



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

November 2019

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

THANKFULNESS

Happy November! As we move toward Thanksgiving and the Advent season, I ask that we pray for the thanksgivings we have had in this past year. I say past year because the Church year begins Advent 1. Advent 1 this year is Sunday, December 1st, so we should prepare for the preparation of season of preparing. We are beginning the movement towards the coming of Emmanuel. The word Emmanuel means God with us, and this is certainly cause for thanksgiving. We have many reasons to give thanks here at St. Mary's. Our growing community, our preschool brimming with children, our Wednesday healing service, our gatherings of the community on Sundays and the wonderful brunches and celebrations of fellowship that follow. We are thankful for our

staff. John, our excellent musician not only plays exquisitely on Sunday, but also edits this newsletter, selects hymns and practices fervently throughout the week. His devotion to Music At St. Mary's is evident in the high caliber of music and musicians he brings to St. Mary's. I encourage each of you to come to the remaining concerts. I am Thankful for Maggie. Her devotion to ensuring all aspects of daily life in the church is priceless. Maggie cheerfully answers the phone, helps visitors, creates our wonderful bulletins (I repeat with much thanks), and generally keeps everyone straight. I am thankful for Stephanie and all the teachers for making the preschool the best it can be. I am thankful for the boards and Vestry and Wardens. This is a tough job and keeping a church like this fiscally and emotionally supported is a calling from God. Most of all, I am thankful for everyone who is a faithful member of the congregation; it is you who makes the community strong. Your faithful attendance on Sunday and Wednesday, and your willingness to volunteer makes us strong. St. Mary's strong. We have much to be thankful for here at St. Mary's. In your prayers, (continued on page 3)

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

By Marie C. Voelei

"It is December now, and the stalks of my twice-blooming iris have risen again in my Maryland garden. I found the buds weeks ago when I was putting the garden to bed.

'No, no!' I scolded them. 'You'll run out of time!'

I fretted at their coming so late in the season, worried that their optimism and confidence would be punished by the first hard frost. But just ahead of the cold breath of Winter—in the nick of time—the flowers began to open.

As I write this, one bloom sits in a vase among the Christmas decorations in my kitchen, startling and out of place beside a snow globe and an elf. Nobody's ghost, it is clear yellow like the Summer sun, as open and real as Jim, my cat of nine lives, my survivor.

Praise for life, for miracles that choose their own season, for this Christmas present—in both senses."

Segment of article from GREEN PRINTS magazine, No. 116, Winter 2018-19, page 72

See announcement of this magazine's addition to our library on next page!

Music at St. Mary's



Concert Series 2019-2020

10 NOVEMBER
3:00pm
Organ Recital
With
Jim
McLaughlin



VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden
Betsy Miller, Jr Warden
Sandy Ferrell
Judy Franklin

Feel free to contact any Vestry member with questions, concerns, ideas, etc.



November 10—Carol & John Joy

December 1—Jennie Harner
(note date change)

**Brunch is
always a
good idea**

NEW in the library! About 19 years worth of GREEN PRINTS magazine have been placed in the library. This magazine is not a "how to" about gardening, but is packed with nice stories about gardeners and gardening. Feel free to check these out—you won't be disappointed!

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

It's time for another Senior Warden Report. Several items come to mind that I'd like to tell you about. I'll start with a quick update.

Rev. George and his wife, Karen, took a well-deserved vacation and were not with us for two Sundays in October. During his absence, Jim Heathcote led Morning prayer services and did a fine job. We appreciate Jim's devotion and willingness to step in and conduct the services. Although Lynn and I were also on vacation, we heard from several people that Jim did a great job conducting the services as well as sharing two good sermons. It is wonderful to have a member of our church who can step up and conduct Morning Prayer. Thank you, Jim!

It is good to have Rev. Georg back to celebrate our Sunday morning worship and the Noon Healing Service on Wednesdays. Rev George has also been a real help as we continue to do our best with the day to day operations of the church.

I want to extend thanks to Connie Reynolds and Susan and Jim Price for hosting the October Brunch. Although we were out of town and unable to experience it first-hand, I heard lots of praise for the good food and fellowship. I am particularly sorry to miss the homemade cheesecake! I heard it was a hit. Thanks Connie, Susan and Jim! We're looking forward to November's Brunch which will be provided by John and Carol Joy.

Music at St. Mary's began again on October 13th and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Music At St. Mary's is a Ministry to the Community from our church. John Glaze works hard to find quality musicians to share their talents with our church family and community. Please plan to attend and invite someone to come with you. Check the calendar in the Red Door or pick up a brochure with the artists and the dates. A short cookie and punch reception is held after the concerts where you can meet and talk to the artists. Cookies and treats are always needed if you would like to contribute. Music At St. Mary's is funded by donations and our church funds. Please be generous when you can.

Soup's On was scheduled to begin again the last Saturday in October, but due to Charlie Gorman's accident and his retirement, Soup's On had to be discontinued. While we realize it is a great thing to do for our community and has been a long-standing ministry of St. Mary's, it is a lot of work for 2 or 3 to prepare and serve the meals. Until someone is willing to take Charlie's place in heading up this much needed outreach to the community, Soup's On will not restart as planned. Charlie is looking forward to retirement and being able to spend more time with his kids and grandkids. We thank Charlie, Martha, Sandy Ferrell and all their crew for their faithfulness and devotion to Soup's On. Enjoy your retirement, Charlie and Martha!

It is time to plan a budget for next year and for the Annual Meeting in January. Pledge cards and a letter will soon be distributed to members of our congregation. The letter is to help explain the need for planning a budget and how the Pledge Cards are helpful in the process. The Annual Meeting is a time for the congregation to hear about the "State of the Church," ask questions about the church's operation and finances, make suggestions, and voice concerns. It is also when new Vestry Members are elected. Please begin thinking now about who could be nominated and would be a good Vestry members. These are most important positions, especially now when we are in a period of transition in our Church. We need dedicated members for election to the Vestry. We also are looking for people to serve on the budget committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, let any Vestry member know ASAP.

As always, all Vestry meetings are open for members of the congregation to attend.
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tend. They are the 3rd Sunday of the month after church unless otherwise scheduled. Anyone who would like to submit an article, poem or anything else you think people might enjoy to the Red Door for publication, feel free to ask John Glaze how to do this. And, oh yes...Happy Thanksgiving!

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100:4-7 (NIV)

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lowell, Senior Warden

THANKFULNESS (continued from page 1)

please keep all of these people and those you add in your prayers of thanksgiving this season. It is each of you who will make St. Mary’s strong for the future. God is with us, each and every one of us, and all of us together.

Peace and All Good, *George+*



*Fun at Jim & Susan Price's!
We ate, we played games, we ate... and now Jim and Susan will soon be heading south for several months. (Jim was out mowing when photos taken)*



~HIGHLAND COUNTY FAIR RESULTS~ The 2019 Highland County Fair Results were published in the October 5, 2019, edition of The Highland County Press. Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church members extend HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to **Alana Miller** and **John Miller**, children of parishioner Betsy Miller, and to **Anne Marie Ogden, Kathryn Ogden, and Elizabeth Ogden**, children of Jeremiah and Nancy Ogden, and grandchildren of parishioner Jennie Harner. These five fine young people were entrants in a variety of categories and earned a total of 32 awards, including 10 FIRST PLACES. The Clinton County Fair was well represented by the **Harner children** also! We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success. God bless you on your way!
-contributed by Susan Price

SERVERS Altar Guild: Deanna Flinn, Shirley Gilliam

NOV	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
3	Sandy Ferrell	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Carol & John Joy	Carolinn Shibley
10	Jim Heathcote	Jim Heathcote	Charles Everhart Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Dea Flinn Jim Price	Betty Heathcote
17	Connie Reynolds	Connie Reynolds	Richard Davis Dallas Harner	Ty Harner Rob Harner	Andrea Harner Shirley Gilliam	Jennie Harner
24	Lynn Lowell	Bob Lowell	Connie Reynolds Rob Harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Carolinn Shibley Dea Flinn	Karen Vlaskamp

If you have an emergency on your assigned Sunday, either find someone to take your place, or call Deanna Flinn at 937-393-4193.

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George Beecher

The photo below was just found at Highland House. This is the entrance to the Beecher estate. If you notice, next time you drive out Chillicothe Avenue, this gate still stands at the entrance to Beekin Drive. George and his family lived in the house named "Greystone" which can still be seen (in its present form) by looking up the hill and through the trees across from KFC.



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