

Good SHEPHERD News

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Engaging God's Mission Together

Brothers and sisters, dearly beloved,

Thank you for your gracious welcome to me! I saw many of you at church or at the wonderful reception that the Marthas hosted in my honor. I was so glad to be able to worship with you at last. I was also overwhelmed by what so many people did to make my office so beautiful. If you haven't seen it, please drop by. It will give me a chance to meet more of you and to get to know you better. I will never get used to the generosity of God's people, and I am truly grateful to all who helped, in these and other ways.

I have already received several responses to my request that you help me learn what the pastoral needs are in the congregation. I repeat that I would rather hear about the same situation ten times than miss a single person whom I should be visiting. I will rely on you to keep me up to date, especially in this first year of our ministry together. I call your attention to the important message from Jack Flemming about Eucharistic Visitors in this newsletter (page 3). I have a distinctive role to play here, but pastoral care is the work of the entire Church.

This month, I would like to share some things that I said to the Vestry at our May meeting. With them and with you, I am beginning to take some first steps toward engaging the ministry we share. The following comments outline a strategy for meeting the goals that were set by the parish during the interim period. I see them not as the final word but as the beginning of a discussion about our ministries as a parish.

I will change as little as possible during the first year. A few things can't wait, however. I've mentioned one: pastoral care. My emergency contact information appears in the bulletin and in this newsletter (page 3). Use your judgment about when I should be called, but I hope and expect that you will call me night or day if there is a death, hospitalization, or crisis in your life. If you call about something that I think would be better discussed at a different time, I'll tell you. I'd rather err on the side of knowing too much. If you need to make an appointment to see me, Glenda is keeping my calendar for me. Please call her at the parish office during business hours.

The other crucial piece that can't wait concerns Christian education. We need to be able to provide an expanded program for all ages in the fall. We are going to think creatively about space needs as well as our need for more qualified Sunday School teachers. Our goal here is to have

room to grow. I will be calling a meeting of teachers and parents soon. If you would like to be included in that meeting, please let me know. I also plan to meet with Amanda Childress, who is graduating, to discuss the current program for children and her ideas for how best to continue the fine work she has done. Before the school year begins, I will also meet with youth and parents to plan for youth group.

With regard to longer term strategy, I think about our ministry under three headings. I solicit your input about these, because I believe Church leadership should be collaborative and that lay leadership should be encouraged at every step of the process. During the next year, we will be refining this outline and setting priorities for the years to come.

I. Building on our Strengths. We need to celebrate the real assets for ministry that are already present at Good Shepherd. The single biggest one is the People of God who gather here. We are creative, intelligent, and dedicated people, committed to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to the distinctive expression of Christian faith found in the Episcopal Church. Among programs, we have particular strengths in worship and music, and in outreach. How can we use these better to meet our goals?

II. Doing the Basics Well. I have already named four of these: worship and music, outreach, Christian education, and pastoral care. We also need to be thinking about advocacy, fellowship, and ecumenical engagement. What have we done? What should we be doing?

III. Ministry of Active Hospitality. This is already included under the first two headings, but I want to single it out here. Active hospitality is an effective way to talk about evangelism with Episcopalians. I am not talking about passing out tracts on a street corner. I am talking about how the ministries of the Church work together to share the Good News, by word and deed. Growing the Church is not the goal, though it may well result. The goal is faithful participation in God's mission to all people. Our baptismal covenant speaks of "seeking and serving Christ in all persons." The seeking is active, and so should our welcome be.

Over the summer, I hope to meet with as many of you as I can. Please drop by and introduce yourselves. Let's get to know each other better.

God bless you all, and God bless the ministry we share.

Bill

The Rev. Dr. R. William Carroll

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who attended Fr. Carroll's first service as our new Rector will recall that the very first announcement he made was that he wanted to know the names of persons whom he needed to visit. This shows how important he feels pastoral visiting to be. But, Fr. Carroll can only do so much. He also needs the help of the laity. For about the past two years, Good Shepherd has maintained a team of Eucharistic Visitors. These visitors have assumed responsibility for the bi-weekly service at Lindley Inn, and have made numerous visits to persons who have not been able to be with us on Sunday. This ministry has been a blessing both to those who receive it and to those who provide it.

Fr. Carroll supports the continuance of this lay ministry, but through attrition our number of licensed visitors has decreased. We need to increase our ranks. It is my goal to schedule a training program in the fall. If this is a ministry you would like to be a part of, please see me or any Eucharistic Visitor. Your participation would be much appreciated.

Jack Flemming **Eucharistic Visitor Coordinator**

FR. CARROLL will be staying at Betty Hollow's house at 31 Maplewood Drive. He can be reached by calling the parish office at 593-6877 or for emergencies he can be reached at Betty' home at 592-2429 or his cell phone 590-7106.

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS are July 30th, August 6th, and September 3rd, 17th, & 24th. To reserve one of the above dates call the parish office at 593-6877.

PENTECOST GOSPEL READING: On Pentecost, June 4th, we are requesting volunteers to read the Gospel (John 20: 19-23) in a language other than English. Following the reading of the Gospel in English, others in the congregation will read in another language at the same time. If you are interested in reading the Gospel on Pentecost, please contact the parish office by Thursday, June 1st.

Senior Warden Comments . . .

Greetings,

This will be my last regular letter for a time. I am passing on the commentary on the state of parish health and upcoming items to our new rector, the Rev. Bill Carroll. On May 21st, special service music and a festive coffee hour, hosted by the Marthas, welcomed Rev. Carroll to Good Shepherd. We are all pleased with his presence among us.

The May Vestry meeting, the preceding Thursday evening, was his first chance to see Good Shepherd “in action,” so to speak. We had no contentious issues and were able to conclude our business in good order. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jane Forrest Redfern presented Rev. Carroll with a welcoming basket of goodies, maps, and lists of activities in the area from the Vestry.

The diocese has decided to establish a church plant in Columbus to serve the growing African immigrant community. The former St. Paul’s building on East Broad Street will be the initial home of the new St. Cyprian of Carthage mission. The Vestry decided to designate the loose plate offering on June 4th, Pentecost, as a special offering to support this mission. I want to urge all of us to dig a bit deeper for this mission purpose.

Yours in Christ,

**Bob Shelly,
Senior Warden**

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Bob and Ann Shelly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth (Libby), to Sven de Jong of Bethany, West Virginia. He is the son of Karin de Jong and the late Karl de Jong of Derwood, Maryland. Libby is a 1987 graduate of Athens High School and 1991 graduate of Bethany College. She received a Master of Arts degree from Georgia Southern University and is Director of Student Life at Bethany College. Mr. de Jong is a 1995 graduate of Bethany and serves as Vice President of Development and Marketing at Bethany. The wedding will take place at Bethany July 15, 2006.

Vestry Highlights from May 18th

- **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Flemming noted those "Profit & Loss vs. Actual" items which appear to be out of line percentage-wise are actually as planned because of half-year is paid at once. The Kroger plan is bringing in more than expected. The "endowment withdrawal" is a minus 12% because we have put funds in rather than taken out. After moving expenses, Jack estimates we will have more than enough left over from the Search Fund to retire the painting promissory note (e.g. pay back to the endowment).

The Vestry voted to provide prayer books and purchase gift certificates for our students who are graduating.

- **Recycling:** Jane Forrest Redfern described how the parish now handles recycling and what additional services are available. Though this year we are locked in our current trash service, next year we could save over \$20 per month and have both trash and recycling pickup. In the meantime, Jane suggested we phase in a simple recycling program for paper by placing containers in appropriate spots; parishioners will take to the center. Kitchen crews will continue to do their own recycling. We should start using recycled paper.

Discussion expanded on to a myriad of related topics and the Vestry passed a motion to form an "ad-hoc environmental health/recycling subcommittee" (with Jane's leadership) to roll these issues into one and make recommendations for next month.

- **Property:** Curt Sherman reported on how well the cleanup day went – two truck loads of clippings, hedges trimmed, signs up, weed pulling and plantings, and the Rector's office project. A plumbing failure in the Episcopal House was fixed; the need to repair the pews was discussed.
- **Vestry Goals:** Father Carroll would like us to begin the engagement of some of our stated goals, in particular address Christian education. For the near term, this summer – first, think about classroom space, the nursery facility, additional teachers; second, meet with parents and potential Sunday school

teachers; and third jump start the Campus Ministry, make it visible. Fr. Carroll would like to get a group together to work on this and present a proposal to the Vestry in regards to our program this fall.

For the longer term we need to build on the strengths we have. We have, in particular, worship and music, and another is outreach. These are the kinds of programs people look for and we need to see how this appears to first-time visitors, where to plug people in, whom to consult to build on these. A second longer term consideration is one of the basics, Christian education for all ages, including adult. Fr. Carroll would like the above group to work on this as well. A third area is a ministry of active hospitality, an intentional greeters' program.

Before the stewardship season begins Fr. Carroll would like us to compile a list of things people could do and things we want to do.

- **Written Vestry Policies:** Fr. Carroll would like written Vestry policies in regards to use of the building, cleaning up, fees, etc., for weddings, baptisms, funerals, kitchen use, etc. Fr. Carroll will take the lead on this and bring boiler plate proposals next month.
- **Pentecost Sunday:** A "new church plant" in Columbus (in the former St. Paul's on East Broad Street) is starting up this mission has invited our participation and assistance. The new church will be called St. Cyprian of Carthage, is led by the Rev. Admire Cleeve, and will initially serve Anglican worshippers from Africa. After discussion the Vestry moved (the Diocese has made this a Diocesan wide offering) to designate the loose offering to St. Cyprian of Carthage on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.

The need to question the elimination of Appalachian Ministry funding at the General Convention was discussed. Rural Action is presenting Gifford Doxsee the Sustaining Livelihood Award.

Fr. Carroll was presented with a welcome basket of goodies. The June Vestry meeting will be on the 22nd.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary

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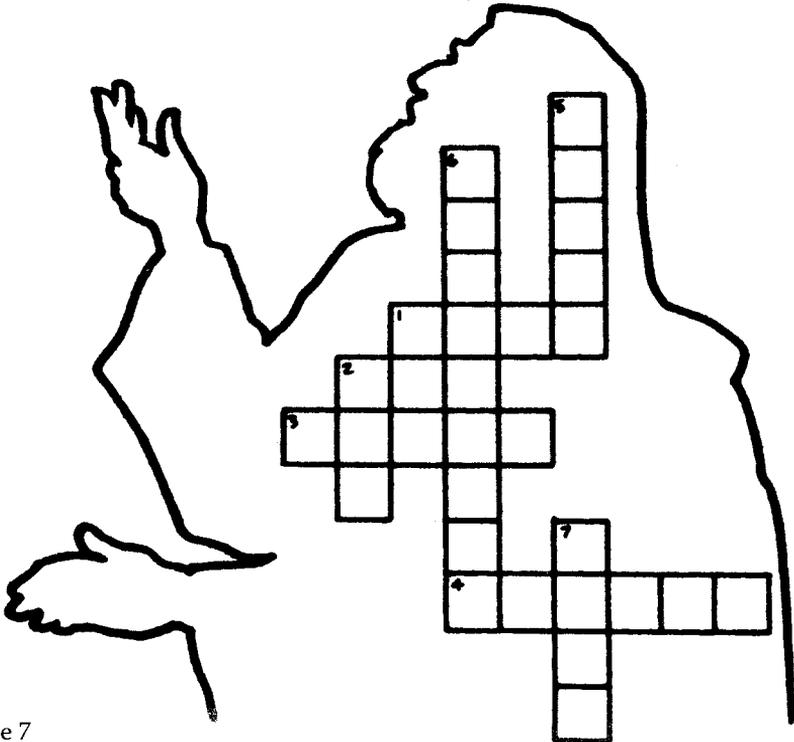
JOHN 3:1-21

ACROSS

- 1) TO COME INTO THIS WORLD - RHYMES WITH "HORN"
- 2) ANGRY
- 3) WE ARE BAPTIZED IN _____ (A CLEAR LIQUID).
- 4) FATHER, SON, HOLY _____

DOWN

- 1) A BASEBALL IS HIT WITH A _____.
- 5) MORE THAN ONCE - "YOU MUST BE BORN _____."
- 6) JESUS TOLD _____ THAT HE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.
- 7) OPPOSITE OF DEATH
- 2) OPPOSITE OF WOMAN



Honduras Health Project

Twenty people received training and medical kits with thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, ace bandages, stethoscopes, etc., after a week long intensive training workshop. The group included five men, as well as several lay pastors and a deacon, and also two local midwives. Their home villages/towns had from twenty to two hundred families, with the smaller "aldeas" predominating. We were VERY proud of them all week and especially at their testimonials at graduation and the Eucharist. The Bishop of Honduras and the Dean of El Paraiso, as well as the instructors, signed each diploma.

The Proctor Fund has given Bruce and Jane Ergood a \$2,500 grant to help complete the training in the Deanery. Bruce and Jane paid for the training and left enough money to continue bi-monthly meetings and sessions with a supervisor and/or visiting medical personnel. A Texas mission medical team with a Spanish speaking pediatrician, is giving the first session in June. Ten Glucometers were donated by a different Texas group, and another session will be needed to train the "Guardianas" to use them.

Jane Ergood

The Parish Office will be closed

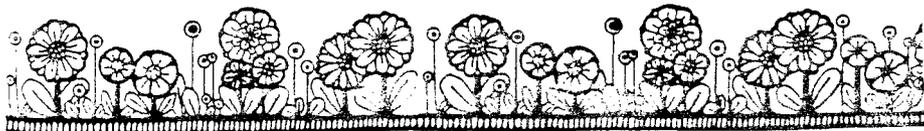
Monday, May 29th, 2006

in observance for Memorial Day

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The Parish Administrator will be out of the office

Friday, June 9th, 2006





Notes from the Organ Bench

As everyone begins to look forward to summer break, June finds the Good Shepherd choir winding down for the season as well. The last Sunday for our Vocal Music Assistants (VMA) – Jacob Conklin, Jason Hartz, Lauren Hannay, and Krista Voorhees – will be June 4th. The last Sunday for the choir will be June 11th.

On Wednesday, June 7th, there will be a choir potluck beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dick and Phyllis Dean, 487 Estates Drive.

*Marsha Reilly,
Music Director*

Parish Health Ministry

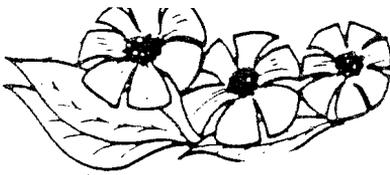
A Blood Pressure Clinic will be scheduled (attempted) June 4th during Coffee Hour, making this a body and spirit day (Pentecost AND Health)! June is a busy month with General Convention, graduation, weddings and leavings. Take care!

Forgiveness and Health

The Mayo Clinic Newsletter (12/2005) notes that research indicates that (Surprise!) anger and frustration lead to bad effects on cardiovascular and nervous systems. Other research, with groups of individuals who had been abused, neglected, or whose spouses had been unfaithful, found these persons improved their physical and emotional well-being after being “taught” forgiveness. Moreover, people who were less forgiving had more health problems as well as higher rates of substance abuse or dependency. Forgiveness DOES NOT include forgetting or sanctioning bad actions; it does involve acknowledging pain or loss and letting go, either of a person or hopes for vengeance or justice. It does mean forgiving the person, but not the act. It may involve forgiving yourself. This helps to take control away from the other person and regain control of your emotions and life. Prayer and meditation may help, says Mayo.

Jane Ergood
Parish Health Ministry Coordinator

News from the Pews



Alex Buckley is the facilitator of the Athens Birth Circle, which was reported on in a recent *Athens News*. To learn more visit athensbirthcircle.com. **Lyn Butrick** has “retired” from the Athens CASA/GAL board after many years of service. Several Good Shepherd communicants have served in recent years as volunteers or board members. You can learn more by e-mailing casagal45701@yahoo.com.

Mary Anne Swardson and **Peggy Black**, of Good Shepherd, join **Helen Graham** as co-chairs of the 2006 Appalachian Community Visiting Nurses Association 2006 Fund Drive. **Julie Nehls** continues in her customary role as Ohio University Emeriti chair of the O’Bleness 2006 Fund Drive.

Allyn Reilly has been appointed Interim Director of the School of Music at Ohio University. **Marsha Dutton** has been promoted to full professor in the English Department. She led a “day away” at Virginia Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria on Ash Wednesday. Former parishioner **Hub Burton** has been promoted to associate vice-president of alumni and college relations at Marietta College.

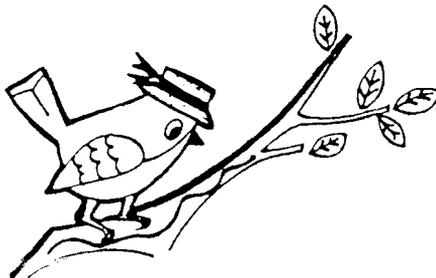
Congratulations to **Michael Adeyanju** who will be interning this summer in the office of US Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama.

Amy Hume, instructor in English, will enter the Ph.D. program at the University of Kansas this fall.

Clarissa Kornell, teacher in the Church School, will be heading out this summer to teach in Indonesia on a Fulbright Grant. Returning from teaching and studying in Russia are **Karen Evans-Romine** and **Laura Reams**.

Eliza Riffe will be graduating from the University of Chicago with honors. **Rachel Luce** and **Ce Ci Ruchti** are graduating from Athens High School. **Duroje Gwamna** is graduating from Mt. Pleasant (IA) High School. **Elizabeth Sinclair** is receiving a master of science in counseling from Ohio University. Congrats to all grads!

Reid Sinclair,
Roving Reporter



June Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:00 – Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 – Spanish Dept. Dinner 7:30 - Alanon	2	3
4 10:15 – CS 10:30 – HE II	5 11:30 – Bible Study 7:00 – Boy Scouts	6 9:30 – Prayer Shawl 7:30 – Alanon 8:00 – AA	7 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 - MW 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal	8 7:30 – Alanon	9 Parish Administrator out of office	10 St. Michael's, Toledo to use Nehls Hall
11 10:15 – CS 10:30 – HE II 2:00 – Lindley Inn	12 7:00 – Boy Scouts	13 7:30 – Alanon 8:00 – AA	14 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 - MW	15 7:30 – Alanon	16	17
18 9:30 – HE II	19 11:30 – Bible Study	20 9:30 – Prayer Shawl 7:30 – Alanon 8:00 – AA	21 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 - MW	22 7:00 – Vestry 7:30 – Alanon	23	24
25 9:30 – HE II 2:00 – Lindley Inn Helen Marsh Reception	26	27 7:30 – Alanon 8:00 - AA	28 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 - MW St. Paul's, Dayton work group to use Nehls Hall	29 St. Paul's, Dayton work group to use Nehls Hall 7:30 - Alanon	30 St. Paul's, Dayton work group to use Nehls Hall	

Key Guide:

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II

CS – Church School

MW – Midweek Eucharist

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Geoff & Alex Buckley	3
4 Doug Parsons Margaret Topping	5 Jessica Biddlestone	6 Emmanuel Gevas George & Susan Karageorge	7 Matthew Enlow Jack & Leslie Flemming	8	9 Charlotte Irwin Gifford & Mary Doxsee Richard & Amy Sinclair	10
11	12 Curtis Sherman Jeanne Wells	13 Marjorie Stone	14	15	16 Richard Paynter Pete Smith	17 Matthew & Katherine Ziff
18	19	20	21 Pat & Karen Smith	22 Todd Bastin	23 Rachel Adeyanju	24 Don Frazier Richard Sinclair
25 Rory O'Malley	26 Thomas Irwin Helen Marsh	27	28 Shannon Parsons Emmanuel & Irene Gevas Bob & Sally Spero	29	30 Jayne Seymour Charles & Mary Culp	