968 as Liz Brookie. We were both in the All Ohio Youth Choir and traveled to Europe together in

the Europe Touring Choir that summer. (We had been in the State Fair Choir in 1967, however, with about 350 in the choir, you don’t get to know everybody.) Now, flash forward to the late 1970s and Lynn Lowell would tell me about “Elizabeth Haskins” who was a voice teacher with Wilmington College. I pictured a blue-haired elderly lady and seldom thought more about it. One day, Lynn said she’d been talking to Elizabeth Haskins and had mentioned my name and Mrs. Haskins had said that she thought she might know me. Then Lynn mentioned the Youth Choir. At that point, I asked if she might go by the name “Liz” and if her maiden name was Brookie. It all turned out to be the case and that’s how I came to find out that the “blue-haired lady” I had imagined was actually a much younger gal with red hair!

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S REPORT

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Elizabeth Haskins
(Liz Brookie)

It's a small world, they say, and that certainly proved to be true with Liz.

The early music groups you will hear will be entertaining—a memory of the old “Madrigal Dinners” at the Hillsboro Church of Christ may well come to mind as you listen to these groups. While not a recent photo of her group, the group below is one of Liz’s from a previous year. Although I don’t have the program of music they will be doing yet, I would imagine you will hear several pieces of Christmas music, along with standards of the era.



I still need your help. If you remember, last month I asked for your assistance in promoting our concert series. Did you follow through with your task? Each and every concert will need your help in promotion. I have had printed up many of our concert brochures. You are welcome to take as many as you will pass out to your friends, at your place of employment, the beauty shop, club meetings, neighbors, etc. Word of mouth publicity usually proves to be the most effective.

So far, we have received \$77.00 in donations at Jim McLaughlin’s Organ Recital and \$75.00 in a check from one of the attendees who had no money with him that day. Our costs for the concert series is at least \$900 for performers and more for honorariums given to the performers who asked no fee. Without taking money from your pledged tithe, if you can help our concert series, we would appreciate it! JMG

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!



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.

These with special needs: Barbara Bott, Emmaus Walks, Georgetown Veterans’ Home-Staff & Residents, Carole Gilliam, Phyllis Johnson, Bob Leydig, Frank Lowe, Margaret Lyons, Cecil Robertson, Violet Schmidt, Ann Staffeld, Ann Stamps, Bub Taylor, Ann Tieman, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Fred & Karen Vlaskamp, Marilyn Varvel, Pearl Wiley, All our ministries: Soup’s On, the Highland County Homeless Shelter, Samaritan Outreach Services and the people these organizations serve.

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A CONCERT OF
EARLY MUSIC
presented by
Collegium Musicum
and My Musical
Friends of
Wilmington College
23 NOV—3:00pm

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.

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**The Next
Music At St. Mary's
Concert of the season is
NOV 23!
Please plan to attend and
help us promote it!**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Information

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937-393-2043

Church office is staffed Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

