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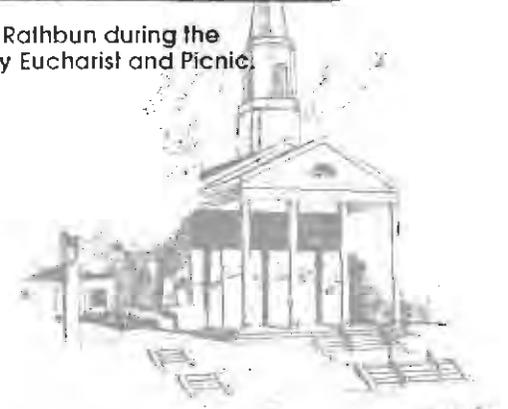
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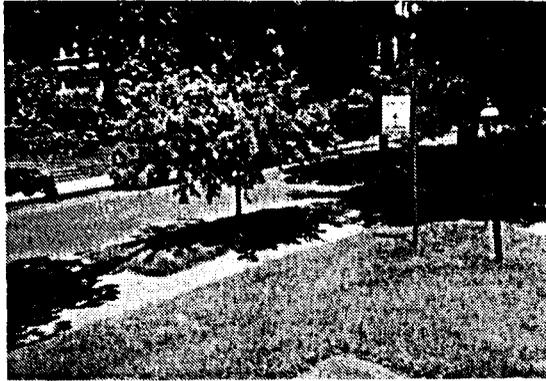
T. J. Luce and Ann Rathbun during the
Stroud's Run Labor Day Eucharist and Picnic.

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View from the Terrace

Obviously 'evil happens' - - and evil's manifestations are readily apparent, but often an ultimate source is not. Given recent events, it may be that what we might call 'Satan' is as real as what we call 'God.' This two-sides-to-every-coin idea is hardly

new. The World Trade Center incident has forced a re-evaluation of the kind of evil where, like the rock song line - - "Bad things [happen] to such good people."

In man-made, or natural disasters, bad and good are awash in a sea of neutrality. God, or good, or fate, did not stop the terrorists, nor stop the explosions and crumbling towers from killing over 6000 innocent people in unimaginable horror. A major component of what one could call evil in this incident is simply situational, nothing more than that - of the 30,000 people in the World Trade Center, 6,000 did not make it out. On the other hand, concurrently, we see that wonderful outflow of good deeds and love - to me an expression of God - in the firefighters, and from so many others, those on the planes, lines of blood donors, the thousands who are giving money and assistance, counseling the bereaved, those of all faiths praying, and those in the military and elsewhere working to see this type of terror does not happen again. In an almost perverted way the WTC incident makes us proud. Yet we also see the face of Satan.

Within my own lifetime there has been plenty of evil in the world. Some of the highlights in terms of sheer numbers of innocent people effected include the Holocaust; Nagasaki/Hiroshima; uncountable incidents of famine and genocide; the aids epidemic; and assorted natural disasters. Though such evil seemingly comes from many sources, some sort of evaluation and potential response was possible. For example, when I was growing up we lived with "the bomb" - - that technological capacity to annihilate ourselves as a species without any good reason or redemption. However (though probably kidding ourselves) we could somewhat understand the situation and deal it with through that policy of "mutually assured destruction" and more recently in keeping such weapons and means of delivery from rogue governments or fanatics.

Yes folks - the world is a dangerous place. Throughout the last quarter of the 20th Century the world has seemingly become more volatile with the potential of simple acts doing exponentially greater harm in smaller packages, such as a well placed vile of

anthrax. Has this situation now evolved to the extent that one madman beyond rationality, or sick person, can actually bring an end to civilization or our species? How do we come to terms and fight this type of situation?

A few clever and dedicated people made the World Trade Center towers fall. Yes, these may be bad folks, but to me the real elements of evil, or even of Satan if you will, manifest in this situation are some ideas gone bad. True, there are reasons for people in the Middle East, and throughout the world for that matter, to have residual and actual enmity toward the United States and 'Western' influences - but in this technological age, if civilization is to continue, can we afford the extreme elements of zealotry to protect Islam, or conversely extreme Christian fundamentalism? These extremes become especially dangerous when linked to that strange idea of martyrdom, where dying and taking thousands with you is considered a heroic or moral act. How does one deal with this? And similarly how does one deal with those alienated, unsuccessful, and amoral or sick Unabombers, McVeighs and Mansons which periodically surface as a mutations for no particular reason. To me these subtle elements within each our own psyche or belief systems -- gone bad -- are what is to be feared. These most difficult to understand and fight elements, to me are the enemy -- the face of Satan. The enemy is beyond reasoned response and technological solutions. The enemy can surface anywhere in such a seemingly small way with such enormous consequences.

'Good' may not be so dramatic, but works in the same 'natural' and potentially powerful way. The face of God is also within each and every one of us, in our good actions, in our love for one another. That familiar phrase in the Catechism "that we love one another as Christ loved us" makes an obvious good start to bring this out this 'good' in an otherwise rather neutral amoral environment. Of course this is easier said than done, especially when translated to the societal and international level. I believe one powerful antidote to evil is in numbers. The almost overwhelming numbers of good people, good behaviors, and love that emerged from the WTC incident give us real hope I believe.

A prayer "For Peace" Katharin has posted on our bulletin board at home 'says it all' - **"Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."**

Ted Foster
Newsletter Editor

Peace
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Senior Warden's Comments

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God."

A week ago I had my comments ready, a week later I had to change them. September 11, 2001 will be engraved in our minds for a lifetime. There are no words that adequately describe the horrendous happenings of that day.

Today, a week later, I look back and recall prayer services, people embracing each other in desperation and comfort, tears flowing freely as the TV replayed the horrible scenes of planes crashing into buildings, and people running and debris flying.

We, at Good Shepherd were fortunate to have Dutch Savage and Lynn Graham to lead prayer services every evening. On Sunday, we were blessed by our own Bishop (Bill) Black who had come to be our visiting priest. All this was most comforting.

Sunday, we collected \$650.00, which was sent to the Seaman's Church Institute via the Community of the Holy Spirit. The money will be used however it is needed.

People are being encouraged to get back into routine now. One psychologist said, "Routine is very curative." This will take time - it is difficult to make sense of all that has happened. We will just hold onto each other, say our prayers, and know God is always with us.

Julia Nehls Senior Warden

Every Member Canvass Report

"Awaken Your spirit of Generosity." As of September 27, 2001, we have received \$58,763.00 toward our Every Member Canvass goal of \$121,000.00. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Sunday, November 4th is the Every Member Canvass deadline.

Parish Health Ministry Notes....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the Church of the Good Shepherd for making my time as a Parish Health Ministry Intern, an enjoyable one. I really enjoyed getting to meet and work with many of you, and hope that some of the work accomplished helps to better establish the program.

A special thank you goes out to Ann Rathbun who introduced me to Parish Health Ministries, and to Debbie Hillard, my supervisor throughout my internship. I appreciate all of the time you put into helping me meet all of my requirements for graduation.

Thank you to all that participated in the needs assessment. It was a huge success and the results will be used to bring programs to the church that will better meet the needs and wants of those in the congregation. Congratulations to Helen Marsh, Christy Ortman, Anne Braxton, Karen Evans-Romaine, Jody Smith, Elisabeth Shepherd, James Mowery, and Don Frazier for winning prizes donated by area businesses.

At the end of September, my husband and I will be moving to Norfolk, Virginia, to begin our new lives. I will always look back on my time spent at the Church of the Good Shepherd as a positive learning experience and want to wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Rhonda O'Reed
Parish Health Ministry Intern,
Summer 2001

Food Pantry Notice

The Athens County Food Pantry has used small boxes to distribute food to needy families but they are no longer available. When you do your grocery shopping please consider requesting paper bags. If you then bring them to church and place them in the Food Donation Box, in the Narthex, or in the kitchen, it will be a great help.

The following was given to me by a parishioner - it is worth sharing.
Julie Nehls

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of Squash:

*Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference*

Plant three rows of Peas:

*Purity
Patience
Perseverance*

Plant three rows of Lettuce:

*Let us be Kind
Let us be Faithful
Let us be Obedient*

No Garden is complete without Turnips:

*Turn up for Meetings
Turn up for Service
Turn up to lend a Helping Hand*

To conclude our planting, We must have Thyme:

*Thyme for God
Thyme for Study
Thyme for Prayer*

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

*There is much fruit in your Garden.
Because you Reap what you Sow.*

**THE WORLD IS GOD'S GARDEN.
WE ARE HERE FOR A SHORT TIME.
LET US BE THANKFUL FOR HAVING THE
PRIVILEGE OF THE VISIT**

Counting the Cost

I have often read - and heard - of the difficulties of recruiting children to our church choirs and of holding them. I admire those who succeed and I am always on the lookout for ideas.

For many, like myself, the realities of things like shortened practice times imposed by frantic schedules (as today's youngsters accumulate skills in all manner of things), lowered dependency upon a choral presence in the service, and altered weekend family priorities, combine to produce the negative feelings that can wash over one on occasions.

Most of us, thankfully, have periods of success, warm memories of music well presented and appreciatively received, and of individuals who are proud to admit they owe their later achievements to the opportunities and encouragement they received while they patiently crafted their voices in the church choir. We feel it has been worthwhile. And it has.

Meanwhile, back at t'mill, the next weekend is always a fresh challenge! Our churches may smile at the novelties dreamed up to maintain interest while the choir trainer tries to emulate a Blue Peter presenter... and cope with the insistence that they all have to be away in 20 minutes for the next slot in their evening program... and by the way they can't be there this Sunday morning because they'll be at a sleep-over... and next week is school half term... and there's Judo the Sunday after that.., but I know that the service will go ahead even if the children aren't there... at least for the time being.

Is there something sinister lurking in the wake of dwindling numbers of children in our choirs - a long-term disaster in the making? Something with potential to affect very seriously our churches in the future?

Let me hypothesize:

1. No children in church choirs today; no choirs tomorrow.

This may be self-evident. I find that adults sing regularly in church choirs only if they have sung regularly as children. Is this widely true?

2. No children in church choirs today; no church organists tomorrow.

This may be an exaggeration. But I hazard a guess that most of our present church organists came through the ranks of their church choir and developed their appreciation of the instrument while they were children.

3. No children in church choirs today; no priests tomorrow.

This may be a gross exaggeration. But I have been struck by the number of times that priests (and bishops) have publicly referred to their time in the church choir as a child. Was it an important phase in their preparation; a link in their vocation? The small child daily helping Levi in the temple was led to recognize God's voice... and God's call.

Graham Jones
Formby, Merseyside

This is a letter to the Editor, Church Music Quarterly, Cleveland Lodge,
Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6BW (ejones@rscm.com).

Youth Group Tid-Bits

The Youth Group will be meeting for the first time this school year on Sunday, October 7th in Hobson Lounge after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Anyone who is high school aged or even older and would like to participate is more than welcome to attend meetings. We will be discussing upcoming projects at the first meeting, but will probably participate in several outreach programs.

We are excited to get back into the swing of things and hope to see you on October 7th! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Lauren Spero at 797-4756.

Lauren Spero
Youth Group Member

Church of the Good Shepherd and Christ Lutheran Church

**will combine to sponsor a concert
to be held at Good Shepherd on**

**Tuesday, October 23rd
7:30 p.m.**

**A Russian singing group of five voices
will present a program of
Russian sacred and folk music.**

**All are invited
A freewill offering will be received**

**This vocal ensemble is part of the
St. Petersburg Choir Community
NEVA Russicum and is an
'a capella (voice only) group
comprising of talented soloists from
St. Petersburg and Kiev.**

**In Russia, the choir members sing as
Soloists in various parishes or work as
Church Choir Conductors in the service of the
Russian Orthodox Church.**

Parish Health Ministry

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our great Physician! On October 18th, we celebrate the festival of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician. This festival provides us with an opportunity to consider the concept of holistic health. I pray that this month may be a time of health and healing for you and your loved ones.

Healing does not mean just the lack of illness or disability. Actually, the root of the word health means wholeness. This is how the concept of holistic health came to exist. As Christians, we remember that our wholeness involves harmony and balance among all aspects of our life, with our relationship with God as our center. We do use scientific medicine, and recognize that science and spirituality need to be partners in our health.

Shalom is a gift from God (translated 'peace' in John 14:27, 20:21). This is how the Bible describes the wholeness that comes only from God. It is made possible through the complete and perfect atonement of Jesus Christ. Jesus refers to this gift of shalom or wholeness with these words, "... .Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 24:27). This scripture is one of the bases of wholeness and biblical holistic health. Lyman Coleman in his study entitled Holistic Health states: "The Biblical concept of wholeness is expressed by the word 'shalom' in the New Testament. The word means well-being.. .health.. .happiness.. .and harmony. The word implies the healing of all fractures between man and God, man and man, man and nature, and among man, nature, and God".

The biblical view of wholeness is broader than the secular view of "holistic health". The holistic health movement is primarily concerned with harmony WITHIN a person: physical, emotional, and spiritual. The biblical concept of holistic health begins with harmony BETWEEN a person and God, the source of healing and health. What then is meant by the term holistic health? Holistic health refers to a process of wholeness that exists when there is harmony or balance among the different dimensions (physical, emotional, spiritual, social, vocational, and environmental) of our life. This harmony or balance is only possible when we center our lives in our relationship to God. May the Lord help us value the precious gift of life with which He has blessed us.

Debbie Hillard

Coordinator, Parish Health Ministry

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Parish Health Ministry Update . . .

Parish Health Ministry will be very busy in October:

- ⇒ We will continue to have our monthly blood pressure check on the first Sunday, which is October 7th.
- ⇒ Along with Episcopal Retirement Homes and the Health, Human Values, and Ethics Committee, we will host a workshop, "Introduction to Parish Health Ministries" on October 13th.
- ⇒ ...and our guest presenter for the workshop will be The Rev. Dcn. Jean Denton, director of National Episcopal Health Ministries. Rev. Denton will also be our guest preacher on Sunday, October 14th.
- ⇒ Our Good Shepherd team which met on September 27th, will most likely schedule another meeting late October after the workshop, because...
- ⇒ We will host another small Health Fair on October 28th for Ann Rathbun's health education class. This class is small and we are anticipating 10 or fewer presentations.

As always, if you have any health related concerns or want to schedule a blood pressure check, please feel free to contact me through the church office.

Debbie Hillard

Coordinator, Parish Health Ministry

**Proud to be part of the flock at
Church of the Good Shepherd**

Yes, pride can get one in trouble, but there is good reason to be proud of Good Shepherd. Our Parish jumped right in and opened doors for prayer early on the first day. The sanctuary has been used by a good many throughout these days. The 5:30 prayer services, the "WTC" collection envelopes, continuing normal outreach and activities, and those many thoughts and prayers are additional reasons to be proud.

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Notes From the Organ Bench

For many years this parish has been affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music. This organization based in England, supports music primarily within the Anglican tradition. It sponsors many kinds of courses for organists, choir directors, and singers. The choir-training program is used by many children's choirs both in this country and in England. This program, called "Voice for Life" now has a track for adult singers.

The Royal School of Church Music also publishes a quarterly magazine, which I put in the church library. It also maintains a large catalog of anthems, choral collections, choir-training books, and reference books.

In the past few years RSCM - America has become more visible. We are in the district with headquarters at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron. RSCM - America publishes a newsletter and directory and sponsors a wide variety of week-long summer courses.

Being an affiliated parish enables us to buy music at a discount, send singers to summer courses and maintain links with activities worldwide in the Anglican communion.

SPECIAL CONCERT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT 7:30 P.M.

A five member Russian chamber ensemble will perform music of the Russian Orthodox tradition and folk songs of Russia. Housing is need for the group. If you can help please let Marsha Reilly know. Christ Lutheran Church has agreed to arrange for transportation to and from Athens.

CHOIR POTLUCK WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 6:30 P.M.

Joanne Worstall and Don Frazier will be hosting the potluck at the home at 45 West Third Street, The Plains, Ohio.

Anyone interested in singing in the choir is cordially invited. Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Marsha Reilly
Music Director

Snail Mail

FAX

E-mail



Dear Good Shepherd:

Our beloved families, we express our sincere condolence to you on behalf of the affected families and all Americans in respect of the recent tragic events and destruction of life and property by unknown assailants in New York and Washington D. C. Our hearts and emotions go out to you all at this time. Also our prayers for comfort of all our people and families affected.

We pray that the Lord will heal the wounds, it is our prayer also that the perpetrators of this evil will be found out and dealt with accordingly so as to bring to an end such evil acts in the future.

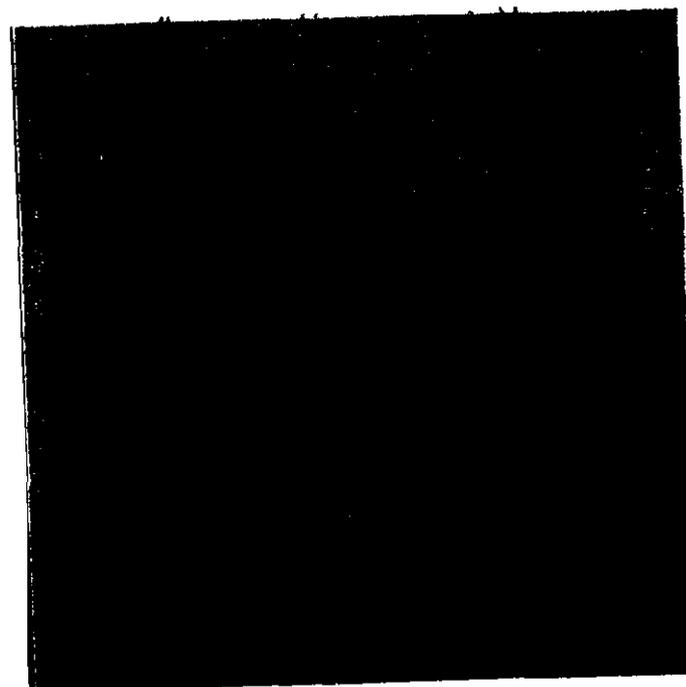
Greetings to all members of the family and God bless and comfort you all.

The Obayans
Nigeria

Julie:

...at times like this I miss Good Shepherd; and wish I could be there during these difficult time for our nation. I'm convinced the only resources we have to counter the evil we have seen are those of reason and faith - and Harvard does both quite well - so I'm probably in the right place, but I'm not sure it's the right time...

Mike Morgan
on Sabbatical at Harvard Divinity School



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 1st: Eric Jennings, birthday
Joe Walker, birthday
Kaye & Mary Anne Rakes, anniversary
NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft

Wednesday, October 3rd: Susan (Gault) Enlow, birthday
John Lucas, birthday
Kevin Payne, birthday
Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Thursday, October 4th: Leslie Flemming, birthday
Bitrus Gwamna, birthday
David & Christina Gault, anniversary

Friday, October 5th: Christy Ortman, birthday
Mary Anne Rakes, birthday

Saturday, October 6th: Sheppard Black, birthday
Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis, birthday
Daniel Riffe, birthday
Ultreya Potluck and Meeting
5:30 p.m., Undercroft

Sunday, October 7th: Katharin Foster, birthday
Anthony & Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis, anniversary
Youth Group Meeting
12:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Monday, October 8th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft

Tuesday, October 9th: William Brophy, birthday
Stella Lee, birthday

Wednesday, October 10th: David Gault, birthday
Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Holy Baptism for Samantha Lyn Yonan with reception
2:30 P.M., Nave

Thursday, October 11th: Debbie Hillard, birthday
Anne Samaan, birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 14th: Daniel & Dee Dee Riffe, anniversary

Monday, October 15th: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft

Tuesday, October 16th: Jess Luce, birthday

Wednesday, October 17th: Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Thursday, October 18th: Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Friday, October 19th: Carl Ortman, birthday

Saturday, October 20th: Bill Shepherd, birthday
Greek Orthodox Services
9:00 a.m., Undercroft

Sunday, October 21st: Monica Payne, birthday
All Parish Potluck and Fun Night
5:30 p.m., Undercroft

Monday, October 22nd: NAMI Photo Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft

Tuesday, October 23rd: Meghan Purdy, birthday
Russian Choir Concert
7:30 p.m., Nave

Wednesday, October 24th: Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Saturday, October 27th: Ted Sherman, birthday

Monday, October 29th: Carolyn Reilly, birthday

Tuesday, October 30th: Kelsey Lackey, birthday

Wednesday, October 31st: Samuel Gwamna, birthday
Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft