

# Good News

*The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd*

**May 2009**

**Listening for God's Spirit:**

**A Worship Forum**

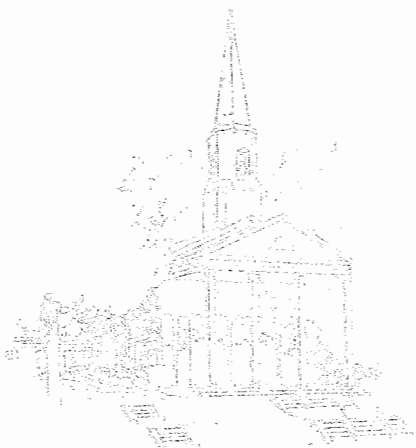
**The Day of Pentecost**

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist**

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*Seeking and Serving Christ in all persons*

## **Listening for God's Spirit: Worship Forum to Be Held on the Day of Pentecost (May 31<sup>st</sup>)**

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell in flames of fire and with a mighty rush of wind on the disciples, preparing them for their witness to the resurrection to every people and nation. After the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on May 31<sup>st</sup>, we are holding a more modest gathering that will still be crucially important in Good Shepherd's efforts to listen to the Spirit and share the Good News with others through our worship. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

The intention of the forum is to help the worship committee advise me about our worship. This is a diverse group, which I believe represents many points of view and liturgical styles, many different ages, and many different lengths of time at Good Shepherd. The members of the committee are Sarah Clever, Richard Carlson, Jan Gault, Betty Larson, Beth Miller, Gregory Proctor, Marsha Reilly, Roland Swardson, and me.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 program year, they will take on significant responsibilities in worship planning, season by season, as well as planning major feasts and celebrations throughout the year. Their input was reflected in our Holy Week services this year, and their influence is going to expand a great deal. They planned the forum and will help me to process the results over the summer. After a brief plenary, we will break into small groups for an hour. Members of the committee, other than Marsha Reilly and me, will serve as recorders for these groups. A facilitator from outside the committee has been chosen for each group. This person will manage the process and insure that all points of view are heard, people listen to one another, and no one hogs the floor.

Groups will be selected by length of time in the congregation, so that people from different generations will be present in each group. The goal is to get the whole congregation talking about something of fundamental importance in our common life. After that, we will get back together and hear a summary from the recorders, and there will be an opportunity to add anything that has been left out for the sake of a complete record of our conversation.

The work of the small groups will be focused on two sets of questions, each of which was chosen by the worship committee. They are as follows:

- 1) What and who is worship for?
- 2) How do you find meaningful participation in our liturgy? How would you like to?

Please be thinking about these questions for the following month. Pray about what God might be leading you to contribute to our thinking as a congregation. Again, the success of this forum depends on your active participation. All are welcomed and encouraged to show up, listen to each other, and let your voices be heard.

**Grace and peace,**

**The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector**

*The Athens Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition  
invites you to a World Cafe Dialogue*

# **An Athens Free of Sexual Violence**

*Engage in a meaningful dialogue  
with other concerned community  
members, students and  
professionals about working  
at a community level to  
prevent sexual violence  
in Athens.*

*Thursday May 7th  
5:15pm-6:45pm*

*Athens  
Community  
Center  
Room B*

*saprevention.org*



## **Vestry Highlights from the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting . . .**

Fr. Carroll reported that, having received a recommendation from the executive committee and the young adult and campus ministry leadership, he had extended a call to the Rev. Steve Domienik to serve as Assistant to the Rector, with special responsibilities for young adult and campus ministry. The bishop is willing to pay 100% of the costs. The vestry agreed to allocate \$1500 to cover one half of the cost of Steve's health insurance for the months that he will be with us in 2009. We will also attempt to raise additional funds to offset these costs and make a good faith effort to support Steve's ministry with us. (See the Rector's article on p. 7)

The vestry began a discussion of Christian education for all ages in the 2009-2010 program year. Options discussed included Christian formation during the service, intergenerational events, seasonal programming, and different times and formats. Fr. Carroll, A. J. Stack, and Elizabeth Sayrs were charged with continuing the conversation and reporting back to the May vestry meeting. It was noted that parents, youth, and children would be involved in the conversation before the next program year.

Fr. Carroll reported about recommendations from the new member committee for changes to the physical plant intended to make our space more welcoming. These include new interior signage throughout to indicate the ways to the nursery and Sunday school rooms, restrooms, and parish hall and the way to the chapel and worship space as appropriate. Plans also include removing the secretary desk from the narthex, adding welcome tables to the narthex and Nehls hall for new member information and visitors' packets, additional (more visible) bulletin board space in Nehls Hall, additional coat racks in the narthex and in Nehls Hall, and a cross to mark Nehls Hall as Christian space. All of these ideas were approved by the vestry. Fr. Carroll, Anne Braxton, and Julie Nehls were charged with implementing the changes. Several different designs of crosses will be presented to the vestry at its May meeting, before purchasing one.

## *Notes from the Organ Bench*

The Diocesan Music and Liturgy Commission members are very excited about Bishop Breidenthal's support of music and liturgy events in the diocese. So we are offering the first annual event with Dr. David Hurd as guest clinician. Dr. Hurd is professor of church music and leader of the Schola Cantorum at General Seminary in New York City. We have sung parts of his Mass setting and the choir has sung some of his anthems. The workshop, a combination of lecture and demonstration, will run from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at Procter Conference Center. Complete information is below. I hope we can have several carloads going. Be sure to register online ahead of time. You can, however, pay the day of the event.

*Marsha Reilly,  
Music Director*

### **JUBILATE - Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs: the Church sings into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

In a lectur/demonstration formati, Dr. Hurd will explore “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” – as mentioned in the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians – as categories and context for the church’s song though the ages and in our own time. He will also discuss the impact of the *1979 Book of Common Prayer* and *1982 Hymnal* on worship norms in the Episcopal Church, and the continuing unfolding of liturgical forms and musical settings with their opportunities and challenges. The day will conclude with a sung Eucharist including music both old and new. Register at [www.diosohio.org](http://www.diosohio.org) search Judilate. Cost \$12

**CALL ALL GRADUATES:** We would like to acknowledge all those who are graduating from high school or the university on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. We have compiled a list, but we would like your help to make sure that no one is left out. If you know of a current Good Shepherd parishioner who is graduating, please contact the parish office (740-593-6877; [chogs@frognet.net](mailto:chogs@frognet.net)), so that we can include them in this event.

## **Property Matters**

As you can see, work has been completed on upgrading the appearance of both downstairs restrooms. Some work remains to be done in the men's room, but the improvement in both restrooms is obvious. Many thanks to the Marthas and to the very generous parishioners who provided the financial support for this project.

I am happy to report that nearly all the available parking spaces have been rented. We had to lower our charge drastically to meet the competition from the student union garage, but when it comes to money part of something is better than all of nothing.

I am also pleased at the willingness we have shown in making the transition in the Kroger Gift Card program. In today's economy, it is no secret that Good Shepherd, like many other organizations, is experiencing a financial downturn. We developed the "old" Kroger program to the point where we were realizing nearly \$6,000 of income annually. To continue and expand our ministry and mission, we need every dollar of this income. If you have made the transition to the "new" program, thank you very much. If you have not done so, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you need help, please see either Ted Foster or myself.

Looking back over the last 5-7 years, we have upgraded our physical plant a great deal. Renovation of Nehls Hall, the nursery, and the downstairs restrooms and the installation of a new kitchen stove and upgraded insulation come immediately to mind. And there have been other projects besides. These renovations are a sure sign of our devotion and commitment to Good Shepherd and make a positive contribution to our program and ministry.

**Jack Flemming,  
Junior Warden**

### **Summer Newsletters**

In attempts to cut office expenses, the June Good News Newsletter will be combined with July. The June/July Good News Newsletter will be mail the last week of June. If you have anything for the calendar and/or an article July, please submit to the parish office by Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **OUTREACH- not only with our lips, but in our lives**

**Honduras Mission Trip** - Good Shepherd recently sent a mission team to Honduras. Bruce & Jane Ergood, Gregory Proctor, Nic Proctor, Max Carney and the CHOGS Chicks team organized, fundraised, and led participants in building chicken coops with rural Hondurans. Thanks to the combined efforts of Hondurans and CHOGS Chicks, there are now 100 laying hens contributing to the sustainability of Guardians program. A deacon and new chicken aficionado wrote, "We used to be like islands, and now with our workers and chickens we are like links in the chain." Max Carney wrote the following paragraph about his experience:

*The trip to Honduras was an experience like no other. I can't even begin to explain it in this paragraph, but I'll try. You never realize what all you have until you see those who don't. Quality of life down there is so much worse than in America. There are only three people in Yuscaran, which is where we stayed, that make over 2,000 dollars a year. For many people that is not even the main problem, they don't even have water. We went to Honduras to help create an opportunity for recurring income. We helped create chicken coops. These coops are so they can keep chickens to lay eggs. These eggs will be sold to help support the families. Also, eating the eggs will help get protein into the diets of many people, hopefully making them healthier and stronger. Honduras was a life changing experience, and I am blessed to have gone.*

**Good Earth Hunger Mission Update** - The Good Earth Hunger Mission has set a goal of growing 25,000 pounds for our region's food security. So far we are off to a great start. In late March, before the rains, we planted spinach, lettuce, peas, carrots, parsnips, beets, cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and onions. At the same time a new fence is going up around the garden and two new fields are being tilled. We have been able to do all this with many volunteer hours. In March alone we had over 15 volunteers log 100 hours. These volunteers include Good Shepherd regulars, college students, and other folks from the community. I communicate with volunteers through weekly emails and Facebook messages. If you would like to be included on the email list, let me know or check out the Facebook page (it has a lot of pictures).

**Outreach Communications Chair—Paul Clever**

*Next meeting will be May 24<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour in Hobson lounge.*

## Two Ordinations and Calling of an Assistant to the Rector

Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ is Risen!

I have two pieces of wonderful news. Invitations to two ordinations appear below, and you know or will know the two great people involved. Please consider coming to one or both of them. Ordinations are always a time of renewal for the whole Church as we seek to serve God together.

**T. J. Azar**, a beloved member of this parish who was raised up by Good Shepherd as a candidate for holy orders, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, June 13. God's blessings to T. J. as she completes one leg of her journey and begins a new and exciting chapter of her ministry.

Also, I have extended a call to the Rev. **Steve Domienik**, who is to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 14, to serve as Assistant to the Rector, with special responsibilities for campus ministry. This is a diocesan internship, and it lasts for two years. The vestry and I are very excited about the gifts that Steve brings and are grateful for the opportunity to participate in his ongoing formation for ordained ministry. I'd be happy to help coordinate carpooling to either event. A bit more about Steve appears below the invitations, and he will be writing an article for the June-July newsletter introducing himself to the parish.

*By the grace of God and with the consent of God's People, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, will ordain Antoinette Azar to the sacred order of deacons in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The ordination is to be held at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E. 4th Street in Cincinnati at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13. Your prayers and presence are requested. Clergy: red stoles.*

*By the grace of God and with the consent of God's People, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, will ordain Steven Domienik to the sacred order of priests in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The ordination is to be held at St. Barnabas' Church in Montgomery (suburban Cincinnati) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20. Your prayers and presence are requested. Clergy: red stoles.*

Now, since he is new to our parish, let me say a bit more about Steve. He was interviewed by our executive committee and campus and young

adult leadership team, both of which made a very strong recommendations that I call him. I found him to be very personable, capable, and mature, and I am grateful that he is interested in coming and sharing in the life of our parish. Many of you had the chance to meet Steve when he joined us for worship on Palm Sunday. He comes from the Church of Our Savior in Cincinnati, and has strong interests in lay ministry development, campus and young adult ministry, and ministries of social justice. He is finishing seminary at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. and is currently doing field education in the campus ministry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I'll let Steve say more about himself in the next newsletter. He is moving to Athens in June, but his official start date with us will be August 1, since he is serving on the staff at the General Convention in Anaheim this July.

The diocese is providing us with significant financial support to make Steve's ministry with us possible. This is a sign of Bishop Breidenthal's hope that we have built a good foundation for renewed campus and young adult ministry in the Shepherd's Alternative. My prayer is that Steve is going to help us take it to the next level, but he will not do it alone. Involving participants in outreach, including but not limited to the Good Earth Hunger Mission, will be part of what we are trying to do. I will continue to support this ministry with my time and effort, and he and I will be asking many of you to do the same. One of Steve's first duties will be to convene a conversation among the students and young adults who are already worshipping with us about the direction they want this ministry to take, including worship, fellowship, and formation. Every aspect of this ministry is currently planned and led by students and young adults, and this will continue to be the case.

The vestry has allocated \$1500 to help pay for Steve's health insurance (which will cost more than \$3000 for the rest of 2009), and we are actively soliciting additional contributions to help us do more to support him. We will consider what we can do for 2010 as part of our budget process for that year. The bishop assures me that the diocese is willing to pay all costs, but we want to do what we can, financially and otherwise, to become partners in Steve's ministry. This is a real opportunity to advance one of our central goals, a renewed ministry with students and young adults. A special collection will be taken up on Steve's first official Sunday with us, when Steve will preside at the Eucharist and preach.

Grace and peace,  
The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector

## News from the Pews . . .

Achievers: Recent honor roll members at Athens High: **Iona Carlson, Bethany Miller, Nic Procter, Eli Redfern.**

On the honor roll at Federal-Hocking; **Shannon Parsons** and **Shawn Parsons**. Shannon and Shawn, grandchildren of **Joanne Worstall**, are also officers of the Barnyard Bunch 4H group.

Participating in Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" opera in April were Vocal Music Assistants **Dedrick Bonner** and **Mike Ward**.

**Jane Palmer**, daughter of **June Wieman** and president of the Athens Toastmasters, has recently been honored with the Advanced Communication Silver Award from Toastmasters International.

**Sheila Williams**, a counselor at the Hudson Heath Center, introduced the recent Athens NAMI Recovery Conference on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Walter Hall. Chief planner of the conference was **Tom Walker**. Among those attending were **Ann Walker, Emilie Walker, Eric Jennings** and **Reid Sinclair**.

**Julia Nehls** has been named volunteer of the year at O'Bleness Hospital.

Google up "**Sister Faith Margaret**" and you can learn of her New York appearances and reports in regard to the move of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit convent to a soon to be built greener home in Manhattan

**Sirlei Martin** is offering "Annabella Wholesome Foods" at the Farmer Market this spring.

**Zack Parkman** will be presenting a concert at the Athens Library, off Home Street, on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Geoff Buckley** read a paper at the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas in late March.

Here for Easter, among others, were **Doug Wells** and children, **Katy** and **Ben**, from the Ann Arbor area; **David Gault** and family from Cincinnati; **Jon Sinclair, Sara Sheets**, and children, **Robin**, and **Henry**, also from Cincinnati; and **Jacob** and **Carolyn (Reilly) Sheehan** with son **Adam** from Knoxville, TN.

Congratulations to parents **Lizzie** and **Bart Kasler**, and to grandpa **Dr Randy Purdy**, on the birth, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, of **Cooper Purdy Kasler**.

**Cornelius Bennhold-Samaan**, who died in Northern Virginia April 22<sup>nd</sup>, was the husband of **Laurette Bennhold Samaan** and the son-in-law of **Anne Samaan**. Ann and Laurette were parishioners at Good Shepherd in the early 1980's.

The media reported on the first seder at the White House recently. Old timers may remember that **Amy Jaffe**, wife of botanist, **M. J. Jaffe**, presented a seder at Adult Education in Hobson Lounge also in the early eighties.

*Items for News from the Pews may be sent to Reid Sinclair (593-8174 or [rbaytop@frogn.net](mailto:rbaytop@frogn.net)) or Don Frazier (797-4857, [donjo@frogn.net](mailto:donjo@frogn.net)). Please check that you have permission to submit from the person involved.*

### **Letter Carrier Food Drive**

The annual National Association Letter Carrier Food Drive in Athens will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Simply place food in plastic or paper grocery bags near your mailbox early in the day and a mail carrier will pick up your donations. The participating food pantries in Athens County are requesting that food be dated June 2009 and later. Items particularly needed are protein-rich canned goods including peanut butter, canned meat, tuna, chicken, beef stew and beans as well as canned fruits.

Financial donations, made payable to the Athens County Food Pantry, may be mailed to Frank Hare, 9 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701. The Athens County Food Pantry's phone number is 740-590-7051.

### **Scrap Metal Drive**

The Faith Build Coalition of Habitat for Humanity will conduct its semiannual scrap metal drive on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Athens County Fairgrounds. Big appliances, yard furniture, metal siding and roofing, engine blocks, etc. are all welcome. It's OK if it is rusted. It's OK if the object also has glass, rubber, plastic, cardboard attached. Anything that will go in a 20-ton truck is welcome. Copper, brass, and aluminum are especially welcome.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 am - Youth Group Meet @ Good Earth farm 4:30pm - Shepherd's Alternative
<b>3</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II	<b>4</b> 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>5</b> 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>6</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 11 am – English for Families 5:15 pm – Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm – Ultreya Potluck & Meeting	<b>9</b> 4:30pm - Shepherd's Alternative
<b>10</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II 2 pm – Lindley Inn	<b>11</b> 7 pm – Boy Scout Cord of Honor	<b>12</b> 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ TBA 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>13</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> Glenda on vacation 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>15</b> Glenda on vacation	<b>16</b> 4:30pm - Shepherd's Alternative
<b>17</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II Youth Group end of year cookout	<b>18</b> Glenda on vacation 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>19</b> Glenda on vacation 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>20</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 11 am – English for Families 7 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>22</b> Glenda on vacation	<b>23</b> 4:30pm - Shepherd's Alternative
<b>24</b> 8 am – HE I 10:30 am – HE II following HE - Outreach Committee Meeting 2 pm – Lindley Inn	<b>25</b> Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day	<b>26</b> 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ TBA 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>27</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 11 am – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:30pm - Shepherd's Alternative
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