

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

November 2017

234 N High St Hillsboro, OH 45133



Here we go into the whirlwind of celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Actually, I love the hustle-bustle of this time of the year. Every year I promise myself that I will make gift giving simple and food preparation easy. Once it worked!

I am reminded of a small pregnant woman named Mary who waited for the life in her to grow big enough to be born. By our Thanksgiving, she would be big and cumbersome with back aches and indigestion.

A Word from Our Rector

She may have been with Elizabeth and Zachariah, sharing the changes of her body and dreaming of his birth, the Messiah, the Divine one.

I have always considered Mary's pregnancy as the beginning of Christ within us. Mary bore the task of creating what God had planted and we sustain that task in the Holy Eucharist. God with in us is the essence of our divine self. We are divine humans working hard to remain divine. The very notion that we are on the same

plane as Mary, brings us to a difficult decision. As we enter this holiness of the holidays, we must recognize that we need Advent. Advent causes us to stop and shift from the busyness of the holidays and surround ourselves with the thoughts of giving birth to the Holy. Stop, Listen, and Meditate on the idea that we are divine and holy in our brother, Jesus.

Rev. Judi+

The Voices of Ohio



Music at St. Mary's

November 5, 2017 3:00pm

Page 2 Thankful

"Whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2 Cor.9:6

I'm so pleased that our attitude of gratitude is showing. Recently we collected funds for the hurricane victims and again for holiday meals. These special collections were generously given with cheerful hearts. We certainly have been blessed by the Chaney Endowments which paid for the Chaney Education Center, the air and heating systems and preschool area.

Things happened in a timely manner, God sent us experts to direct and complete the tasks. He sent us new members to bring in needed abilities and talents and they have gone to work!

Prayers are at the heart of this congregation. We ask and God provides. All that we have is God's alone, a trust from Him. Thank you for being faithful. Thank God for His faithfulness to us. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." 2Cor. 9:13

Karen Vlaskamp

We are depending on YOU to fill the sanctuary for Music at St. Mary's!

Serving Schedule for NOVEMBER

What's Happening?

Christmas Bazaar: Join us on November 4th for a wonderful day of buying, and selling, using the gifts God has given us. Tables \$15.00. See Sandy Ferrell for details and to register.

Diocesan Convention begins Friday @ 9am and ends on Saturday @ 4 pm, On November 10-11. Our Delegates are Sandy Ferrell, Charles Gorman, Jim and Betty Heathcote. Rev Judi and Larry will also be attending.

Advent starts on Sunday, November 26th. Again this year, we will meet on Wednesday nights with Peace Lutheran for an ADVENTure! Simple Supper starts at 6 pm. Peace provides the first and last meals and we have only the second.



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19	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds		Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Jim & BJ Gee		Deanna Flinn
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THANK YOU, ST. MARY'S

On Sunday, October 8, an emergency special collection for Samaritan Outreach Services' Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meal program was announced and taken. It was an emergency because it involved applying for an Episcopal Community Services Foundation (ECSF) grant, that had a deadline of October 11; and also Samaritan had just found out that the regional food distributor would not be supplying the needed turkeys, chickens, and hams and they would need to be purchased locally at a higher cost.

One of the criteria for the ECSF committee to consider for giving the grant was how much the church is involved with Samaritan Outreach the its willingness to provide support. During the announcement to the congregation it was asked that the church match the \$1,000 amount of the ECSF grant request. And you DID.

Thank you and bless your hearts, Larry Addington

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon