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## Senior Warden Comments

Greetings from Ashland, Ohio.

As fall approaches on the calendar, and in the air today (temperatures in the 70s) I am reminded that it is time to begin a new program year. Our Search/Calling Committee is ready to begin its work, the program for Christian Formation is being planned, the Marthas have been planning fund raisers, and we will soon have new paint on some parts of the building. The Vestry has been active this summer even though we have had to replace several members and vacations have reduced our numbers for meetings.

This is an exciting time in the life of Good Shepherd as we prepare for a new Rector and to say good-bye to our interim, Michael Jupin. I look forward to the picnic at Stroud's Run, our welcome back Sunday, and the events of the Fall. Encourage new students and others you meet in the next few days to attend these events and become a part of the Good Shepherd family.

Elsewhere in this issue, there is a note about Vestry discussions concerning maintenance. I urge you to consider carefully how we are going to address our deferred needs. The painting is the first step in what we anticipate will be additional work to conserve our building and house our programs. The Vestry needs ideas and suggestions about how to proceed. We will be discussing this at the September meeting, so pass on your concerns and suggestions to members of the Vestry by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Yours in Christ,  
Bob Shelly,  
Senior Warden**

It is that time of year again! The 2005 Annual Fall Flea Market will be held **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Nehls Hall. Donated items may be dropped off to the church and put downstairs in the choir room, please do not leave in the kitchen.

For more information contact Julie Nehls at 593-7354.

## **Fall Blue Boxes!**

Good Shepherd recently received a formal thank you from Sherry Pass-Gallagher, the United Thank Offering (UTO) Coordinator for our Diocese, for our spring ingathering offering. We sent \$501.64 to the UTO this Spring. A huge thank you to all of you who contributed so generously!

Now it's time to look forward to the fall ingathering, traditionally held on a Sunday close to All Saints' Day. Please keep or start filling your Blue Boxes for the fall. Blue Boxes are available on the table in the Narthex or in the parish office. We need you!

Blue Boxes are a powerful means of growth, both for ourselves and others. They help us to express, on a daily basis, our gratitude to God for all our many blessings. At the same time, the funds raised by the UTO change lives all over the world, including in this Diocese.

It has been a blessing to me personally to serve as UTO Coordinator for Good Shepherd. However, since I am beginning my program at Bexley Hall in Columbus this month, I must now give up this ministry. Would one of you be willing to take it over? It doesn't involve a lot of work or cost. It does require some attention – and a belief in what the UTO does. If you would be willing to offer yourself, please speak with Michael Jupin or me.

**With Many Thanks,  
Leslie Flemming  
UTO Coordinator**

**KROGER CARD REPORT:** Good Shepherd has just received its first check from Kroger in the amount of \$324. This includes purchases (“loading money”) through mid-August.

Keep in mind that Kroger pays “up front” on the dollar amount “loaded” into your card. It is important to reload your card as you use up the money in it. If you have questions or need a Kroger card, call Glenda in the parish office.

This is a good program and provides Good Shepherd with additional and needed revenue!

**Al Topping  
Stewardship Committee Chair**

## News from the Pews . . .

Some of those in town for a visit: **Jim & Louise Hume**, parents of **Amy Hume**, from Austin, Indiana; **Heather Sinclair** & daughter, **Maddie**, from El Paso, Texas; **David Gault** & daughter from Cincinnati; **David Burton's** mother, **Louise**, visited in August from Marlin, Texas; and **Betty Craddock's** son, wife & children from Beijing, China.

**Paul Hillard** returns home from an internship in Salt Lake City, Utah, and will return to class at Hocking College.

Some of those out of town: **Richard, Dana, & Ilona Carlson** journey to Providence, Rhode Island; **Al & Margaret Topping** visited family in Maine; **Jack & Leslie Flemming** traveled in England & Scotland; **Allyn & Marsha Reilly** vacationed in Massachusetts; and **Ted Foster** traveled to Whitesville, Kentucky to learn some fiddle tunes and some Appalachian history.

Perhaps the most traveled parishioner this summer was **Gifford Doxsee** who went to Vermont to give a lecture, to Long Island to visit family, then back to upstate New York for **Mary Doxsee's** family reunion and in late August attended POW events in Chillicothe and New Orleans.

Now retired dean, **Leslie Flemming**, will be hitting the books, so to speak, at Bexley Hall, Columbus, as she begins Seminary in September. **Leonard Mjomba**, Ph.D., from Kenya, will teach at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania this fall. **Lee Palmer** will join his brother **Patrick** at Ohio University this fall along with **Michael Adeyanju** and **Paul Denton**.

With gratitude for their contributions here at Good Shepherd, we wish **Preston & Suellen Denton** godspeed as they move to Maumee, Ohio, where Preston joins Hickory Farms.

**Rachel Luce**, daughter of **T. J. & Ron Luce**, choroergraphed the OVST production of *The Sound of Music*. Our recent VMA, **Krista Voorhees**, played the lead role of Maria in splendid fashion.

Welcome to **Owen Littlefield Buckley** who was born July 11<sup>th</sup>. Mom & dad, **Geoff & Alex Buckley**, along with big sis & brother, **Ingrid & Peter**, are all doing great!

Congratulations on the marriage of **Carolyn Reilly** and **Jacob Sheehan** on August 6<sup>th</sup> in the Hocking Hills. After a honeymoon to South Carolina, the new Mr. & Mrs. Sheehan reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Congrats to **Bethany Miller**, the only freshman to make the girl's soccer team at Athens High School.

Great job: **Shannon Parsons** was awarded Reserve Grand Champion for her turkey at the Athens County Fair. **Shawn Parsons** was in "final draw" for his goat. Both received various ribbons for their projects.

Our prayers for **Helen Marsh** to get well soon. After having surgery Helen continues to recover at Crestview Manor, room 110A, 957 Beck's Knob Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Everyone is encouraged to send cards and letters to the above address.

Going to press recently was a *festschrift* with articles by **Marsha Dutton** and the late **Rev. Walter Bouman**. **David Burton** has recently published an *Anthology of Medieval Spanish Prose*, a text for advanced undergraduates.

A new NAMI Family to Family course for friends and family of those with mental illness begins September 14<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact Cathy at 593-7424. The 2005 Recovery Conference at the Inn at Hocking College will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Brochures will be forthcoming.

## **Reid Sinclair Roving Reporter**

### **Faith sustains and comforts as end of this life draws near**

*The following article appeared in the Columbus Dispatch on June 17<sup>th</sup>. In light of Walter Bouman's death on August 17<sup>th</sup>, we thought his perspective was even more powerful as a statement on his view of life and death.*

*And now there arise the great questions: Why did you live? Why did you suffer? We must answer these questions some way if we are to continue living – yes, even if we are only to continue dying. – Gustav Mahler*

The surgeon, Dr. Padmanabhan, stood beside my bed in the recovery room. He said he had removed a large growth attached to my abdomen. There was no longer any cancer in the colon. But the cancer had spread and it was stage four, terminal. From the Latin word *terminus*, “end of the line.”

I remember thinking how painful it must be for this good and gentle man to have to say those words to a patient. Then I thought of the words of St. Paul: “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” (Romans 14: 7-8).

I have often taught courses on death and dying. I studied the path-breaking book by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. I knew the stages: denial, anger, bargaining, grief, acceptance. But so far I have not experienced them. I have some regret that I will not see my grade-school grandchildren grow to maturity. But mostly I have experienced peace.

Back in my hospital room for recovery, I slept a lot but also had time to think. I knew that I wanted to preach once more to the seminary community, and that was arranged. I also knew that I would begin with the words from Psalm 90: “So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.”

I’m counting. I’m counting. The surgeon said I have six to nine months. A month later, the oncologist said I have six to nine months. I asked him when to start counting, April 1<sup>st</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>? “A quibble,” he replied.

I will have no further treatment. I am under hospice care. I have no pain. But I tire very easily. Combing my hair is enough to require catching my breath. And I have minimal appetite.

I get much joy from the music on WOSU-FM. My grandchildren asked me what I thought heaven would be like, and although I have no idea, I replied, “Great music, without station breaks.” “But you like Bach and Beethoven,” they said. “What if someone likes Led Zepplin?” “Then they get a soundproof room,” I said.

I get to pray a lot, mostly for people who are experiencing worse things than I am, like chronic back pain. I think of the good things that come with having a date with death, like no more flossing. I experienced far more anguish when my beloved St. Louis Cardinals lost the World

Series in four straight games! I am working on some oral history projects. And I hope I will have the energy to revise a book manuscript.

My greatest source of encouragement is the Christian story of God, into which I was baptized in July of 1929. The Christian good news is that Jesus of Nazareth has been raised from death, that death no longer has dominion over him. I have bet my living, and now I am called to bet my dying, that Jesus will have the last word.

Many years ago I read Ernst Kaesemann's book, *Jesus Means Freedom*. That has been at the heart of my religious experience. Because Jesus is risen, we are set free from serving the powers of death with our lives, our fears and our policies. We are set free from the desperate need to protect ourselves with the death penalty and unnecessary wars. We are set free from the compulsion to cling to every day and hour of life.

It is good to have time to tie up loose ends, to tell family and friends that I love them.

I have resisted the temptation to say, "Stop the world because I'm getting off." Instead I continue to care about the world, pray for it and urge all to be faithful stewards of our planet and to make the United States a more responsible member of the family of nations.

Now I am entering into the final baptism, "my beginning's end," the final dying with Jesus to await with curiosity the promise that God will be everything in everyone. When physicist Richard Feynman underwent surgery for cancer, he told the surgeon to wake him up if he was dying. He wanted to experience it firsthand. My sentiments exactly.

I offer myself to God's service in my daily prayers. I am increasingly drawn to an Anglican prayer:

*O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.*

**The Rev. Walter Bouman  
Emeritus Professor of Theology  
Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley**

*You are invited to participate in the  
Music Ministry of Good Shepherd*

Come for a time of singing and fellowship Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>,  
from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Singing
7:50 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Service of Compline
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Refreshments in Hobson Lounge

Anyone from middle school and up is welcome to participate in the choir. The choir provides musical leadership for the Sunday morning liturgy as well as other special services such as the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on the first Sunday in December.

Questions about opportunities to sing in the choir or play handbells should be directed to Marsha Reilly.

The prayer response, communion refrain, dismissal (WLAP 813), and Sanctus (WLAP 855) that we will sing as part of the liturgy at the picnic, are from the *Red Lake Mass* by Monte Masor. These and other songs in this mass setting were adapted by the composer from a collection of “Chippewa Music” compiled by Francis Densmore. Here most import work was done among northern reservations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Mass was named in honor of a mission congregation on the Red Lake Reservation. Both the prayer response (adapted from an Indian lullaby) and the Sanctus were sung at a Diocesan liturgy in Minnesota.

There will be a brief rehearsal of this music at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, just before the liturgy.

Voice for Life: learning vocal and musical skills

Several people participated in the five-week class this summer. Anyone interested in continuing with this class at a time apart from choir rehearsal should speak with Marsha Reilly.

*Marsha Reilly  
Music Director*

## July Vestry Highlights

- Jack Flemming presented the **Actual vs. Budget** figures for January through June. Pledges are on target at about 51%. The Marthas have already contributed \$1,000 toward the computer and office software. The Search Fund has spent \$802 to print the Parish Profile. To date, nearly all the Kroger Program Cards purchased have been sold.
- The **Calling Committee** has met twice discussing general aspects of the calling process and the Committee's own internal workings. It has also reviewed the Diocese's Church Deployment Office (CDO) profile draft to insure it accurately represents Good Shepherd. Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will meet with Canon Zust.
- The estimate for **painting** the church is \$7,720. Suffering from a bit of "sticker shock" and after examination of the options the Vestry authorized the painting contingent on the concurrence of the Executive Committee and availability of funds for the painting to be done.
- A particular concern of Preston Denton's, as departing Junior Warden, is the future disposition of the **Episcopal House**. The Vestry appointed Jack Flemming, Ted Foster, Allyn Reilly, and the future Junior Warden, to examine the Episcopal House issue thoroughly and present at least two options to the Vestry at its October meeting.
- **Vestry Resignations:** Preston Denton (Junior Warden), Patricia Beamish, and Lynn Graham have submitted letters of resignation. The Vestry accepted their resignations with regret and appreciation for their service. A list of potential replacements was compiled for consideration at the next meeting.
- The **Rev. Mike Morgan's** presence in the parish in early July, and responses to that presence, was discussed. The vestry asked senior warden Bob Shelly to talk with Canon Zust the next Sunday and ask her to ask Bishop Thompson to have a discussion with Mike concerning how he is to relate to the parish during his visits to Athens.

**Ted Foster,  
Vestry Member**

## August Vestry Highlights

- **Vestry Vacancies:** Curt Sherman was elected Junior Warden and Anne Braxton for the term ending January, 2008. It was decided not to fill its third vacancy since the term ends this January.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The first Kroger check (\$324) has arrived.
- **Worship Committee Report:** Rev. Michael Jupin has asked T. J. Luce to Chair the Worship Committee (Leslie Flemming is beginning Seminary) and also noted quite an array of Adult Education Sessions are being planned.
- **Vestry Covenant/Operational Norms/Guidelines:** The Vestry began its work on developing group norms about its life as a leadership group. Each member had listed at least "three things I would like to see happen about the way the Vestry operates & functions" and Rev. Jupin distributed a compiled list of comments. Many like the prayer/story exercises at the beginning and end of the meetings; are concerned to what extent/frequency we discuss finance reports; and how the Vestry and its members can better relate to the congregation. The Executive Committee will also examine the list and the Vestry will continue its discussion in September.
- **Response to Rev. Mike Morgan's presence in the parish:** No one is pleased with this scenario. There was communication failure in almost every facet, beginning with Mike Morgan's presence at a ministry gathering to the Prayer Shawl's letter to Bishop Thompson. Lack of direct communication, the rumor mill, and reactivity, resulted in emotion going up and communication going down. This incident needs to be a teaching moment for Vestry/Parish relations.
- **Painting:** In light of second thoughts given costs and other needs (such as gutters) it is clear that a general maintenance schedule/plan for the physical plant needs to be developed. The Vestry asked the Executive Committee to develop such a schedule and review the current painting contract in order to make an appropriate decision. The Vestry invites parish members to make suggestions for better building maintenance.

**Ted Foster,  
Vestry Member**

**Strouds Run Labor Day  
Eucharist & Picnic**

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Strouds Run State Park  
Shelter House #1**

**Bring a covered dish and enjoy good food and fellowship!**

**There will not be a service at the Church that day**

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.**

**We will return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, of celebrating the Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop Black Chapel and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave.**

**Sr. Faith Margaret will be present in the parish for conferences and other activities with the Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. She will preach All Saints' Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**SATURDAY MORNING  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>9:30 a.m.:</b>	<b>Coffee, etc., Hobson Lounge</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.:</b>	<b>Gather in Church for Prayer</b>
<b>Noon:</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Michael Jupin, Interim Priest</b>

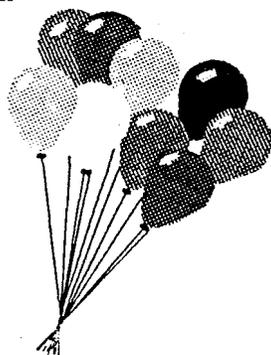
**Sign up in church or call the parish office**

## September Birthdays:

9-3:	Lyn Butrick	9-18:	Ilna Carlson
9-5:	Doris Green	9-19:	Bruce Ergood
9-6:	Ann Rathbun	9-20:	Kristanne Beetem
9-9:	Matthew Ziff	9-21:	Sean O'Malley
9-10:	Barbara Jupin	9-22:	Mary Doxsee
9-10:	Mary Ann Swardson	9-22:	Donovan O'Malley
9-12:	Sophia Karageorge	9-23:	Richard Butrick
9-13:	Cary Dean	9-23:	Sally Spero
9-14:	Cherrye Lucas	9-24:	Cita Purdy
9-14:	Elizabeth Purdy	9-27:	Rachel Luce
9-16:	Peggy Black	9-28:	Adam Marsh
9-16:	Roland Swardson		

## September Anniversaries:

9-4:	Pete & Jody Smith
9-6:	Earl & Patricia Funk
9-7:	Bill & Cynthia Kaldis
9-10:	Roland & Mary Anne Swardson
9-10:	George & Jing Semsel
9-10:	Bob & Ann Shelly
9-26:	Dale & Karen Staege



**Mountain Grace II: A Conference for you!** There's a wonderful one-day conference coming **September 10<sup>th</sup>** designed specifically for you! Join Episcopalians from Southern Ohio Appalachian deaneries, West Virginia, and Kentucky for a day of discernment and fellowship on effective and rewarding ministry in the Appalachian context. Canon Walt Mycoff will be our keynoter, sharing his extensive experience with congregational development in West Virginia. We'll have workshops on integrating liturgy and worship, curriculum for a small congregation, community ministry, and exploring Appalachian identities. Storyteller Omope Carter-Daboiku, poets Pauletta Hansel and Richard Hague, and the folk group Raison d'Etire will perform and take part in discussions. The cost is \$15 to cover food and handouts. Brochures with more information and a registration form are on the table in the Narthex or the parish office.

## September Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 12:30 p.m.- CP 7:30 pm - Alanon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:30 a.m. – HE II 200 p.m. – Lindley Inn Eucharist	<b>5</b> Parish Office Closed	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. - AA	<b>7</b> noon – Free Lunch 4:00 p.m. – Calling Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.-Midweek Eucharist 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 12:30 p.m.- CP 7:00 p.m. – New Member Ministry 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 9:15 a.m. – Church School 10:30 a.m. – HE II	<b>12</b> 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. - AA	<b>14</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m.-Midweek Eucharist 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 12:30 p.m.- CP 7:00 p.m. – Vestry 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>16</b> Sr. Faith Margaret visit	<b>17</b> Sr. Faith Margaret visit
<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 9:15 a.m. – Church School 10:30 a.m. – HE II 200 p.m. – Lindley Inn Eucharist	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. - AA	<b>21</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m.-Midweek Eucharist 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 12:30 p.m.- CP 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 a.m. – Flea Market 9:30 a.m. – CP
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### Key Guide:

HE I – Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Ad Ed – Adult Education Class

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II  
CP – Contemplative Prayer