



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

October 2020

POSTINGS FROM THE PILGRIM PRIEST DAVID BAILEY

Dear Friends,

We continue in a time of great transition . . . with no end time in sight.

When we do settle down to a time of stability, it will be different in many ways – significant ways – from what we have experienced in our lifetimes.

This extended period of racial unrest, natural disasters, political uncertainty, and, of course COVID-19, has created in many of us a feeling of great fatigue. This includes your Pil-

grim Priest.

As we walk together this pilgrimage of faith, I take my comfort in the words of Scripture. These two passages come to mind over and over again:

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ”

-Galatians 6:2

“No, in all these [trials] we are more than conquerors through him who loved

us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”

—Romans 8:37-39

Remember, brothers and sisters, that we ARE more than conquerors. Remember that – contrary to “common

sense” – when we bear each other’s burdens, we will lighten our own.

Finally, *“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love”.*

-I Corinthians 16:13-14

Until we meet again, either virtually or physically, Your brother in Christ, *David+*

Movies to Combat Corona: A Short Review of “St. Mary’s Episcopal Church: THE MOVIE-Vol. 1”

Once again, the maestro of all things historical Hillsboro, brings us a blend of comedy, tragedy, suspense, triumph and all things beautiful in his “St. Mary’s Episcopal Church: THE MOVIE-Vol. 1.” And what a volume! It begins with the purchase of the building site in 1853 and brings us to the 1970s. As in all *JMG Productions, it’s packed full of fascinating facts, interesting photographs, and documents that take you back to a world of frock coats, mutton chop whiskers, sewing circles, musicales... grocery signs advertising watermelon at 4 cents a pound! AND... a sesquicentennial celebration complete with a hand painted carousel, antique car show, ice cream social, and a van that housed “The Lord’s Last Supper in Wax!” All the bygone things that made up the fabric of life in Hillsboro and St. Mary’s. It’s easy to forget in this day of Facebook, live streaming, and television, how physically involved and influential the church was in the life of the Hillsboro community. People, activities, and a spirit of community activism were the hallmark and mission of St. Mary’s. If you have not met with the experiences that come from building and maintaining a church and congregation, then come and be vicariously amazed, tickled, and inspired by the stories. One last word: the film runs 70 minutes and is packed full of historical photographs and documents. You might like (and certainly can) to view it in segments. The section highlighting the history of St. Mary’s stain glass windows is particularly beautiful and inspirational. The background music enhances the narration and the color photographs are beautifully displayed on the screen. So-if you are tired of Corona bad news, watching reruns of the Nature Series, and can lip-sync all of Aunt Bee’s lines on Andy Griffith, get the film, break out the Popcorn and Milk Duds and enjoy an hour of history, nostalgia, and beauty! Two thumbs up!

Your Corner Reviewer, LL

*John M. Glaze Productions

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

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Who is this little guy?

(answer next month)



Last month: Lynn Lowell

Vestry Report

A new day is dawning at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The season's change brings new changes for us here at St. Mary's as well. Unless plans change at the Diocese headquarters, Eucharist will begin again in October! There may be some changes made for how we celebrate the Eucharist, but that important part of our service will be back.

The Nursery has taken on a new more comfortable face and we hope that with the new temporary changes to worship: wearing a mask, social distancing, and the suspension of coffee hour, more people will return to Sunday morning services. We would like to fill the Nursery and Sunday School rooms with children this year when Covid 19 is history.

In case you haven't noticed all of the exterior doors have been painted SANCTUARY RED! They're not pink any longer, (haha!) thanks to the efforts of Maggie's son, Tom. We appreciate his help in getting that much needed project finished. The repairs to the organ have been completed and it sounds great. There are only three pipe organs left in Hillsboro and it is certainly money well spent to keep ours in good repair. When we can resume our concerts, we will be ready! As I may have mentioned before, Charles Everhart has taken over the large and necessary task of looking after our Buildings and Grounds. He has lately been working on having the trees trimmed and the side walk and steps outside Lacy Hall repaired. This job is never done and we are grateful for his work. When you see him (at the front door as usher every Sunday morning!) please say "thanks" for his service.

Speaking of being ready, even though we can't resume our Coffee hour and the 2nd Sunday of the month Brunch yet, please be thinking of how you can help with these two important times of fellowship. We have kept the charts for dates on the bulletin board in Lacy Hall as a reminder of our fun times and all the great FOOD. I think we all have missed them. I know I have.

David, our traveling Pilgrim Priest from the Cincinnati area, has been leading a study after Sunday Morning Service in Lacy Hall. It may be a good time to meet and get to know him. He has a very interesting background.

The Wednesday Healing Service will resume as soon as the Diocese allows laying on of healing hands for those who ask or need healing.

As always, the Red Door is open to post articles anyone would like to submit. See John Glaze to find out how to submit an article.

Your Vestry is always working for the church's best interest. I really believe the Vestry Members have St. Mary's best interests at heart. Nominations for Vestry members will be posted later with a list of members whose terms will expire at the end of this year. You can submit your nomination by dropping the nomination form in the offering plate, mail it to the Church, or call your nomination into the Church Office.

I can't end this letter without thanking the faithful people who continue to serve every Sunday in various ways. Sunday morning worship is not possible without you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Lowell

Senior Warden

NEWS

Bishop Nedi Rivera will be at St. Mary's on October 4! Please try to attend service to welcome Bishop Rivera!



When I read about the group that worked hard to see that the original window above the altar had been restored and made ready for the Parish House by THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY, I figured this was just a little group dreamed up by Rev. Durr. However, research revealed a different story.....

So, what is this Girls Friendly Society? In the 1870s in England, girls began moving into manufacturing towns to work in the factories or become servants in homes of the wealthy. This, often, was a newfound freedom, but they worked long hard hours and often were lonely, having left family and friends back home. Mrs. Mary Townsend saw the need for a socially acceptable place for young women to go and get involved. She helped change the 19th century conditions to be more friendly.

Mrs. Townsend thought and planned for two years. In 1875, feeling her plan was at last practical, she proposed the idea to the Archbishop of Canterbury, her own rector and three other women and on January 1, 1875, the GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY was founded. It was the first organization for females in the Church of England and the goals were to provide girls with friendship and recreation, bound in fellowship of Christian love and service.

In the United States, Elizabeth Mason Edson, whose father was the rector of St. Anne's Church in Lowell, MA, was trying to make her Sunday School class a center for girls' friendship and she also felt concerned for the working conditions of girls in the Lowell mills. She read of the newly formed GFS in an English magazine and wrote to England for more information. She began a

branch of GFS in 1877, including girls from all over Lowell. They were defined as "a week-day group work organization within the Protestant Episcopal Church, whose members accept the Christian faith and seek -- in the fellowship of worship, study, work and play -- to serve God and extend His Kingdom". Four years later, the GFS signed an agreement granting use of the name and emblem as the Girls' Friendly Society in America. (GFSA)

Throughout the ensuing years, GFSA worked for protective legislation for girls, labor reform, provided several war related services, etc. In the mid-1920s, the name was changed to The Girls' Friendly Society of the United States of America and reincorporated in 1929. In years that followed, they became involved with refugee aid, issues involving women and industry as well as armament limitations. The group continued until the 1960s, when the church cut back their funds and suspended their constitution and bylaws in 1966, effectively eliminating the organization. However, there were many determined folks who were able to reorganize and resurrect the group in the 1970s. In 2002, GFS/USA celebrated 125 years of GFS in the USA. The group continues to grow and change to meet new challenges and serve the needs of young women everywhere. *(info from GFS/USA website)*



September 18, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you know, I have been spending time in a skilled nursing facility to regain my ability to walk after a long hospitalization. I am regaining my strength, and am beginning to walk unaided. For that I am very grateful to God and to all who have been praying for me. I am confident that I will be able to return to normal life sooner than later.

However, this experience has also given me much opportunity for reflection. It has become clear that it is time for me to retire, so that I can see to my own long-term health, and more importantly so that I can devote my attention to my family. To that end, I will officially retire as your Bishop on the First Sunday of Advent (November 29). There are many details to address, but rest assured that the Presiding Bishop's office in conjunction with the Standing Committee will ensure a timely and smooth transition.

Please know that it has been such an honor to serve with you these past 13 years. Our journey has been filled with many accomplishments and our fair share of disappointments. In all this, I firmly believe, that our faith in the Lord has been strong and sincere, and that He will continue to make all things new. You are a wonderful diocese and I look forward to hearing about the good news from the Diocese of Southern Ohio for many years to come.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, D.Phil
Bishop of Southern Ohio



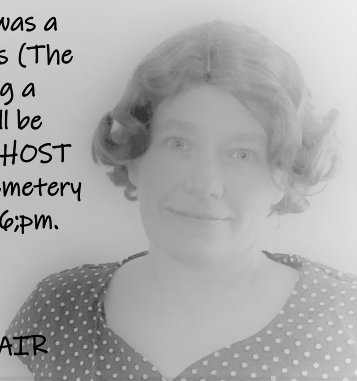
5 Oct—Herschel Hook
23 Oct—Dallas Harner

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Virginia Bell Telfair was a member of St. Mary's (The Telfair Room may ring a "bell"). Her Ghost will be part of the annual GHOST WALK at Hillsboro Cemetery Tuesday, Sep 29 at 6:pm. and you are welcome!

WEAR A MASK
BRING A LAWN CHAIR



NEEDS AT SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Samaritan Outreach continues to depend upon donations to meet their current needs. Please consider helping us to make a big donation to them! There is a collection box in the foyer of the new building.

Diapers: Size 3 and up

Laundry detergent

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

*(currently Ante-Communion—
Eucharist scheduled to resume on 18 Oct)*