



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

November 2016

A Word from Our Rector

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARY'S?

Diocesan Convention: November 11-12 will find your delegates marching up to the Columbus area, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worthington to attend the 142nd Annual Diocesan Convention. Mildred May, Connie Reynolds, Larry Wiley and Betty Heathcote are our delegates from St Mary's and Rev Judi is our clergy. We are well represented! To find the resolutions and information on the business of the convention, use the Diocese of Southern Ohio web site or read your next Connections magazine from our diocese.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6

NOVEMBER 30-ADVENT ONE: We begin our annual Advent Sharing with the Lutherans from Peace Lutheran. We will have three gatherings, Nov 30 @ St Mary's, December 7 @ Peace, and December 14 @ St Mary's. Our gatherings begin at 6 pm with a Simple Supper, provided by the host church, an activity on *Prayer in Advent*, and a Worship time. Pastor (continued on page 4)

Autumn and Advent are upon us. Both my favorite times of the year and times of reflection and insight.

I rarely have to look at the calendar to know we are entering Autumn. But this year it really didn't cool down at first and the leaves certainly took their time in changing colors! But my soul knew. I love Autumn. It refreshes me to breathe in the new air and sit under the blue skies without the hot sun burning my skin. I am an Autumn person. Once I read an article about people's

personalities matching the seasons of the year. Those people who constantly like to play outdoors, bask in the sun, and adore the feel of warm lake water on their bodies are summer people. Those who could dwell in a snow covered cabin and drink hot drinks to warm their hands are winter people. Those people who are charged by new-birth and the color of daffodils are spring people. And then there is us Autumn people. We can sit for hours and watch the trees empty

themselves of this year's leaves only to know, after a long rest, we will have new growth in the spring. I love the cool air, less humidity, balmy breezes and the harvest moon. Somehow without much thought, I associate my relationship with God as an Autumn "thing". I love that my God is patient and calm, even when I am in a storm. I believe my God kisses my cheek in the gentle breeze. I love the mellow feeling I get when I sit beside a calm lake. That's where I find my God.

And Advent just seals the deal! Reflect, wait, watch and realize the power of a gentle God, who in the form of a soft baby, comes to us at Christmas and in the simplest ways, loves us. No fanfare, just love. Oh, I am so Thankful!

Rev. Judi+

SENIOR WARDEN

Will Coblentz has been selected as our General Contractor. He will also coordinate the bids for the furnaces in the church and the Chaney Education Center.

Our new church secretary is Maggie Hatfield who is also our sexton. Maggie will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Attitude of Gratitude Pledge Card Sunday will be November 20th. We will make it a festive day with a carry-in meal. Meat will be provided by the Vestry and

you may bring in your favorite side dishes or desserts to share.

The stain glass window hidden by the organ pipes will once again see the light of day when it is moved along with the window in the Narthex into the Chaney Education Center.

JUNIOR WARDEN

Karen Vlaskamp



Mildred May
Junior Warden



Spiritual Maturity Is a Process

Do you consider giving to the church the same as paying your utility bill? Actually, it has so much more meaning! Giving is a spiritual discipline that expresses our faith in God to provide for our needs and use what we give for His work.

Fred writes the check for St. Mary's on Monday before paying bills. That insures that God gets His share first. Each time he sees that check in his wallet he's reminded of all that God does for us. All our needs are met.

Just as we make a corporate confession on Sunday morning, we as a church make our contributions. We are a church family that cares about our church and share in her programs,

out-reach, and upkeep.

When we give, we are saying we desire to see God use what we give to glorify Himself through the ministry of His word. We acknowledge what God does for us. We give cheerfully and sacrificially, thankfully and generously for the ministry of His word and out of appreciation for God's generous care and mercy.

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for NOVEMBER

Altar Guild: Martha Gorman & Judy Franklin

November	LECTOR	CHALICE	INTERCESSOR	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	COFFEE HOUR
6	Sandy Ferrell	Jim Heathcote	Betty Heathcote	Randy Martin Larry Wiley	Larry & Peggy Addington	Karen Vlaskamp Connie Reynolds	OPEN
13	Connie Reynolds	Nancy Orth	Deanna Flinn	Bob Lowell Noah Eaton	Paul Orth Mildred May	Larry Wiley Alana Miller	OPEN
20	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Karen Vlaskamp	Larry Wiley Randy Martin	John & Carol Joy	Debby Shuler Dallas Harner	OPEN
27	Charlie Gorman	Bob Lowell	Lynn Lowell	Noah Eaton Larry Wiley	Paul & Nancy Orth	Andrea Harner Betsy Miller	Soup's On

100th Anniversary Coming Soon

In January of 2017, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the installation of the altar area.

The January 1917 diocesan magazine carried a story of happenings at St. Mary's. It reported on restoration and beautification work which had been completed. This included the altar work paid for by rector, Louis Durr in loving memory of his parents.

"The reredos, the panels and the dome—in fact, all parts show the touch and finish of true artists and the reverence of a godly son for worthy parents...."

In the mosaics, located on the left of the altar, is found the symbol of the letters I H S intertwined. This symbol began as I H C and originated in the Greek as a short form of IHCOYC, spelling out "Jesus." There is often a short horizontal line which signifies that the symbol is an abbreviation.

On the right side is the symbol of Chi Rho, which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek. This is a very ancient symbol, found in early Christian catacombs. Christ's name in early Greek is spelled XPICTOC; Chi and Rho are the first two letters.

(information from *Saints, Signs, and Symbols: The Symbolic Language of Christian Art* by Hilarie and James Cornwell)

Thank you if you attended our first concert! If you did not attend, please let us know why. We want to provide concerts you want to hear!



▶ November 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

5

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

4

12:00pm ACTS
6:00pm Women's AA TR
6:00pm OA LH

3

10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm HE & Healing
Prayers SAN

2

5:30pm Rector's Study

1

12

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

11

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6:00pm Women's AA TR
6:00pm OA LH

10

10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm HE & Healing
Prayers SAN

9

5:30pm Rector's Study

8

5:00pm TOPS LH

7

10:00am HE 11 SAN
Sunday School TR

19

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

18

12:00pm ACTS
6:00pm Women's AA TR
6:00pm OA LH

17

10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm HE & Healing
Prayers

16

5:30pm Rector's Study

15

5:00pm TOPS LH

14

10:00am HE 11 SAN
Sunday School TR

26

4:30pm Prayers & Praise
5:00pm Soup's On

25

6:30pm AA LH
8:0pm AA LH

24



23

10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm HE & Healing
Prayers SAN

22

5:30pm Rector's Study

21

5:00pm TOPS LH

10:00 am HE 11 SAN
Sunday School TR

30

10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm HE & Healing
Prayers

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5:30pm Rector's Study

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5:00pm TOPS LH

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

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon

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Bob Skipper and Rev Judi Wiley will lead the gatherings.



CONGRATULATIONS to all our new members! Last month we welcomed Brook and Kyle Lawson, Shannon, Noah and Tim Eaton, Carolinn Shibley, Kim Abbott, Tracy Hancock and JD Hancock. What a blessing to watch our family grow.

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.