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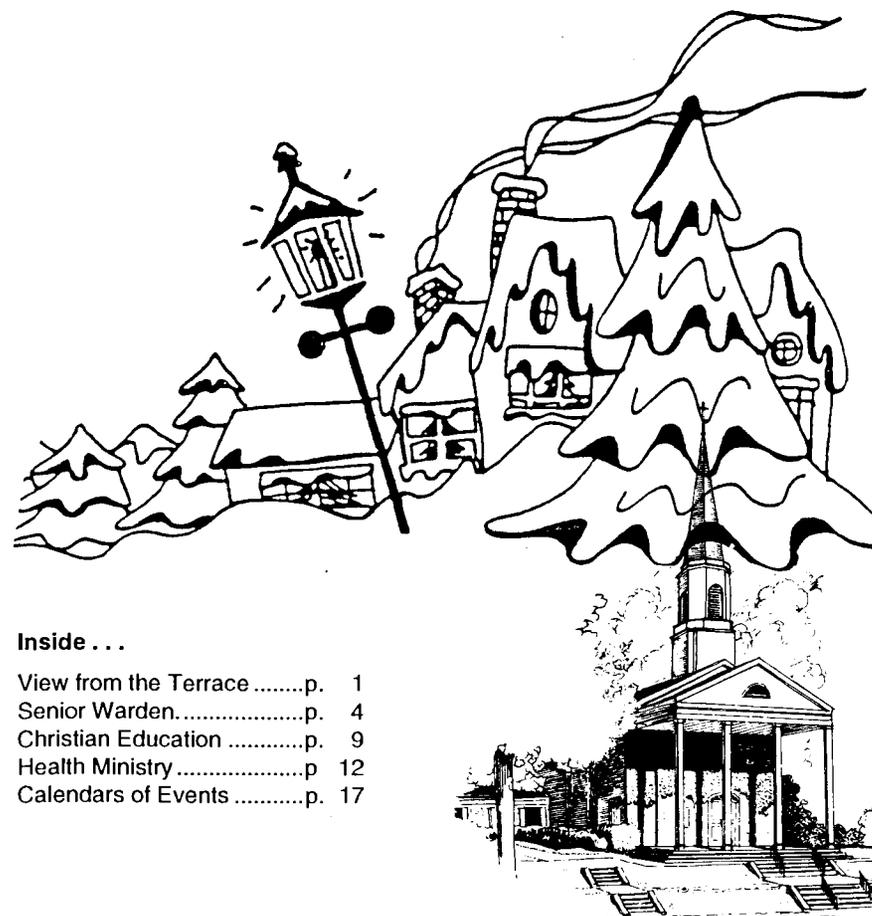
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View from the Terrace

Several matters are going to occupy the Vestry's attention the next few weeks and beyond and we need your help. First is the Church of the Good Shepherd budget. Second, digesting the four "strategic choices"

the Diocese of Southern Ohio has announced, and third, our becoming more cognizant of our own mission(s) as a parish in light of all the above and our own legacy so we can make the best choices in regards to what we do now and in looking to the future.

First is our own budget. We (staff/administration/clergy/vestry) are obviously not very good in planning one. Last year, for example, we did not start in time. We encountered high utilities, high insurance/benefits. Pledges plus endowment income (as opposed to drawdown) could not realistically support what we were doing. The Vestry outlined three increasingly draconian sets of figures. These were subsequently tweaked a bit by the administration in light of assorted realities. Then with time running short, the budget was introduced at the Annual Meeting with most people seeing these figures for the first time. After the meeting additional funds became available, and in light of the strong Diocesan salary mandate -- and fairness for everyone for that matter -- the final results were not quite what anyone voted upon. And since, as many of us know with our own personal savings, this past year has not been kind.

So, here is the first budget salvo. More details will be forthcoming well before the annual meeting, but the basic uninspiring scenario is this. Pledges are necessary to plan. Based on pledge information to date coupled with some semblance of responsibility in terms of the endowments we may not even meet our primary financial responsibilities in supporting the facilities/staff. So start thinking about the budget!

Second, the "strategic choices" scheme the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The following is taken from the Convention 2001 web pages:

"...The Diocese of Southern Ohio chooses to make significant investment of human and financial resources for the building up of the Body of Christ:

We will support the establishment of new congregations and strengthen the ministry of existing congregations, which seek new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will strengthen ministry to youth, welcoming especially those without a faith community.

We will educate Episcopalians to understand the Christian faith so that they become strong disciples and are equipped to exercise ministries of social justice and reconciliation

We will increase effective communication among all congregations using state of the art technologies.

Therefore, seeking God's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will allocate diocesan funds, deploy diocesan staff and direct the work of Diocesan committees and commissions to focus on these four strategic choices..."

Third, becoming more cognizant of our own mission(s) as a church family -- looking beyond specific circumstances and budget. Obviously, we cannot ignore such daily realities, but I feel we tend to focus on line-items or specific issues and not enough on what we would like to do, or on what we are already doing, in terms of worship, mission, outreach, spiritual support, ministries to others and to ourselves. Over the past year the Bishops and Diocesan staff in searching for and developing the above strategic choices consulted with one another, consulted with the Diocesan Council, with over 100 diocesan leaders, and with almost every priest and clergy in the Diocese. Perhaps a similar process can be done amongst ourselves so we can have better sense of family with less malaise and start by giving the vestry a clear mandate about the budget for the short term and then begin thinking, and praying, about our mission and our own legacy for the longer term to build on what the past has enabled us to do today.

So folks, out of all this, are **two assignments** – First read the complete “four strategic choices” scheme the Diocese of Southern Ohio -- the Diocesan website has details including comments pro and con – <http://www.episcopal-dso.org/pages/conven01/stratcho.htm> – (there are also copies in Hobson Lounge). Think and pray about where might we contribute or dovetail in accomplishing some of these things. Is there something there really meant for us? Second, please read your copy of “*Good Shepherd Ministries*” (if you do not have one, web-lovers can access – <http://frognet.net/~chogs/ministries.htm> – or pick up a copy at the office). A whole bunch of stuff is going on to say the least; people give a lot of time and energy and we should be very impressed, I am! Amen.

Ted Foster, editor, and today speaking as a member of your vestry.



Sr. Faith Margaret with a group of parishioners
Quiet Day/Day of Reflection on November 17th.



Senior Warden's Comments

When Sister Faith Margaret, CHS, came for a weekend visit in mid November, I was moved by her sermon that she delivered on Sunday, November 18th. I have decided to use her sermon as my Senior Warden Comments. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Well, I have to confess that this summer, after I found out when I would be able to come back to Athens this fall, I read these lessons and was less than thrilled with them. Great, I thought - but I'll worry about that later. Then I was away from home for five weeks: planning for the Community, on retreat, at an ecumenical prayer conference near Rome and finally, on vacation. These lessons look a lot different to me now than they did three months ago. The *world* looks a lot different to me now than it did then; certainly it looks a lot smaller.

I'm one of the ones, probably like many of you, who never dreamt that September 11th could ever be possible. Not here! This is a free country after all, a democracy. Maybe somewhere else, but surely, not here. As a child, I watched those twin towers go up from my Staten Island home, changing the view of the New York skyline. I'd forgotten what New York looked like before they were built. Next came the Anthrax: toxins targeted to infiltrate the media and the political system. Subtle and very clever; how can you discern if something is "suspicious mail" just from looking at the envelope? Three weeks ago we had an earthquake in New York; that really shook up a lot of people who are still pretty nervous about hearing loud sounds and feeling big tremors under foot. An earthquake we can only blame on God, but what *is* God thinking sending us an earthquake just now, while we are still shell shocked, recuperating? The latest, just six days ago, a plane crash in a residential section of Queens, killing 260 people. It was probably a mechanical failure, a freak accident. No, this Gospel doesn't make me feel warm and fuzzy; in fact it feels too real right now to be at all comfortable.

"Not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." I know what that means now; I know what it looks like. The word 'rubble' has a whole new meaning for me. It's tangible, it's ugly, it's real, it's huge; it is impossible to distinguish one thing from the next. I spoke with firefighters at "Ground Zero"; with one from the firehouse just at the foot of the World Trade Center. He said, pointing to a sign on the front of the building "they can throw 220 stories on us and we're still open for business." My

father is a retired New York City firefighter; his firehouse was one of the unlucky ones - all the guys who were there that day were lost, 14 of them and a brand new rig. So new that the old one hadn't yet been cleaned up and sold. They drove it back from the shop. The extended family is grieving. Firefighters are coming in solidarity from all over the US and Canada to attend funerals because our guys are spread so thin.

Part of what disturbs me is that so much is "out of whack" on this small planet. In today's Gospel, Jesus was talking about the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, constructed using those Herodian blocks and adorned exquisitely to the glory of God. Those blocks were *enormous*, they each weighed several tons; no one expected them to go careening to the ground. The recent terrorist destruction of the World Trade Center in New York; 220 stories of office buildings in the 2 towers alone, adorned to the glory of what? Capitalism? Poof, imploded; no one expected them to come down this way, certainly not in this lifetime. I have friends who worked in those buildings, 1 got out safely and 1 didn't.

I've been to the site of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, I've been to the observation deck of the World Trade Center and now I've been to the site we call "Ground Zero." The site of the Temple Mount is now a place of open conflict between the Jews and the Muslims; the only remaining part of the Second Temple is the Western Wall, where many Jews gather for prayer for the Shabbat or at other times for private prayer; on top we find the exquisitely adorned Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, Islamic holy places. The site of the World Trade Center is a cavernous, gaping, festering wound on the end of Manhattan Island; at the very least the evidence of a conflict between those of us who take life in the Western World for granted and those for whom that lifestyle is so foreign. A conflict many of us didn't want to see or know about. The result was an attack, which caught us totally by surprise.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified for these things must take place first." At this point I'm not interested in earthquakes, famines, plagues or dreadful portents either. But I guess I don't have much to say about it. This is rough; common sense and instinct both tell us that in circumstances like these we ought to be terrified. But what good does it do to be terrified? I can "what if" with the best of them; but what is the point? Fear does not alter fact; it certainly makes us *feel* worse, and it can paralyze us. What good are we if we are paralyzed with fear? That is what Christ is challenging us to do; act in spite of our fear. Act "as if." Keep our eyes, our minds, our hearts focused on God.

Whistle that happy tune. Worry more about "doing the right thing" than doing a particular thing the "right" way.

"When will this be and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" We do want signs and we want them to be accurate, thank you very much. Jesus does tell us of some signs here; but they don't seem to be a lot of help because we don't know what to do when we see them, and right now they just feel too real. And then to top it all off we're told that we will be persecuted, and handed over. We'll be betrayed by relatives and told that we will be persecuted, and handed over. We'll be betrayed by relatives and friends. Some of us will be put to death, and we'll be hated by all because of the name of Christ. Great, just great! We are usually more concerned about knowing **what** the signs will be, so that we can predict, manipulate or end-run these events, than we are about *reading* the signs, asking what it is they are trying to tell us, figuring out why they are necessary. We ask what our duty is, what we have to do to brace ourselves for the anticipated blow, but often don't look at what it might be like to be part of the solution, rather than simply reacting to the circumstances or, worse yet, enabling the problem to continue unchecked.

Jesus hold us to a higher standard than that. Jesus expects us to stick out our necks in his name, to say what needs to be said, to make a difference. This is what makes us distinctly unpopular with our friends and relatives. It would be a lot easier and less threatening not to bother.

"Don't be afraid," Jesus tells us. *This will give you an opportunity to testify. Don't prepare your defense in advance; I'll give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. Yes, you will be hated by all, but not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.*

Jews, Christian, Muslims. All children of Abraham, all people of faith. Faith, the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. *The Message*, Eugene Petersen's exciting translation of the New Testament gives this definition from the 11th chapter of Hebrews a dose of salsa, real zest: "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God: this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see." No, we can never grasp God, cling to God; God is much too elusive for that kind of taming. But

we do have a handle on God, and that handle is faith. Part of the reason I chose my name when I was clothed nearly 15 years ago, was because I realized that I needed to be reminded to again and again to have faith. When we get caught up with other stuff, our faith sometimes flies out of the window at the critical moment. It is faith that causes us to assume the best about situations, rather than the worst that encourages us to work for the better things in life. Faith is not knowledge, and it's not vision, and it's not security, and it doesn't feel like much of a safety net when you're falling over the edge. It is, however, the only handle we've got sometimes when we can't understand, when our tunnel vision kicks in, and when our safety is threatened. A handle on God, God whom I believe to be my light and my salvation, my strength, my help in ages past, my rock of ages, my merciful Savior, my living Redeemer. The God of the Exodus, the God of the Resurrection who is notorious from before time and forever for bringing good out of evil - given time, and patience, and a rather huge quantity of quiet prayer.

I look at this as a wake-up call. We must take the time to figure out how we are part of the problem and what we can do to begin to fix it. Those people who were on the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania were **very** courageous - they knew they were going to die, and decided that they were called to try to make a difference - and they did. We don't know what building that plane was headed for, but certainly those brave souls on that doomed plane saved many lives by acting the way they did. Thank God for them. If we can't respond to the events of September 11th as a people of faith, as icons of hope in this world, as bearers of Christ's love, believing that there is more to our lives than meets the eye, then all those people in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania will have died in vain. Personally, I can't believe that! No, this Gospel doesn't make me feel warm and fuzzy today; it's too real to be at all comfortable. But perhaps that's the point.

Sister Faith Margaret, CHS

Julia Nehls
Senior Warden

SUNDAY DEC. 2 4:00 PM

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Who's There? The Coming of Jesus

In the beginning it was all so easy: Adam and Eve lived happily together, and every day when the sun went down and evening breezes cooled the garden, God walked among them, talking with them, telling them what they could do (get acquainted with the animals and give them names, for example) and what they couldn't (learn as much about evil as they already knew about good). God talked to them, and they listened—what a deal! Perhaps they should have talked more themselves, maybe asking some questions (what's wrong with the fruit on that tree?" or "is there anyone here we shouldn't trust?" or "what does it mean to die, anyway?"), and it seems that it would have been better if they'd argued a little, explaining their own point of view about whether it would be good to know about evil, if only so as to avoid it; and perhaps that way they could have found out why God was so dead set against it. However it happened, though, they didn't find out what they needed to know, and they did what they were absolutely not supposed to do, and pretty soon they were outside the garden, without God to listen to in the cool of the evening. Then, of course, they thought of all the things they might have said, should have asked, wished they'd known.

But it was too late then, and as the generations went past people wandered further and further from that early bliss, having to recognize God's voice when strangers showed up for dinner, or when a desert bush suddenly blazed up, or when a casual visit to the temple culminated in a vision of God himself surrounded by cherubim. Sometimes people chose to shout to God (in a prayerful way, of course) to explain just how much they hoped for God's blessing. And sometimes people perfectly well heard God's voice and ran hard and fast the other way.

All of that is what the church school has been learning about this year, thinking about important men and women of the Hebrew Bible: those representatives of God's people Israel who heard God's call and tried to figure out how to live in accord with God's will. We have tried not only to remind ourselves and the children about people whose stories we know extremely well—Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses—but to begin to be more familiar with some who are a little less well known to us, like Hannah and Samuel. Over and over we have tried to use

their stories to think about how God speaks to us, and how and where we can hear God's voice, and what we should do when we do hear it. In the first five weeks, Jenny and Lauren Spero, with occasional help from Julie and Sally, led the class.

In the second unit we've moved to the immediate ancestors of Jesus as Debbie Hillard has talked with the children first about Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz and then about Jesse and his sons, especially David. This was a good year to think about the way in which Naomi's family and friends welcomed Ruth, a foreigner, among them, and Boaz's generosity to her and then readiness to love and marry her, so that together they might through their son Obed be ancestors of the great king of Israel, David himself. We've also met Jesse and his many sons, and seen Samuel anoint the youngest of the crowd, David, to be the future king. We came a long way from the garden by the time David stripped down to his linen ephod and danced before the ark to the horror of his wife Michal (you should see Nick and Charlie Beetem play the recorder and dance at the head of a procession). And we've come even further into the world you and I all know too well—into the world Adam and Eve brought us into when they went ahead and ate of the fruit of that tree despite God's ban—when David takes Uriah's wife Bathsheba, conceives a child with her, and sends Uriah off to be killed so he doesn't have to know about his wife's adultery. Eden is far behind, and God is heard only through prophets and priests like Nathan. And of course it's all down hill from there. We humans might just as well give up altogether.

But we don't, and we aren't going to. Because when the world got darkest, most hopeless, most distant from God's familiar conversation with out ancestors in their garden, God saw that his people weren't going to get any closer to him on their own, but were going to continue to wander farther and farther away. And so he became a man and dwelt among us. That is what Christians believe—and that is what we will be teaching in church school between now and Christmas.

This next church school unit corresponds chronologically with Advent. We'll be studying about the people who led us in looking forward to the birth of Jesus. On the last Sunday before Advent, Nov. 25, we'll talk about Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the promise of John, the son who would be born to them. Then

on the first Sunday of Advent we will study the Annunciation, the promise to Mary that she would bear God's son. On Dec. 9 we will learn about Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the Visitation, and on Dec. 16 we will talk about the trip to Bethlehem and the difficulty Joseph and Mary had to find a place to sleep. Finally on Dec. 23 we will talk of the Nativity, the birth of Jesus, and of the angels and the shepherds. We will be making Advent calendars for the children to use at home, to count down the days from the beginning of Advent to the day of Christ's birth. We hope you will help them keep Advent, perhaps making your own Advent wreath (or even just four blue candles, lighting another one each week).

Advent is a perfect liturgical season for all of us, one that makes particular sense to children, who are already terribly aware of the great day to come and eager to prepare for it. We will be using church school to talk with them about what it is they're preparing for and how to do it.

The teachers of the junior class so far this year, as I've said above, have been Jenny Spero, Lauren Spero, Debbie Hillard, Abi Morgan, and Kristi Beetem. Elisabeth Sheppard continues her fine work with the younger class. Misty Hummel has been leading the children in singing on Sunday mornings. The gift of these people to the Church, and to the Church of the Good Shepherd, and to our children, has been great and generous. If you have children who have not been attending, or who have only come once or twice this fall, please think about making church school part of your regular Sunday morning activities. Your children will benefit from coming, and other children will feel less exposed and embarrassed if yours are beside them.

Finally, we wish you would volunteer to teach for five or six Sundays in the winter or spring. The parish needs your help, the children need you—and you will be so pleased to have helped out so much with so little effort. Please call me at 594-5121 and let me persuade you.

Knock, knock; who's there? Is it God? And is it you?

Marsha Dutton
Church School Curriculum Coordinator

Parish Health Ministry

Long ago and far away, there lived a beautiful young woman. Her life was unfolding as she hoped it would, and she was engaged to a very nice young man. Suddenly, she found herself in a most inconvenient situation. She had received the news that she was going to have a baby. As you can imagine, this news troubled her greatly. Instead of focusing on all the personal embarrassment, difficulties and changed plans associated with this unplanned child, she chose to focus on the gift of life. **She accepted this child with a faithful heart, even though she didn't understand how things would ever work out.** Her response to this inconvenient child was reflected in these words, "I am the Lord's servant.... May it be unto me as you have said."

As time went on, things did not get easier. A comfortable place was not even found for her to give birth. Instead of the comfort of an inn, she gave birth in a barn.

Not so long ago, and not so very far away, people continued to find themselves in inconvenient situations. Sometimes, when women found out they were pregnant, they were as troubled as the woman from long ago, but their response changed over time. **People began taking exception to rather than accepting the gift of life.** In one country 4,000 babies were aborted every day with 93% of these deaths related to matters of convenience (changes associated with rearing a child, additional responsibility, financial, relationship problems, and satisfaction with current family size). These modern women share another difficulty with the woman from long ago: **they also may not find a place of comfort.** Often, they can't find support during their pregnancy, they may give birth alone, and if they place their child up for adoption - few homes are found for children with special needs. This modern culture seems to have a low tolerance for inconvenience and often has no room for those who make decisions to accept life with faithful hearts.

At this time and place we are preparing our hearts and home for the birth of the Christ Child. Advent seems to accentuate the dissonance between the way we embrace the Baby Jesus and how we respond to the gifts of life which may or may not meet our expectations, be inconvenient, or challenging (such as unplanned pregnancies, children with special needs, those with mental impairments, and those with life limiting diseases). As we ready our homes, may we consider how ready our hearts and lives are to accept all the gifts of God's hand.

May we be **motivated by Mary's response to recommit ourselves to life.** As we reflect on the humble setting of Christ's birth, may we recommit our hearts and homes to those who make decisions for life. May our words and our lives proclaim with Mary, "I am the Lord's servant.... May it be to me as you have said." (Luke 1:38)

(Statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute and the National Right to Life Committee.)

Debbie Hillard
Coordinator, Parish Health Ministry

Canterbury Tales

Sometimes it is discouraging when things we plan do not happen as we think they should. Our first "official" Canterbury meeting hosted only one student (well, if you want to get technical and add Misty Hummel, Peer Minister and VMA, and me to the list there were three). But what those who did not attend missed was a terrific spaghetti dinner with meatballs, made by David Burton and yummy cake, also made by David. We also had pink lemonade (I think that Misty said she squeezed the lemons herself) and a great loaf of Italian bread. But more importantly, we had a time of fellowship, sharing worst summer job stories, if we were keeping score - Allyn Reilly would win the medal.

We decided that a 100% increase in attendance would be a big boost. We also decided that, since we got a late start and it is so close to the end of the quarter, we would not try to hold another gathering until winter quarter. We do, however, have plans to work during the break on our outreach. I hope to travel to Dennison to see how they have gained success in their group, and also hope to talk to some of the other churches in the area who have successful student organizations to get ideas for activities. The board hope is to meet with Misty during the break, and we are looking for a good winter quarter.

A note to those students who read the Good News: All students, undergraduate and graduate, are welcome.

A note for the parishioners: This is a ministry that needs to be prayed for!

Sandi White
Canterbury Advisory Board Member

Coffee Hour Schedule for November

Beginning in the last issue, the newsletter will list those who have signed up to host Coffee Hour each month. We hope that this will act both as a reminder to those who have signed up, and as an advertisement for those weeks, which still need hosts.

To sign up to host Coffee Hour, use the sheet posted on the cabinets in the kitchen. For more information, contact June Wieman (740-592-2454).

December 2nd:
December 9th:
December 16th:
December 23rd:

Larry and Betty Larson
Curtis and Terrie Sherman



Christmas for Good Shepherd

In reaching out to our parishioners and the community around us, Good Shepherd has gone considerably over budget in a number of areas this year. Because it is important that we continue the effort, this year parishioners will be invited to include Good Shepherd on their Christmas list. On Sunday, December 23rd, we will bring our presents to the church and place them under a Christmas Tree display. Use your imagination! A ream of paper for the copier, ink cartridge for the printer, materials for the Church School or the Youth Group? There will be a "wish list" if you are unsure of particulars.

Betty Larson



Inquirers' Class

There is always plenty to inquire about, and always lots of people inquiring, but sometimes we get in the habit of waiting around for others to furnish answers or give directions. That tendency may be most common in the church; it's just so easy to sit on Sunday and listen to someone else's explanations or theories or even struggles to understand the world and God and human experience rather than to begin by struggling on our own with those questions.

Recognizing that just listening to others talk and explain is really not good enough, Episcopal churches have traditionally offered classes intended for people new to Episcopalianism but open to anyone who wants to come and join in adult inquiry. Good Shepherd will begin a class in January, meeting weekly for four to six weeks, depending on the wishes of the participants. Marsha Dutton will lead the discussions. If you are interested in joining such a class, please call her at 594-5121 or email her at dutton@ohiou.edu to indicate your interest and to give some idea about whether you prefer to meet on weekday evenings, on Saturday afternoon, or on Sunday afternoon or evening.

Marsha Dutton
Worship Committee Member

Youth Group Tid-Bits

The Youth Group will once again be adopting our annual Christmas families. We will be collecting monetary donations later in the month and well into December. Any help is greatly appreciated! If you would rather shop for a child than donate money, contact me, Lauren Spero at 797-4756.

We are also working on our Make a Difference Day project - we will keep everyone posted as we figure out what we will be doing!

Thanks for all your support!

Lauren Spero
Youth Group Member

Every Member Canvass Report

"Awaken Your spirit of Generosity." As of October 22, 2001, we have received \$78,923.00 toward our Every Member Canvass goal of \$121,000.00. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Sunday, November 4th is the Every Member Canvass deadline.

Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone who would like to contribute towards the Christmas Poinsettias, as a memorial or in thanksgiving for someone, should contact Helen Marsh at 592-2011 or the parish office at 593-6877.

Ultreya Potluck and Meeting

The Good Shepherd community is cordially invited to join us on Saturday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft of Good Shepherd for a potluck, singing and faith sharing. These gatherings are always open to everyone, but apparently word has not gotten out! We guarantee you will not be out of your comfort zone. Join us for fellowship and a great meal.

Vestry Minutes

After being approved by the Vestry, the minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell and on the web page each month. If you have any questions, please see a Vestry member for clarification.

Sole Renewal

Have any old shoes lying around the house that you don't wear anymore? If so, drop them off at the church by December 7th. On Saturday, December 8th, the Youth Group will again this year make your old shoes look new again for someone who needs them. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 593-6877.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 1st: **Lucille Jennings, birthday**
Acolyte Training
10:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Nave

Sunday, December 2nd: Blood Pressure Checks
Undercroft during Coffee Hour
Festival of Advent Lessons and Music
4:00 p.m., Nave

Monday, December 3rd: **Jeannie Wilson, birthday**

Wednesday, December 5th: Administrative Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, December 6th: Open House for Barbara Boghetich
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge
Honduras Presentation
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Saturday, December 8th: **Lynn Graham, birthday**
Greek Orthodox Service
8:30 a.m., Undercroft
Ultreya Potluck and Meeting
5:30 p.m., Undercroft

Wednesday, December 12th: **Betsy Irwin, birthday**
 Jim Karageorge, birthday
Administrative Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, December 13th: **Jane Ergood, birthday**

Friday, December 14th: **Abi Morgan, birthday**
 Andy Morgan, birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 15th: **Peter Williams, birthday**
Parish Ornament Party
11:30 a.m., Undercroft

Monday, December 17th: **Levi Lackey, birthday**

Wednesday, December 19th: Administrative Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, December 20th: Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Friday, December 21st: **Don Randolph, birthday**

Saturday, December 23rd: **Joanne Larson, birthday**

Monday, December 24th: **Karen Evans-Romaine, birthday**
 Jim Mowery, birthday
 Al Topping, birthday
Lynn Graham and Jim Mowery, anniversary
Special Christmas Music
10:00 p.m., Nave
Festival Nativity Eucharist
10:30 p.m., Nave

Tuesday, December 25th: **Shawn Parsons, birthday**
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 27th: **Karen Bump, birthday**
 Sheppard and Peggy Black, anniversary
Baptism for Cameron Brian Olver
4:00 p.m., Nave

Friday, December 28th: **Daniel and Emily Richards, anniversary**

Sunday, December 30th: **Andrew Culp, birthday**
 Jim Karageorge, birthday
 Al and Margaret Topping, anniversary