



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

October 2019

GOD'S LOVE SURROUNDS US

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Music at St. Mary's



Concert

Series

2019-2020

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October is here at St Mary's. As the weather gets cooler our thoughts turn to the fall and the good things God brings our way for the season. As the leaves turn to brilliant colors from their summer green, it is a great time to get out into God's creation. God gives us nature to enjoy and to feed us with its bounty. This year's harvest of corn, soy and other crops give us the ability to see God's work in our lives. We began the season preparing the soil, tilling and giving it the nutrients needed for a bountiful harvest. At the time we could not



see what would come to fruition, but we had faith that something good would come of our hard work. When we planted our seeds and gave them the culture of growth, tending and weeding and feeding, our expectation was of a good harvest. Spring roared in with wind and rain and rain and rain. Many were anxious and worried that all the rain would wipe out all the hard work and care we had invested in the season. The rains came and went, some lost some; others all, but faith remained. In the end as I drive through the fields of beans turning gold in the autumn sun, I am reminded that out of hardship comes an understanding of faith. All is not well all of the time. It is in these times of unease and anxiety that God is with us to show us that the rains will end and seasons will change, but it will take extraordinary work to

accomplish the harvest we desire. In the gospel Matthew Jesus tells a story of an impossible act. The idea that a camel can pass through the eye of the needle is absurd to us. In its hyperbole Jesus is reminding us that while we think things are impossible or out of our control, with God all things are possible. While this is a true statement, it is not God alone who will make the impossible possible, it is our faith and determination to see God's plan through to the end of the season that makes things possible. We cannot scatter seeds on the ground and pray that God will do all the work, we must invest in the harvest and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in. If we do our part in the harvest God will do God's, and all will be well.

Peace and All Good,
George+

VESTRY

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

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

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a meeting of parishioners, originally in a vestry, for the conduct of parochial business.



October 13—Jim & Susan Price;
Connie Reynolds

November 10—Carol & John Joy

December 1—Jennie Harner
(note date change)

*Brunch is
always a
good idea*

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

It's October and I admit, my favorite time of year! I was ready for the "dog days" of summer to be over and anxious for those cool, crisp mornings to begin. To recap just a little, we enjoyed the Bishop's visit followed by a church potluck very much. Everyone brought something good. The Bishop decided to have a Q&A session after lunch. Although there was no Q&A, he spoke to us about his upcoming trip to the Bishops' convention and the importance of the work he and his fellow theologians are doing in the church.

Our church picnic at Jennie Harner's was a big success! The fellowship and food were great! Jenny's son, Sam, grilled and smoked all afternoon to provide us with some delicious meats. As usual the "Harner girls" outdid themselves to provide hospitality and comfort for us all.

I'd like to call attention to the work that has been done outside our church. The garden and areas around the church look so much better. Unfortunately, the roses in the area outside the Sacristy door were dead and had to be removed, but can be replaced next Spring. It is good to see St. Mary's looking nice again. We know it is important to us as well as the community at large to keep things looking like we care. Please let us know what you think about what we've done.

October brings the Fall start-up of projects that have been on hold for the summer. Soups On, under the direction of Charlie Gorman will be beginning again on the 4th Saturday of each month. Soups On is important as an outreach for the church as well as providing a needed service for the community. It is a hands-on way to show the love of Christ to those around us. If you would like to be involved with helping, contact Charlie Gorman or Sandy Ferrell. Many hands make for light work in this most important outreach effort.

Our Music at St. Mary's Concerts will be starting again this month. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. The concerts are designed to be musical offerings that have something for everyone. Watch the bulletin and your Red Door for more information.

It will soon be time to prepare a yearly budget for 2020. It is our goal to have a realistic, workable budget. We are currently putting together a finance committee. If you are asked and feel that you have a talent in this area, consider saying yes. If you aren't asked, please know that your talents will certainly be used for something else equally important.

October's Brunch will be hosted by Connie Reynolds and Jim and Susan Price. People have stepped up to host each month since May and we are booked through December, but there will be a new calendar for 2020, so consider when you would like to host a Brunch. The monthly Brunch has been a great success and we are grateful to all those who have hosted.

Rev. George will return from his vacation to celebrate Sunday morning Eucharist with us again on October 13th. During his absence, Jim Heathcote has led our Morning Prayer Services. Jim does a wonderful service for us when our priest can't be with us and we really appreciate his willingness to serve us in this way. Rev. George is coming on Wednesdays and has reinstated the Faith and Healing Service. It begins at 12:00 Noon. It is a great way to recharge during the week.

Don't forget that Vestry Meetings are always open to the Congregation. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Here's to a happy Fall!

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You know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not
 Lacking anything.

James 1: 2-4

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lowell, Senior Warden

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S



American-born violinist Andrew Sords is acclaimed as a soloist with extraordinary abilities. Appearing on four continents with both his piano trio and with orchestras, his performances have been cited for combining visceral virtuosity and ravishing tone. Sords has received numerous awards and distinctions reflecting his career trajectory, including the 2012 Pittsburgh Concert Society Career Grant and the 2005 National Shirley Valentin Award.

Born in Newark, Delaware, Sords was raised in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and asked for piano lessons at age five. A year later, he began studying violin.

Elizabeth DiMio is accompanist for Mr. Sords.

The Duo's program will include works by Beethoven, Brahms and Sarasate.

Wednesday Healing Service and Eucharist

Today (25 Sep) we had 11 in attendance!

What are you doing at noon on Wednesdays? Why not stop in?

SERVERS

OCT	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
6	Morning Prayer					
13	Charles Gorman	Sandy Ferrell	Connie Reynolds Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	John & Carol Joy	Carolinn Shibley
20	Jim Heathcote	Bob Lowell	Charles Everhart Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Richard Davis Shirley Gilliam	Betty Heathcote
27	Lynn Lowell	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Ty Harner	Jim Price Deanna 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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WE ARE INVITED!

The Vestry and Members of St. James Episcopal Church in Westwood (Cincinnati area) request your presence at **The Renewal of Ministry and the Institution of our Rector THE REV. MARY CARSON** on Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm. Location is 3207 Montana Avenue in Cincinnati. Reception will follow.

Mary (the daughter of John Carson who was St. Mary's rector from 1956 until 1990) was in our area last week and wanted me to give you her personal invitation to attend! She is working through an idea she has of writing a book about her father's ministry with St. Mary's compared to her own ministry. She is still in the thinking and formulating stages now. She asked me to give you her greetings and asked about many of you by name.



(sorry—an older photo)

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The Rev. George Sherrill

The Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, Diocesan Bishop

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