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In the Interim . . .

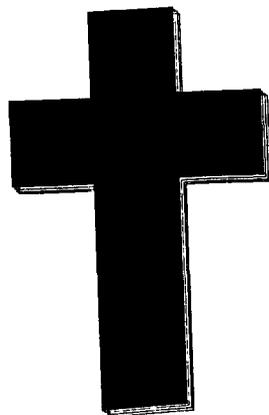
The Vestry continues to read and reflect on the book *Discerning Your Congregation's Future: A Strategic and Spiritual Approach* as providing a possible way in which the parish can strengthen its understanding of its identity and "uncover" the mission which God has in store for it. Its October meeting will be in large part devoted to discussing and deciding on whether to follow this approach.

In November I will offer **AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** beginning with a Saturday session on November 8 followed by five Tuesday evening sessions, November 11-December 9, from 7-8:30 p.m. Contemplative prayer is a non-rational (not irrational!) way of quieting the mind so that we might open ourselves to experience God's presence in a way different from the more usual rational and active forms of prayer and study. The sessions will help explain this type of prayer, but more importantly, offer ways and means of entering into and experiencing the results of silence. A sign up sheet will be available in church during October. Please speak to me if you have questions.

After consultation with the wardens and previous Canterbury committee members I have asked Laura Reams to serve as Good Shepherd's "Peer Minister" for the academic year 2003-04. The Peer Ministry program is made possible by a grant from the Diocese and is meant to assist congregations in university communities in the development of their campus ministry. Over the next months Laura and I will be working with students and faculty members at Good Shepherd in the development of our ministry with OU students and faculty.

As a side note, I will be out of town two different times in October on the following dates: Wednesday and Thursday, October 1st and 2nd and also from Wednesday, October 22nd through Thursday, October 30th.

***Michael Jupin,
Interim Priest***



Notes from the Organ Bench

Welcome to this year's Vocal Music Assistants. They are Krista Voorhees, soprano, Laura Fry, alto, Jacob Conklin, tenor, Rob Fry, bass. We are pleased to have this fine group be a part of our music program.

Choir Potluck – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1st, at the home of Joann Worstall and Don Frazier.

Wednesday, October 15th, rehearsals for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin. In order to avoid too many extra rehearsals, Sunday music will be rehearsed from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Advent music from 8:05 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. As we get closer to the Advent program more time will be spent on the Advent music. If you are interested in singing in the special program but do not regularly sing with the choir, please contact Marsha Reilly. (She hides behind the organ console on Sunday mornings!) By November 1st a complete roster of singers for that program is needed. Thanks.

Music for the October 5th Liturgy:

Did you know that the Gloria in Excelsis is one of the oldest surviving Canticles modeled on popular hymns of the day. (The Phos hilaron that is sung at Evensong is another of this genre.) There is evidence dating from around the 4th Century that it was sung at lauds in the Western Rite and as part of the Morning Office in the Eastern Rite. Some historical evidence suggests also that it was first used at the Eucharist by the Pope at the Christmas Midnight Mass and extended to Sundays and other feast days by Pope Symmachus (498-514).

The Gloria in Excelsis will be sung in responsorial style with cantor as the people are gathering. Other Psalms and Canticles will also be sung in this fashion. Since music in the early Christian Church was derived from the Jewish synagogue tradition with which the people were familiar, the melodic formulas we use for our chanting bear a great deal of similarity to those of the early Church.

The choir will not be vested and will be in the pews. All music will be vocal and unaccompanied.

**Marsha Reilly
Music Director**

October Adult Education Hour

Sundays, October 12th & 19th

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Nehls Hall

Sunday, October 12th: By popular request we will again view the video comparing two responses to the same "change" in a congregation and titled *The Anxious Congregation – The Responsible Congregation* as a way of deepening our understanding of "The Congregation as an Emotional System"

Sunday, October 19th: *TAKING ROOT, SPREADING WINGS, CELEBRATING: LITURGY AND MUSIC IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION.* Having experienced a Eucharist of the early second to third century church on the first Sunday of October, we now move onto an exploration of a late medieval celebration. That same liturgy will then be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd at the 10:30 a.m. hour, followed by a "talk back" during the monthly potluck.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 10:30 A.M. A SECOND-THIRD CENTURY EUCHARIST

On Sunday, October 5th, as you enter for the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist you just might hear someone reading something from the lectern. . . . or you may hear the congregation already singing . . . you will NOT see a procession or a choir. You will see the President of the Assembly (the priest) sitting in a chair at the top of stairs waiting to start the service. . . in street clothes . . . with a couple of others – Deacons – sitting next to him, one on each side. And there is much more to see and hear or NOT see and hear because many parts of the Eucharist did not exist as of yet, such as the collect of the day or the creed. So on October 5th COME AND SEE (OR NOT SEE) and get a feel for what it was like to worship in the church around the year 200!

Senior Warden Comments

I'm a visually oriented kind of person, I suppose. Don't read the instruction book to me. Let me get all of the pieces out of the box and look them over. I like to see where I've been and where I'm going. Before a trip I gather maps and travel guides, haunt the library and the internet. I make plans, change them, then leave plenty of room for an adventure that just might pop up unexpectedly. Now I'll explain why our current journey suits me.

Our parish journey has taken a few roads that we weren't so accustomed to traveling. The various Cottage Gatherings combined with the open invitation to meet one-on-one with our pastor seem to be regarded by many as a relief and a release. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a cottage meeting or visit with Michael Jupin, please call and make an appointment. You may be a bit surprised that there is someone who really wants to get to know each of us at Good Shepherd.

Vestry meetings now begin with a time of reflection, sharing, and prayer. In fact, this portion has become essential to our work together and for this reason we are beginning our meetings a half an hour earlier than before. The results are remarkable and refreshing. Vestry members have noted a more positive and caring atmosphere in our monthly meetings.

As we work towards a more open atmosphere in our parish life together, it follows that our hearts and minds begin to open as well. Asking the Holy Spirit to come into our lives is no small request. A prayer group, formed by Matthew Adeyanju, serves as a strong link between those in need and those who have offered themselves through their prayer time. If you have the inclination to explore this facet of parish life, please join in.

A book which offers the road map for figuring out Good Shepherd's future has been selected for our use by our interim pastor. *Discerning Your Congregations' Future: A Strategic and Spiritual Approach* by Oswald and Friedrich is being studied by the Vestry. One of the first steps prescribed is that a vision task force, made up of parishioners, be appointed. This group will lead all of us in the discernment of our past, present, and future. Guided by our interim and closely linked to the Vestry, the task force will sift through information gathered in meetings

with the parish. Here's the part I like: the authors liken this sifting and distillation of information to the process of making maple syrup.

I have an idea that if each of us makes it a point to participate in the vision process, we will be firmly connected to this journey of self discovery and vision building.

We've got the maps, the travelers, a sheepdog, and a shepherd. Of course, not every journey is smooth sailing. As the stewardess recites, "If there is anything we can do to make your journey more enjoyable, please let us know." No, there is no overhead button for you to push but there's always the phone, e-mail, or that old standby . . . person to person. However we do it, let's stay connected. Pass it on.

Christy Ortman
Senior Warden

Fall Flea Market

The Annual Fall Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Nehls Hall. You may bring your "contributions" starting Sunday, October 12th. Please put your things in the choir room – NOT IN THE KITCHEN. Also, please bring things in by noon on Friday, October 17th.

If you have any questions call Betty Larson at 592-4847 or Julia Nehls at 593-7354.

A Women's Retreat

The First Presbyterian Church, Athens, is offering a Woman's Retreat November 14th – 15th, 2003. The title is *Extraordinary Ordinary Ruth*. The retreat will meet Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the same location. The speaker is Dr. Jean Seitz, a Presbyterian Pastor.

There is no cost required, but an optional \$10 donation may be given to help defray the costs. Childcare can be arranged on Saturday only and must be indicated on the registration form. The workshop flyer and the registration forms are available in the Parish Office. For more information you may contact Margaret Stumpf at 593-8158.

Worship Committee News

The Midweek Eucharist is held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. The Rev. Michael Jupin is the celebrant and attendance is around 14 people each Wednesday. The Rev. Jupin will be out of town on October 1st, 22nd, and 29th. Evening Prayer will be held those evenings. The leaders will rotate among Jack Flemming, Leslie Flemming, and Lynn Graham.

A liturgy study program has been planned for this year. *TAKING ROOT, SPREADING WINGS, CELEBRATING: Liturgy and Music in the Episcopal Tradition* begins on Sunday, October 5th, with a celebration of a second-third century Eucharist. Other plans for fall are outlined below. In the winter, the Rev. William Peterson will conduct a workshop on worship changes in our Church and a workshop with Ms. Carol Doran on hymnody in April is also planned. The sub-committee planning these events are: Marsha Dutton, Leslie Flemming, Rev. Michael Jupin, and Marsha Reilly.

On Sunday, September 21st, at the Adult Education Hour, the Rev. Michael Jupin kicked off the liturgy study program on *TAKING ROOT, SPREADING WINGS, CELEBRATING: Liturgy and Music in the Episcopal Tradition*. The Rev. Jupin presented an overview of the early second-third century Christian Eucharist service and the writings of Hippolytus. He related how these early services are incorporated in our current services in the Book of Common Prayer. On Sunday, October 5th, that same service will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. hour, followed by a "talk back" during the monthly potluck.

On All Saints', November 2nd, at the 10:30 a.m. hour, a medieval liturgy will be celebrated followed by a "talk back" during the monthly potluck.

The weekend of November 22nd – 23rd, the Diocesan Resident Theologian, Dr. Walter Bouman, professor emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, will be present to lead a workshop on liturgy.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, the Rev. Michael Jupin will celebrate a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m. in the Nave. The Annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m.

Any comments or ideas are welcome. The committee members are: Matthew Adeyanju, Marsha Dutton, Leslie Flemming, Lynn Graham, Rev. Michael Jupin, Julie Nehls, Christy Ortman, and Marsha Reilly.

Lynn Graham

View from the Terrace

A tradition with Katharin and me is to vacation with friends in Washington D. C. over Labor Day weekend. While there, we worship at the Washington National Cathedral. The sermon that Sunday was by the Rev. Francis Wade of the neighboring St. Alban's parish, who was formerly in the West Virginia Diocese. The sermon was on the dynamics of worker – management conflict, and he drew parallels to what he called “the conflict ‘du jour’” in the Episcopal Church. Dr. Wade explained very well the misunderstanding and confusion over the General Convention's election of Gene Robinson and other decisions related to homosexuality. His sermon is on the web and would be a good read; point your browser to <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/worship/fw030831.shtml> and while at it take a visit to the main pages for the Cathedral <http://www.cathedral.org> for the gift shop and other things.

After Labor Day we visited a former colleague of Katharin's in North Carolina and while there went to a Greek festival sponsored by the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte. Speaking of conflict, in a disagreement over how much money to send to the New York Archdiocese, a year or so ago, the parish members changed the locks to keep out the old guard and the bishop did not allow the priest to hold service. I guess a dialog was established and the conflict settled; about 500 attend Sunday services (3000 members), The festival was spectacular, and the priests were present.

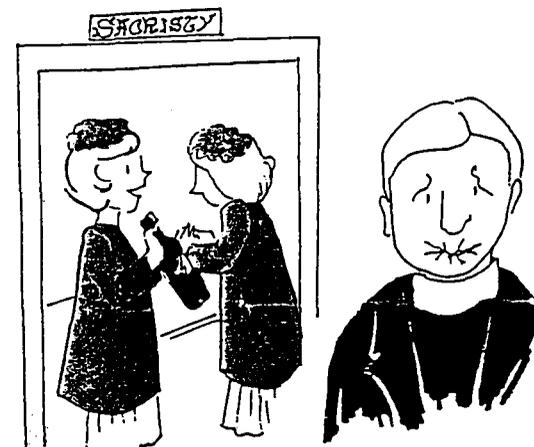
Beyond the festival itself we toured the Church. What really impressed me was the beauty of the building and elaborate use of icons. The visual beauty of the icons in this church is outstanding and you can see why icons have been called prayers, hymns, and sermons in form and color. These walls display the mysteries and stories of the Christian religion, starting with Jesus at the apex of the large center dome over the altar area, in startling 3D, so clearly the descending, representing the divine presence of the resurrected Christ. A live-in painter from Greece (have forgotten name, but no relation to Michelangelo!) worked on the icons for several years. His work has a modern look, but there are many stylized icons as well – this church is a real treasure.

The inside of the building shouts of joy – is a blaze of color, icons adorning the walls, ceiling, and the “iconostasis” area around the altar area. Two heavily icon-adorned front walls form a large center door

where the priests and deacons bring out the Eucharist, and side doors used by altar boys and others with business behind the altar. During a talk and tour we were invited to explore the altar area as well, which surprised me.

Worship, way long ago as a kid, Quaker meetings, seemed in stark contrast to what transpires in this building. Then we sat silently on hard benches, with an occasional word to the wise, elders in front keeping a severe eye on one's fidgeting and taking forever to shake hands (meeting is over). The walls and benches were painted gray, no curves, no art, and no music. The older folks wore plain clothing. Feeling the presence of God was entirely up to you (which was the point of course) – at least until old aunt Zoa starting lamenting again that millions of people worldwide have gone to hell because they did not have the opportunity to witness Christ. “It is just so unfair that they did not know Christ!”

Anyway, the point is that we Quakers did not like distractions, despite aunt Zoa. At the other end of the worship continuum, it has been said that one of the main characteristics of the Eastern Church is its power to perceive and express the celestial beauty of the spiritual world in the worship service. I have not attended an Eastern Church worship service, which I understand are longer in duration than ours, with a liturgy that involves all the senses – sight through the visual beauty of the icons, the vestments, smell through the incense, sound through the music of the liturgy, taste through the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and touch by crossing oneself, kissing icons, lighting candles, etc. If the visual beauty of this building and its contents is any indication, the rich Orthodox worship service must be quite an experience. Someday, overcoming embarrassment, I would like to experience this service.



Ted Foster
Newsletter Editor

"Do you remember that wine-making kit I gave my son? He's donated his entire first case to the Altar Guild!"

Vestry Highlights

Listed below are highlights of September's Vestry meeting on Thursday, September 18th.

- The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a period of prayer, reflection, sharing, and the lighting of the Holy Spirit Candle.
- The minutes of the August, 2003, meeting were approved.
- The Worship Committee submitted a proposal for a hanging Ambry Light with a red globe to be purchased with funds provided by contributions solicited from members of the parish. Bob Shelly moved that the proposal be passed, Matthew Adeyanju seconded the motion, which was passed. Details are to be worked out by the Worship Committee.
- The Rev. Jupin presented a history of the Capital Campaign efforts as documented in Vestry minutes and then led the Vestry through a review and clarification of the process, posing the question of how to strengthen the Vestry to leadership. Discussion of the Capital Campaign process ensued, in regard to the roles of the Finance Committee, Vestry, Rector, and the Congregation.
- The importance of looking to the future and putting things that went wrong behind was noted. It is important to continue discussions to analyze the Capital Campaign process and was agreed that the Vestry would gather its forces and move together to identify a future, rather than pick up with the Capital Campaign right now.
- A discussion of the Vestry's possible involvement with the book *Discerning Our Future* took place. At the next meeting, the Vestry will further discuss the book and how Vestry and the Congregation can follow the process outlined in the book.



Wednesday Lunch Report

Beginning in the month of September, a Weekly Wednesday Lunch Report appeared in the bulletin. We all thought this should also appear in the Good News for those who can't make it to church on Sundays - so that everyone knows what goes on.

September 3rd: The Wednesday Lunch group served sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit and dessert to 41 people. We made 51 servings.

September 10th: The Wednesday Free Lunch program provided 60 meals to 52 guests this week. The menu included spaghetti and meatballs, curried rice, fresh tomatoes, cole slaw, vegetarian pasta casserole, fresh fruit, cookies, and cake.

September 17th: The Wednesday Lunch group provided 62 servings to 54 guests. Our menu consisted of chicken and broccoli casseroles, black bean and rice casseroles, tossed salad, marinated tomatoes, cottage cheese, cakes and cookies.

September 24th: The Wednesday Free Lunch program served 65 meals to 69 guests – and ran out of food! Our menu consisted of chicken souffle, sausage strata, Spanish strata, cottage cheese, marinated tomatoes and cucumbers, tossed salad, curried rice, apple crisp, poppy seed cake, brownies and cookies.

All of the above weekly reports were written by Joanne Larson and Pat Grean. The Wednesday Free Lunch Program continues to grow each week, especially now that the students are back in town. Contact Joanne or Pat if you would like to help in any way that you can.



News from the Pews...

At first we thought about not having a News from the Pews in this issue, but several people have submitted items that should be published; so I thought I would try to take a stab at it, so here goes!

As many of you know, our Roving Reporter, **Reid Sinclair**, underwent triple bypass surgery the third week of September. As of press time Reid is home and recovering very well.

Also recovering from recent illnesses are **Helen Marsh** and **Phyllis Dean**. We also would like to say best of luck to **Sandi White** on her upcoming surgery.

Betty Hollow has completed *Ohio University 1804 – 2004: The Spirit of A Singular Place*. The 364 page book, written as a part of the university's bicentennial celebration, traces the life of the university from its beginnings up to the present through a basic narrative, hundreds of photographs, and special essays and sketches of the colleges, people, places, and events. The book is available at pre-publication prices from Ohio University Press and will be available at book signings on the evening of October 10th at Memorial Auditorium, on the morning of the 11th at Baker Center and the Konneker Center and during the early afternoon at the Visitor's Center.

Carl Ortman has begun an internship in Wales at the National Assembly.

Katharin Foster is the Interim Priest of Epiphany, Nelsonville, and St. Paul's, Logan. She is also the Dean of the Hocking Valley Deanery.

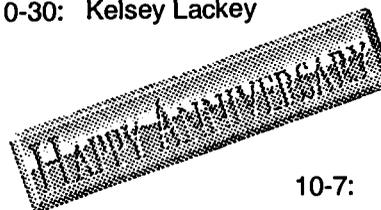
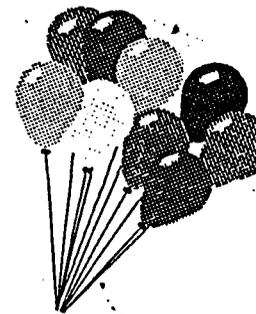
Congratulations to **Michael Adeyanju**, **Paul Denton**, and **Greg Seymour**, who were elected to the Athens High Student Council for 2003 – 2004 year. Good Shepherd is well represented by our young people.

The deadline for the November Good News, the deadline will be October 20th.

Glenda Frost,
Parish Administrator

October Birthdays:

- 10-1: Eric Jennings, Joe Walker
- 10-3: Susan (Gault) Enlow, John Lucas
- 10-4: Leslie Flemming
- 10-5: Christy Ortman, Mary Anne Rakes
- 10-6: Sheppard Black, Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis, Daniel Riffe
- 10-7: Katharin Foster
- 10-9: Stella Lee
- 10-10: David Gault
- 10-11: Debbie Hillard
- 10-16: Jess Luce
- 10-19: Carl Ortman
- 10-20: Bill Shepherd
- 10-23: Meghan Purdy
- 10-27: Ted Sherman
- 10-29: Carolyn Reilly
- 10-30: Kelsey Lackey



October Anniversaries:

- 10-1: Kaye & Mary Anne Rakes
- 10-4: David & Christina Gault
- 10-7: Anthony & Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis
- 10-14: Daniel & Dee Dee Riffe
- 10-19: Jonathan & Robin Sinclair

Property Notes

Please note that the Vestry has approved the following policy regarding repairs to church property, effective immediately: if there is a need for repair please report it either to the Junior Warden or to Glenda Frost, Parish Administrator. Glenda has been asked to clear all repairs with the Junior Warden (or another member of the Executive Committee in the Warden's absence) before a repairman is hired. This policy is necessary in order to gain control of minor repairs, since most tradespeople charge per visit. This way we can economize a bit while still doing necessary repairs in a timely way.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Allyn Reilly,
Jr. Warden

September Worship Schedule

Wednesday, October 1st: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Nave
Sunday, October 5th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
2nd-3rd Century Eucharist
10:30 a.m., Nave
Wednesday, October 8th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
Sunday, October 12th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
10:30 a.m., Nave
Blessing of Animals
1:00 p.m., Church Front Yard
Wednesday, October 15th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
Sunday, October 19th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
10:30 a.m., Nave
Wednesday, October 22nd: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Nave
Sunday, October 26th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
10:30 a.m., Nave
Wednesday, October 29th: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Nave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 1st: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Saturday, October 4th: Greek Orthodox Services
9:00 a.m., Nehls Hall
Ultreya Potluck & Meeting
5:30 p.m., Nehls Hall
Sunday, October 5th: All Parish Potluck
& "Talk Back" Session
following 10:30 a.m. service, Nehls Hall
Wednesday, October 8th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Nave
Sunday, October 12th: Adult Education Hour
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Nehls Hall
Wednesday, October 15th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Nave
Thursday, October 16th: Vestry Meeting
7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge
Saturday, October 18th: Fall Flea Market
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Sunday, October 19th: Adult Education Hour
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Nehls Hall
Wednesday, October 22nd: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Nave
Wednesday, October 29th: Free Community Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Nave