

# Good SHEPHERD News

Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

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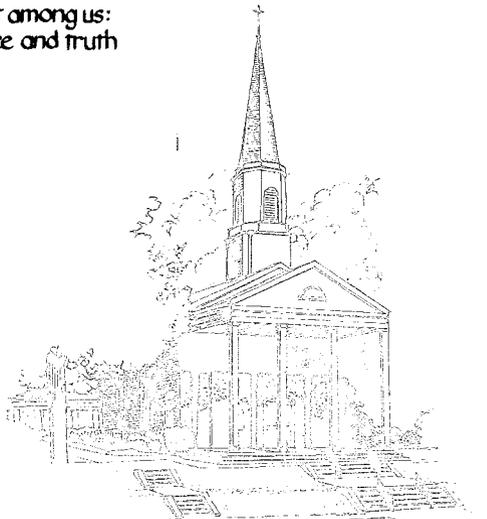


The Word was made flesh  
and dwelt among us:  
full of grace and truth

John 1:14

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## Senior Warden Comments . . .

Greetings,

As I write this letter, the preparations for Christmas are nearly complete. Advent is winding to a close and we are about to greet our Lord with a joyous Christmas service. This is a time for family and friends to join in reminding one another about our faith and the communities that sustain it.

We are about to enter a new time in Good Shepherd. Our interim priest for the last two plus years is concluding his service with us on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The parish is invited to a “souped up” coffee hour to recognize the Reverend Michael Jupin’s presence among us for that time.

We have a supply priest, The Reverend Emmanuel Twesigye, Ph.D. joining us for services beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Twesigye is also serving a parish in the Diocese of Ohio, so he will be with us for only two or three Sundays a month. The present schedule includes services on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We are also awaiting responses from other priests who have been asked to provide services for us.

On those Sundays when we do not have a priest for the Eucharist the service will be Morning Prayer with leadership from parishioners. The Reverend Deacon Arthur L. Savage, Jr. has agreed to serve for some of these Sundays and others will be led by lay parishioners. Presently, we know we will have Morning Prayer January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the date of the Annual Meeting.

Sunday announcements from the pulpit will be overseen by the Wardens. If you have an announcement you would like to make please speak to me or Curt Sherman BEFORE the service. My schedule for the winter has me in Athens January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>.

One other note: The Marthas have been officially designated by the Vestry as the overseers of fund raising in the parish. If you have a project, either to benefit the parish and its ministries, or other causes in the community, please see Julie Nehls. If she feels the project needs to be cleared with the Vestry, she will inform you of this and forward your request to the Vestry. Please be sure to allow enough time for this

process. Most requests can be handled quickly, but be sensitive to the potential for delay.

I hope your Christmas was a merry one and your New Year celebration happy. As we enter 2006, we look forward to welcoming a new priest at Good Shepherd and electing a new Bishop of Southern Ohio. May we all enjoy this time in the Church's history.

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

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### **Worship Committee Writings**

Greetings from your Worship Committee! Our December meeting agenda was a long one, and much of our discussion focused on preparing for the time between Michael's departure and the calling of a new priest.

See Bob Shelly's letter for details of supply clergy schedule during the interim, until our new priest arrives.

Michael's departure also necessitates formalizing the team that has done such a stellar job of organizing our Sundays at Nine education series this fall. If you haven't dropped in before services lately, you've missed Jason Hartz leading sessions on spirituality in the arts, an exploration of some of our members' spiritual gifts and types, Bishop Price's discussion of the Episcopal Church locally and worldwide, and an intergenerational Christmas hymn and carol sing – among other events! Several ideas are already in the works for the coming months. If you wish to join the team, or if you'd like to suggest an idea for a session, let me know.

**Respectfully submitted,  
T. J. Luce,  
Worship Committee Chair**

*At the end of the interim . . .*

## **EPIPHANY LIGHT & GRATITUDE**

When I think of Epiphany and its themes of *light* and *manifestation* I think of receiving *enlightenment* and of having things *revealed* to me. I think of growing in knowledge and understanding. All of that is grace.

That makes the ending of my interim ministry with all of you at Good Shepherd on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 8<sup>th</sup>, so right for me. It is the right time because I have learned so much and, I think, grown in my understanding of parish ministry, more than at any other time in my ordained ministry. You have ALL been light to me and have given me gifts far more than gold, frankincense and myrrh. In just a short two years and eight months I think I learned more about Good Shepherd and parish ministry than I learned about or in the two places I have been Rector. And I am thankful to all of you for that.

I am especially grateful to the Vestries with which I have worked so closely and to the Wardens who have given extraordinary and faithful service in this time – Christy Ortman, Bob Shelly, Allyn Reilly, Preston Denton, and Curt Sherman. I would also have to add Treasurer Jack Flemming, Organist/Choir Director Marsha Reilly and Parish Administrator Glenda Frost to that list. Together we have learned and grown so much: we have laughed and suffered, we have planned and implemented, we have prayed and we have partied. We have made errors and we have been just short of brilliant. But most of all the Wardens, Vestry, and I have listened to one another and the parish; we have grown in honesty and mutual respect, in patience and affection, in understanding and resolve. Our last meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> is testimony to all the above.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude and thanks to these Wardens and Vestries and to all of you for the grace you have been to me in my own growth and understanding, areas of life so important to me. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. And, finally, please know of my continuing prayer for all of you and for the Church of the Good Shepherd as you move into a new and hope-filled future.

***Michael Jupin***  
***Interim Rector***

## Honduras Proposal Overview

*The following article describes the mission work of **Bruce and Jane Ergood** in Honduras. They will be presenting additional information on this effort in a "Sundays at Nine" on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Interested parishioners are urged to attend and encourage friends to join us for this discussion. – Bob Shelly*

Honduras, a small country in Central America, has the lowest per capita income of any country in the continental Western Hemisphere. It is not industrialized: over 60% of the people live in rural environs, subsisting on agriculture, although the land is mountainous and soil is thin – except in a few regions. Unlike much of Central and South America, it has always been poor, and does not have an extensive or rich colonial history. A tourist industry, centering around Mayan ruins in Copan, has begun, but many simple and routine transactions (such as cashing traveler's checks and traveling on safe roads) are not easy.

Honduras has been called hemispheric "Ground Zero" for Aids. It is the recipient of considerable aid from foreign religious, governmental and other voluntary organizations, focusing on medical, economic development and potable water needs. Honduras is also the fastest growing Episcopal Diocese in Latin America, and, within a few years, hopes itself to send out missionaries.

During the past seven years we have had firsthand work experience in Honduras with the Diocese and the South American Mission Society (SAMS) on several occasions; assessing hurricane damage to churches, construction with our church team, teaching, and twice filling in for a SAMS Missionary on leave. This work has put us in close working relationships with several different Deaneries, Diocesan staff, and congregations. We have been privileged to work with them, to learn from them, and hope to return to serve them, particularly in the area of health care, where we are professionally experienced.

For example, last spring we substituted for 3 months for a SAMS Missionary on leave, coordinating various US church construction, water drilling and medical teams working in rural villages in the Deanery of El Paraiso. We also played in the choir (as usual there) and Jane assisted as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, at their invitation. We corresponded with Diocesan offices, US doctors and veterinarians, and

also local cooks, stores, physicians, Rotarians and university personnel with similar interests and goals. Wonderful people!

We are aware of programs to train village first aid workers with the book *Donde No Hay Doctor* and WHO material and we have attended a three day workshop on that program. While talking with the Dean of the El Paraiso Deanery, we learned that each church has a person and/or committee responsible for "health ministry." However, those persons need training and support. We propose to work with these persons in the Deanery, providing a training course with proven materials, and giving them greater confidence in their abilities to both serve their fellow parishioner, and assist visiting US Church Mission and Medical Teams. The wife of the Canon of the Cathedral has asked to work with us.

In addition to your prayers, we are requesting financial assistance to train Health Workers in El Paraiso, one of the 3 poorest Deaneries in the country. Hopefully, this project can be extended, by Hondurans, to other Deaneries.

### **Bruce & Jane Ergood**

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*Notes from the  
Organ Bench*

The January Choir Rehearsal is as follows:

Wednesday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 p.m.

Please note that the time for January 4<sup>th</sup> has been moved up ½ hour.

There will be the Order of Compline on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

*Marsha Reilly  
Music Director*

## **Vestry Highlights for December . . .**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack Flemming reported that outside of the large plumbing bill, painting, and new computer we are holding our own this year. The Kroger income is helpful.

**Calling Committee:** Allyn Reilly reported that five persons remain interested in the position of Rector of Good Shepherd. The committee has examined sermons from each and will begin phone interviews next week.

**Stewardship – Pledges:** Al Topping said that as of today there have been 66 pledges totaling \$124,000. Our goal this year \$130,000; last year we had 70 pledge units totaling \$122,000.

**Senior Warden, Honduras Health Mission:** Bob Shelly mentioned that Bruce Ergood has written an article for the Good News (see page 4) and the Ergoods plan a Sundays at Nine presentation on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry was glad to have the opportunity to give its blessing for the Honduras Health Mission project using the pass thru account procedure.

**Worship Committee:** Katharin Foster will preside at the Wednesday Eucharist, conduct one Lindley Inn Eucharist per month, and be available for pastoral emergencies. The other is with Reverend Emmanuel K. Twesigye (Ohio Wesleyan University) who will conduct Sunday services ever other week. Other clergy are being contacted to cover open dates; the Rev. Arthur L. Savage, Jr. will conduct Morning Prayer on January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Annual Meeting Day). Bob will also talk to the Reverend Lynn Miller, pastor of Christ Lutheran, to see if we can take advantage of some ecumenical opportunities.

**Junior Warden, Church Building:** Regarding problems with the **Rectory** the Vestry authorized Curt Sherman to secure a locksmith, get the common areas professionally clean, and advertise for a tenant. **Building Inspection** – Curt Sherman and Bill Novak have made a first pass of inspecting the buildings; a report will be prepared for the next Vestry meeting. Beyond the many little things there will be some major and long-term items to report.

**Nominating Committee:** Kathleen Sullivan reported the following slate to present at the Annual Meeting; Vestry – Ann Rathbun, Kathleen Sullivan, Phyllis Dean, and Jane Forest Redfern; Diocesan Convention Delegates - Ann Shelly, Richard Carlson, T. J. Luce as an alternate, second alternate yet to be determined; Senior Warden – Bob Shelly; Junior Warden – Curt Sherman. Liz Sinclair has been asked to fill the vacant two year position. (Note: Vacancies are filled by Vestry action)

**Outreach & Alms Disbursement:** The remaining Rector's Discretionary Fund and Undesignated Outreach funds will be disbursed among the following local organizations with each receiving \$150: United Campus Ministries, Good Works, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ISELF (International Student Emergency Loan Fund), and the Kilvert Center.

**2006 Budget Approval:** Jack Flemming pointed out a few changes since the last meeting. One concern is that pledges are not congruent with the five-year plan. It was noted that the average pledge of current membership has increased; the problem is the number of pledge units. The whole key is adding new members. A discussion ensued on ways to support programs and individuals beyond worship. It was decided this topic, specific things we would like to do, will be put on the agenda for next month. In summary the budget represents realistic figures along with hard work to meet our goals and it was approved with no opposition.

**“Moving On”:** The Good Shepherd community will thank the Reverend Michael Jupin for his service as Interim Rector at a special coffee hour on January 8<sup>th</sup>. After a reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, and in the spirit of gratitude, Father Jupin and the Vestry exchanged their thanksgiving for each other.

**Ted Foster**  
**Vestry Secretary**

**The Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**  
**Nehls Hall**  
**following the 10:30 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer Service**

**\* Elections**

**\*Reports**

**\*Budget**

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**The Parish Office**

**will be closed**

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**in observance of New Year's Day**

**and**

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>,**  
**in observance of**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## January Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:30 am – HE II	<b>2</b> Parish Office closed	<b>3</b> 9:30 am – PS 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 6:30 pm – CR 7:30 pm – Compline	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – LI	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am – Sundays @ Nine Presentation 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II	<b>16</b> Parish Office closed 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:30 am – PS 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	<b>18</b> 12:00 pm – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm – Vestry Meting 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – MP <b>Annual Meeting</b> following service 2:00 pm – LI	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	<b>26</b> 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Meeting	<b>31</b> 9:30 am – PS 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA				

### Key Guide:

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II

PS – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

MW – Midweek Eucharist

CS – Church School

MP – Morning Prayer

CR – Choir Rehearsal

LI – Lindley Inn

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> Mary Culp	<b>2</b> Lauren Spero	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Gail Gault Connell Bob Shelly	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sophia Karageorge Julie Spero
<b>8</b> Heather Sinclair	<b>9</b> Catherine Chagnot	<b>10</b> Pat Elisar	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Emilie Walker	<b>14</b> Geoff Buckley
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bobby Biddlestone Anne Chagnot	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Anne Walker	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bill Biddlestone	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Michael Jupin Sandi White	<b>28</b> Jim Anastas
<b>29</b> Gene Jennings Joshua & Jessica (Glass) Bergeron	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				