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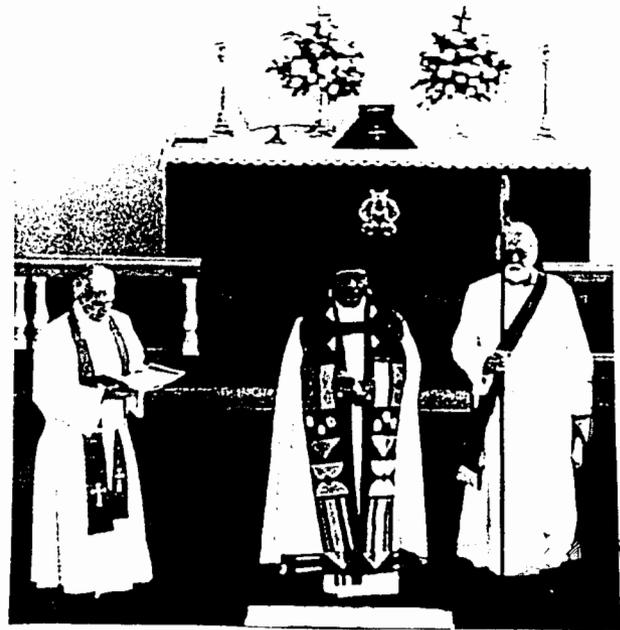
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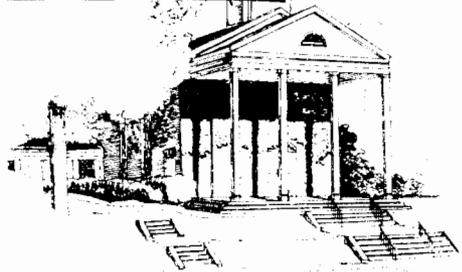
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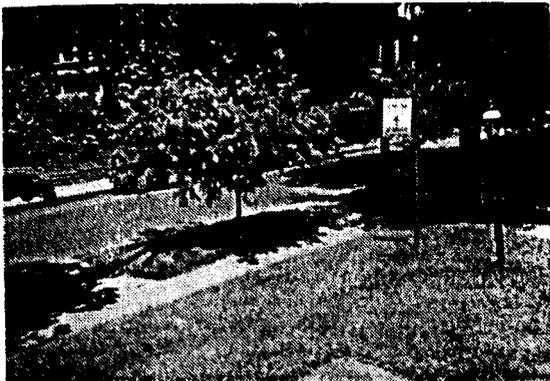
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View from the Terrace



This month's Good News includes some items missing from the Annual Meeting Packets because of production problems, most notably the Wednesday Lunch Report. Also included is Sr. Faith Margaret's sermon from Sunday, January 19th, words to help and inspire us for our upcoming journey.

Now we need to get serious - with Groundhog Day coming up, I am reminded that last year the March issue of the Good News featured the Rt. Rev. P. (for Percival) Hocking Marmota Monax Chogs who at the time lived under the front steps. As you recall, because the old steps were about to be removed, Rev. Chogs had to vacate the premises. He vacationed in the south returning to new quarters under the front porch this past summer. I am happy to report that Rev. Chogs is currently wintering in his new chambers (or more accurately his new 'digs'). The Rt. Rev. has asked me to announce, in light of current weather conditions, he has no plans to participate in Groundhog Day festivities. Being older and grey-cheeked, he is beyond such foolishness! Last February, as you recall, our very own Rt. Rev. Chogs was the double for the famous Punxsatawney Phil. It seemed that Phil, with all the attention and pampering could no longer cast a suitable shadow. Phil has never employed more than one double at a time and Rev. Chogs was afraid his services would be needed again this year. Fortunately, as it turns out, Phil has apparently seen the light (sunshine or whatever), sought the services of a therapist, a dietitian, and will not need our Rev. Chogs to stand-in this year and the latter plans to watch the festivities via satellite from within the comforts of his subterranean chambers. (If you look carefully there is a faint outline of a small dish in the bell tower. An anonymous mole has suggested we should ask our treasurer to discreetly check who is paying the Rt. Rev.'s satellite bill.)

In our little corner of the world, except when reminded by our rituals, we probably tend to forget that we are part of a worldwide community of evangelism with centuries of history and tradition and a rich and varied ministry today. Soon, Thursday, February 27th, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams will be enthroned as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury in St. Augustine's succession. For those who want to follow the enthronement of the new Archbishop, "the Anglican Communion" maintains a news service at

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/> - there is also a permanent link to The Anglican Communion from the Good Shepherd website, and you may wish to subscribe to some of this organization's services. If you want to see what is in store for Archbishop Rowan, and there is certainly no doubt he will be a busy man, keep the following news release in mind when you visit the above site: "To Lead and to Serve" ACNS 2618 (See archives, 6 Sept, 2001). We will place a printed copy in Hobson Lounge Library, 53 pages!

**Ted Foster,
Newsletter Editor**

Upcoming Special Events

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Rev. Canon Stephen Muncie will celebrate the Eucharist at Good Shepherd. At 8:00 a.m. Canon Muncie will be the Celebrant at a Rite I service in the Bishop Black Chapel. At 10:30 a.m. Canon Muncie will be the Celebrant and Guest Preacher at a Rite II-B at the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the 10:30 a.m. service following the Prelude there will be a Candlemas Procession before continuing with the service. During the service returning and new Vestry Members will be commissioned into service. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, Canon Muncie will be available in the Undercroft to answer questions from parishioners. Everyone is invited to join in the Question and Answer Conversation.

Sr. Faith Margaret, from the Community of the Holy Spirit in New York City, will return to Officiate a Morning Prayer Rite II service at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave on Sunday, February 9th. Following the service there will be a potluck in the Undercroft. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Senior Warden's Comments

Even though my term as Senior Warden has come to an end, there are a couple of comments I need to make so please hang with me one more time.

The report on the Wednesday Lunch Program was unintentionally left out of the Annual Meeting Packets. You will find this heartwarming report in this Newsletter. Thank you to Joanne Larson, Helen Marsh, Pat Grean, Joan Waldron, Nancy Smith, and Jim Mowery.

Once more I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve Good Shepherd as Senior Warden and I appreciate your support and prayers.

I am happy to turn this position over to Christy Ortman and I do it with great confidence. I pledge my support and prayers to Christy and the new Vestry as they go forward into a new year and one of transition.

Let us all go forth to love God and each other - this is the way to build a better Church.

Julia Nehls
Past Senior Warden



Wednesday Noon Free Lunch Program 2002

During the year 2002 the Wednesday Free Lunch Program served 1,888 meals to 1,357 guests. Our Thanksgiving festivities saw 60 visitors alone, to whom we served a record 84 meals.

We have been hosts to a variety of guests, and this continues to change and grow. This past year we were visited by townspersons, international and non-traditional students, guests from Lindley Inn, a prospective student and her parents who were impressed with the friendliness of the campus in general and Good Shepherd, in particular, workers from the Appalachian Rural Housing Development, and, recently, some very hungry persons passing through Athens on the bus stopping at the Oasis. We are considering expanding this service.

Not only do we feed our guests coming through the door but we have also taken meals to some who cannot get here. And our services have included finding needed clothing, bedding and furniture for several who have really been appreciative of Good Shepherd's generosity.

We are thankful for the church's budgeted contribution to the program as well as the financial support of individual parishioners and their donations of food and help in the kitchen.

Volunteers



Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Larson
Helen Marsh
Pat Grean
Joan Waldron
Nancy Smith
Jim Mowery

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2003

Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS

Today's lessons practically scream "vocation" or "call." Vocation. It is a huge subject and one that is surely bandied about very freely when you live in a convent. We spend hours and hours talking about Vocation, Vocations, discernment, a sense of call and how to live all that out today in the year 2003 – how to live *in* the world and not be *of* the world. In other circles around the Church, Vocation or Vocations may have more to do with a call to ordained ministry. The ordained ministry and the Religious life are only two ways of living out a baptismal vocation. I maintain that each and every one of us has a vocation; a unique vocation, and it is our life's journey to follow that call, see where it leads us and respond as we think God is asking us to. One step at a time. God has created each and every one of us with gifts, talents, and skills that we are expected to use; to use to show forth God's glory, to be the manifestation of God to others, to be light to the world. In November you had a couple of baptisms here at Good Shepherd and then just before Christmas you had, I believe, eight confirmations. That's great news! Eight people answering a call, saying "yes" to God. Or rather, eight people answering *eight different* calls.

In answering a call, especially a call that seems to be coming from God, we must keep in mind that an important characteristic of a call is that one is being sought out, being selected. The call does not originate in us; it is put there first by God. It seems all turned inside out. God first invites us to love and *then* we feel the desire to love, it is as though God places the desire in us directly. We must remember that we did not choose God until God first chose us. The invitation from God is there at the outset; it is extended through Jesus who helps us to find the way, for, as he says, he is The Way and The Truth and The Life.

To think about *accepting* God's call is a humbling experience. "Why me?" People sometimes ask. But an equally good question is "why *not* me?" Some people answer God's call with a childlike enthusiasm; a very trusting and immediate recognition of who Christ is – like Philip. Jesus said "Follow me" and that was all he needed. He dropped everything and followed without looking back. He though, didn't *get it* completely; Philip and the others

thought that they had found the Messiah – and that they were quite clever to do it, too. They didn't understand that Jesus first found them. Perhaps they, like many of us, felt like they had been on a spiritual quest – that they were searching and they did it – they found exactly what they were looking for.

Other people may present more of a challenge to God, not responding quite so quickly or completely – but the good news is that God is up to the test. There have always been skeptics and there probably always will be. Look at Nathaniel's response: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" That was a pretty snobbish response then. In today's vernacular it might translate: "Oh yeah?? You've got to be kidding. Prove it." Philip, though, keeps his head and says "come and see." Come and see. It sounds like evangelism at work – an interactive, hands-on experience. Like Nathaniel, like Thomas the Apostle, some of us can't believe, or won't believe unless we see with our own eyes, touch with our own hands, experience it ourselves. Come and see is an invitation into an interactive experience with Christ.

Some people don't ever get around to answering God's call, or perhaps they never really hear it. What a shame that is.

When we answer the Spirit's call we don't always know, (who am I kidding? we *hardly ever* know) what we're *really* getting into. Maybe that's just as well. I think that saying *yes* to a call, particularly to a call from God, always has at least a *teeny* element of risk. If we could see the whole picture as clearly at the beginning as we do when we look back years later, we might run away screaming. But it is those twists and surprises that mold and form us; they also stretch and challenge us to grow in new and exciting ways. Ways that we might never choose, except we were put in a position where we either had to "fish or cut bait." If we participate in it fully, living out our baptismal vocation is never static and dull – it couldn't possibly be.

Part of our challenge is to figure out just what it is God is asking of us and sometimes God's messages don't leave us feeling warm and cuddly; on occasion they can be so "far out" and unexpected that they are startling. Poor little Samuel, he was only a young boy; he just didn't understand – he didn't have enough experience listening to God to recognize God's voice. He, not to mention Eli, misunderstood the call three times before, on the fourth try, he was finally able to say "*Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.*"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was called. Certainly, he was an ordained minister, but beyond that he was called into leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. He believed he was following a call from God, and so he lived with fear for his own life, lived with fear for his family and friends, and lived with the conviction that what he was standing up for was not only "just and right", but critical and to disobey or ignore that call would be morally wrong. Unethical.

A few years ago, I was traveling in Tucson over the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend. I turned on the television in my hotel room and found a movie about Dr. King. I was pulled into the film; I was pulled into his "Dream." I was transfixed, and then I was in tears. I can't hear that "I Have a Dream" speech without having a physical reaction ... my stomach tenses up and I have to fight tears. That speech was "way out there" then – it was a vision of a world turned upside down:

- "...where children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"
- "...where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers."
- "a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight and glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

I was a very little girl when Dr. King gave that speech, a little older when he was martyred. Each of us will have had our own experience of the Civil Rights Movement based on where we were, and who we were at the time it occurred. I remember tension and horrible things in the newspapers, but my memory of going to school is that it was always integrated. Today's children will have a totally different experience of the world than any of us did – formed by all that has gone on before, even if they are unaware of it specifically. If we think that the problem that existed then has been neatly solved, once and for all, then we are mistaken – for even if there weren't still struggles with Racism, we still have plenty of other social justice issues on our plate that

need to be worked out – gender issues, sexual orientation issues, economic, environmental and stewardship issues.

So, if you will, we have three "words" from scripture today and another from Dr. King:

- Speak Lord for your servants are listening
- Follow me
- Come and see
- Dream

Over the next little while, as you as a Parish Family move into and then begin to move through the transition that faces you right now, these four "words" may be helpful touchstones. For there will need to be analysis of who you are as a part of the Body of Christ, and where you think God is leading you, what your mission is, how each of you and all of you are part of that mission, that vision and way down the road who your next rector will be. This will take time, probably more time that most of us would like – it is a big process, but it is imperative not to shortcut the process – for that will come back to haunt you in the long run. It will be necessary to dream, to vision, to discern, to listen – for God will be speaking, although at times it may sound more like whispering. There will be struggling. Some days it may be all you can do to put one foot in front of the other and "just do it."

It's worth it; remember that the primary goal is to follow Christ and reveal God's glory in the world. If you are truly listening to the voice of God, following in God's way and discerning so that you are dreaming God's dream, then the time will come when you say "Come and See" – and it will happen. In the movie *Field of Dreams*: the main character, Ray Kinsella, hears a voice, and decides to do what he thinks it's telling him. The voice tells him "If you build it, they will come." Ray ploughs up a field of corn and puts in a baseball field. People think he is crazy, but he persists, and they do come. *Come and See*.

Don't walk away now and say you'll return when this transition is over, because even if you do come back you won't recognize what you find and it will feel foreign. Stick it out. Be part of the process. Be part of the solution. Stay involved, care for this place, love one another. This is not a job for just a few dedicated people, it needs all of you; each with their own gifts,

Lenten Retreat

that feels a lot like chaos – and on the surface it doesn't feel terribly comfortable. Remember though, that if we allow ourselves to explore the depths, to open our hearts and minds, in a place of chaos very creative and perhaps unexpected things can happen. *You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending.*

Almost exactly two years ago I stood here for the very first time. Little did I know then just how well we would become acquainted. Remarkable. God does move in mysterious and unexpected ways sometimes. I give thanks for you individually and collectively every day; please know that during this time of transition you are in my prayers and the prayers of all the Sisters.

Today I am delighted to receive two more of your parishioners as Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit: Lynn Graham and TJ Luce. They will join Julie Nehls and Katherine Ziff as Associate members of the Community here in Athens. For some people becoming an associate of a religious community is a way to intentionally focus on one's prayer life, one's spiritual journey. The accountability to a Rule of Life can be a helpful way to nurture an evolving relationship with God.

When I was here two years ago on the Second Sunday after Epiphany I challenged you to try to live into today's collect. We're all in a different place today, but the challenge still stands: -

Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.

The idea was that in praying for this illumination and allowing ourselves to be transformed, even transfigured, by it to the extent that we shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, we surely cannot help but proclaim Christ's glory. We will truly be bearers of Christ's love in the world. I believe that consciously choosing this, specifically wanting to be witnesses to Christ, can make a difference in our own lives, the life of this parish and the lives of others, an enormous difference.

And the time to start is right now, today!

Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS

This year we will have a Lenten Retreat; it will be held at Proctor Camp and Conference Center from 4:00 p.m. March 28th to 3:00 p.m. March 29, 2003.

We will have a mixture of silence, meditations and corporate worship. Sr. Faith Margaret will be with us to lead the Lenten Meditations and the Rev. Tom Timmons will celebrate the Eucharist.

The cost of the retreat is \$77.50 per person, double occupancy, including 3 meals. A deposit of \$50 is required by February 19th to hold your reservation. Be sure to get your reservation in early as we have a limited number of spaces available. The balance is due March 12th.

Send your reservations and deposit to Glenda at the Church Office. If you have any questions, please call Julie at 593-7354.

News from the Pews...

Athena Tracy retires at the end of January after several years as executive director of the Athens County CASA/GAL volunteer program in the Juvenile Court. Board members include **Lyn Butrick** and **Carolyn Murphree**. Volunteers have included **Zelma Coleman, Pat Elisar, Mike Morgan, Carolyn Murphree, Christy Ortman, Lane Tracy, Reid Sinclair, and T. J. Luce.**

Anne Walker completes 3 years as President of NAMI-Athens this month but continues on the board.

Kaye and Mary Anne Rakes, anticipating "early retirement" at the end of the year are building a home in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Kate Ortman, having recently completed the chef's course at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City, will prepare lunch for the Vestry Retreat in February.

Matthew Ziff is among the exhibitors in the Artists with Artisit exhibit now at the Dairy Barn.

The Rev. Katharin Foster of the River Bend Cluster has succeeded the **Rev. Mike Morgan** as Dean of the Hocking Valley Deanery.

2003 VESTRY

Executive Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Christy Ortman	Senior Warden
Allyn Reilly	Junior Warden
Robert Shelly	Secretary
Jack Flemming	Treasurer

Vestry

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Zelma Coleman	2004
Larry Larson	2004
Ann Rathbun	2004
Reid Sinclair	2004
Karen Evans-Romaine	2005
Leslie Flemming	2005
Robert Shelly	2005
Katherine Ziff	2005
Matthew Adeyanju	2006
Alex Buckley	2006
Preston Denton	2006
Lynn Graham	2006
Laura Reams (University Representative)	2004

February Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 2nd:	Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 a.m., Nave The Rev. Canon Stephen Muncie, Guest Preacher
Wednesday, February 5th:	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Sunday, February 9th:	Morning Prayer Rite II 10:30 a.m., Nave Sr. Faith Margaret, Guest Preacher
Wednesday, February 12th:	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Sunday, February 16th:	Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 a.m., Nave The Rev. David McCoy, Guest Preacher
Wednesday, February 19th:	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Sunday, February 23rd:	Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 a.m., Nave The Rev. Charles Watts, Guest Preacher
Wednesday, February 26th:	Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m., Bishop Black Chapel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 1st: Ultreya
5:30 p.m., Undercroft

Monday, February 3rd: Gordy Ruchti, birthday
Henry and Caroline Dean, anniversary

Tuesday, February 4th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Dutch & Bonnie Savage's home

Wednesday, February 5th: Katie Irwin, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m., Nave

Thursday, February 6th: Eliza Riffe, birthday
NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Saturday, February 8th: Michelle Parsons, birthday
Vestry Retreat
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Tuesday, February 11th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Worship Committee Meeting
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Wednesday, February 12th: Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, February 13th: Deborah Burk, birthday
NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Saturday, February 15th: Greek Orthodox Services
9:00 a.m., Undercroft

Sunday, February 16th: Amy Hillard, birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 17th: William Brophy, birthday
Lee Palmer, birthday

Tuesday, February 18th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Dutch & Bonnie Savage's home

Wednesday, February 19th: Mark Enlow, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, February 20th: Cherita King, birthday
Kenneth & Martha (Dean) Rupp, anniversary
NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Friday, February 21st: Brooks Purdy, birthday

Saturday, February 22nd: Madeleine Maupin, birthday

Sunday, February 23rd: Super Seekers
5:30 p.m., Undercroft

Tuesday, February 25th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Wednesday, February 26th: Lindsay Beetem, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m., Nave

Thursday, February 27th: Ronald Isele, birthday
NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Friday, February 28th: Chris Coleman, birthday
Sandra Oney, birthday