

# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

October 2014

### A Word from Our Rector

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Larry and I had a wonderful vacation in late August and early September. I saw things I never thought I'd see! We drove over 4500 miles and were gone for 2 weeks. America is truly beautiful.

In Wyoming we followed a sign that read, "Ruts from Oregon Trail". Hoping to see wagon wheel ruts in the dirt, we followed the signs. Our conversation included questions like, "Why didn't the ruts wash away after all this time?" and "How many wagons were there?" The signs led to a parking area and another sign pointing to a path up on a hill. We got out and trekked up the hill, stopping to read signs explaining the reason for the Oregon Trail, a map of where it started and where

it stopped, and encouraging us to continue on the journey to the top of the hill. We did continue up the hill and at the top I became mesmerized by what I saw. There was a series of large granite rocks in a row starting at one side of the hill leading to the other side, right to left. Those rocks were dug out by the rolling of steel wagon wheels in the pattern of a 3 foot wide ditch about 30 inches deep. I could see where the wagons came up on the right side of the hill, across the top of the hill and down the other side. It must have taken hundreds of wagons, crossing at the same place, to dig into the granite stone.

As I stood there I thought about the people in the wagons, what they were think-

ing and what they carried in the wagons to the new land. Tears filled my eyes as I imagined their voices, talking about what would be waiting for them as they arrived in the new land of the West. Hopes and dreams of a future life filled the air. Determination and courage and strength kept them moving westward. Desire for a better life kept the conversations lighter. They battled illness, death and weariness to become better people and live a better life.

Our lives today are so much easier than in the 1800s. We take so much for granted now. We just hop in our new cars and go where we want and don't have to pack anything to ensure our survival. We hardly think a-  
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### AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37 tells Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. A man is beaten and robbed and left to die in the road. A priest passes the man on the other side of the road. A Levite did the same. But a Samaritan saw the man and took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and paid for his keep so the injured man could heal.

When Jesus was asked which of the three men on the road was the neighbor, he acknowledged that it was the Samaritan, and told the listeners to "Go and do likewise."

The Highland County Homeless Shelter is

doing a fantastic job of helping the clients in need of healing, help and guidance.

But because of a budget cut by the State of Ohio, a grant was reduced by \$12,000. The shelter needs that amount to finish this year and continue to help the people recuperate.

I am not going to ask you for \$12,000. Although that would make this endeavor a whole lot easier. What is being asked is that the congregation be a Good Samaritan to the people finding themselves in a time of healing. \$1000 is my goal for us here at St. Mary's.  
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MUSIC AT  
ST. MARY'S  
2014-2015  
needs you!  
See page 5!

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Inquirer's Class** continues in October with the last two classes. We are learning about the church, our faith and what God has called us to do.

**Appalachian Ministries from the Diocese of Southern Ohio** will meet at St Mary's on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon. We will meet in the EfM Room of the Christian Education Center.

**Blessing of the Pets** is Sunday, October 5 at 2 pm on the front church lawn. This year we ask you to bring a bag of dog or cat food to be donated to the Humane Soci-

ety of Highland County. Of course you should bring those furry family members to be blessed.

**Confirmation Class** starts on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. The classes will last for 90 minutes and be held in the EfM Room in the CEC building. So far three are registered for the class. A schedule of when they will be Confirmed will be out soon.

Our **Vestry Meetings** have been moved to the third Monday at 7 pm beginning in October. We will meet in the EfM Room of the CEC.

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The coming of the Fall season signals a time of change for Mother Nature with the beautiful colors of the falling leaves and chillier mornings and evenings. It is also a time for us to begin thinking about and preparing for the onset of the cold weather. Your vestry has made a decision to approve the installation of one new boiler and the repair of a second one to be used as a back-up for the future when needed. The installation is planned to begin in late September and probably take a couple of weeks or so to complete, so I am asking that we all be patient if the weather turns cold and we are without heat for a while.

Through the hard work of our Junior Warden, Paulette Goerler, the vestry also approved a contractor to remove the loose stucco on the south side of the Christian Education Center. This is causing concern about the risk of injury if it fell on its own, but hopefully, by the time you read this article, that work will be underway and near completion. Thanks Paulette for a job well done.

Just as each of you prepare your homes for the changes in weather, so does the church need to plan and prepare for winter. We will be asking for volunteers to help on some of these tasks, so if you like to rake leaves or do minor repairs, speak to a member of the vestry and we will let you know in what areas we could put your talents to use.

Fall also signals the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign for the church. A stewardship committee is being formed and you will be hearing more from them in the weeks to come. Please be thinking about how your donations of time, talent, treasures and gifts can be used to help us plan for the future as well as preserve the past for St. Mary's.

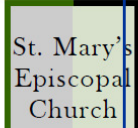
The Diocesan Convention is being held on the Ohio University Campus at Chillicothe on November 14 and 15 and St. Mary's has been asked to provide volunteers to help with registration for the convention. I am happy to say that we will be well represented by Betty Heathcote, along with five volunteers who will be helping with registration.

## A WORD *(continued from page 1)*

about what the future holds except for our retirement funds.

I think it would be a good thing for us to have to take time to think about what we have and what we think we need. We might be very surprised! Exodus 16 tells us, "The Lord said to Moses, "I will send bread down from heaven like rain. Each day people can go out and gather only enough for that day." That was Manna and we still gather what we need daily. We should think of God's daily gifts as Manna.

*Rev. Judi+*

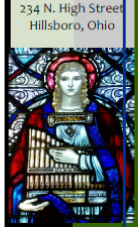


**ORGAN RECITAL**

October 19  
3:00pm

**JAMES McLAUGHLIN**

Invite several friends!



Thanks to all those who have stepped forward to help.

In closing, I wish to thank Jim and Betty Heathcote for hosting our fall picnic once again. It was a beautiful afternoon. Some folks caught fish, some enjoyed croquet, some participated in pitching horseshoes and some enjoyed walking the wooded trail or sitting by the big bonfire. Mostly, I think, everyone had fun and enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the Heathcotes.

As Fred always says, "The peace of the Lord is with you!"

*Jan*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN	6:00pm Women's Alanon TR B: Brandon Fullencamp	6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	10:00-12:00 Appalachian Ministries Meeting EFM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am HE II SAN 2:00pm Blessing of Pets B: Herschel Hook	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH	5:30pm Rector's Study TR	10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN	6:00pm Women's Alanon TR	6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am HE II SAN 3:00pm MASM Organ Recital-Jim McLaughlin	10:00am Art Guild LH 5:00pm TOPS LH 7:00pm Vestry EFM	5:30pm Rector's Study TR	10:00am Well Wishers TR 12:00n HE & Healing Prayers SAN 4:00pm Confirmation Class EFM B: Christina George	6:00pm Women's Alanon TR B: Dallas Harmer	6:30pm AA LH 8:00pm AA LH	4:30pm Praise Time 5:00pm Soup's On B: Jordan Elmore B: Jennifer Singleton
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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## A REAL SACRIFICE

I was looking through my desk the other day and found this story that appeared in my childhood church newsletter. It expressed so well the concept of sacrifice, that I wanted to share it with you.

A husband and wife joined a party that was traveling around the world. In Korea one day, they saw a field by the side of the road. In the field, a boy pulled a rude plow while an old man held the plow handles and directed it

though the rice paddy. The husband was amused and took a snapshot of the scene.

“That’s a curious picture. I suppose they are poor,” he said to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide.

“Yes,” was the reply. “That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they

are pulling the plow themselves.”

The husband and wife were silent for some minutes. Then the wife said, “That was a real sacrifice.”

“They did not call it that,” said the missionary. “They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell.”

The two tourists had not much to say. But when they reached home, they took the photograph to their church and told their pastor of the incident. *(continued on page 6)*

## Karen Vlaskamp

### Serving Schedule for SEPTEMBER

Altar Guild:

Kitchen:

OCT	LECTOR	CHALICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NURSERY	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	INTERCESSOR
5	Paul Orth	Nancy Orth	Larry Wiley	Judy Franklin	Lizzy Zumwalde & Bob Lowell	Paulette & Roy Goerler	Zumwaldes	Larry Addington
12	Jan Vosper	Jim Heathcote	Karen Vlaskamp	Andrea Harner	Lizzy Zumwalde & Larry Wiley	Peggy & Larry Addington	Jim & BJ Gee	Paulette Goerler
19	Paulette Goerler	Connie Reynolds	Andrea Harner	BJ Gee	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	John & Carol Joy	Open	Deanna Flinn
26	Jim Heathcote	Jan Vosper	Betsy Miller	Deanna Flinn	Larry Wiley & Bob Lowell	Paul & Nancy Orth	Soup's On Leftovers	Betty Heathcote

### JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

### *Mountain Grace, Change and Other Stuff!*

Roy and I attended Mountain Grace along with Rev. Judi and Larry Wiley on September 12 and 13 in Morehead, Kentucky. Roy attended workshops on websites and social media. I attended two workshops on changing the way we communicate and spread the “Word.”

There were two excellent keynote speakers at Mountain Grace. One speaker reminded us how the percentage of persons attending church is shrinking and offered unique ways of making connections with people outside the church, and how understanding generational differences may be the key to what churches should be doing. The other speaker offered new ways to spread the gospel using Facebook and

Twitter. Outreach was stressed, and new ways of doing outreach that churches must try. They further stressed that churches should be using all forms of communication—bulletins, newsletters, emails, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Rev. Chick Park wanted to reach people of a younger age (25-40) so she began her new ministry, “St. Arbucks”. She took her knitting and went to Starbucks, ordered coffee, and began talking to people. First she had one person every week when she went for coffee. At last count there are ten people who gather, have coffee, and talk. While this ministry may not be for every church, it certainly is a unique way to reach people. Rev. Park also shared her Facebook page with many followers. This

“thinking outside the box” way of reaching people is something the Episcopal Churches need to do to reach the ones who are not coming in the doors.

Gee. Writing about all of this makes me think that we at St. Mary’s may have to change, just a little. Do we all need to be thinking of ways in which we can reach out to people? Do we need to try some new things- things that will make the church grow, but might require us to change?

Another thing I noticed at Mountain Grace was the age of the people attending. We were all around the same age. There were no “young” people at the conference. That tells me that all churches are having a problem with *(continued on page 5)*

## JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT *(continued)*

growth, and that's why it was so important that we talk about it at this conference.

Do you ever wonder what will happen to St. Mary's after you are gone? I do. I want to leave something wonderful to the people taking over the church. I'd like to leave them a well kept building, memories of fun we had, traditions and enthusiasm for the future.

From the entire conference of Mountain Grace one sentence sticks in my mind: "Be part of what God is doing in the world." I forgot which speaker said it, but she was so right. We do need to do that. But in order to be a part of what God is doing we may need to change a little. For some of us that may mean letting go of what we have been doing, because it doesn't work as well as it used to. What do people want in a church today, and are we giving it to them? If we aren't, then maybe we should encourage change, support change.

Regarding the boiler for the church heating system and the stucco on the Christian Education Building, the vestry voted on September 21 to hire people to get those two jobs done. To pay for the boiler and removal of the stucco from the Christian Education Building on the south side and getting it painted, we are using a CD that St. Mary's has in their investments. Since we did not anticipate these two things going wrong at the same time it was difficult for the vestry to decide how to pay for these things. I believe it's so important to maintain a Buildings and Grounds Fund in the budget just for such emergencies. It would also be nice to know if any of you in the church has a talent that you would be willing to use in case repairs are needed. It would save St. Mary's some money, and give you a chance to be of service to your church. Let me know if you are interested in helping out in this area.

Just one other thing I want to talk about before I lose your attention. Very soon we will be electing some new people to the vestry. I am very willing to stay on the vestry, but that should not discourage anyone from participating in the election. You should know that I will not be angry or upset if someone runs against me for a position on the vestry. The congregation should have the people on the vestry whom they want to represent them. We have so much talent in this church. To not use it would be such a waste. All of you have something that you could bring to the Vestry. Please think it over and let one of the members of the nominating committee know that you are interested. The nominating committee is: Phyllis Johnson, Mildred May and myself. Like I said, I am willing to remain on your vestry, but only if you want me there.

*Paulette Goerler*, Junior Warden

## GOOD SAMARITAN *(continued from page 1)*

With that amount donated I can take this project to the churches of Highland County and ask them to follow the example of the Good Samaritan and the people of St. Mary's and do likewise.

I have already given \$100.00 Will you do likewise? Please make your donation, in any amount, payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church with a designation that it is for the Homeless Shelter.

Thank-you,

*Larry Addington*

## 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, Eric Hopper, Jarod Jarrell, Lisa Padgett, Albert Sears.

These with special needs: Bill Gilliam, Shirley Gilliam, Fred Vlaskamp, Cecil Robertson, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Margaret Lyons, Marilyn Varvel, Tyler Dance, Barbara Bot, Steve Grove, Rick & Deb Sansone, Phyllis Johnson, Larry Wiley, All our ministries: Soup's On, the Highland County Homeless Shelter, Samaritan Outreach Services and the people these organizations serve. Always keep the youth of St. Mary's in your prayers.

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Music at  
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Concert Series

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## 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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**Concert of the season is**  
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**Please plan to attend and**  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
10:00 am

**WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with**  
**HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon**

## A REAL SACRIFICE *(continued from page 4)*

"We want to double our pledge to the church," they said. "And give us some plow work to do. We never knew what sacrifice to the Lord meant. We are ashamed to say that we have never given anything to the church that cost us anything."

I reprinted that story in our church newsletter. I was Stewardship Chairman. That year, Council decided that we should send out "non-pledge" cards to our members. We asked that the families rethink their offering, give it prayerful consideration and to give according to the blessings God had given them, write down an amount and seal it. No one would open it. We talked about first fruits giving—giving God our best first.

For us, Fred wrote the check to church on Monday morning and carried it in his wallet. Each time he saw it there, he remembered that God came first. Forty families returned those envelopes. Then we gave them back in October so they could see if they had followed through. For the first time in four years, Bethel was able to meet its budget due to the increased giving.

In light of the two stories above, what *sacrifice* are you willing to make for the Lord?

*Karen Vlaskamp*