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# Good SHEPHERD News

*Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio*

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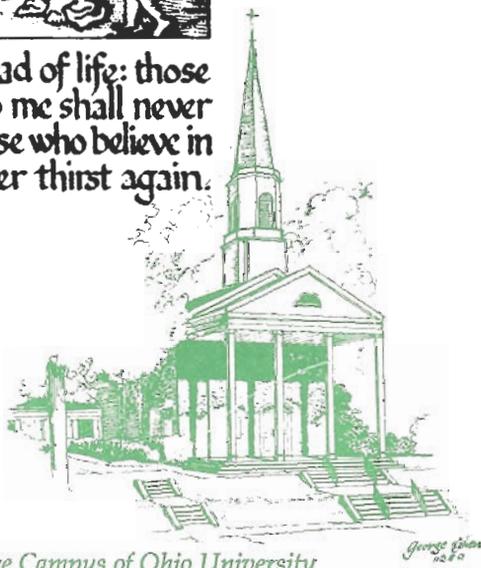
## June, 2005



I am the bread of life: those who come to me shall never hunger & those who believe in me shall never thirst again.

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## ***In the Interim . . .***

### **SUMMER RE-CREATION**

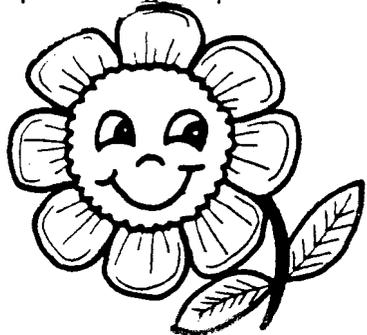
Something in this year's reading of the Genesis creation story on Trinity Sunday hit me right between the eyes. It had to do with the way God "creates" with the word "separate" appearing again and again. There seems to be two ways that God creates; God "separates" and "multiplies."

But it was "separate" that stood out for me. God creates by *separating* the light from the darkness; by *separating* the waters (the chaos) and creating a dome (a space) between the heavens from the earth; by *separating* the waters of earth and giving them "boundaries" so that the land can emerge; by *separating* the day from the night. He finally *separates* (makes "holy") the seventh day, distinguishing it from all other days, making it a day of "rest" as opposed to the other days of "work."

Does this say anything to us about our own creation and re-creation? For me it suggests that "it is good" when I can "separate;" my work and my play; who I am with family and who I am in my occupation; I had handle different situation; my self from others. This is all part of what Murray Bowen, the "father" of family systems thinking, calls *differentiation*, "being a self while staying connected with others."

It also has to do with "separating" the seasons of my life in accordance with the seasons of God's creation (another result of separation) in winter, spring, summer, autumn. It is a standing joke that in the Episcopal Church "God goes on vacation in the summer." Well, just maybe God does, another sign of separation and of the rhythm of life. It is my hope and prayer that you and I, in our lives and our living this summer, might find it a time of rest and re-creation, that we might find the creative power in right separation.

***Michael Jupin,  
Interim Priest***



## **Senior Warden Comments . . .**

We are moving along on a number of fronts in the process of finding a new Rector. The Diocese, in the person of the Rev. Vicki Zust, has approved our Parish Profile for distribution. Our Consultant, the Rev. Sallie Schisler, has also reviewed it and is enthusiastic about our search.

The Vestry endorsed the membership of the Search/Calling Committee at its meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We have named Geoff Buckley, Preston Denton, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, Ann Rathbun, and Allyn Reilly to serve on the committee. Geoff Buckley and Ann Rathbun have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs and will be getting the committee together soon.

I am very hopeful that we will be able to identify and call a new priest by the end of the year.

Our search fund is "healthy" as we start, but we will need an infusion of resources for the committee to complete its work. We have been saving during the interim period and expect to have about eighty percent of our search expenses in savings by the end of the year. We are asking the parish to consider gifts to this fund so we do not have to borrow money from the endowment to meet the expenses of search for and moving a new Rector to Athens. A thermometer will appear shortly in Nehls Hall to keep track of the contribution we receive.

I am excited about our steps to bring a new Rector to the parish. Please include the members of the committee in your prayers as they commence their work.

**Bob Shelly**  
**Senior Warden**

### **"LIVING IN THE SPIRIT"**

#### **A Morning for Contemplative Prayer**

Leader: Michael Jupin, Interim Priest

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Coffee, etc., Hobson Lounge

10:00 a.m. Gather in Church for Prayer

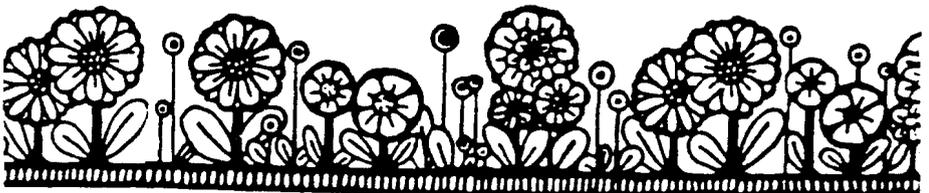
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Sing up in church or call the parish office.

## Vestry Highlights . . . of the May 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- **Al Topping** announced that all Vestry pledges for the second half of 2005 were “in” and that they represented a 9% increase over those for the first half of the year.
- **Kathleen Sullivan** reported on the establishment of a **New Member Ministry** which she will chair and which will also include Vestry members **Patricia Beamish, Ted Foster, and Lynn Graham**. The ministry will call on the support and efforts of the Vestry and other ministries and include other parish members. The team will lead the **New Member Orientation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and hold its first meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- Took a “first look” at a **Financial Plan for the Next Five Years** developed by the Executive Committee. The plan will be reviewed with the Diocese in a meeting with Canon Mycoff, brought back to the Vestry for its approval, and then shared with the Parish in a special meeting.
- **Approved the final draft of the Parish Profile** for use in the Rector calling process.
- **Elected the Calling Committee for the next Rector:** Members are **Geoff Buckley, Preston Denton, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, Ann Rathbun, and Allyn Reilly**.
- Received the report of the **Discernment Committee for T. J. Luce** and **approved her application as a Postulant for the Priesthood**.

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO WORKED** the Spring Clean Up Days on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. **Todd Bastin, Ted Foster, Pat Grean, Larry Larson, Allyn Reilly, Bob Shelly,** and **Al Topping** were those who, together, pulled weeds, trimmed shrubbery, put down gravel, repaired gutters and the step to the rector’s office among their list of accomplishments. Thanks to you “might seven” for your stewardship of our buildings and grounds.



## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

Less than a year and a half ago I was talking to Julie Nehls on the phone. It was just following her knee replacement surgery; Christy Ortman had been in for a visit and to be sure Julie was in shape for a physical therapy appointment. Each of them had read an article in the *Interchange* about prayer shawl and thought it was a new and different way to approach outreach. Almost instantly there were about 6 people offering to join them...including me. The rest is history now there are 15 knitters. They gather semi-monthly in knitters' homes to knit, pray and visit.

The knitters knit their prayers right into the shawls, and the following prayer is presented with each shawl:

**MAY GOD'S GRACE BE UPON THIS SHAWL...  
WARMING, COMFORTING, ENFOLDING, AND EMBRACING.  
MAY THIS MANTLE BE A SAFE HAVEN...  
A SACRED PLACE OF SECURITY AND WELL-BEING...  
SUSTAINING AND EMBRACING IN GOOD TIMES  
AS WELL AS IN DIFFICULT ONES.  
MAY THE ONE WHO RECEIVES THIS SHAWL BE  
CRADLED IN HOPE  
KEPT IN JOY,  
GRACE WITH PEACE,  
AND WRAPPED IN LOVE.**

**BLESSED BE!**

**FROM THE SHAWL MINISTRY OF GOOD SHEPHERD.**

During my visit in May, I learned that 104 shawls had been given away – knit full of prayer and love – to people who are ill, grieving, celebrating new babies, going through periods of discernment – you name it. Below are some excerpts from notes the knitters have received ...so many lives deeply touched – already...

***Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS***

"When the shawl was wrapped around me I immediately felt the loving warmth and protection of human caring hands. How unexpected and wonderful it was! I don't know why I am such a lucky one – but I am most appreciative. Thank you, each and everyone for your ministry."

"Thank you so much for my beautiful shawl. It is one of my most cherished gifts! It has brought me a comfort and peace that I need more than ever at this time."

"I am truly overwhelmed by the beautiful prayer shawl and by the loving spirit it expresses. I will cherish it all my days. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

"There are not words to adequately express how deeply I was touched by your thoughtful gift of a prayer shawl. There was divine guidance that touches your heart and led you to send such a meaningful gift during my time of grief. The prayer shawl has been a source of unbelievable comfort."

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## Where Are They Now

Good Shepherd encourages those both near & far to keep us informed of milestones & accomplishments that is happening in your family's lives.

**Bearden Daniels** will be graduating from Ohio University in June with a degree in Sociology and Criminology. After graduation he plans to travel to Bakersfield, CA, Phoenix, AZ, Tucson, AZ or Raleigh, NC to apply for a job as a police officer.

**Shannon Daniels-Langley** graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Special Education. She lives in Fort Worth, TX, with her spouse Andy. He is an intern at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Shannon teaches autistic children at the elementary level. Shannon was also due to deliver her first child in late May – a boy named Daniel Wright Langley.

**Erica Daniels** graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Journalism and lives in Middletown, OH. She is pursuing her Masters degree at Wright State in Community Counseling.

**Lindsey Daniels** graduated from Ohio University with a Psychology degree and in Athens, OH, and is employed by Americore. She tutors special needs children in the surrounding area and is involved with Kids on Campus each summer. Lindsey will be pursuing her Master degree at OU in the fall in Social Work.

**Lauren Daniels** graduated from high school in New Braunfels, TX, and moved to Athens in the summer of 2004. Lauren is a freshman at Ohio University in the Business Department and lives with her sister, Lindsey.

## Member's Reflection

As many of you probably know, Richard Carlson is one of those "bloggers" we hear about. A blogger is one who blogs. Now that definition is not much help is it! I believe the noun "blog" is short for **Web log**, which is a public website of the personal journal of an individual. Of course blogs reflect the personality, research, and opinions of the author. There is some pretty good stuff out there, and Richard Carlson's JAZZOLOG fits this category of good writing <http://jazzolog.blogspot.com/> Browse the entries and you will find poetry, items on spirituality, wonderful philosophical quotes he passes along, and quite a bit of concern where our country is headed and true deep Christian feeling for the world and man kind.

Richard posted this article about his prostate cancer experience, to date, a couple of weeks ago. This is such a powerful sketch of the medly of "beyond-medical" dimensions triggered by cancer we asked if we could reproduce it in the newsletter. For space considerations the article has been shortened, the above link leads to the full article and more.

**Ted Foster**

### A Subtle Shift

A year and a week ago I underwent major surgery for removal of a prostate gland that had been determined to be a bit cancerous. I wrote about it and talked openly. Cancer is as terrifying to people of our civilization as just about anything we think of. I learned in the waiting rooms, however, that it makes brothers and sisters of us in treatment, as men and women struggle with their own varieties. The silence in those rooms is broken with great relief when we start talking together. I thought writing and letting people know what happens to me might serve some purpose – at least for research because so much effort is going into finding a cure – or even a cause.

But lately I guess I've gotten silent too, and occasionally I'm reminded of that, when a faraway friend or relative writes, "What the heck is going on with your health?" I haven't meant to be secretive, but there are some contributing factors. For one thing, I was raised not to talk about ailments. My parents didn't tell us much about theirs, and when they felt it was time to cash in their chips and go, that 's what they did. As a kid, I got the impression that what chiefly marked the elderly was they always were talking about hospitals and stuff being taken out of them...and the long convalescence. LBJ showed us his scar. So despite my resolve to let you know, I may have slipped back into my more natural reserve about some things.

Furthermore, I sense there is a bit of a stigma about getting sick this way. People do NOT want always to ask me how I am...with that sympathetic tone. But if they don't ask me, then they might worry I'll think they don't care. So sometimes I feel they avoid me altogether. Easier. And I may sense their sensitivity and try to help them out by avoiding them too. Then I think maybe I've changed into someone more resentful and bitter...and that's why people don't smile in my direction so much. That's a dangerous downward spiral always available. Perhaps I slip into it sometimes....

But mostly I think I have been experiencing a shifting of my life's gears. Having never had a serious illness before or been in a hospital for anything, I'm new to this kind of dropout. I remember kids used to get something, like rheumatic fever or a touch of polio, and just sort of disappear for a year or two. The rest of us would operate like the heard animals we were, and move on without giving our ailing comrades a second thought. Only a few were curious about the kind of change in life and time the situation requires. Time changes remarkably when you're always waiting for the next test result.

Three months after my operation, very slight prostate cell activity still was located in my bloodstream. We held a vague hope it might be residue from the surgery. Nope, a couple months later it still was there – but it was about the same amount. It was so small that even the latest microscopic technology wouldn't be able to find it. Two more months, however, and there was a bit more going on. Something had been left behind, and we needed to try to eradicate it. Radiation was selected as the therapy. We – well, since stuff is left up to the patient to decide now (to avoid those lawsuits) I have to say “we.” THEY consulted the statistics and told me that most often, when this occurs, the bladder is the next place the cancer goes. More tests and another bone scan ruled out activity elsewhere – so a section of the bladder is where the radiation was aimed.

I got 37 radiation treatments, every weekday. Those treatments concluded a month ago...But now, we wait again....My radiologist cautions it's too soon for an accurate readout, and he's not seeing me again until October! My urologist and surgeon has ordered a blood test and appointment in July. We're looking for 0% activity 3 or 4 blood tests in a row. If that happens, I'm out of the woods – for now anyway – or for that type – or something.

Uncertainty steps in where always there has been a complacency taken for granted. Well, I'm 65 – and most of my life development

has been right on schedule – although usually I'm the last to know just what is happening. I suppose that could be a disastrous history, if enough hadn't worked out pretty well and I weren't so content (despite the grousing around that I do) and I didn't find life's progress so wonderfully amusing. So I guess I haven't kept up with writing about the cancer because everything has gotten so gradual – and all we seem to do is wait. When would be a good time for essays about this to conclude? Hmm, I may have started a series here with only one inevitable ending. At this point, the uncertainty and anxiety are tough, and I admit it. I sincerely hope I'm not too much trouble for other folks to be around. I think that fear may be what really causes age to kick in. Thanks for reading.

**Richard Carlson**

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## **Kenyon Summer Conference**

God's Story is Worldwide

[www.immanuel.net/kenyon](http://www.immanuel.net/kenyon)

**July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005**

Drawing people from all walks of life, the **Kenyon Summer Conference** located on the beautiful campus of **Kenyon College**, in Gambier, Ohio, offers something for everyone. Worship, storytelling, music, keynote speakers, workshops of all kinds, theological reflections, outdoor games, leisurely chats, country expeditions, blissful hours in the bookstore, ice cream, and great people are all a part of the Kenyon experience. **Sponsored by the Bishops of the Diocese of Ohio and the Diocese of Southern Ohio** the conference is **open to people of all faiths**.

This year the **Kenyon Summer Conference** is pleased to have **BISHOP KEN CLARKE**, Bishop of Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh, Ireland, as its **Keynote Speaker**. Bishop Ken Clarke grew up in Holywood, CO. Down, Northern Ireland where the formative influences on his life were his local Parish Church and Scripture Union. He has served parishes in North Ireland, Chile, with the South American Missionary Society, and in Crinken, Dublin. Before moving in 2001 to his present Diocese, as Bishop of Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh, he was Rector for 15 years of Coleraine Parish in Northern Ireland.

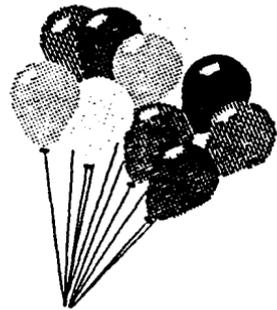
Registration is available through the web site <http://www.keyonconference.org> or booklets are available in the parish office.

## June Birthdays:

6-4:	Doug Parsons	6-16:	Richard Paynter
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6-5:	Jessica Biddlestone	6-22:	Todd Bastin
6-6:	Emmanuel Gevas	6-23:	Rachel Adeyanju
6-7:	Matthew Enlow	6-24:	Don Frazier
6-9:	Charlotte Irwin	6-24:	Richard Sinclair
6-12:	Curtis Sherman	6-25:	Rory O'Malley
6-12:	Jeanne Wells	6-26:	Thomas Irwin
6-13:	Alex Bodenham	6-26:	Helen Marsh
6-13:	Marjorie Stone	6-28:	Shannon Parsons
		6-30:	Jayne Seymour

## June Anniversaries:

6-2:	Geoff & Alex Buckley
6-6:	George & Susan Karageorge
6-7:	Jack & Leslie Flemming
6-9:	Gifford & Mary Doxsee
6-9:	Richard & Amy Sinclair
6-17:	Matthew & Katherine Ziff
6-21:	Pat & Karen Smith
6-28:	Emmanuel & Irene Gevas
6-28:	Bob & Sally Spero
6-30:	Charles & Mary Culp



### **COMING IN JUNE AT THE MAIN EUCHARIST**

- June 5<sup>th</sup> New Member Incorporation & Ingathering of Pledges**  
for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2005
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Recognition of Graduating Senior & Degree Recipients**  
If you know of such persons  
please call the parish office
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Schedule begins with one Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.**

You are invited to submit, to the parish office, names of priests you would like considered for the next Rector.

### June's Worship Schedule

Sun, May 29	Mon, May 30	Tue, May 31	Wed, Jun 1	Thu, Jun 2	Fri, Jun 3	Sat, Jun 4
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I ..... 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II ..... 2:00 PM Lindley Inn			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist .....	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel .....		
Sun, Jun 5	Mon, Jun 6	Tue, Jun 7	Wed, Jun 8	Thu, Jun 9	Fri, Jun 10	Sat, Jun 11
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I ..... 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II .....			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist .....	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel .....		
Sun, Jun 12	Mon, Jun 13	Tue, Jun 14	Wed, Jun 15	Thu, Jun 16	Fri, Jun 17	Sat, Jun 18
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I ..... 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II ..... 2:00 PM Lindley Inn			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist .....	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel .....		
Sun, Jun 19	Mon, Jun 20	Tue, Jun 21	Wed, Jun 22	Thu, Jun 23	Fri, Jun 24	Sat, Jun 25
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist II .....			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist .....	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel .....		
Sun, Jun 26	Mon, Jun 27	Tue, Jun 28	Wed, Jun 29	Thu, Jun 30	Fri, Jul 1	Sat, Jul 2
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist II ..... 2:00 PM Lindley Inn Worship .....			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist .....	12:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Bishop Black Chapel .....		

Calendar of Events

Sun, May 29	Mon, May 30	Tue, May 31	Wed, Jun 1	Thu, Jun 2	Fri, Jun 3	Sat, Jun 4
10:15 AM Church School .....	Parish Office Closed .....	7:30 PM Alanon Meeting ..... 8:00 PM AA Meeting .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch ..... 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal .....	6:30 PM Spanish Club Dinner ..... 7:00 PM New Member Ministry Meeting .....		10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer .....
Sun, Jun 5	Mon, Jun 6	Tue, Jun 7	Wed, Jun 8	Thu, Jun 9	Fri, Jun 10	Sat, Jun 11
Confirmation Class ..... Church School ..... Pre-Convention Meeting .....	11:30 AM Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM Boy Scouts .....	Prayer Shawl Meeting ..... Alanon Meeting ..... AA Meeting .....	12:00 PM Free Lunch .....	7:30 PM Alanon Meeting .....		
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