

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

September 2015

A Word from Our Rector

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"We are the change that is needed, you, me, all of us, every person who has the ability to help. We are the answer to the questions and to the prayers, to the hopes and the longings of our age. We are the ones who can do it, who have the numbers, the resources, the will to work for what we know is right. We are the ones who have been called, sent out, empowered by the source of mercy to be mercy in the world. We are justice, you, me, all of us, we are peace and we are reconciliation. We are the future, the path ahead, the women and men who will bring love into tomorrow."

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston,
Choctaw

These words are on our bulletin board in Lacy Hall. I found them so profound that I can't stop saying each word in my mind hoping the words will inspire my life.

What I have discovered is that we can make a change if we so choose. You, me, every one of us! In fact, I am convinced that if we don't try we will die; as a person, as a church, as a world!

We are empowered by God to be united in words, work and leisure. God ordained it, God requires it and God wants us to want it. We are connected to each other by a primal force that was intended to be part of our survival. All of us play a part in everything

that happens in this world. Did we start the wars around the world? No, but our connections did. And can we stop the discord in other counties of the world? I don't know. No one does, we haven't tried!

Begin with prayer. Pray every day for God to show us what to do. Ask God to show us what will work. I don't believe I will be a diplomat for some foreign country, but I can look at my neighbor and say, "I'm sorry if I hurt you. Forgive me." Please start now. Be the one voice who listens to God and tries.....something!

Rev. Judi+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Have you ever heard: "I just hate it when she sits there like that. If she continues to sit in that pew, I'm not coming to church anymore." Or: "If the music doesn't change I'm not coming back to church. Those songs are not the ones I like. Or: "I just hate the bulletins! If they don't go back to the way they were I'm not coming to church." Or: "I wish we had a male priest. I'm thinking about not coming

to church anymore. We need a male priest." Or: "I wish things would go back to the way it was." (and that's a different time for everyone.) There's more that I have heard but, I think you get the idea.

Anyway, I got thinking about all these reasons that people were leaving and were not coming to church. I thought the reason that people came to church was **Jesus**. I thought we came to

pray. I thought we came to read the words of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the other books in the Bible. I thought we came to pray for the people and confess sins and pronounce our faith. I thought we came to receive Communion. And, I thought, that after all of that we would be satisfied, and come away from the service feeling good and enriched. That after receiving
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Trivia Time!
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

African Artistry Marketplace is coming! On September 20 and 27th, the women artisans of Kenya will have their items on display and for sale at St Mary's. We have not had the artistic gifts from them for 2 years. This year we are early so we will get items before other churches. Kenya has been devastated by a long drought and lives depend on what can be placed in the marketplace in churches all across the world.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY! September 13 is the Kick-off Sunday for our Fall programs. Our Sunday School will begin at 10 am this day and we will have several fun surprises during our worship time. This would be a great time to bring a friend to church! There will be a Potluck, so bring you favorite dish to share!

NEEDED!! We (St Mary's) have been asked to help the band members at Hillsboro High School by providing a

dinner for them before they escort the football players to the game. There will be 90 students to feed and because this is right before Halloween (October 30th), Rev Judi thought we could have some fun with the meal and the students. We need someone to organize this meal and perhaps a team to go serve the students at the high school. Let Rev Judi know if you are interested in taking on this fun, meaningful ministry!

Rummage Sale is October 3rd. Clean out those closets!

This year, as we did last year, we will be donating food, blankets and treats to be donated to the County dog shelter.

The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, Oct 4th at 2 pm in front of the church. Food items will be donated on September 27-October 4th and placed in the basket in the back of the church.

The Importance of Reading to Very Young Children

Infants and young children learn language skills from their parents and caregivers. Every time you sing to a baby or read to a small child, they are learning new words and sounds. Early childhood research tells us that children from higher income families will be read to 1000 hours before kindergarten. Children from lower income families will be read to 25 hours before kindergarten. ALL children have the ability to learn and grow, but the most stressed out families are grappling from day to day for gas money, food money or caught up in abusive family relationships. When families are stressed, reading to the child is forgotten. I know it takes everyone to level the playing field. If you are open to sharing language skills with a young child, I pray that God will bring one across your path. So, keep your eyes open, you just might see the neighbor kid in a new light. Much Peace,

Angie Martin

Senior Warden *(continued)*

ing the body and blood of Jesus Christ we would feel "full" and touched by the Holy Spirit. But, I guess some of us are not. We want something more, and we want it to be perfect, and designed for us alone. We want church our way, with the music we want, the bulletins designed the way that we want them, and we want everyone sitting where we want them to sit. The perfect church. For everyone.

Why do I come to church? Jesus. Looking forward to getting that blessing from Rev. Judi at the end of the service. The times I hear the notes to a song I love. A baby crying. Listening for the times that someone says a name out loud during the prayers. Passing the Peace and getting a handshake, a smile or a hug. Looking at the bulletins and reading who is serving that day and what pictures Rev. Judi inserted from clip art. Seeing a stranger come in the door. Seeing someone I haven't seen for a long time. The sermon, and will I feel that it's directed to me? Communion and my prayers after. Communion! My, gosh! Yes! Communion!

Is it perfect? Heck no! There are times I can't sing a song because of my lack of ability to read music. Or, I have to read up in front of everyone and there is a name I can't say correctly or I lose my place and repeat something. Or, I forget to bow at the front when I get done reading (and I remember it when I get to my seat!) Or, I have to usher and forget something I should have done.

But, each and every Sunday, did we get from church what Paul preached about when he was "building" churches? Would Jesus be happy with what is offered on Sunday? Would Jesus be happy with the ministries that come from this building and its people? We all would have to say "yes" to that.

So, forget the reasons you're upset with something about the service, or the bulletin, or the Priest. And just come to church and do what Jesus expects of us.

Paulette

Senior Warden



Mark your calendars! (Details elsewhere)

► September 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4 5

5:30pm Rector's Study TR
B: Paulette Goerler
10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm Healing Service
B: Russell Roever
6:00pm Women's Alanon
6:00pm Task Force EfM
B: Andrea Harner
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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10:00am HEIL
5:00pm TOPS LH
5:30pm Rector's Study TR
10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm Healing Service
A: Paulette & Roy Goerler
6:00pm Women's Alanon
6:00pm Task Force EfM
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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10:00am HEIL *Special
Offering—Episcopal Relief
& Development
5:00pm TOPS LH
B: Trent Zumwalde
5:30pm Rector's Study TR
10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm Healing Service
6:00pm Women's Alanon
6:00pm Task Force EfM
6:00 & 8:00pm AA

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10:00am HEIL
A: Whitney & Sam Harner
5:00pm TOPS LH
B: Bob Lowell
B: Jennilyn Ogdan
5:30pm Rector's Study TR
B: Jim Heathcote
B: Maria Weisenborn
10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm Healing Service
6:00pm Women's Alanon
6:00pm Task Force EfM
6:00 & 8:00pm AA
5:00PM Soup's On

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10:00am HEIL
3:00pm Parish Picnic
5:00pm TOPS LH
5:30pm Rector's Study TR
10:00am Well Wishers
12:00pm Healing Service

San = Ssanctuary
LH = Lacy Hall
CEC = Christian Education Center
TR = Telfair Room
EfM = EfM Room in CEC

ALL USED UP

Pastor Steve Goodier is one of my favorite authors. He always has a good story with a moral we can all live by. He tells this tale:

A famous surgeon was watching his host carve a turkey for his guests. As he finished up, the host said, "How'd I do, Doc? I think I could be a pretty good surgeon, don't you?"

"Perhaps," replied the surgeon. "But anyone can take them apart, now let's see you put it back together."

Like surgery, some tasks require special skills, talent or training. There are those who are good at numbers, writing or art. Others have the aptitude needed to fly a plane, play a piano, train a horse or give an injection. Some people have a natural ability to relate to others, serve their fellowmen or solve complicated problems. I have yet to

meet someone who does not exhibit a unique ability or talent.

The Spanish cellist, Pablo Casals said it well, "Don't be vane because you happen to have talent. You are not responsible for that, it was not your doing. What you do with your talent is what matters."

What's the best thing to do with your talent and ability? Use it! Use it generously—even extravagantly. And use it for good!

Columnist Erma Bombeck was well known for her humorous journalism. She frequently seasoned her writing with pinches of wisdom. At the end of a newspaper article on March 10, 1987, Bombeck wrote these words:

"I always had a dream that when I am asked to give an accounting of my life to a higher court, it will go like this: 'So, empty your pock-

ets. What have you got left of your life? Any dreams that were unfulfilled? Any unused talent that we gave you when you were born that you still have left? Any unsaid compliments or bits of love we gave you that you haven't spread around?'

"And I will answer, 'I've nothing to return. I spent everything you gave me. I'm as naked as the day I was born.'"

I'm sure she would agree that what we do with what we are given is what matters.

What would you find if you emptied your pockets?

Karen Vlaskamp

Serving Schedule for SEPTEMBER

| SEP | LECTOR | CHALICE | SUNDAY SCHOOL | NURSERY | ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER | USHERS | COFFEE HOUR | INTERCESSOR | TORCH BEARER |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 6 | Paulette Goerler | Nancy Orth | n/a | Judy Franklin | Larry Wiley Bob Lowell | Larry & Peggy Addington | Open | Deanna Flinn | Open |
| 13 | Jan Vosper | Connie Reynolds | Larry Wiley | Andrea Harner | Bob Lowell Randy Martin | Mildred May Paulette Goerler | Open | Betty Heathcote | Lily Martin |
| 20 | Connie Reynolds | Jan Vosper | Open | BJ Gee | Larry Wiley Bob Well | Mildred May Paul Orth | Open | Karen Vlaskamp | Alana Miller |
| 27 | Jim Vosper | Jim Heathcote | Open | Deanna Flinn | Randy & Angie Martin | John & Carol Joy | Open | Betty Heathcote | Lily Martin |

REACH OUT

See someone you don't recognize?

Introduce yourself!

See someone who may not be familiar with the service?

Ask if you can help. or invite them to sit with you!

MAKE A FRIEND—BE A FRIEND

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

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2015-2016

**Music at
St. Mary's
Concert Series**

234 N. High Street
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Plans are well underway for our 2015-2016 MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S CONCERT SERIES.

Here is the lineup:

18 Oct—3rd ANNUAL HILLSBORO RECITAL by Jim McLaughlin. "Volunteering" to help him are his brother, Mick, and cousin, Dan, as well as John Glaze.



01 Nov—APPALACHIAN CHRISTIAN HILLBILLY BAND. This group never fails to entertain with not only great musicianship, but also a lot of fun.

Southern State Singers Christmas Concert and Spring Concert

St. Mary's Christmas Program and Lenten Program

20 Mar - VOICES OF OHIO will present a concert. This group, primarily made up of alumni of the All Ohio Youth Choir presents programs of varied content.




03 Apr - CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S CHOIR—made up of youngsters from the greater Cincinnati area.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following members and friends of St. Mary's. Our Father knows their needs.

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| Eric & Katie Aurigema | Anne Staffeld |
| Carson Bickel | Anne Stamps |
| Ray Butt | Ann Tieman |
| Georgetown Veterans' Home-residents & staff | Jackie Tucker |
| Shirley Gilliam | Lynne Turnbull |
| Paul Johnson | Mary Brown Turner |
| Phyllis Johnson | Jane Turner |
| Adam Kretchek | Marilyn Varvel |
| Margaret Lyons | Fred Vlaskamp |
| Roger Maines | Karen Vlaskamp |
| Nancy Orth | Unspoken need. |
| Paul Orth | Those in the military: |
| Rick Roush | Daryl Easler |
| Cecil Robertson | Kelly Easler |
| Ellen Shinkle | |

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**at the Heathcote farm
in Brown County
Sunday, September 27th
3:00 pm**

**Hotdogs, barbeque on a bun,
chips and drinks will be
provided.
Please bring a salad, vegetable,
or dessert to add.**

**We hope that everyone will come
and join us around the bonfire
and around the dinner table!!!!**

**A map directing you to the
Heathcote farm will be posted on
the bulletin board in Lacy Hall.**

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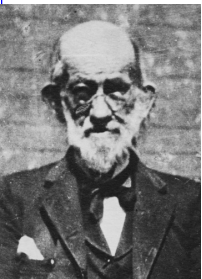
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**Music at
St. Mary's
begins in
October!**

Trivia Time!

Name these parishioners!



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Your answers: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____
6: _____ 7: _____

Answers to last month's trivia: 1. D; 2. C; 3. E; 4. B; 5. A
Order served: 4, 3, 5, 2, 1

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

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