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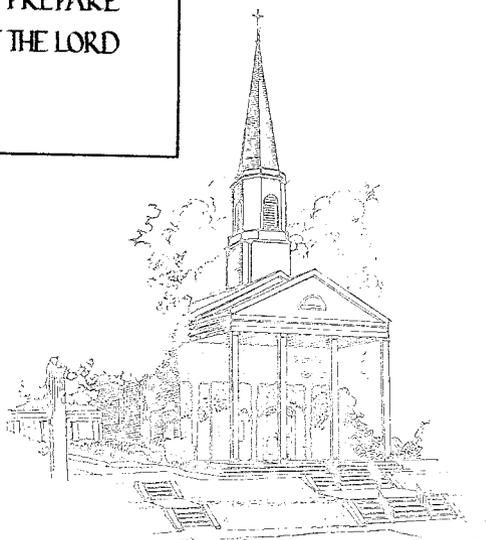
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THE VOICE
OF ONE WHO
CRIES OUT
IN THE
DESERT:
PREPARE
THE WAY OF THE LORD

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Senior Warden Comments . . .

Greetings of the Season,

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, we are anticipating a number of important events in the parish.

We have special services planned for the Advent Season, with Lessons and Carols on December 4th.

Bishop Price will be here December 11th to confirm Jayne Seymour and participate in the baptism of Owen Buckley as well as discuss the “State of the Church” at the 9:00 a.m. Sundays at Nine.

Our traditional service on Christmas Eve is always an exciting and important time in our life together in the parish. I urge all of you to participate in these events this year.

Ann and I will be visiting Mark and Laura for Christmas (priests don’t travel then) and joining in their parish celebrations.

Our Interim Rector, Michael Jupin, will be serving his final Sunday with us on January 8th and your Vestry will host a farewell that day following the regular Eucharist.

The Calling Committee is hard at work and I anticipate good news from them early in the New Year.

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

SUNDAYS AT NINE IN DECEMBER

This Year’s Theme: Exploring Christian Spirituality

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Nehls’ Hall

December 4th: The Advent Season and Advent Lessons & Carols led by the Rev. Michael Jupin.

December 11th: Bishop Price on “The State of the Church.”

December 18th: Preparing for Christmas: An Intergenerational Experience with an emphasis on singing the carols of the Christmas season.

In the Interim

A NEW (CHURCH) YEAR

Happy New Year! Church year that is.

Advent always inaugurates a new church year. You can note the change in the liturgy as the Gospel read in the Eucharist moves from Matthew to Mark (and, often, John) and all the readings are now those for year B.

For Good Shepherd, the new church year brings forth new leadership in both the parish and the Diocese. On January 1st Bishop Price will become the ecclesiastical authority following on Bishop Thompson's retirement. We are privileged to have Bishop Price visit us on December 11th when, at Sundays at Nine, we can hear what he looks forward to as he begins new duties in 2006 and his view on the state of the church here and nationally.

This new church year brings with it the building of excitement and anticipation as the Calling Committee and Vestry complete their work and this spring introduce to the whole parish and Athens community a new rector. In the meantime I complete my ministry with you on January 8th and you will have opportunity to experience new and different clergy as they preside and preach at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

The Advent tone is more appropriate now than ever as it is described in the passage of scripture that says "the people were on the tiptoe of expectation." Happy New Year!

The Rev. Michael Jupin
Interim Rector

WORSHIP CHANGES IN DECEMBER

After December 18th the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist will be discontinued and will not resume until a new Rector arrives.

NO SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH.

Vestry Highlights for November . . .

- **Stewardship:** Al Topping reported that 57 pledges have been received. We still need to hear from 21 who pledged last year and 7 who attend but do not yet pledge. Each Vestry member picked two or three names that have not reported back to call and anticipate questions. Al also said to date Good Shepherd received \$1,149 from Kroger.
- **Nominating Committee:** Kathleen Sullivan noted the committee has a long list of names and in December will present, to the Vestry, a slate of four to be elected at the Annual Meeting and suggest one additional name for the Vestry's consideration to complete an unexpired term.
- **Search Committee:** Allyn Reilly reported that Canon Züst presented the committee with six names and that these six have been written letters inviting them into discernment for our next Rector. In regard to long-term supply, Bob Shelly is following through on a list of eight names provided by the Diocese.
- **New Member Ministry:** Kathleen Sullivan noted there is interest in a pictorial directory and also name tags. Vestry felt we could start with name tags in some manner to help visitors, new people, and the new Rector.
- **Spiritual Formation and Growth:** Michael Jupin introduced the report. It has been a struggle to broaden member participation in this ministry. The report describes the concept of four "spiritual types" and things we could do for specific types. In regards to upcoming Sundays at Nine, Bishop Price is visiting December 11th and the Vestry will ask him to talk about the "state of the church."
- **Property Report:** Curt Sherman reported a \$500 plumbing emergency. The fix is temporary as the supply pipes and sewers are corroding from the inside out. Bob Shelly noted the building's plumbing is about 50 years old and replacement will be a major and expensive project. After Bill Novak's evaluation the church might apply for a grant from the Diocese.
- **Annual Meeting** date was set for January 22nd. A new Parish Directory will be prepared for distribution at the meeting.

- **2006 Budget, a first look:** Jack Flemming pointed out a few changes in handling categories, to better reflect our mission, new circumstances, and our goals for this coming year which require our taking 7.5% from the endowment principal as well in helping with our five-year plan.
- **Ministry Conclusion:** On January 8th the Vestry will host a farewell reception for Michael Jupin at coffee hour. Michael announced that he will become interim rector at Christ Episcopal Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia, January 14th.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary

*Notes from the
Organ Bench*

The Advent Festival will be a special occasion this year with the addition of a brass quartet. Music from the Renaissance to the 21st century will be sung. Invite all your friends to experience this special Anglican liturgy as part of their preparation for Christmas.

Christmas music rehearsal will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. on December 7th, (Compline following), 14th and 21st. Please let Marsha know if you are interested in helping out in the choir for Christmas Eve.

Sundays at Nine on December 18th will be a very special time for Good Shepherd families. We will explore music of Advent and Christmas. Be thinking of your favorite Christmas carols that you would like to sing at this time. In addition I will share with you the stories of some of the carols and introduce you some lesser known ones that are in the hymnal. This would be a great time to bring a friend!

Marsha Reilly
Music Director

In Search Of

Sometime in the past several months, it was my pleasure to have a conversation with a Good Shepherd member in Nehls Hall. We were looking over some items left from an auction or yard sale or something, and the topic turned to old recordings. I mentioned I just had picked up a mint copy of the 1958 Festival of Lessons and Carols as sung on Christmas Eve in the King's College Chapel in Cambridge. I said it was a duplicate LP for me, but I couldn't just leave it there and so hoped to give it to someone.

Giving it away proved rather more difficult than I anticipated, because very few people still listen to LPs or even have a turntable anymore. But the member said she'd check to see if they had it in their collection, and later told me they didn't and she'd be pleased to take it off my hands. Well, time went by and now I've forgotten who that was. Hmmmm.

Advent Season is upon us, and I know someone would enjoy this beautiful record from London. If you're the person to whom I promised it, would you please let me know or e-mail or phone the church? If you're not the person but would like the LP, do likewise. If the original folks don't show up, it's yours. And Merry Christmas!

Richard Carlson

AN ADVENT EVENING
for
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

6:30 p.m.	Soup supper in Nehls' Hall
7:00 p.m.	Gather in Church for Prayer
8:30 p.m.	End
Leader:	Michael Jupin, Interim Rector

Sign up in church or call the church office

News from the Pews . . .

Welcome Back to . . . **Bruce & Jane Ergood** from Honduras. This was their second mission work trip this year. **Emile Walker** from Bolivia who is doing graduate work in the College of Education. **Randy Purdy** from visits with his daughter, **Megan**, in Boise, Idaho, family in Minneapolis/St. Paul, and his medical specialist near Ashville, North Carolina.

Congratulations to . . . **Stella Lee, Zelma Coleman's** mother, who celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at the Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility. **Anne & Tom Walker** on the June birth of their first grandchild, **Dorothy Camille**, to **Carlos & Mayling Walker** in Costa Rica. **Lizzie Purdy** who was pictured in the recent "Women of Athens" issue of *The Athens News*. **David Malawista**, of the Athens Police Department and husband of parishioner **Marianne Malawista**, who was recently presented the Rita Gillick Mental Health Advocate Award from the local 317 Board. **MacKenzie Lackey** who received this year's Lisa V Dishong Memorial scholarship.

Recent visitors . . . **Cole Sinclair**, son of **Richard & Amy Sinclair** and grandson of **Reid Sinclair** was in Athens recently. **The Rev. & Mrs. Charles Watts** who were in town on October 16th to hear the presentation for Habitat for Humanity by their daughter **Ann Charles Watts**.

Business news . . . **Steve Fetsch**, husband of **Kathleen Sullivan**, was in Ashville, North Carolina showing his award winning film at the Ashville Film Festival. **Anne Walker** has been a co-leader of the recent Family to Family course for the family and friends of those recovering from mental illness.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to **Larry Larson, Helen Marsh**, and **Tom Lenaghan** (Marsha Dutton's husband).

Condolences to . . . **Marsha Dutton** on the loss of her mother, **Ethelyn Dutton**. **Eve Campbell** and **Berry Dillely** on the loss of **Clarissa Campbell**, their daughter and sister, respectively. **Brad and Laura Dukes** on the loss of his mother, **Virginia Dukes**.

Reid Sinclair
Roving Reporter

December Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 pm – Alanon	2	3 10:00 am – Advent Dress Rehearsal
4 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 4:00 pm – Advent Festival	5 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	6 7:00 pm – Alanon 7:30 pm – AA	7 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR 8:30 pm - Compline	8 11:00 am – Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm – Contemplative Prayer 7:30 pm - Alanon	9	10
11 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – LI	12 11:30 am – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	13 7:00 pm – Alanon 7:30 pm – AA	14 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	15 7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm - Alanon	16	17 5:00 pm – Ultreya Potluck 6:00 pm – Ultreya Meeting
18 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 2:30 pm – AGO Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	20 7:00 pm – Alanon 7:30 pm – AA Newsletter Deadline	21 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	22 7:30 pm – Alanon	23	24 10:00 pm – Prelude Music 10:30 pm – Festival Nativity Eucharist
25 No Worship Services	26 Parish Office Closed 11:30 am – Bible Study	27 7:00 pm – Alanon 7:30 pm – AA	28 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW	29 7:30 pm - Alanon	30	31

Key Guide:

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

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II
CS – Church School

MW – Midweek Eucharist
CR – Choir Rehearsal

LI – Lindley Inn

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lucille Jennings	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Lynn Graham Charles Seymour	9	10
11 Chris Seymour	12 Betsy Irwin Jim Karageorge	13 Jane Ergood	14 Abi Morgan Andy Morgan	15	16	17 Levi Lackey
18 Alex Buckley	19 Marsha Dutton	20	21 Don Randolph	22	23 Joanne Larson	24 Karen Evans- Romaine Jim Mowery Al Topping Jim & Lynn Graham- Mowery
25 Shawn Parsons	26	27 Kathy Auflick Karen Bump Sheppard & Peggy Black	28	29	30 Andrew Culp George Karageorge Al & Margaret Topping	31

Worship Celebrations of the Christmas Season

Saturday, December 24th, The Nativity

Christmas Preludes, 10:00 p.m.

Festival Nativity Eucharist, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th

No worship this day

Wednesday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents

Midweek Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, The Holy Name of Jesus

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone who would like to contribute towards the Christmas Poinsettias, as a memorial or in thanksgiving for someone, should contact the parish office at 593-6877 by December 21st.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 26th,
in observance of Christmas