
Good SHEPHERD News

Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

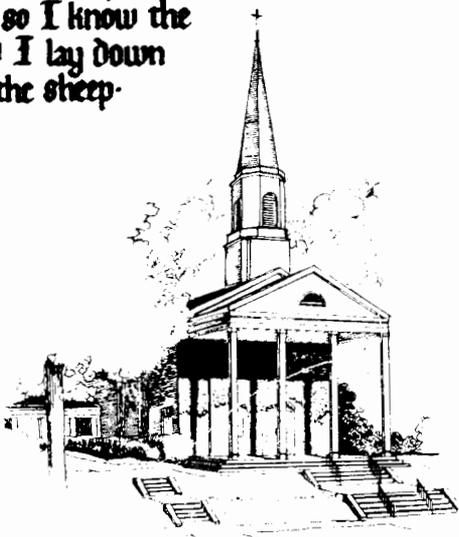
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**I am the good
shepherd. I know
my sheep and my
sheep know me.
As the father
knows me, so I know the
father, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.**

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*George Loken
1950*

In the Interim . . .

EASTER THANKS & MORE

It takes a lot of people and planning to “deliver” on all of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies at Good Shepherd, all made especially challenging this year with school vacations during that week. There are a lot of people to thank, too many to name them all although I will single out just a few persons. Before naming them I do want to thank all the worship ministers in our parish who make these liturgies possible: Marsha Reilly and the choir; acolytes; altar guild, Eucharistic ministers and lectors; ushers. I also note that Parish Administrator, Glenda Frost, just seems to “take in stride” and effortlessly puts together the six bulletins of Holy Week and Easter; what a woman! Many thanks as well to Curt & Terrie Sherman who organized the Easter Day breakfast and the Carlsons – Dana, Ilona, and Richard – who handled a large coffee hour.

But I want to especially thank Julie Nehls and Leslie Flemming. Julie, as always, is a great source of knowledgeable experience and ready to help. She was a constant presence for us in Holy Week: to “spray paint” the cross for Good Friday; to make sure the altar guild knew what was needed and then “interpret” those needs to them; to set up the post-Easter Vigil celebration pretty much “on her own.” What a way to spend the eve of your birthday, Julie! But, always the trooper, you continue faithful to the ministries of Good Shepherd through “thick and thin.”

Leslie Flemming, besides being chair of the worship committee and raising all the right questions for our consideration for Holy Week and Easter, also recruits and, with the help of parish administrator Glenda Frost, schedules the lectors. For Holy Week that included all those taking part in the reading of the Passion of Matthew on Passion/Palm Sunday and that of John on Good Friday. It also included the several readers for the lessons at the Great Vigil. Thanks to you, Leslie, for your quiet attention to this impressive challenge.

And thanks to all, worshippers and worship ministers, for making this Holy Week and Easter another time for strengthening our faith and sending us out to do our ministries for which Christ lived, died, and was resurrected to new life. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Speaking of lectors Leslie and I would like to recruit and train additional lectors (lesson readers) for the worship of Good Shepherd. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers literally “stand” in front of the congregation and thus are called to be good examples to the congregation of Christian life and community. That does not mean to

say that any of us is “perfect” and, in saying this, I don’t want to scare anyone away from considering the ministry of lector. It’s just that this is the way I think worshippers see such leaders (consciously or unconsciously) and it needs to be said. Some criteria for lectors are: regular parish worship and personal prayer; willing to be trained and receive feedback on his/her “performance” during the training and on her/his reading during worship; willing to prepare prayerfully and reflectively for his/her reading.

If interested in being a lector please call Glenda in the church office or speak to Leslie or me indicating the best times for training. Leslie and I look to plan a training session for sometime in May.

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On **Sunday April 10th**, I will be away from the parish completing a consultation with St. James’ Westwood (Cincinnati) just prior to flying out to preside at the marriage of **Marsha Dutton and RT Lenaghan** on Monday morning, April 11th, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On that Sunday there will be only one Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Eucharist) with **The Rev. Paul Nicely** preaching and presiding at the Eucharist. Paul, a former professor of pastoral care at the Methodist Theological School, is retired and lives in Delaware, Ohio. He was previously present at Good Shepherd on two Sundays in December.

***Michael Jupin,
Interim Priest***

9:00 AM Sunday Adult Education in April

- **April 3rd**: New Member II; Video, Roy Oswald – led by Rev. Michael Jupin
- **April 10th**: Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and the United Thank Offering (UTO) – led by Jan Gault and Leslie Flemming
- **April 17th**: Good Shepherd Sunday – An Intergenerational Activity that will inform some of our worship at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist – led by Marsh Reilly, Rev. Michael Jupin, and other from the Worship Committee
- **April 24th**: Dante’s *The Divine Comedy* – led by Roland Swardson

Vestry Highlights . . . of the March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, Meeting

- Devoted its opening prayer time in thanksgiving for and recognition of the gifts of leadership Christy Ortman brought to the Vestry and parish in her time as senior warden; and presented her with a candle to "light the way" in her future ministry;
 - Spent over an hour in discernment and selection, by consensus, of its next senior warden, Bob Shelly;
 - Set dates as follows:
 - ✓ April 10th, to meet after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, to discuss the Calling Committee for the next rector
 - ✓ April 17th for a special All Parish Meeting to share the most recent draft of the profile for the rector search, the process for the selection of our the Calling Committee, and the state of parish finances as it relates to the engagement of a full time rector.
 - ✓ April 30th at Burr Oak Conference Center for its annual retreat;
 - Began the formation of Ministry Teams to develop objectives and activities for the implementing of parish goals. Teams and vestry members include:
 - ✓ *New Member*: Patricia Beamish, Alex Buckley, Kathleen Sullivan
 - ✓ *Spiritual Growth & Development*: Lynn Graham, Judith Grant, Christy Ortman
 - ✓ *Ministry with Students*: Karen Evans-Romaine & Laura Sojka
 - ✓ *Peace & Social Justice*: Dana Carlson
 - ✓ *Stewardship*: Preston Denton, Jack Flemming, Allyn Reilly, Al Topping
 - ✓ *Communications*: (to assist with any of the above) Ted Foster & Roland Swardson;
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BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Michael Jupin and Lynn Graham have met to plan a Bible Study for the Spring Quarter, which Lynn will lead. The study will be of the Gospel according to Matthew. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

It is requested that those interested in attending the Bible Study sign up on a sheet in the Narthex or calling the church office by April 17th. The hope is to begin the class the week of April 25th. After knowing who the interested participants are, a mutually agreed upon date, time and place for the Bible Study will be set. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Graham.

SPECIAL ALL PARISH MEETING

LIVING INTO OUR FUTURE

A Report on the Search for a New Rector &
Kick Off of the Pledge Campaign for the Second Half of 2005

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, NOON TO 12:30 P.M.

At the Coffee Hour following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

AGENDA

The latest “draft” of the PARISH PROFILE

Allyn Reilly, Profile Committee Chair

The CALLING PROCESS & the COMMITTEE

Bob Shelly, Senior Warden

A New RECTOR & the FINANCIAL PICTURE

Al Topping, Stewardship Ministry Team Leader

STEWARDSHIP & GOOD SHEPHERD’S FUTURE

Michael Jupin, Interim Priest in Charge

**Come, listen, ask questions, make comments,
and help shape Good Shepherd’s Future.**

Spring Flea Market

The Spring Flea Market will be Saturday, April 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Only household items, tools, odds & ends, towels, bedding, etc. In other words, ANYTHING BUT CLOTHES – no clothing of any kind at this sale.

You may leave items in the first choir room anytime between now and Friday, April 22nd.

We will welcome help from 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20th, on through the sale for set up, selling, and clean-up. Help make this sale a good one by signing up to help us. Please contact Julie Nehls.

Parish Health Ministry

On March 19th, 2005, Gifford Doxsee attended the ERH/Parish Nurse Annual Meeting for Jane Ergood who could not attend. The spring program for Portion Plate Program was explained to those attending the meeting. Gifford brought back several Portion Plate Programs and will have them available after the services in April. There is a \$5 fee for materials for each participant. For further information, please contact Gifford Doxsee.

Blood pressures will continue during Jane's absence. Debbie Hillard and Doris Green have agreed to cover the April 17th blood pressure readings. Doris Green and Rachel Adeyanju will cover the May 22nd blood pressure readings.

The Parish Health Ministry Committee has been discussing a new Parish Picture Directory. It has been several years since a picture directory has been done. With many new people in the congregation and the calling of a new rector, it was felt that this would be a good time to produce another directory. It was hoped that it could be done this spring; however, a suitable date could not be scheduled. The parish picture directory is tentatively scheduled for either September 17th or 24th. Stay tuned for the date and make sure your schedule will allow you to be present and smile! Julie Nehls has agreed to coordinate this project.

There are still some colon cancer screening material available. These are very good screening kits. If you are interested, contact a member of the Parish Health Ministry team.

Training in Home Visitation was discussed at the meeting and with Rev. Jupin and Jack and Leslie Flemming, who coordinate the Eucharistic Visitors. It was agreed that additional training would be helpful to the Eucharistic Visitors and Friendly Visitors. Early June was suggested as a possible training date. Suggested materials for the meeting are (1) a three page handout on guidelines for visitation that Julie Nehls will have duplicated and (2) a small book On Being a Healing Presence. After Jane Ergood returns from Central America, a firm date will be set for the meeting.

The members of the Parish Health Ministry Team are: Gifford Doxsee, Debbie Hillard, Lynn Graham, Doris Green, and Julie Nehls. If you have any questions or concerns, any member of the team or Rev. Jupin may be contacted during Jane Ergood's absence.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Graham for Jane Ergood
Coordinator, PHM**

April Birthdays:

- 4-1: Lisa Gustavson
- 4-2: Jody Smith
- 4-4: Bob Spero
- 4-5: Kate Ortman Cottrill
- 4-8: Susan Karageorge, John Ortman
Matthew Reese, Joanne Worstall
- 4-9: Pamela Reese, Pat Smith
- 4-10: Grant Smith
- 4-12: Michelle O'Malley
- 4-13: Mackenzie Lackey
- 4-15: Ted Riffe
- 4-17: Betty Hollow, Betsy Larson Wetmore
- 4-18: Virginia (Twig) Kaufman, Samuel Redfern
- 4-19: Jack Flemming, Dee Dee Riffe
- 4-20: Clarrisa Campbell, Bethany Miller
- 4-22: Carlos Walker
- 4-27: Jenny Spero
- 4-30: Pamela Rollins



April Anniversaries:

- 4-23: Keith & Therese Lackey

Nelsonville Christian Women's Conference

The ladies of Good Shepherd are invited to attend the Nelsonville Christian Women's Conference on Saturday, April 30th, at the First United Methodist Church in Nelsonville. A registration fee of \$6 includes lunch. For more information or pre-registration, please call 753-1939.

Stitch by Stitch Proceeds

The newly released *Stitch by Stitch*, by Jamie Tevis, has sold 20 copies to parishioners. As promised, Jamie has donated \$100 (\$3 per book bought by Good Shepherd parishioners) from the proceeds to pay on the newly purchased office equipment.

April Event Schedule

Sun Apr 3	Mon Apr 4	Tue Apr 5	Wed Apr 6	Thu Apr 7	Fri Apr 8	Sat Apr 9
9:00 AM Confirmation Class ----- 10:15 AM Church School -----	7:00 PM Boy Scouts -----	7:30 PM Alanon Meeting ----- 8:00 PM AA Meeting -----	12:00 PM Free Lunch ----- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal -----	9:00 AM My Sister's Place ----- 7:00 PM New Member Ministry ----- 7:30 PM Alanon Meeting -----		
Sun Apr 10	Mon Apr 11	Tue Apr 12	Wed Apr 13	Thu Apr 14	Fri Apr 15	Sat Apr 16
9:00 AM Adult Education ----- 10:15 AM Church School ----- 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting -----	7:00 PM Boy Scouts -----	9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting ----- 2:00 PM Parish Health Ministry ----- 7:30 PM Alanon Meeting ----- 8:00 PM AA Meeting -----	12:00 PM Free Lunch ----- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal -----	9:00 AM My Sister's Place ----- 7:30 PM Alanon Meeting -----	5:00 PM Book Club Dinner -----	
Sun Apr 17	Mon Apr 18	Tue Apr 19	Wed Apr 20	Thu Apr 21	Fri Apr 22	Sat Apr 23
Confirmation Class ----- Adult Education ----- Church School ----- Blood Pressure Reading ----- All Parish Meeting -----	7:00 PM Boy Scouts -----	7:30 PM Alanon Meeting ----- 8:00 PM AA Meeting -----	12:00 PM Free Lunch ----- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal -----	9:00 AM My Sister's Place ----- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting ----- 7:30 PM Alanon Meeting -----		8:00 AM Flea Market -----
Sun Apr 24	Mon Apr 25	Tue Apr 26	Wed Apr 27	Thu Apr 28	Fri Apr 29	Sat Apr 30
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April Worship Schedule

Sun. Apr 3	Mon. Apr 4	Tue. Apr 5	Wed. Apr 6	Thu. Apr 7	Fri. Apr 8	Sat. Apr 9
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II 2:00 PM Lindley Inn Worship			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel		9:00 AM Greek Orthodox Service
Sun. Apr 10	Mon. Apr 11	Tue. Apr 12	Wed. Apr 13	Thu. Apr 14	Fri. Apr 15	Sat. Apr 16
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II			5:30 PM Evening Prayer	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel		
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