

# Good SHEPHERD News

*Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio*

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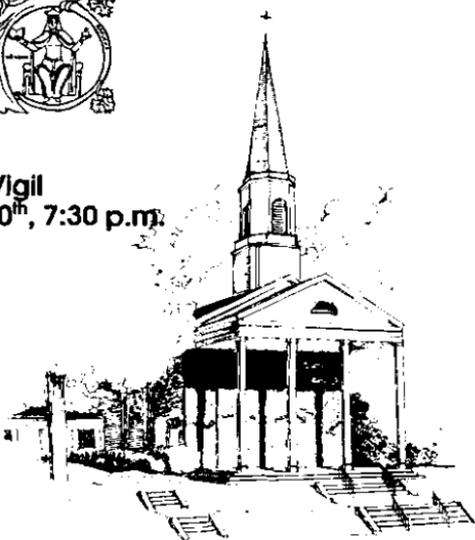
## April 2004



**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

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# *In the Interim . . .*

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

*Holy Week and Easter are at the heart, the center, of the Christian life and story.*

That part of Jesus' story that runs from his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the resurrection makes up **40% of the Gospel of Mark**, the oldest and first of the gospels. Scholars believe these were the first stories told about Jesus in the early Christian community.

The seven days of Holy Week make up one of the seven seasons of the Church Year. It is the shortest season, only the seven days from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday, and the most focused, as it looks squarely on the events leading to Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The red color of this season (often tinged with black in the church's décor) signifies the blood, the suffering of Christ.

*Holy Week and Easter are at the heart, the center, of the Christian life and story.* One can hardly understand what it means to be "a Christian" without a familiarity with the Holy Week story. One deepens and strengthens his or her experience and understanding of what it means to be "a Christian" through the annual "immersion" into this story. Referring to his Passion, Jesus asks his disciples "Are you willing to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" To enter into the stories and liturgies of Holy Week and Easter is one place where the Episcopal Church does practice a real "baptism by immersion."

The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) on April 4 tells the whole story of Holy Week from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through his death on the cross. It's a good thing we tell the whole story that day because for many it is their total Holy Week experience until Easter. That's too bad.

Because to truly "live" Holy Week is also to participate in at least some of the almost daily liturgies that take us "step by step" to the resurrection: the stories of Jesus in Jerusalem told at **Evening Prayer Monday through Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.**; the story of the foot washing at the last supper and the "stripping of the altar" (symbolic of Jesus' own stripping) at the **7:30 p.m. Eucharist on Maundy Thursday**; Jesus death and entombment at **Tenebrae on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.** By our participation we allow these stories and liturgies "to work on us," to affect, change, and transform us. Through such

participation how can we not but find our faith deepened and strengthened? Here we allow God to "do in us" what God will do.

The Holy Week experience becomes intensified and completed in the most ancient and wonderful of the church's liturgies **The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10.** Here the darkness of Good Friday is tenderly penetrated by the "first light" of Easter, the light that "the darkness did not overcome." (John 1:5b) The light grows ever so slightly as candles are lit in the church and the stories of God's actions in creation and Israel are told. And then, immediately following the sprinkling of water, the sign and hope of our Baptism, the words are shouted forth "*Alleluia. Christ is risen*" and the church is flooded with the light, which has the power to light the whole world.

*Holy Week is a dramatic and penetrating experience at the heart of the Christian life.* You don't have to see the movie, someone else's experience of the Passion of the Christ. You can have your own experience. Come and see!

***Michael Jupin,  
Interim Priest***

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## **VISION DISCERNMENT PROCESS**

**A DAY FOR NORM IDENTIFICATION  
"How do we DO THINGS around here?"**

**Noon to 2:30 p.m. (following the Eucharist)  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25  
Beginning with A POTLUCK LUNCH**

***SIGN UP IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY***

## THE VISION DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

*Where we are right now*

The month of February saw two important kinds of activities to help Good Shepherd see “where it is now” and begin to shape a new vision of “where God is leading it” as the parish prepares for new clergy leadership: The Ministry Assessment Gatherings and the Time for History Reflection.

Nearly fifty people took part in the **Ministry Assessment Gatherings** on three Sundays and one Wednesday evening in February. The “collators” for these occasions (Ted Foster, TJ Luce, Carolyn Murphree and Christy Ortman) met on March 10 and reflected together on the information coming out of those gatherings. The most significant of what they heard and identified is listed here.

*In general* traditional liturgy, including the worship space and music, are important to us. There is something of a tension between the desire for the continuing of that worship tradition and the future attraction of new people; we don't want to change too much to accomplish the latter. We have a need to connect with one another through opportunities for education, spiritual growth and play. We value and seek to exercise inclusiveness and are an articulate, knowledgeable, and committed group. Tired of division, unkindness, stasis, and gossip, we seek to function as a healthy church family.

*Our anxiety is touched by* issues of financial viability, number of people, lack of OU students, the condition of the physical plant, how best to change, and our place in the larger community.

*Our optimism centers on* our inclusive caring for one another and the larger community; our strengths in a eucharistically and prayer book centered worship and music, outreach; our ability to gather for fun, playful activities; and our belief that this is a good time for change.

*What keeps us invested in Good Shepherd includes* our worship; a history of being *only* Episcopalians (only show in town); a variety of ways to express our spirituality – worship & music, outreach, study, prayer, etc; encouragement given for personal and spiritual growth; a community of people.

*We want to “plug in” to* bible study, outreach, what we can realistically do in terms of dollars.

**The Day for Reflection on History**, February 29, saw forty-three people participate in the listing of historical events and experiences. This

exercise was then followed by groups at tables identifying *patterns* or *meaning statements* that “emerged” from a reflection on that history. After listing and grouping these statements then each participant of the total group had three votes to cast for the most important/significant meaning statements. By the time of the voting thirty people were still present and voted as follows (with number of votes in parenthesis):

The presence of programs for young adults, children, and (university) students is important to us but we have lacked consistent leadership. (20)

We're uncertain about what the relationship with a priest should be. How do the congregation and priest appropriately “care” for one another? What can each expect from the other? (19)

Music is important to us but there is a wide range of responses. (11)

We have not had ways of resolving conflicts on a number of levels. (11)

We have not dealt with our fiscal (financial) responsibilities. (11)

We have a history of supporting social service projects. Our pattern is to encourage individual rather than assume congregational sponsorship although we have stepped up to the plate as a congregation on several occasions (international items such as sponsoring refugees). (8)

We have a hunger for spiritual and educational growth to which we have not always responded. (7)

The Vision Discernment Task Group will now take these results and begin to develop *tentative goal statements*. Following on their interviews of community leaders and the Congregational Norm Identification session (see below) they will develop further tentative goals. These goals taken together and refined will form the heart of the Vision Discernment Report to the parish on June 13.

Members of the Task Group are Geoff Buckley, Ted Foster, TJ Luce, Carolyn Murphree, and Allyn Reilly. For her presence and excellent contribution to the work of the task group we thank Karen Evans-Romaine who is now in Russia until August. Please share your comments or thoughts about any of the above with task group or vestry members.

I have this leather satchel that I've taken to carrying. Before it was mine it belonged to my father. I've been keeping a collection of manila folders in it, which contain stuff I've been working on as Senior Warden and personal projects. Here are the titles of the folders: Communications Committee, The Geranium Farm/Barbara Crafton, Ministry Assessment/Vision Discernment, The Community of the Holy Spirit, Shawl Ministry, Calendars, The Marthas/Auction, E-news, and Worship Committee Minutes.

I have the originals of the signs I've enlarged at Kinkos for our front steps' easel. I have copies of essays by Barbara Crafton taken from the Internet (ones I want to reread). In the Shawl Ministry folder is a copy of The Interchange article, which sparked crocheting directions from [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com). I haul around the ever-growing calendar of events and try to remember changes that come down the pike. In my Community of the Holy Spirit folder is a booklet entitled, "The Rules for Associates..."

Do I just carry this stuff around because it's on my mind? Is my leather satchel that "extra baggage" we hear about in psychologist lingo? Maybe. Well, I'll tell you, I think of my dad and how he had "a lot of irons in the fire." I remember the manila folders, the yellow legal pads of notes, and the energy that sparked. It's the spark that I'm after.

**Christy Ortman**  
**Senior Warden**



### *Easter Lilies*

If you would like to contribute toward the Easter Lilies, as a memorial or in thanksgiving for someone, please contact the parish office by Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, by calling 593-6877 or e-mail [chogs@frognet.net](mailto:chogs@frognet.net).

Many of you may have read the article on Prayer Shawls, which appeared in the February issue of *INTERCHANGE*. But did you know that we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Good Shepherd? The idea was raised at a Marthas meeting and a number of people were interested and as a result there are now twelve knitters and/or crocheters involved.

The shawls will be given to those undergoing surgery, medical procedures, as comfort after a loss, during bereavement, during illness and recovery, birth of a baby, or as a gift of love and caring. Two shawls have been given away – one to Sallie Roberts (brain surgery) and one to Robbie and Laura Fry, former VMAs who left this month for England.

The group gathers every other Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. An opening prayer asking God to bless us as we knit or crochet healing, caring, love, friendship, protection into each shawl.

Everyone is welcome to join the group. If you cannot knit or crochet we have good teachers who will help you get started. If you are interested and would like more information call Christy Ortman at 593-8688 or Julie Nehls at 593-7354.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at Julie Nehls' home. Join us – it is a very rewarding ministry.

***Julie Nehls***



## **All Parish Easter Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
9:00 a.m.**

People are needed to help cook, set up, clean up and donate food. Betty Larson will be organizing a work crew to make stratas on Saturday morning, April 10<sup>th</sup>. All eggs, sausage, bacon, bread and shredded cheese will need to be in the kitchen by that Saturday morning. A sign up sheet is in the kitchen for helpers and food donations. Any questions may be directed to Lynn Graham.

***Everyone is invited to attend the Easter Breakfast!***

**Time**

**Talents**

**Treasures To Go**

**Marthas plan Auction**

**to benefit**

**Copy Machine Fund**

This event will be conducted along the same lines as the fund, and very successful, "Red Carpet Auction." It is scheduled to take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on June 6<sup>th</sup> (food will be available).

Full Good Shepherd participation is great anticipated – including that of our Greek community. All types of Auction items sought! In 2001, items ranged from babysitting and homemade baked goods to entertainment services and exquisite creations by original artists.

*Mark your calendar and be thinking about your contributions!!*

**Watch for additional information in the following weeks & months!**

To pre-register Auction items, contact the church office at 593-6877 or e-mail [chogs@frognet.net](mailto:chogs@frognet.net).

## **View from the Terrace**

Of late there has been a lot of talk about the process of stewardship by you-know-who, which comes in many forms, large and small. What follows is a case of where stewardship lapsed on someone's part, then assumed by others, and turned into two small blessings for Katharin and me.

Recently a box containing a mother cat and kittens appeared on the doorstep of Smith's Milliron Clinic – and as the clinic staff must do frequently, the cats are cleaned up, checked for health, given shots, spayed/neutered if need be. With this group all were placed in good homes. We adopted two all black kittens, housebroken, along with complete medical records and a Purina Kitten Kit with food samples and a how to manual. We named the shorthaired boy Franklin (Frankie) and the longhaired girl Eleanor (Ellie) after the Roosevelts (Lord knows why!). It appears that both Persian and Siamese are in their lineage (the kittens, not the Roosevelts).

The how to manual notes, as is the case with human children, playthings enhance the development of good cognitive and motor skills in kittens. So Katharin scoured Ebay making the stock of catnip producers and cat toy manufacturers soar to the stratosphere. The home place really rocks about 4:00 in the morning with the kitten's chasing games and batting objects about the house.

Despite our efforts and good intentions we think cognitive skill is a lost cause with Frankie. The book says that male kittens are usually very cozy and friendly and exhibit trust at an early age and Frankie sure fits the mold. Now that is not very smart.

Au contraire, the book notes that females are more cautious in approaching you (that's smart). However, Ellie has carried this to the extreme, worrying us. She would find every nook and cranny under the most hard to reach place to hide practically requiring the remodeling of the house to reach her. She would hiss, but at least did not scratch. Then she progressed to slinking around, lurking in the dark regions under the most distant furniture with that "I HATE YOU!!" glare in those yellow eyes. Then it became the "QUIT LOKKING AT ME" expression from atop furniture like a gargoyle. Now Ellie likes to hang out with us, but at a sensible distance, and still runs if we try to pick her up. When caught she will settle and purr robustly but soon comes to her senses and leaps to freedom at the first opportunity. Currently Ellie joins in with

her brother in games we play and we think she will be happy with us eventually. The book offers hope, saying female kittens are very affectionate once you have earned their trust. Ellie's price is high.

Speaking of purring – here is an interesting factoid from the how to manual. Did you know that purring results from the vibration of a major blood vessel in the chest, which is transmitted to the cat's upper air passages. Just opposite of what one might think, it seems Frankie has a tenor vein, but Ellie has a bass vein. Or could that rumble be a growl?

Katharin and I are truly blessed and now we have two new reasons to be thankful. God is good folks!

## **Ted Foster, Newsletter Editor**

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### **News from the Pews**

We need to express appreciation to **Phyllis Dean** for a job well done over several years as Business Manager at the Ohio Valley Summer Theater. But, as Phyllis retires the job stays in the parish family as **T. J. Luce** is the new manager.

Our own **Marsha Reilly** has been named 2004 Certified Teacher in the Southeast District of the Ohio Music Teachers Association. Her name will be entered for the state award.

Reports are that **Geoff Buckley** will join **Betty Hollow** and **Jamie Tevis** among recent parish authors. Geoff's book, *Extracting Appalachia*, is published by OU Press.

Special thanks goes to **Sandi White** for collecting donations, putting together, and delivering the exam goody bags to OU students just before Spring Break.

**Reid Sinclair,  
Roving Reporter**

## April Birthdays:

- 4-1: Lisa Gustavson
- 4-2: Jody Smith
- 4-4: Bob Spero
- 4-5: Kate Ortman
- 4-8: Susan Karageorge, John Ortman, Joanne Worstall
- 4-9: Pat Smith
- 4-10: Grant Smith
- 4-13: Mackenzie Lackey
- 4-15: Ted Riffe
- 4-17: Betty Hollow, Betsy Larson Wetmore
- 4-18: Twig Kaufman
- 4-19: Jack Flemming, Dee Dee Riffe
- 4-20: Clarrisa Campbell, Bethany Miller
- 4-22: Carlos Walker
- 4-27: Jenny Spero
- 4-30: Pam Biddlestone

## April Anniversaries:

- 4-23: Keith & Therese Lackey
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# *The Continuing Blend of American Hymnody*

## *A Weekend with Dr. Carol Doran*

Carol Ann Doran, Professor of Music and Liturgy and Seminary Organist at Virginia Theological Seminary, received her Doctoral of Musical Arts in 1970 from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. She has previously taught at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and The Eastman School of Music. Dr. Doran's list of publications includes several books, articles, hymn and organ music. She is a former member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church. Dr. Doran wrote the curriculum "Teaching New Music to Congregations" for the Leadership Program for Musicians.

### **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Gathering and Hospitality
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Session I
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – noon	Session II
noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (by pre-registration only \$8)
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Session III
6:00 p.m.	Dinner sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Southeast Chapter Followed by: <i>Contemporary Hymnody - Enlivening our Praise</i> Cost \$10

### **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<i>The People of God Sing!</i>
10:30 a.m.	Introduction of the Music for the 10:30 Eucharist Holy Eucharist featuring American Music

All events will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd  
64 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio

## Hymnody Weekend Pre-Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to attend the American Hymnody – past, present and future workshop on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lunches.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to attend the Dinner sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Southeast Chapter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunches @ \$8 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

checks may be made payable to the Church of the Good Shepherd  
and sent to 64 University Terrace, Athens, OH 45701

To register:

3. Return the completed form with payment to the church office.
4. Register by phone or e-mail.

**Deadline for meal purchases is April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information, please contact Marsha Reilly at  
593-6877, 592-2596, or mareilly1@columbuss.rr.com.

**Worship Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
				5:30 AM Evening Prayer & Meditation		
Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-I ----- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist-II ----- 2:00 PM Lindley Inn Worship	5:30 PM Evening Prayer	5:30 PM Evening Prayer	5:30 PM Evening Prayer	7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Eucharist	7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:30 AM The Great Easter Vigil Eucharist
Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17
10:30 AM Easter Day Festival Eucharist			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			
Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-I ----- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist-II ----- 2:00 PM Lindley Inn Worship			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			
Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-I ----- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist-II -----			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			

**Church Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
				12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting ..... 7:00 PM Vision Discernment Task Group .....		9:30 AM Bishop Focus Group Meeting .....
Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
9:00 AM Stewardship Conference .....		9:30 AM Prayer Shawl .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch ..... 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal .....			
Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17
9:00 AM Parish Breakfast .....		10:00 AM NAMI .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch ..... 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal .....	10:00 AM NAMI ..... 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting .....		9:00 AM Hymnody Workshop ..... 6:00 PM AGO Dinner .....
Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
9:00 AM Adult Education ..... 12:00 PM Inquirer's Class .....	10:30 AM Parish Health Ministry Meeting .....	9:30 AM Prayer Shawl ..... 10:00 AM NAMI .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch ..... 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal .....	7:00 PM Vision Discernment Task Group .....		8:00 AM Flea Market .....
Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
9:00 AM Adult Education ..... 12:00 PM Potluck .....		10:00 AM NAMI .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch ..... 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal .....	10:00 AM NAMI ..... 7:00 PM Vision Discernment Task Group .....		