

Good SHEPHERD News

Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

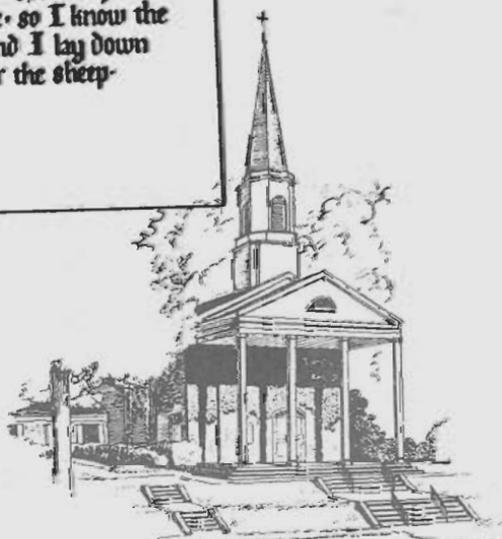
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I am the good
shepherd. I know
my sheep and my
sheep know me.
As the father
knows me, so I know the
father, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.

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*George Allen
1980*

Rector's Easter Message

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Once again, the season of Easter is upon us. Here, we enter into the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory over sin, suffering, and death. We celebrate this same mystery at each and every Eucharist and at each and every baptism. But in Easter, we bring it front and center, and we pull out all the stops. As a colleague of mine said in his Easter sermon, we remember the holy mysteries not as something past, but in a way that makes them present realities in our lives. Liturgical scholars call this *anamnesis*. It is what we do whenever we "Do this in remembrance of me." In a real sense, we are present at Calvary, and at the empty tomb. We are there when Jesus dies and rises again. As Paul reminds us in the epistle appointed for the Easter Vigil, by our baptisms, we die and rise with Christ.

In the words of an ancient antiphon:

Alleluia. The stone has been rolled away. Alleluia. From the mouth of the tomb. Alleluia. Alleluia. Whom do you seek, woman? Alleluia. The living among the dead? Alleluia. Alleluia. Do not weep, Mary. Alleluia. The Lord is risen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, and nothing can separate us from his love. Alive, he extends his wounded hands in blessing and forgiveness toward a broken and hurting world. For God, nothing is lost. Nothing is forgotten. Never again will death have the last word. That word belongs to God!

This year, our family celebrated the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday together with our parish and seminary communities, as well as the two congregations that Tracey has been serving during our time here. How overwhelming it all was! It always is. It was a special joy this year to celebrate Easter with many dear friends, some of them for the last time.

And yet my thoughts are already turning to you at Good Shepherd. You have become part of my resurrection joy, and I wish you every blessing in this season of New Life! I will be with you on May 21st, before the end of Eastertide, and look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of his Spirit with you as we move forward toward Pentecost together.

This month, I thought I'd share the sermon I preached in our seminary chapel on the Friday of Easter week. In it, I speak about the resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our life and work together in the body of Christ. The resurrection is the climax of God's unswerving purpose to bless the world. It brings to fulfillment the Gospel of mercy, justice, and peace, not just for us but for God's world. May each of you know joy this season. Jesus is alive!

Grace and peace,

Bill

The Rev. Dr. R. William Carroll

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (John 21: 1-14)

May God give you peace.

“I am going fishing,” announces Simon Peter. It’s as if he’s forgotten what’s happened. Jesus has been put to death in the midst of mob violence and numerous betrayals, including Peter’s own. But the living God has raised Jesus in the flesh, and he has appeared to many of his loved ones. Jesus has appeared to Mary Magdalene, to John and Peter, and to all the eleven, both with and without Thomas. His tomb is empty, and the stone is rolled away.

Peter has forgotten the terror of Easter, as well as its joy. True, he has been shaken by the events of the Triduum, but he has yet to be transformed. So he returns to business as usual. He goes out fishing – for fish and not for people. It’s as if Jesus had never called him by name.

So he and his friends labor all night but catch nothing. Ignoring our Lord’s commission and their own vocation, his followers bear little fruit.

When Jesus himself appears on the beach, something peculiar happens. As in many stories of resurrection, they do not recognize him. Jesus appears as a stranger. He shows himself only when he chooses.

“Children,” he says, “Have you any fish?” And of course they don’t. How could they – apart from him? When Jesus tells them to move the net to the other side of the boat, however, they catch more than they could ever hope for. So many that the net should break. But it doesn’t.

John is the first to recognize Jesus. Love sees him, where eyes of flesh cannot. “It is the Lord,” says John. And immediately, Peter gets dressed and jumps in the sea, swimming to shore like the big sloppy dog he is.

When Peter comes to Jesus, he sees a charcoal fire, with bread and fish already cooking. The gracious provision of God precedes all human work. Nevertheless, Jesus invites Peter to bring some of the catch and to join it with his. Jesus invites his friends to come and have breakfast with him. The Lord feeds his flock, just as he did during his ministry. And yet their contribution is not overlooked. They are invited to put it in with the rest.

Later in the twenty-first chapter of John, Jesus will rehabilitate Peter for ministry, in a poignant scene that recalls his triple denial. Three times, Jesus will invite and strengthen Peter – to love and feed his Church. But for now, Peter's ministry of shepherding takes a backseat to that of the Lord. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who dies for the flock and feeds it with his own flesh. By his invitation, we may share in the work, but it belongs to him.

Indeed, there are times in ministry, when the work is beyond our strength. When we doubt and even betray our Lord. Often, we are tempted to neglect our high calling, to return to business as usual. As if nothing has happened. As if Easter could leave things untouched and standing still.

And yet, if we are honest, we know that nothing is the same. We no longer belong to ourselves. We have been bought with a price. Our word is not the last word that can be spoken about us. Instead, the word of Jesus defines us with sovereign power. As does the word of the Easter Gospel. On the other side of our betrayals, Jesus gives us our true selves back. Risen from the dead, he forgives us and restores us, at great personal cost. He sets us free to seek out our own victims, to seek their forgiveness, to turn to them and live. In his name lies our salvation.

Always and everywhere, the risen Jesus is free to come into our midst. He is free to forgive, to guide, and to strengthen. To feed, to bless, and to heal. In short, to SAVE. Jesus is risen, and nothing can ever be the same. Amen.



Senior Warden Comments . . .

Greetings,

This is an expectant time for Good Shepherd. We await the arrival of our new priest, our grounds are bursting with the appearance of spring growth, and our choir is preparing a glorious celebration for our "name day" on May 7th.

I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider volunteering for the General Convention in Columbus. The Diocese is still in need of over 500 volunteers for support staff for this event. Jane Dupke Curry will be here on May 7th to meet with members of the Hocking Valley Deanery at 3:00 p.m. to encourage volunteering. This will be followed by the choir celebration in a Service of Choral Evensong (see Notes for the Organ Bench).

The second event I would like you to mark on your calendar is the first Sunday for our new Rector, May 21st. Please plan to be present for the service that morning. A large turnout to welcome Reverend Carroll will reflect our excitement at his presence with us.

Yours in Christ,

**Bob Shelly,
Senior Warden**

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY PHOTOS

We have received considerable material for the planned Good Shepherd Family tree project. First we would like to populate bulletin boards with recent parishioner photos for our new rector's benefit and not everyone is represented. Ted Foster and the Church office still welcomes photos of you, family, and pets. There is a small display in Nehls Hall to spike interest.





Notes from the Organ Bench

During the month of May we have many occasions to celebrate. The first is on Sunday, May 7th – Good Shepherd Sunday. The lessons that day are all based on the theme of Jesus the Shepherd. It is appropriate to have some special activities on this Sunday since it is the closest thing we have to a patronal feast day. Our bass Vocal Music Assistant, Jason Hartz, has written an anthem setting of Psalm 23 for the choir to sing.

In the afternoon there will be a Service of Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m. This year is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The choir will honor this important musical anniversary by performing a very early work of Mozart's – the Missa Brevis in D minor. A "Missa Brevis" – is a shortened mass. All the movements are sung, but the Gloria and the Credo are not as extended as in larger settings – such as the Bach – Mass in b minor.

Sunday, May 21st, is our next day of celebration as we welcome our new Rector. The Psalm for the day is Psalm 33 verse 3 of that Psalm begins – "Sing to the Lord a new song." Choir anthems and hymns will be based on that theme.

Rehearsal schedule for May:

- Sunday, April 30th, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. – Mozart rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Mozart rehearsal
- Saturday, May 6th, 10:30 a.m. – noon – dress rehearsal for Evensong
- Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – regular rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – regular rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – regular rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 31st, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – regular rehearsal

*Marsha Reilly,
Music Director*



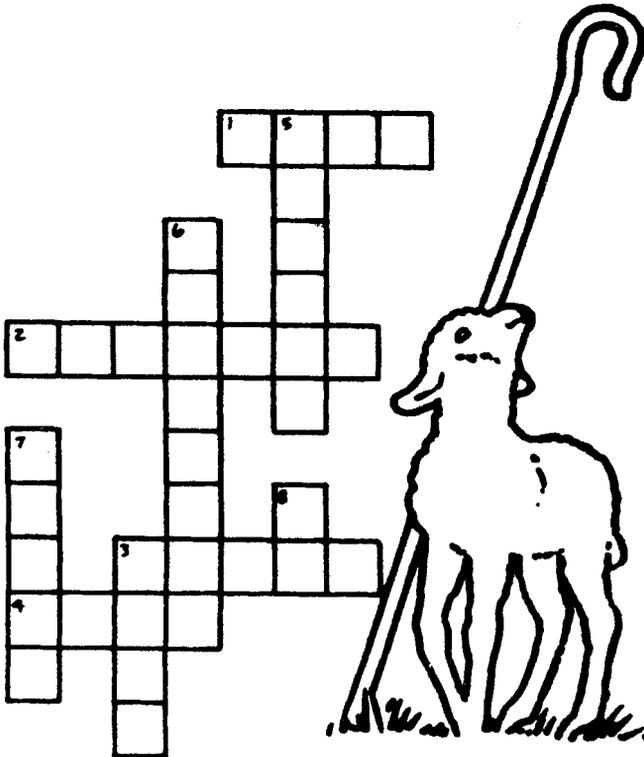
PSALM 23

ACROSS

- 1) " I WILL FEAR NO _____ "
- 2) " I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD _____ "
- 3) " HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN _____ PASTURES "
- 4) " THE _____ IS MY SHEPHERD "

DOWN

- 3) TO GET BIGGER
- 5) " THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE _____ OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH "
- 6) " THE LORD IS MY _____ "
- 7) " HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE _____ WATERS "
- 8) " SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW _____ "



A CELEBRATION
FOR
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

And in honor of the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

SUNDAY, MAY 7
5:00 P.M.

A service of

CHORAL EVENSONG

with the Good Shepherd Choir
performing

MISSA BREVIS in D minor
by
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

A freewill offering will be taken

Light refreshments will follow

Vestry Highlights from April 20th

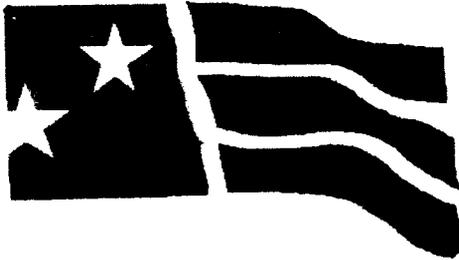
- **Welcome Michael Adeyanju:** After introductions the Vestry appointed Michael Adeyanju as the College Representative to the Vestry for 2006.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Flemming noted that \$645 has been received from parishioners toward the office equipment and painting and he described how \$5,676 in Honduras Support (includes grant and parishioners' contributions) has been handled. The Endowments have been making a modest comeback the past three years. In regards to the promissory notes, the Search Fund and office are essentially paid back, but over \$5,000 remains for painting. It appears we will have enough left over from the Search Fund to retire the painting promissory note (e.g. pay back to the endowment).
- **Property:** Curt Sherman did some plumbing and regular maintenance; the locksmith worked on some doors. With no janitorial services until Saturday, there have been some messes left in the Kitchen and Nehls Hall by ourselves, or the scouts. We will see if the scouts would sweep the area after their meeting. Apparently the Oasis has a dinner special on Wednesday nights and parking is still a problem for choir practice. The "Church use at all other times" signs have been ordered and a warning slip will be placed on errant vehicles.

Ann Rathbun wishes to donate time and material to paint the office; Phyllis Dean will make curtains and after discussion it was decided this will be done in conjunction with cleanup day. (This activity will not interfere with rehearsal for the Choral Evensong.) Ted Foster purchased and installed the reinforced screen door to the bell tower to help with ventilation.

- **Recycling:** Glenda has noted that currently no one collects materials. Jane Forrest Redfern volunteered to obtain boxes for the office and general Church and will take material to the recycling center. Phyllis Dean explained how each Wednesday free lunch groups do their own recycling. (In discussion it was noted the Church does not generate much on the way of aluminum cans and the lunch groups do not generate much in the way of paper recycling.)

- **Good Shepherd Family Tree Project:** Ted Foster reported there has been considerable material contributed by about 25 people. Ted was thinking about populating the bulletin boards with people photos for the Carrolls' benefit. Additional contemporary photos of people are needed and Ted will put up a small display to spike interest. Then perhaps others (intergenerational) will want to work on a longer term project to decorate the Nehls Hall area.
- **Miscellaneous:** Other topics discussed included the sound system and using durable mugs for Coffee Hour.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Pastor Jeff Schofield, Athens Community Church, would like to invite the whole community to come and be a part of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4th, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Athens, corner of Court and Washington Streets.

The pastors from various churches will be praying for different areas during this concert of prayer. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Schofield at 592-0060.

Money Talks

By now nearly all of us have heard of the Kroger Gift Card program which Al Topping has introduced into Good Shepherd. At the current level of participation, we are receiving almost \$250 per month from Kroger. Here again is how the program works.

- 1) Purchase a Kroger Gift Card for \$5 (Glenda has the cards in the office).
- 2) When you go to Kroger, take the card to the customer service desk and have an amount, \$100 for example, loaded onto the card. (The first time you load money onto the card, the \$5 you gave Glenda is also added in).
- 3) Buy your groceries and present your Kroger Gift Card at the register. The amount you spend is deducted from your card balance. (If you overrun what is on the card, you pay the difference at the register).
- 4) Kroger sends 5% (\$5 in this case) to Good Shepherd, even if you haven't spent the entire \$100 yet.

I know Kroger would not be doing this if they weren't making a profit, but so what? I don't mind helping Kroger make a profit if at the same time I can benefit Good Shepherd by doing something no more difficult than eating. At the moment, Good Shepherd is picking up nearly \$3,000 per year of what amounts to free money. If you have a card, I urge you to continue using it. If you don't have a card, I urge you to see Glenda.

Thank you for your support, and thanks again to Al Topping for introducing this program into Good Shepherd

Jack Flemming
Treasurer



Gift Card

Eucharistic Visitors

About 2 years ago Good Shepherd began a program of Eucharistic Visitors – parishioners trained and licensed by the Diocese of Southern Ohio to bring the Sacrament to those in the parish (and community) who are not able to attend the regular service. This program has been a great benefit to the recipients and to the participants.

At the time we began, we had eight licensed Visitors. However, through attrition, we now often only have 5 – 6 Visitors available at any one time. In short, we need to expand our list of active Visitors.

Being a Eucharistic Visitor is one of the most rewarding experiences a lay person can have. We would like to have some training sessions in Athens in the reasonably near future. If this is a ministry that you would like to join, or to hear more about, please see me (or any other Eucharistic Visitor) at any time.

Jack Flemming
Eucharistic Visitor Coordinator

A Note of Thanks

I would like to take this time to thank those who helped me during the time that I was recuperating from surgery: those who stopped by and called, sent cards and/or food, and kept me in their prayers.

Your thoughtfulness was a great comfort to me and was really appreciated.

Gifford Doxsee



Book Review

There was some sweat on the postman's brow when he brought to the house the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* that Katharin had ordered. Katharin normally takes a mere day or two to read the serious tome – just hours for the mystery – then pass them on to the public library or friends. I imagine *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* will take her longer than a day or two, and this one is a keeper. The book tips in at a hefty ten pounds, has 1832 pages with 30 additional pages of introductory materials – and on top of that the print is fine. Being former librarians, we cannot pass up a good reference book. The *Encyclopedia* contains more than 2,000 entries in 30 sections, the general index is excellent. The book is full of every conceivable type of information in regards to Appalachian history, ecology-land-environment, culture and people. More than 1,000 historians, folklorists, sociologists, geologists and journalists contributed to this ten year project.

The book's dust jacket sums up – “The *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* details subjects traditionally associated with Appalachia – folklore, handcrafts, mountain music, foods, and coal mining – but goes far beyond regional stereotypes to treat such wide-ranging topics as the aerospace industry, Native American food-ways, ethnic diversity in the coalfields, education reform, linguistic variation, and the contested notion of what it means to be Appalachian, both inside and outside the region.”

The book's website states there are no plans to put the book on line. This is fine with me. Despite the seeming ease of searching the Internet I still like ‘honest-to-God’ books flush with focused scholarship. One of my treasures is the family's one volume 1941 edition of the *Columbia Encyclopedia*. As a child I would spend hours browsing the book, just following threads of discovery with no particular goal in mind. The book still graces our shelves. Glancing through the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* rekindled those memories of that exciting discovery process. In this age of instant electronic information there is still a place for the reference book. Beyond the public library of course, this particular tome is perfect for the household living in this region wanting to discover more about where they live, to place on one's lap now and then and explore for a few minutes. You will need to fork out \$80, but considering the amount of lasting value, this is quite a good deal. (*Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, University of Tennessee press, 2006)

Ted Foster

(Note: This replaces a flyer about the Kenyon Conference, July 23-28, 2006. For more information please visit <http://www.kenyonconference.org> The 'Pews News' was lost in cyberspace and not included in the printed newsletter, and was later sent with the weekly email; we have included it here. Reid Sinclair writes the *News from the Pews*. T. Foster)

News from the Pews

Mary Anne Swardson and **Peggy Black**, of Good Shepherd, join **Mary Helen Graham** as co-chairs of the 2006 Appalachian Community Visiting Nurses Association 2006 Fund Drive. **Ann Rathbun** is on the Advisory Board of the Association. **Julia Nehls** continues in her annual role as emeriti chair of the O'Bleness 2006 fund drive.

Clarissa Kornell, teacher in the church school, has been awarded a Fulbright grants to teach in Indonesia. Clarissa is a political science major and senior in the Honors College.

The recent birth of two new grandchildren has provided **Debbie Hillard** with an extended "vacation" in Colorado. **Julia Lynn Hillard** was born to **Adam** and **Virginia** on Easter. Balancing things out, **Cole Sinclair**, born last Mother's Day in Denver, was in town Easter weekend with his father **Richard**.

Rachel Luce, daughter of **TJ Luce**, choreographed the dance numbers for the Athens High production of "Anything Goes." Brother **Jess Luce**, is a sophomore at University **Ce Ce Ruckti**, former Good Shepherd acolyte and chir member played a leading role.

Marsha Dutton led a quiet day at the Virginia Seminary in Alexandria Va on Ash Wednesday. In a realignment of Ohio U student center offices **Anne Lombard**, Cub fan and choir member, has been named Director of Campus Life **Ann Rathburn** and **Matthew Adeyanju**, with offices in Grover Center, are among those much inconvenienced by the recent flooding.

Among those at church Easter Sunday were **Alaina Miller**, from Springfield, **Anne Swardson Trueheart** and son **Henry**, from Paris, France, **Christine Swardson Oliver** from Fort Collins, CO and **David** and **Charles Gault** and families from Cincinnati and Florence Ky, respectively.; **Yemi Adeyanju** also from Cincinnati, and **Femi Adeyanju** from Columbus, **Catherine Flemming**, from Winston-Salem North Carolina. **Carolyn Reilly** from Knoxville, where she is a graduate student in plant sciences at the University of Tennessee., and **Abby Morgan**.

Missing from the choir this quarter is **Laura Reames**, who is studying in Russia. Also in Russia, to teach is **Karen Evans-Romaine**; **Iona Carlson** arrived in France just in time for spring break at her school. Thus she had time to hike in ther Pyrenees and to enjoy the Southern France beaches.

Richard Dean reports the birth on April 27 Of **Issac Raymond Dean** to son **Nate** and his wife **Kate** in Plano Texas

May Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:30 am – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	2 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm - AA	3 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm - CR	4 7:30 pm - Alanon	5	6 9:00 am – Spring Clean-up 10:30 am - CR
7 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 3:00 pm – Deanery Meeting 5:00 pm - Evensong	8 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting Parish Administrator out of office	9 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA Parish Administrator out of office	10 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm - CR	11 7:30 pm – Alanon	12	13
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Key Guide:

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II
CS – Church School

MW – Midweek Eucharist
CR – Choir Rehearsal

LI – Lindley Inn

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Renard Phillips	2 G. Kaye Rakes	3	4 Jane Paynter	5	6 Therese Lackey
7 Anne Braxton Jane Palmer	8 Robin Toctan	9	10	11 Joan Waldron	12	13 Steve Steward
14	15	16	17 Andrew Stout	18	19	20 Ce Ci Ruchti Joe & Pam Reese
21	22 Debbie Seymour	23 Harry Fetsch Charles Gault	24 Bonnie Savage	25 June Wieman John & Christy Ortman	26	27
28 Adam & Helen Marsh	29	30	31			