



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

September 2019

GOD'S LOVE SURROUNDS US

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Annual
PICNIC

22 SEP

Jennie

Harner's

Home

(not before)

3:00pm

(eat at 5pm)

RAIN

OR

SHINE

Hymn 370, St. Patrick's Breastplate, reminds us that we are bound together in the love of God and that Christ surrounds us on every side. "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

When we realize the impact of Christ's resurrection upon the world. We are transformed into new beings with Christ to work in the world as Christ taught us, loving God and loving one another.



Remember God's resurrection always, we are moving in love always, but we should never forget that God in Christ and the Holy Spirit moves with us. As St. Mary's grows as a church and a fellowship, your participation and contributions make this all possible. Without everyone's help, our momentum will falter, and the church will stagnate. Churches grow through the involvement of everyone. Newcomers will come because they see something here and feel a vitality and want to be a part of it. Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Love God, love your neighbor and go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit; making disciples of all that hear Christ's call! 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.



Sunday Brunch

September 8—NO BRUNCH
 (due to picnic)

October 13—Jim & Susan Price;
 Connie Reynolds

November 10—Carol & John Joy

December 8—TBA

*Brunch is
 always a
 good idea*

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Have you ever lain awake at night and thought about all the things you need to do and just can't seem to be making any progress at getting any of them done? If so, you're not alone. Sometimes I can't get to sleep or wake in the middle of the night and can't get back to sleep for thinking about them. It really cuts into my beauty sleep! (which we all know I need) Sometimes I create things to worry about that I don't need to. I seem to only be able to make headway when I make a list and prioritize things I need to. Usually Lynn will suggest and help me to make a list after she sees my frustration with not getting things done. And when I try it, it really works.



The same applies with our church and spiritual life. Things often seem to get in the way of being in church and taking care of our spiritual needs. Usually these aren't important as we think and are often just excuses for not coming to church or taking the time needed to care for ourselves and others. And isn't that the really purpose of St. Mary's?

The first priority, of course, is our spiritual growth and well-being, but there are other priorities as well that need and must have our attention. Our church, (I am speaking of our physical building now) needs to be taken care of as well, because it reflects our love for the physical house where we gather to worship. We want it to look like we care so it will be a warm and welcoming place where people know we appreciate our blessings. We want our community to know we care about contributing to the beauty of our town. Lately, it hasn't looked as "spruced up" outside as it should. Your Vestry shares these concerns and is taking steps to remedy the appearance and has decided to take bids on cleaning up outside and maintenance of the Memorial Garden and other areas around the Church.

In other matters: Bishop Breidenthal will be making his required visit September 15th and a potluck is being organized for that Sunday. To accommodate his visit, the church picnic has been moved to the 4th Sunday in September (September 22nd) at Jennie Harner's estate. She will be providing directions and the address. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. If you need a ride, please let the Church know and you will be taken care of.

Many thanks to John Joy for doing the annual Church Financial Audit. It was a real task, but it is finished and has been submitted as required. Some recommendations were suggested and hope to be implemented soon to make things run more smoothly.

Rev. George says he really enjoys serving our congregation and will continue to do so as long as we need him. He has been helpful to us in other areas as well. The Vestry has been concerned that some of the people using the church are not being considerate with leaving the building in the condition they found it. Rev. George very kindly drafted a letter reviewing the rules for usage for the various groups. He also made a visit to UC Hospital to spend time with Sandy and Gary Ferrell during Gary's stay there. It is good to know Gary is home and doing well.

As always you are invited to all Vestry meetings and to submit articles for the Red Door. Contact John Glaze for more information about how to submit an article.

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Your Vestry has both the Church and your interest at heart. We may not always be able to take care of every suggestion as quickly as we'd like because of time or lack of finances, but please know that we consider carefully every suggestion or concern brought to our attention. And remember, we only know your suggestions if you let us know them!

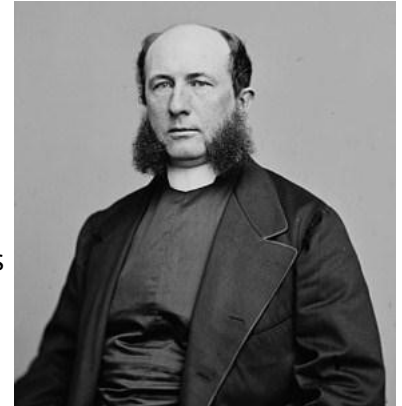
Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lowell, Senior Warden

TIME TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING!

Our Senior Warden, Bob Lowell wrote about the care of our building. Here's some information about the beginnings of a dream for a new building:

The Vestry record book begins with a report dated "Hillsborough Dec. 19th, 1853" stating:

At a meeting of the association for the organization of a Protestant Episcopal Church at this place after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Schenck, Isaac Sams was called to the chair and S. Cadwalader chosen Secretary. On motion of Mr. Schenck the association proceeded to ballot for the election of two Wardens and eight Vestrymen, which resulted as follows: Isaac Sams, Senior Warden; J. Milton Boyd, Junior Warden; B. H. Johnson Sr., Nelson Barrere, J. W. Price, Wm. H. Woodrow, Wm. H. Bayard, C. H. Smith, G. W. Lawrence, John Dawson. At a subsequent meeting of the Vestry W. H. Woodrow was chosen Secretary. At the suggestion of Isaac Sams the name of the parish was styled St. Mary's Parish. It was also resolved that J. Milton Boyd, J. W. Price, Wm. H. Bayard be appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a Church. The meeting adjourned Dec. 31st. Wm. H. Woodrow Secty.
 See back page for photo of J. Milton Boyd.



Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck

SERVERS

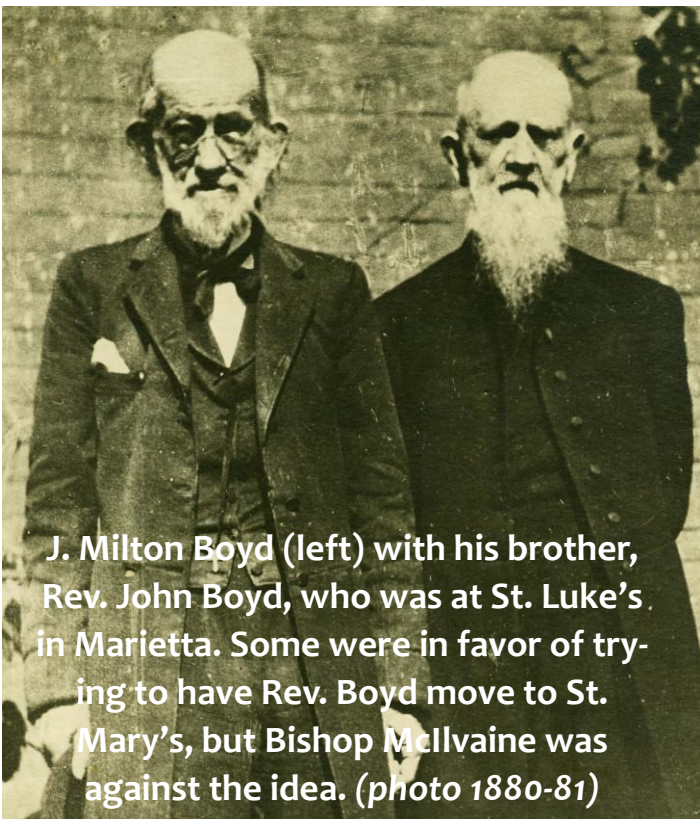
SEP	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
1	Lynn Lowell	Sandy Ferrell	Bob Lowell		Connie Reynolds Charles Everhart	Carolinn Shibley
8	Charles Gorman	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds		Andrea Harner Shirley Gilliam	Betty Heathcote
15	Connie Reynolds	Bob Lowell	Charles Everhart		Deanna Flinn Volunteer	Jennie Harner
22	Jim Heathcote	Connie Reynolds	Richard Davis		Jim Price Volunteer	Karen Vlaskamp
29	Morning Prayer Service					

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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Early History of St. Mary's



J. Milton Boyd (left) with his brother, Rev. John Boyd, who was at St. Luke's in Marietta. Some were in favor of trying to have Rev. Boyd move to St. Mary's, but Bishop McIlvaine was against the idea. (photo 1880-81)

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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**