

Church of the Good Shepherd



Annual Meeting
January 24, 2010

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 and continues to serve the ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd to this day.

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. Most recently, we have been blessed with the ministry of the Rev. Steve Domienik, who has taken on responsibility for campus ministry, including ecumenical cooperation with Christ Lutheran Church and the United Campus Ministry. As we enter into the second century of God's mission in the Hocking Valley, 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 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)

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

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

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
The Rev. Steve Domienik	2009-present

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

January 24th, 2010

- I. Opening Prayer:
 - II. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting
 - III. Thanking Departing Vestry Members
 - IV. Thanking the Property Committee and Members of the Parish Cleaning Teams
 - V. Report of the Nominating Committee: Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, and Lay Delegates to Diocesan Convention
 - VI. Deciding about the Common Ministry Pilot Program
 - VII. Presentation of the 2010 Parish Budget
 - VIII. Closing Prayer
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Nominating Committee Report 2009:
Vestry Election Slate for the year 2010

Senior Warden:	Matthew Adeyanju	(one year term)
Junior Warden:	Jack Flemming	(one year term)
College/University Representative:	Mary Cuff	(one year term)
Vestry:	Dick Dean	Term Expires 2013
	Sharon Huge	Term Expires 2013
	Twig Kaufman	Term Expires 2013
	Curt Sherman	Term Expires 2013
Diocesan Convention Delegates:	Geoff Buckley	
	Paul Clever	
Diocesan Convention Alternates:	Anne Braxton	
	Ted Foster	

*****Please Note:** (per our by-laws) "additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting."

2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2009

Attendance: Jack Flemming, Jim & Jan Gault, Roland & Mary Anne Swardson, Don Frazier & Joanne Worstall, Anne Braxton, Norman Fox, Will Lamb, Curt & Terrie Sherman, Karen Evans-Romaine, Ted & Katharin Foster, Joanne Larson, Arvin & Jeanne Wells, Allyn & Marsha Reilly, Mary Cuff, Richard & Dana Carlson, Gregory Proctor & Elizabeth Sayrs, Twig Kaufman, Paul & Sarah Clever, Tony & Connie DeBerardinis, Matthew & Rachel Adeyanju, Steven Huang, A J Stack, Lois Wagner, Dick & Phyllis Dean, Carolyn Murphree, Margaret Topping, Geoff Buckley, Jane Forrest Redfern, Julie Nehls, June Wieman, Betty Larson, and Sharon Huge

I. Opening Prayer

The budget and annual report were distributed/ Fr. Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:25 p.m. 45 members of the parish were present.

II. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

The minutes were accepted without amendment (moved by Gregory Proctor, seconded by A J Stack, unanimously approved).

III. Thank you to departing Officers and Vestry Members

Carolyn Murphree (outgoing senior warden), Ted Foster (outgoing junior warden), Jane Forrest Redfern, Michael Adeyanju, and Phyllis Dean were thanked for their service.

IV. Elections: Report of the Nominating Committee

The following slate was presented:

Senior Warden:	Matthew Adeyanju	(one-year term)
Junior Warden:	Jack Flemming	(one-year term)
College/University Representative:	Mary Cuff	(one-year term)
Vestry:	Paul Clever	(term expires 2012)
	Will Lamb	(term expires 2012)
	Julie Nehls	(term expires 2012)
	Lois Wagner	(term expires 2012)
Diocesan Convention Delegates:	Paul Clever and Ann Shelly	
Diocesan Convention Alternates:	Ted Foster and Bob Shelly	

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was moved and accepted as presented (moved by Anne Braxton, seconded by Carolyn Murphree, unanimously approved).

V. Stewardship Report and Presentation of the Budget for 2009

While we did not meet our budgeted pledge goal, thirty-two households increased their pledges, and there were four new pledges, so we are in fairly good shape given the state of the economy. Next year the Outreach Committee will meet before the annual meeting to prepare a line-item outreach budget. The sexton's duties will be taken over by four cleaning teams. Two VMAs will be funded through the June Black fund. Don Frazier moved that the budget be accepted as presented; Roland Swardson seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

VI. New Business

There was general discussion about several issues, including the need to renovate the nursery, upcoming forums, the increasing activity of the Deanery, and additional thanks for Jack Flemming as outgoing treasurer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Rector's Report 2009

In 2009, Good Shepherd embraced several opportunities to expand our mission and ministry. The arrival of the Rev. Steve Domienik as our diocesan resident represents a vote of confidence by Bishop Breidenthal, who has a strong priority for ministry to higher education. Steve takes an active part in our Sunday worship, many outreach ministries, and campus ministry. With his leadership, our partnership with the United Campus Ministry is expanding, and we have a new relationship with the Bridge Campus Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. This latter ecumenical partnership is entering an exciting new phase, and the vestry will soon be considering ways to strengthen it further. I know that I speak for all of us, when I say that we are delighted by Steve's presence and ministry among us.

This August, we made well-received changes to our midweek worship. The Tuesday night 5:30 p.m. Eucharist at the Good Earth Farm now regularly includes twenty people or more, many of them young adults. Each informal celebration includes group reflection on the Gospel and is followed by a community meal prepared by residents of the farm. This has become a wonderful time of fellowship and is one of the highlights of the week for me and many others. The number of young adults that live on the farm is expanding, and they are on their way to being recognized as a religious community of the Episcopal Church. Several Good Shepherd parishioners participate in this liturgy on regular basis, but there are also people present for whom this is their sole connection with the Episcopal Church.

The community has begun to call itself the Common Friars. This experiment in community living and Christian discipleship is receiving major grants from the diocese and the Episcopal Church foundation, among others. What they have done provides a model for how future ministries should be developed with lay initiative and leadership. At every step of the way, these brothers and sisters have sought accountability to the wider Church, but they have also been deliberate in carving out space in which new models of Church can flourish in Gospel freedom. The Common Friars' ministry combines an emphasis on feeding the hungry and environmental sustainability with hospitality, community, and Christian formation. The community is engaged in evangelism in the best sense of the word, allowing the Gospel to touch and transform lives through the kind of joyful community that the Lord Jesus lived out with all sorts of people. At the center of their life is feeding others, materially and spiritually. This community shows special promise in reaching young adults and others whom traditional expressions of Church are not reaching. The genuine Christian community that is forming on the farm speaks for itself.

At Good Shepherd, movement toward an active committee structure continues. The worship committee is now involved in planning worship and helping decide questions of policy. The outreach committee oversees a wide variety of ministries that emphasize direct service, advocacy, and systemic change. There is an emerging focus on hunger and prison ministry, but our efforts are by no means limited to these areas. This year, some parishioners began to receive training so that Good Shepherd can become a site for the Ohio Benefit Bank, a program that helps people in need identify government benefits for which they may be eligible. The outreach committee also made plans to hire a sexton as part of a prison reentry program. The parish life committee has taken responsibility for improving fellowship at Good Shepherd, including concerts on the green, Copperheads baseball games, second Sunday potlucks, dinner fellowships, and a reception after the 10:30 liturgy on Christmas Eve. The finance committee now oversees the stewardship campaign and crafting of the budget, which is seeing more and more parish input at the front end of the process. More steps will be taken in 2011 as more committees are asked, where appropriate, to prepare budget proposals to be submitted to the finance committee in the early fall. Parish-wide forums to discuss the budget, long in advance of the annual parish meeting, are here to stay. The property committee, chaired by the Junior Warden, organized four teams of committed parishioners, who took responsibility for maintaining our building and grounds in the absence of a paid sexton. Today, we will be thanking all who took part in this monumental effort. It was a remarkable sign of the love we have for Good Shepherd that so many were willing to carry out these onerous duties with dedication and humor. Thanks are due especially to Jack Flemming, Ted Foster, Don Frazier, Allyn Reilly, and Curt Sherman for their leadership.

Good Shepherd is one of seven congregations that have been chosen to participate in the common ministry pilot project, which the diocese is sponsoring. Today, we will be asked to decide whether to participate in the two year program, in which consultants will help us with vision, gifts discernment,

leadership development, and the calling of a lay-clergy leadership team to help execute a mission strategy appropriate to our context. It has now been six years since the parish engaged in such a process, and many of the people who now call Good Shepherd home were not yet here to participate. "Common ministry" is the phrase Bishop Breidenthal is using to describe the fundamental model of ministry in the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer, according to which the whole People of God serves side by side in a partnership in the Gospel. "Common ministry" describes models of ministry that encourage: (1) active ministry by all; (2) decentralized decision-making and broadly shared authority and responsibility for ministry; (3) collaboration among lay and ordained leaders; (4) ecumenical and interfaith cooperation; and (5) breaking down walls between Church and world. In some ways, the common ministry program will help us deepen and expand the direction of change that we have already begun. It is not clear exactly what common ministry will mean here at Good Shepherd. That is by design, since this is up to us to decide, working together and sharing wisdom. One thing is clear. It needs to be far, far easier to start new ministries, identify and equip leaders, and support initiatives that further the overall mission of the parish.

Whether or not we choose to participate in the program, this is the direction we must continue to go if Good Shepherd is to have a sustainable future. The diocese is willing to give us resources to help us transform how we pursue God's mission in our context. Here are some elements this might include. At the heart stands a flourishing campus ministry, in close collaboration with our ecumenical partners. We will emphasize participatory, liturgical worship according to the Prayer Book and a strong music ministry. We will serve as a center for creative outreach that strives to do justice and create community that transcends the divisions in our society. Lastly, we will support regional ministry, sharing clergy and other resources, in order to connect Episcopalians and others to pursue God's mission in Southeast Ohio.

As Good Shepherd continues to weather the economic storm, we are doing at least as well as many comparable congregations. We have shown resilience, faithfulness, and vision in keeping core ministries alive. In these troubled times, we have not shrunk back from our commitment to ministry with the poor, which is needed now more than ever. With the outreach committee's leadership and commitment to raise half its own budget, we have tripled our financial outlay and expanded our program. That is not to say we have remained unaffected. The budget our vestry adopted contained several painful cuts. The most painful were the changes to the position of parish administrator. Good Shepherd is serving faithfully in a time of relative scarcity, confident that God will abundantly provide. At the same time, the 2010 budget represents movement toward more faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted into our care for God's work. In this regard, I should note with gratitude the countless volunteer hours and donations of money this summer, which made major renovations to the Episcopal House possible. This greatly increased the value of one of our principal assets. We are now able to rent the whole house to a single tenant, who pays his own utilities and is taking better care of our investment. Our deficit continues to shrink. Even with reduced income, we are closing the gap and moving toward a balanced budget. The full extent of the savings through the changes in staffing will not be apparent until 2011, because the vestry decided to keep Glenda at full time until July 2010, giving her time to look for alternative sources of income in a difficult job market. We felt this was our moral obligation to her as a beloved and longstanding staff member. As a parish, we are closer to living within our means than we've been for a long time. As conditions improve, we need to move rapidly toward a truly balanced budget.

In conclusion, despite some obvious challenges, we continue to move forward in mission. Our present is filled with hopeful signs, and we are on the verge of a bright new future. Blessed be Jesus Christ, who has given us hearts to love and hands to serve. Now as always, may he strengthen and renew Good Shepherd and lead us into the next exciting chapter of the ministry we share.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. R. William Carroll,
Rector

Senior Warden Report 2009

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is very difficult to keep the faith in a tough time; but, we need to believe in God's promise that he is making all things new for each and every one of us in the coming years. I believe God will indeed make things new.

Despite all the good and not so good happenings of 2009, there is cause for the people of the Church of the Good Shepherd to be thankful to the Lord Almighty. We should continue to praise God through Christ by counting our many blessings of 2009. I can state with clear conscience about many great accomplishments of our mission due to the many dedicated and hard-working parishioners amidst us. I thank members of all the reconstituted, active functioning committees.

This past year, we had more than six parish forums. One forum addressed the worship mission, another the budget, and a recent forum addressed common ministry. The vestry has tried to incorporate the feedbacks from these forums into shaping our mission as a church. On the budget, we need to re-double our efforts in protecting our shrinking endowment, which in past years we have relied so much on in operating our budget. The 2010 budget was stringent enough to make certain difficult cuts. It is my hope that 2010 will be a better year for all of us at Good Shepherd.

Common Ministry Exploration

Bishop Breidenthal saw the potential of the Church of the Good Shepherd and hence invited us to participate in a program to develop, strengthen, and foster common ministry in our congregation and in our diocese. We should be grateful to God and the Bishop for selecting Good Shepherd as one of only 10 parishes invited to participate in this program.

Common Ministry is a collaborative ministry, shared equally by all in the faith community. The vision of Common Ministry is that all are united in the body of Christ, each with special gifts and unique ministries and all share in the church's work of reconciling the world to God. Common Ministry is based on the vision of our diocese's commitment to transparency, leadership and connectivity.

Many vestry members attended a one-day workshop at Procter Center to sharpen our understanding of Common Ministry concept. The vestry has discussed this, and we have had one open forum on this ministry. Good Shepherd stands to benefit in many ways from the resources to be provided by the diocese for this ministry. Let us seize the opportunity. It is my hope that with God's help, constant prayers, your support and approval, Good Shepherd will move ahead to explore and foster common ministry to a successful outcome in our parish.

In closing, I want to express my thanks and gratitude to all the cleaning crew members, the various committee members, Father Steve Domienik and his ministry among us, and all parishioners for your services to God and the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Lastly, as I stated in my opening remark, let us count our many blessings in whatever situation we find ourselves. Let us praise and thank God for all He has done, is doing, and will do for us in 2010. Let us commit ourselves to the great FAITH of our fathers/mothers. Let us trust and obey God. Let us be fervent in our prayers of thanksgiving, adoration, confession, intercession, petition and communion. If we can do all these while also working harder than usual, all will be well. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless all of us.

Respectively submitted by,
Matthew Adeyanju,
Senior Warden

Junior Warden Report 2009

During 2009, we undertook two significant projects in connection with our physical facilities.

The first project involved the cleaning of the church building. Because of budget considerations, we decided to dispense with our sexton and to keep the building clean with volunteer labor. This reduced our 2009 expenditures by about \$10,000, but required many hours of janitor work by a large percentage of our parish membership.

As Junior Warden, I wish to thank every parish volunteer who worked to keep Good Shepherd clean during 2009. I especially wish to thank our four team captains – Ted Foster, Don Frazier, Allyn Reilly, and Curt Sherman who took on the extra responsibility of coordinating the work of their individual teams.

The second project involved the management of the “Rectory”. After much deliberation we decided, rather than continuing to rent to students on a room-by-room basis, to rent the entire house to a single tenant or family. On balance, I feel we made the correct decision.

But to bring the property into a condition where it would be attractive to a suitable tenant, it was necessary to repaint the inside, to install a new kitchen sink, and to put new carpeting onto the lower two floors. (The inside had been remodeled and repainted about seven years ago, but wear and tear over that period made a new repainting necessary). This painting included the screened in porch and the picket fence, and took a full six weeks to complete.

As Junior Warden I wish to thank the many parishioners who worked hundreds of hours on the painting. I also wish to thank the Marthas and the many individual parishioners whose generous gifts of money paid for the carpeting.

As the Chinese might say, it was an “interesting” year, at least as far as the physical facilities are concerned. But I am certain if we show the dedication and devotion in 2010 that we showed in 2009 that Good Shepherd will continue to prosper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Flemming,
Junior Warden

Treasurer's Report 2009

2009 was a difficult year. Our rental income was considerably less than anticipated. Pledge income was slightly lower than anticipated. The downward spiral in the equity markets that began in the fall of 2008 continued into the spring of 2009, leaving Good Shepherd with a greatly reduced endowment. While there is precious little we could do about fluctuating equity markets, we finished 2009 in better shape than one might expect. Total expenditures were considerably less than budgeted in 2009 and plate offerings exceeded our expectations.

In planning for 2010, the Finance Committee was forced to take a long and hard look at income streams as well as expenditures. It was apparent that growing gap between income and expenditure is one that must be addressed if Good Shepherd is to have a healthy future in which the parish can grow and thrive, bringing the Gospel of Christ to the community and the world as we are called. The resulting cuts are deep and painful. We do not yet have a balanced budget, but deficit spending has been reduced to less than ten percent of the total budget—a major achievement!

Income:

The income side of the budget is made up of parochial support in the form of pledges and free offerings, rental income, endowment income and, of lesser importance, miscellaneous sources like designated gifts and the Kroger card program. Additionally, the Outreach Committee has stepped up to the plate and plans to raise funds to support a re-entry program for a sexton.

1. Parochial support remains remarkably strong in difficult financial times and continues to be the backbone of the budget.
2. Rental income became a more dependable source with the renovation of the Rectory last summer, and total estimated rental income has been reduced from 2008 and 2009 estimates.
3. The Endowment-- always a problem, like it or not --suffered erosion from a falling equity market and from withdrawals which, taken together, exceeded prudent guidelines twice over in 2009.

Expenditures:

Personnel, Operations and Program expenses have been reduced to the bone. The most painful change is restructuring the Parish Administrator position to a part-time position as of July 1. Other significant reductions include:

1. VMA's will be funded through designated contributions or the June Black Fund.
2. Formation and New Member programs are to be reduced by 50%.
3. Rectory Utilities will be paid by the tenant.
4. Rectory Maintenance is reduced to reflect a single family tenant as opposed to several students.
5. The Church Maintenance line is reduced by roughly the value of the Maintenance Sinking Fund carefully nurtured by Jack Flemming.

In summary, while we face difficult and unpleasant changes in the coming year, as a congregation we remain generous in challenging times. In the summer, devoted parishioners rolled up their sleeves and turned the Rectory into a desirable and profitable rental property. Our generosity and devotion to Good Shepherd are our strongest assets. With God's help we have reason to be optimistic about the long term health of Good Shepherd.

Respectively submitted,
Anne Braxton,
Treasurer

Music Report 2009

Current choir members are: Don Frazier, Allyn Reilly, Dick Dean, Ted Foster, Richard Carlson, Gregory Proctor, Steve Steward, David Burton, Chuck Brient, Steven Huang, Marsha Dutton, Elizabeth Sayrs, Harolyn Brient, Pat Beamish, Katharin Foster, Jeanne Wells, Joanne Worstall, Phyllis Dean, LuAnn Stuckey, Paula Seng and Lois Wagner. There are other singers from the parish and from other churches who frequently sing with us for special events.

The Advent Festival – a main musical outreach effort – featured a choir of 29 and an audience of 150. The choir, assisted by Alison Sincoff, and Christina Wince, flute and Krisopher Olsen, percussion, and Rachel Carroll, Katyana Sayrs, Harolyn Brient and Lois Wagner presented a program of repertoire for the Advent season from medieval through today. We enjoyed learning how to pronounce Old Church Slavonic (Thanks, Gregory!) for a short motet by the contemporary composer Arvo Part.

Our Vocal Music Assistants - Beginning in September, were Dedrick Bonner, Mike Ward, Chrissy Wenning and Lindsay Cheek. Their presence among us provides stability and allows for a wider repertoire.

History of the VMA program – This program was started over 20 years ago with the help of Phyllis Dean. The decision was made at the beginning to limit it to students. Many Episcopal churches have professional section leaders but we thought it was an opportunity to reach out to the students.

Student response to the program – They like having the feeling of family away from home. Many times parishioners have come through when a student has had a crisis. Students now come to me to ask about the program.

Value of this program - This has been the most stable of our college ministry programs and creates a solid basis for the choir. The VMA's also attract other students – we frequently have other college students sing in the choir. The other choir members like having someone to depend on.

Music for children - Children are now being exposed to the great hymns, service music, and choral and instrumental music of the church by virtue of being with the adults for most of the service. They participated in a mini-workshop on drumming led by Kristopher Olsen as they prepared a drum accompaniment for the hymn “Many and Great” Rachel Carroll and Katyana Sayrs have also been participating as handbell ringers. (Thanks, Harolyn and Lois for preparing them)

I continue to be grateful for the high level of participation in our music ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marsha Reilly, Music Director

**Altar Guild Report
2009**

The Altar Guild is committed to carrying out the preparation of the Church for all services held at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

In addition to preparing for regular Sunday Services and Thursday Evening Services, the Altar Guild members assist in preparing for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, ordinations, and memorial services. This year the following special services were held:

- 0 – Committal
- 3 – Memorial Service/Funeral
- 0- Weddings
- 0 – Baptisms
- 0 – Confirmations

Two members of the Altar Guild are present at each service held at the church.

As Directress, I appreciate the dedication and faithful services of each member and all the extra time they give.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Nehls, Directress

**Cursillo Community Report
2009**

Cursillo meets when members are in town. Sometimes meetings are held two (2) times per month and sometimes months are skipped. The parish office will post dates and times of meetings on the calendar.

At the meetings we sing, discuss personal insight to prayer study and action. All meetings conclude with a light snack supper. Everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Wells

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Report
2009**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started in February 2003 and since that time 335 shawls have been given; 47 of those were given in 2009. A small tag is attached to each shawl indicating it came from the Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl is accompanied by a prayer for the recipient.

Shawls are given for a variety of reasons, such as as: illness, death of a loved one, celebration of the birth of a child, marriage etc.

The knitting group consists of 8 knitters and meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone who would like to join the group is most welcome. Shawls are knitted with love and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Nehls

Outreach Committee Report 2009

Friends in Christ,

I'm thrilled to report to you the events of 2009 on behalf of the Outreach Committee! The year saw an increase in outreach activities at Good Shepherd and all signs point toward a greater and more intense focus on our call to serve the marginalized in the years to come.

Wednesday Lunch persisted in its efforts to provide the community with healthy and filling free meals on a weekly basis. Parishioners continue to support the ministry both with money and food donations and countless volunteer hours.

The Good Earth Farm saw great growth and continued to be a place where parishioners and community volunteers can contribute to local food security and learn and share information about sustainable and responsible living. Good Shepherd began holding a Eucharist at the farm on Tuesday nights, followed by a meal provided by the farm's residents. It has become a great way for Good Shepherd to connect with and better serve the needs of those who may not identify with a traditional service.

New ministries are beginning to unfold as well. A group of parishioners completed training to offer Benefit Bank services at the church on Wednesdays during the free meal. Benefit Bank helps determine whether or not individuals and families are eligible for much-needed aid programs such as Food Stamps and Medicaid, along with helping them complete tax returns. We hope to help link up those not previously aware of eligibility with local and state resources, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can amount to thousands of dollars for some households.

We boldly proposed an Outreach budget proposal of \$10,000 for 2010, half of which we've committed to raising by new and innovative means. Much of that money will go toward a new and very exciting outreach opportunity—employing a recently released prisoner as our Sexton. That program began forming in our minds late in 2009 and will be in place and offering an individual help in reintegrating into society within just a few weeks.

I'll close by asking every parishioner to consider attending the Outreach Committee's meetings. The committee has no membership fees, no application process, and no requirements for belonging. Every member of Good Shepherd is automatically an Outreach Committee member and has a seat at the table! Come share what excites you about being a member of Christ's body and be supported and encouraged!

Respectfully Submitted,
A J Stack

Wednesday Lunch Report 2009

The Good Shepherd Free Lunch Program continues to provide nourishing meals to its guests each Wednesday, due to the generous contributions of the congregation, vestry, team leaders and individual crewmembers.

The total number of guests in 2009 was 4269, and the number of servings was 4884. Although this is a decrease of 8% over last year's spike of 5627 servings, it is doubtful it represents an actual drop in need or hunger. The majority of our guests are students, so a more likely cause is the drop in less affluent students on campus. Tightening financial conditions have made the standard, on-campus, four-or-five-year college degree program increasingly difficult for the average family to afford. A number of students have found it necessary to leave campus and seek other options, such as community college, for at least part of their education.

Our guests continue to appreciate the meals. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Respectively submitted by,
Phyllis Dean

2010 Financial Statement of Mission
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
 adopted at the December 17, 2009 vestry meeting

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
INCOME			
Pledges	135000	132000	124505
Plate Offering	10000	12500	18000
Sustainable Endowment Income	30000	25000	25000
Designated Gifts	4075	4300	2000
Rentals	30000	25000	18000
Kroger Cards	4160	6000	5000
Outreach Committee fundraising			5000
Total Income	213235	204800	197505
EXPENSES (SUMMARY)			
Personnel Expenses	160690	148608	141126
Operations Expenses	69825	70918	62107
Program Expense	6000	4900	3000
Outreach/Missions*	3200	3200	10000
Total Expenses	239715	227626	216233
Total Deficit	26480	22826	18728

EXPENSES (DETAIL)

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