



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

September 2018

WE ARE ALL STORY TELLERS

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Music
At
St. Mary's
Concerts begin
in October!

We are all storytellers. Each of us has the ability to express how we feel and what defines us. Jesus encouraged the disciples to go out into the world and tell the people what they have seen and heard. Tell their story. Be a storyteller! They did just that! Now we know the stories.

We have a story to tell. Each of us lives the same day but in a different way. Today's date is the same for everyone. Each of us wake up at our own time and live our own days based on who we are. Someone else cannot live our days, experience our lives!

Each of the Gospels tell of Jesus in a different way.

Same Jesus, different perspective. Also, each Gospel is written for a different group of listeners. We tell our stories that way too. Something I will relate to Maggie, my secretary, is not the same as the way I would relate to my husband or a friend! Our story has relevance to the listener!

So, what is your story? Do you want to tell your story so others will know you better? Do you need to relate to someone so they will understand your perspective on a matter? It is up to us. It is up to you! You are a storyteller.

We need to be good listeners too. A storyteller is not a very good teller if no

one listens, right? If we want people to talk to us we have to practice listening to them! To be a good listener takes practice and patience. You have to train your mind to stop thinking and just absorb! Very hard, for some. You can tell when someone is not listening if they are instantly ready to argue or comment on what you just said. A good listener listens, then processes, then speaks! Takes time!

So, the next time someone says, "I have a story for you", You can say, I'm all ears!

Rev. Judi



Every once in a while, we all tackle a problem that seems impossible, difficult, and just too much! In the beginning, I was feeling this challenge was too much for me.

STARTING A PRESCHOOL

However, now I can see my way through the papers, applications for employment, and demands on my time. Our marketing is up and running with a newspaper add and Facebook posts. Our teachers are hired and excited to begin the teaching process. Our name badges are here so we are identified and our role is confirmed. Furniture, toys and games are arriving daily. The carpet is complete and we are ready to roll. All we need is kids!

This is the hard part of building a Preschool/Day Care. The best reference we get is from parents who trust us and know us. This takes time. This takes years.

As we begin the process of Building our Preschool, remember the time element and move forward one step at a time.

We have a booth at the Fair so come and visit us.

We are set to begin on Sept. 10th.

We will be accepting vouchers for child care.

All are welcome to attend The Academy Preschool.

Debby Shuler, Director

WEBSITE NEWS

Is there something you think should be on our website that isn't? Please let John know and he will make it happen if at all possible! Have photos you would like put on the site? Email them to John or hand them to him to be scanned and returned to you.

As I check the readership of our website, it is slowly increasing.

MASM Concert Season

To see all of the concerts in this year's season, visit our website!

www.masmhillsboro.weebly.com

The first concert will be coming up the first Sunday in October! Please tell your friends and help us pass the word. Brochures will be available soon.



P A R I S H N E W S

Monday, September 10: The Academy opens its doors to the very first class! Children aged 3-5 will be attending classes from 9am-3pm. Stop in and see what's going on!

Sunday, October 7th: Basket Auction! Are you ready for the Basket Auction? Put together a basket (or some container) with like items to be auctioned off following our worship service. Arts & Crafts supplies, wine and cheese, games and popcorn or a good book and a cup and tea are just a few suggestions. Go together with a friend! Have fun with this event!! The proceeds go to buy new robes for our acolytes.

Saturday, November 3rd: CHRISTMAS BAZAAR from 9 am to 3 pm in Lacy Hall. Buy a table for \$15.00 then bring your handmade crafts in to sell! This is also the day of other Christmas Bazaars so people will be out and about! Make some extra Christmas coins. See Rev Judi to buy your table. We will advertise in the newspaper.

The office will be closed on **Monday, September 3rd** for Labor Day.

PORTRAYING ISAAC SAMS

Recently, I had the duty/pleasure/terrifying experience of portraying Prof. Isaac Sams at the Highland County Historical Society/SOGS GHOST WALK. Actually, it wasn't all that bad and I certainly got to know Mr. Sams much more intimately! Below is the text I based my talk on, having memorized most of it and then kind of filling it in as I went along. I don't recall seeing any of you in the crowd, but if you were, you can just skip this part of the newsletter!

Good evening – I am Isaac Sams, born in Bath, England on the 12th of November in 1788 during the reign of KING GEORGE III. I was the eldest son of Joseph and Maria Sams and my father was a Baptist minister. You may have heard that I had been sent to one of the best schools in Dublin during the time my father was preaching in that area. I developed my thirst for learning during that time, however, at the age of 10, I, along with my younger sister, came down with scarlet fever. The two of us recovered, however, father became sick and died, to be followed by my mother a few days later.

Their deaths caused our family to be broken up and I was sent to live with a cousin. I lived and worked for the family until I reached 16 years when I asked for and was granted permission to leave. I went back to Dublin, arriving on the 5th of May in 1805, secured lodging with a family there and set about looking for a job. I finally found one at a lumber yard at twenty pounds a year.

Without going into specifics of job changes, I will tell you that I went to visit my sister in London in 1809 and ended up joining the British Navy where I served for several years. During this time, however, I was able to continue studying and learning on my own. One of my fondest memories of those times was in 1811, when I experienced Halley's Comet during many weeks.

At the end of my service, I returned to England and boarded with the Knowlden family, where their daughter, Mary, caught my eye. At a party, I jokingly told her, "You had better turn that fellow off and have me." To which she answered, "Well, if you will write and dismiss him, I will." I wasn't so sure I was ready to wed at that age, but I followed through and we were married. I was working at Greenwich Hospital during that time and for several years to follow, but always filled my leisure hours with study.

Around 1817, I became very interested in the United States and felt that I should move here, which I did on the 25th of April in 1818, arriving in Chesapeake Bay on 17 June and then

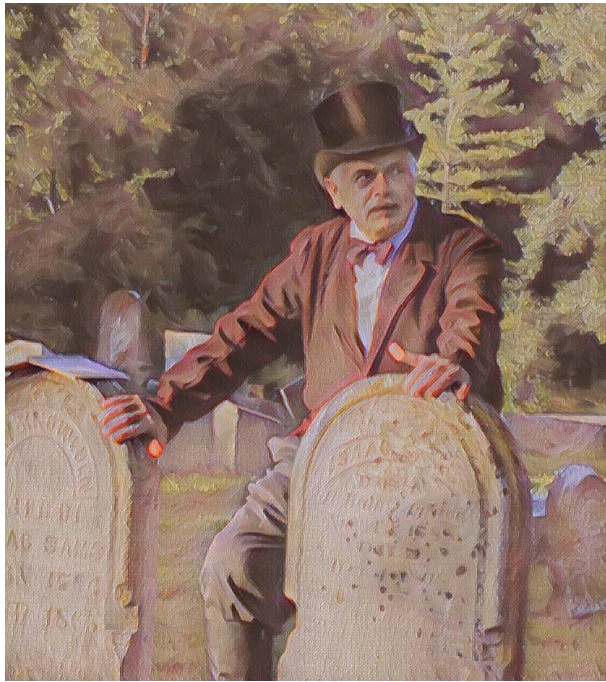
MUSEUM NEWS

Please remember our Museum when you need a gift or if you need some note cards or post cards!

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arriving Baltimore on the 20th. I immediately began looking for a position as a teacher and found one teaching the children of 3 or 4 families.

As a result of my interaction with the family with whom I boarded, it occurred to me that in the absence of all other religious services in the area, I should offer to read the service of the Church of England in the school house on the Sabbath. This I did the following Sunday with 23 persons in attendance. From this time forward, my interests included religious study and interaction with other denominations, all the while continuing to miss my family back in England. When I received a letter informing me that my wife had given birth to a daughter the previous August, I dismissed school for the day and fell into an hysterical fit of tears. I soon set about making arrangements for my family to join me in the spring of 1819. The next few years found me starting other schools and in 1824, I opened Rock Hill Academy, drawing students from prominent families in Philadelphia and Baltimore. After some 10 years, in 1835, I went to Brooklyn, NY to begin a school there, however, after only a short time, my health suffered. In selling the school in Maryland, I had exchanged the property for a tract of 1000 acres near Hillsboro. I decided to move here in an attempt to regain my health and we arrived on 5 September 1835. I set about becoming a pioneer farmer and stayed away from the classroom, hoping to build my strength and health.



In 1838, the state legislature passed a law for the appointment of County Boards of School Examiners by the Court of Common Pleas and I was appointed School Examiner and quickly adopted a fixed method of examination of applicants for certification. Soon our county had a better qualified corps of teachers than any other county in southern Ohio. I served nearly continually as examiner for 30 years.

Regarding my employment and striving to better the Hillsborough Academy for boys, I served there for 6 years and tendered my resignation in March of 1851. I then tutored a few young men in my home with the goal of preparing them for college.

During this period, in the winter of 1851 or 1852, a young man by the name of William Bayard began holding Episcopal services in his home and soon was joined by John Milton Boyd, in his effort to bring the Episcopal Church to Highland County. It wasn't long until I joined in, along with Col. William Trimble, Carleton C. Sams, Col. Wm. Collins and Alexander Sams. I was elected as the first Senior Warden of the new congregation and together we raised the funds to build the new structure at the corner of North High and East North Streets, as well as enough to call a priest, The Rev. Noah Schenck, to serve the congregation. I served 25 years as senior warden of St. Mary's.

I was always very interested in seeing a Free Reading Room and Li-

Serving Schedule for September

SEP	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
2	Lynn Lowell	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell Larry Wiley	Rob Harner Tyler Harner	You?	Deanna Flinn
9	Jim Heathcote	Larry Wiley	Connie Reynolds Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Tyler Harner	You?	Kim Haines
16	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Tyler Harner	You?	Karen Vlaskamp
23	Kim Haines	Larry Wiley	Bob Lowell Dallas Harner	Rob Harner Tyler Harner	You?	Betty Heathcote
30	Jennie Harner	Connie Reynolds	Larry Wiley Bob Lowell	Dallas Harner Rob Harner	You?	Karen Vlaskamp

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brary open in Hillsboro and this came about in July of 1877. I lived until just past my 90th birthday and went to my heavenly reward early on the first of December in 1878. As late as the 23rd of November, I spent my usual hour in the library I loved. I am buried here, alongside my wife, Mary. You might be interested in knowing that all of the founders of St. Mary's are buried right here in this cemetery, with the exception of William Bayard.

As the only one of the founders to appear to you in visible form this evening, I can assure you that as I look over the crowd gathered here, I alone can see those old faithful faces of the founders amongst you. Please be careful not to step on the foot of one of those as you move on.
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Now, I would like to close by sharing with you a portion of a letter I wrote on the 22nd of September in 1877, considering the evils in the world to be contended with.

"What can we do against all these evils? Almost nothing. Law and its penalties, Gospel and its ministry, Education and its professors have been toiling for many centuries; and yet how imperfect are the results of it all. But still I feel God ruleth and ordereth all; and I bow beneath His holy name and lay my wearied heart and humble faith as Christ has taught me, before the throne, and receive the ineffable blessing of the 'Peace of God which passeth all understanding' as my final rest."

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon