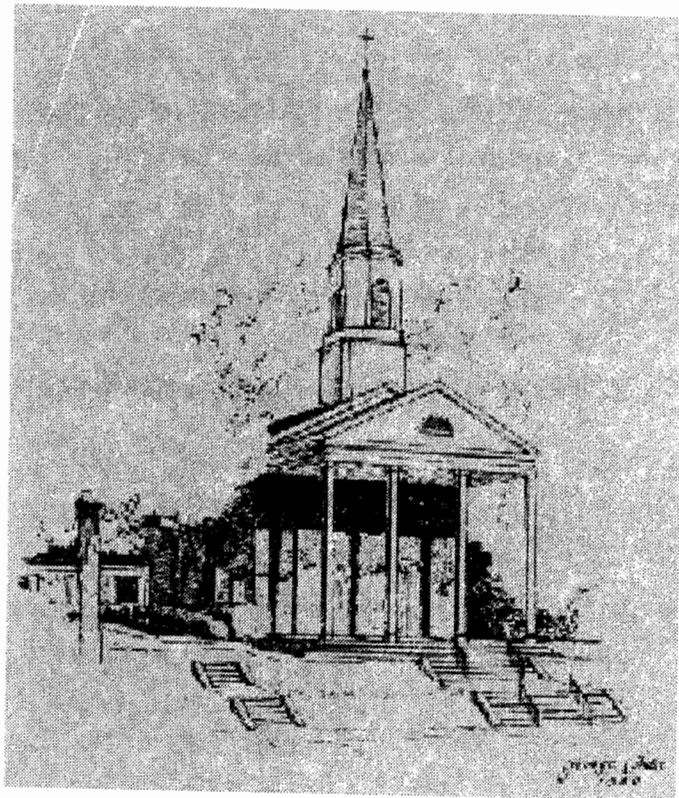


Church of the Good Shepherd



Annual Meeting
January 28, 2007

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In July, 1875, it is recorded that an Episcopal Sunday School met at the Ohio University Chapel. Shortly thereafter the Episcopal Mite Society was organized, and the Rev. Mr. Haskins of Brooklyn, New York, preached at a 10:30 a.m. service at the same college chapel, presumably the first Episcopal service held in Athens. That year, 1875, also marked the beginning of the Diocese of Southern Ohio under the Episcopate of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Augustus Jaggard, first elected bishop. Regular services were held at different intervals until 1881, and then suspended until after the turn of the century.

On April 16, 1907, the Hocking Valley Mission was formed. Athens at that time was the smallest of three small metropolitan centers in the Hocking Valley; the others being Logan and Nelsonville. The Episcopal mission, along with Good Shepherd, included St. Paul's Logan; Epiphany, Nelsonville; Trinity, McArthur; and St. David's, Jackson (now defunct). The worshipping Episcopal community in Wellston elected to join with the mission in Jackson since it seemed to have more of a future than the Athens Church.

For the following fifty years Good Shepherd mission was served by priests-in-charge, some staying for brief periods of a year or two, others for longer spans of time. Eleven different clergy were responsible for the spiritual leadership of the mission until it assumed parish status in 1958.

After meeting in various locales such as the Presbyterian Church; the basement of Carnegie Hall, now the School of Journalism; and the Ohio University Fine Arts Building, later known as "Music Hall," the first church building was constructed at East State and Carpenter Streets where the Prokos Rentals now sits. Purchase of the land, at a cost of \$2000, was made on June 5, 1913, but the cornerstone was not placed until four years later on May 27, 1917. The church was officially dedicated in October, 1920, by Bishops Vincent and Reese. The *Athens Messenger* reported "the church was beautifully decorated with colorful fall flowers for the occasion, and a quartet closed the service with an appropriate vocal selection." Good Shepherd was said to be "one of the finest small structures in the city."

In the early 1950s with the support of Bishop Henry Hobson, and the assistance of a diocesan-wide college building fund, money was raised to relocate and construct the present building on University Terrace in order to develop a parish-based ministry. Bishop Hobson laid the corner stone of the "new church" on November 2, 1952, and six years later Good Shepherd was admitted as a parish into union with the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The Rev. Phil Porter thus became the first rector that year.

Five other rectors have served the church since then. The Rev. William Black, VII Bishop of Southern Ohio, had tenure from 1962 to 1973. The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan served from 1979 to 2002. After a two and a half year interim, the Vestry extended a call on behalf of Good Shepherd to the Rev. R. William Carroll, who was serving as a visiting assistant professor of systematic theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Fr Carroll arrived in Athens in May 2006. As of this annual meeting, he has been serving as our Rector for eight months.

In recent years the church has developed a special ministry to international students. Good Shepherd has also fostered many vocations to the ordained ministry. Two deacons, and several seminarians have been sponsored by the parish within the past decade, including our current seminarians T. J. Azar and Leslie Flemming. In addition, several curates, assistants, and associated clergy have been thoroughly integrated into the on-going life of the parish. In 2007, as Good Shepherd celebrates the first hundred years of the Hocking Valley Mission, much has changed. The Good News has not. Building on the faithful ministry of generations who have gone before, let us pray for the grace to move forward in another century of mission. May we put our trust in God and be filled with hope and love.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
First Prayerbook Service - July 1875
Established April 16, 1907, as the Hocking Valley Mission
Parish: Diocese of Southern Ohio - 1958
Member: Hocking Valley Deanery - January, 1992

CLERGY REGISTER

PRAYERBOOK SERVICES IN ATHENS

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| The Rev. Mr. Haskins | July, 1875 |
| The Rev. J. N. Lee | 1876-1878 |
| The Rev. Charles D. Barbour | 1878-1880 |
| The Rev. Mr. Rambo | 1880-1881 |

PRIESTS IN CHARGE
(Hocking Valley Mission)

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| The Rev. Alfred W. Buckland | 1907-1911 |
| The Rev. Alfred J. Wilder | 1911-1916 |
| The Rev. Willard D. Stires | 1916-1919 |
| The Rev. C. B. Plummer | 1919-1920 |
| The Rev. Arthur H. Marshall | 1921-1924 |
| The Rev. Brinley Abbott | 1924-1925 |
| The Rev. E. B. Pielow | 1925-1930 |
| The Rev. Lloyd Willis Clarke | 1931-1937 |
| The Rev. Robert G. Purrington | 1938-1944 |
| The Rev. Sydney G. Browne | 1945-1949 |
| The Rev. Phil Porter, Jr. | 1949-1958 |
| The Rev. Michael Jupin | 2003-2006 |

RECTORS

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| The Rev. Phil Porter, Jr. | 1958 |
| The Rev. Pitt Sawyer Willand | 1958-1961 |
| The Rev. William Grant Black | 1962-1973 |
| The Rev. Phillip Edward McNairy | 1973-1978 |
| The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan | 1979-2002 |
| The Rev. R William Carroll | 2006 - present |

ASSISTING CLERGY

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| The Rev. Rollin Polk | 1947 |
| The Rev. Fredrick Wells | 1960-1962 |
| The Rev. Roma Alvah King, Jr. | 1963-1974 |
| The Rev. Edward Archer Daugherty | 1965-1968 |
| The Rev. Robert Hughes | 1969-1972 |
| The Rev. Arthur L. Savage, Jr. | 1978-1998 |
| The Rev. Felix Obayan | 1980-1983 |
| The Rev. Canon John Ogundimite | 1989-1992 |
| The Rev. Katharin L. Foster | 1991-1995 |
| The Rev. David A. duPlantier | 1993-1994 |

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 28, 2007

- I. Opening Prayer:
- II. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting
- III. Elections: Report of Nominating Committee*
- IV. Stewardship Report & Presentation of the Budget for 2007
- V. Discussion of Lay Ministry
- VI. Closing Prayer

* Note: Per our by-laws "additional nominations for any position on the Nominating Slate, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting."

Good Shepherd's Mission Statement and Goals

The Mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is

to know and follow Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

Goals

- I. Continue to build upon a strong heritage of worship and music that is eucharistically and prayer book centered and which strongly involves the laity.
- II. Raise up and strengthen vestry and other lay ministers who can provide consistent and visionary leadership and assist the parish in understanding and responding to conflict.
- III. Learn about and foster financial stewardship especially as it pertains to the monetary requirements of a full time priest and other personnel, and to addressing the needs and use of our physical plant.
- IV. Continue to encourage and support individual and small group ministry in the community, and establish and sponsor new programs.
- V. Develop programs and worship for the congregation designed to attract young families, their children, college students and other underserved groups; where possible we will work cooperatively with other churches.

