

## **ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2014**

**The Diocese of Southern Ohio**

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**Business office hours: Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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**Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School at 10:00 am  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers at 12:00 noon**

## **ST. MARY'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to share the joy of a loving God through worship in the Anglican tradition, fellowship, and service.*

### **WORDS FROM OUR RECTOR**

As I travel to Florida to visit my brother and Peggy Larkin, I am still joyful in the Christmas season. Hasn't it been remarkable?

But we are moving on to a new year, filled with the hopeful expectations of new ministry, new promises, new servant hood. What will it bring? Can we make a "Bucket List" for the Church? I'd like to offer my "Bucket List" for St. Mary's.

1. More study and more delving into the Bible by all the members. Offer Bible Study that is convenient, fun and meaningful for everybody; then invite all members to be a part of it.
2. More participation of church members in all activities. Encouraging everybody to join us in meals with the Lutherans, community activities such as Candlelight Walks and Ecumenical worship services.
3. Positive reactions to outreach and helping ministries such as Soup's On, Homeless Shelter and Samaritan Outreach. We need to become more involved.
4. Visit other Houses of Worship, such as a Jewish Temple, a Muslim Mosque, as a congregation learning to understand each other.
5. Acquire a deeper understanding of what following Jesus really means.
6. Learn new ways to worship.
7. Make our entrance into our sanctuary more inviting and a statement of who we are today.
8. Accept change as growth.
9. Feed each other in Faith.
10. Love our neighbor as ourselves.

I know this means change, and this is a "Bucket List", but I believe we can take one step closer to becoming the people God wants us to be.

How about you? Do you have a "Bucket List" for St. Mary's? Come share it with me.

Happiest New Year Ever!

Rev. Judi+

# **ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**This is an important gathering and  
ALL parishioners are encouraged to attend!!**

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
following our morning worship  
and followed by a potluck dinner**

**This is your opportunity to find out what has been  
happening around St. Mary's and for you  
to give your input for future activities.**

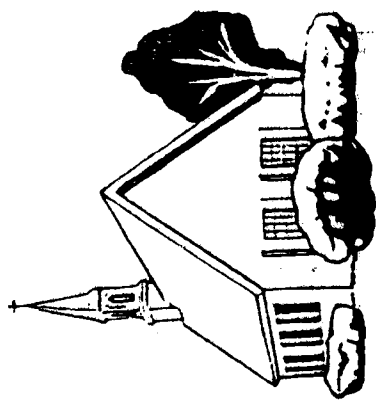
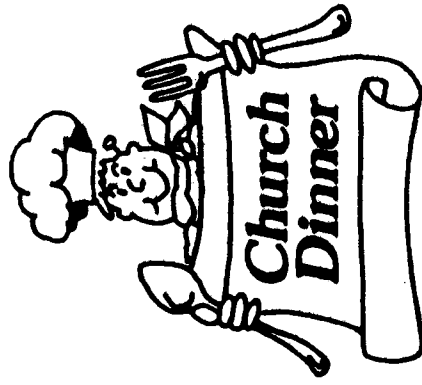
**Vestry members will be elected:**

**Andrea Harner for a one-year term  
Mildred May for a one-year term  
Deanna Flinn for a three-year term  
Paul Orth for a three-year term**

**Retiring from the Vestry at this meeting will be:**

**Larry Addington, Junior Warden  
Peggy Addington, Treasurer**

**Jim Heathcote  
Betty Heathcote, Clerk**



**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

## **A NOTE FROM REV. JUDI**

I am adding a non-paid position to our staff and I have asked John Glaze to become our Communications Officer of St. Mary's. This staff member will not attend monthly Vestry meetings and will report to the Rector. The COSM will send news copy to all newspapers, radio stations and TV stations serving our area. I believe this will enhance our exposure to the surrounding community as well as being sure our events reach the media in a timely manner. The COSM will also keep track of the calendar, along with the Rector.

Betty Heathcote has been preparing and sending out the monthly newsletter for 22 years. Beginning with the February issue, John Glaze will take over this ministry. We offer Betty our gratitude and appreciation for keeping us informed with schedules, news, birthdays and all else "St. Mary's". Please send all articles to be placed in the February newsletter to John Glaze. Deadline for submission is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. Mary's Vestry - - let us hear your thoughts!**

Larry Addington, Sarah Fender, Paulette Goerler,  
Andrea Harner, Jim Heathcote, Phyllis Johnson and Jan Vosper

## **WORDS FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN**

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and had an opportunity to participate in one of the Christmas Eve services at St. Mary's. Thank you, John Glaze and our other talented musicians, Jennie Harner and her grandson, Alex Myers, Lynn Lowell and Henry Dance, for providing us with such glorious music. We, at St. Mary's are truly blessed.

Our annual parish meeting is planned for Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. As usual it will be a carry-in potluck to follow the meeting. We will be saying thank you to outgoing vestry members, Larry Addington and Jim Heathcote as well as recognizing our long time treasurer, Peggy Addington who is retiring after fifteen years of dedicated service. Plan to attend and be a part of planning the year ahead for our church and reviewing the past year's reports. Let us greet the new year of 2014 with faith and hope that the Lord will continue to bless us.

Jan Vosper, Senior Warden

**THE NEW COFFEE HOUR HOST AND ALTAR FLOWER CHARTS FOR 2014  
ARE POSTED. Please sign up now for those dates you want!**

2014 liturgical calendars at available near the tract rack in Lacy Hall. They are \$2.00 each.

## NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

EFM resumes after Winter Break on Thursday, January 23rd. Check syllabus for assignment.

Wednesday with the Lutherans is Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's. A simple supper and part 3 of our video presentation by Barbara Butler Bass will be the topic of discussion.

**Appalachian Ministries**, a diocesan-wide ministry chaired by Rev. Judi, will meet at St. Mary's on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in Lacy Hall at 11:00 am. Everyone interested in this meeting is invited to attend.

**The Rector's Bible Study** will restart on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. This group meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in the Telfair Room. Participants will embark on a journey discussing the Gospels not in the Bible. We will begin with The Gospel of Thomas. Copies of this Gospel and a commentary will be available. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Most Acolyte and Chalice Bearer** licenses have expired! We will have training on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following Coffee Hour. This training is for all persons who wish to serve as Acolytes (helping to set the table, carrying the Gospel, and helping the Priest on Sunday mornings) or Chalice Bearers (those who serve the wine to the congregation), or those who carry the Cross in the Processions. If you are new to the ministry of Acolyte or want to renew your license, please register with Rev. Judi. The training will take one and a half hours to complete. You must be 16 years of age or older to serve. Torch Bearers will train in February.

## NOTES

There is a box in Lacy Hall for your **Christmas cards** once you are finished with them. These are sent to the St. Jude Home for Children where they will be made into new greetings for sale.

The 2014 *Refresh Your Soul* gathering will be held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm at The Community of the Good Shepherd in northern Cincinnati. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Eben Alexander. For information and to register go to [www.parishhealthministry.com/RYS](http://www.parishhealthministry.com/RYS)

For your information: Jim & Susan Price  
13331 McGregor Blvd.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33919

## **PRAAYER REQUESTS**

*"Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us, to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for. . . . We remember Kathy Bright, Dorothy Elble, Shirley Gilliam, Paulette Goerler, Lisa Hudson Guyett, Candy Hedges, Lois Higgins, Adam Kretchet, Elaine Lee, Margaret Lyons, Roger Maines, Richard Nichols, Jim Price, Mary Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Cecil Robertson, Ginny Rogers, Esther Russell, Violet Schmidt, Ann Staffeld, Anne W. Stamps, Hollis Stevenson, Anne Tieman, Jane Turner, Mary Brown Turner, Norma Turner, Ron Turpin, Marilyn Varvel, Fred Vlaskamp, Karen Vlaskamp, Donavin Wilkin, . . . the residents and staff of the Georgetown Veterans Home and all Emmaus Walks . . . all persons serving in our military, especially Darrell & Kelly Easler, Jarod Jarrell, Bunney and Charles Lewis . . . our ministries with Soup's On dinner program, the Highland County Homeless Shelter, Samaritan Outreach Services, and the people they serve . . . for the ministry of St. Mary's Church; and for peace in our country and in the world.*

### **Lectors/Chalice Bearers**

1/5 Morning Prayer:  
Jim Heathcote, Officiant  
Lector: Larry Addington  
Intercessor: Betty Heathcote  
1/12 Lector: Paulette Goerler  
Intercessor: Jennie Harner  
Chalice: Connie Reynolds  
1/19 Lector: Paul Orth  
Intercessor: Deanna Flinn  
Chalice: Nancy Orth  
1/26 Lector: Jim Heathcote  
Intercessor: Larry Addington  
Chalice: Jan Vosper

### **Altar Guild**

Deanna Flinn  
Judy Franklin

### **Acolytes/Crucifers**

1/5 Bob Lowell & Lizzy Zumwalde  
1/12 Bob Lowell & Larry Wiley  
1/19 Larry Wiley & Lizzy Zumwalde  
1/26 Bob Lowell & Larry Wiley

### **Torch Bearers**

1/5 Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden  
1/12 Alana Miller & Anne-Marie Ogden  
1/19 Anne Marie & Kathryn Ogden  
1/26 Alana Miller & Kathryn Ogden

### **Sunday School Teachers**

1/5 Betsy Miller  
1/12 Andrea Harner  
1/19 Nancymae Ogden  
1/26 Phyllis & Paul Johnson

### **Nursery Care Providers**

1/5 Judy Franklin  
1/12 Nancymae Ogden  
1/19 B.J. Gee  
1/26 Deanna Flinn

### **Coffee Hour Host**

1/5  
1/12 B.J. & Jim Gee  
1/19  
1/26

### **Kitchen Cleaners**

January: Larry Adding  
February: Connie Rey  
March: B.J. Gee

### **Ushers/Greeters**

1/5 Paul & Phyllis Johnson  
1/12 Paul & Nancy Orth  
1/19 Roy & Paulette Goerler  
1/26 John & Carol Joy

### **January Celebrations**

#### **Happy Birthday**

4 – Jim Price  
10 – Roy Goerler  
11 – Barbara Dance  
12 – Lynn Lowell  
12 – Carol Joy  
16 – Margaret Lyons  
20 – Jim Gee  
26 – Kathryn Ogden  
26 – Anastazja Singleton  
**Happy Anniversary**  
4 – Nancymae & Jeremiah Ogden  
19 – Carol & John Joy