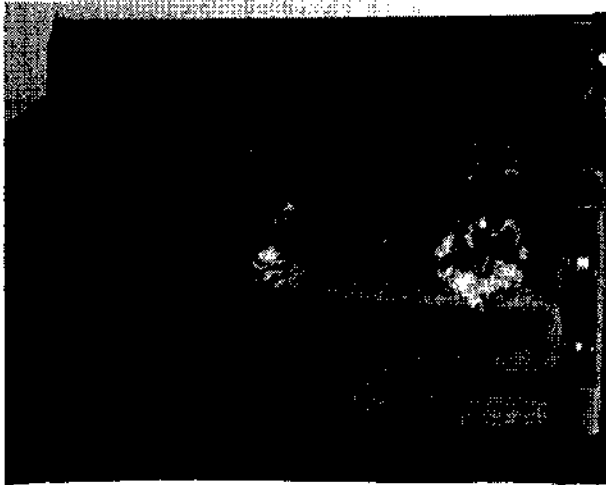


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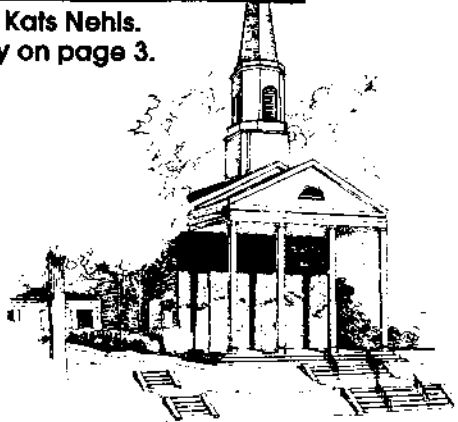
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**Tar, Molly, and Kats Nehls.
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View from the Terrace



In the past **News from the Pews** has benefitted from the exemplary reporting standards of Reid Sinclair and Peggy Wilhelm. These folks have "retired" from writing the column. Many of us have no idea of what goes on in

the Parish, particularly the accomplishments of our young people. It is important we keep "Pews News" going, and if someone is interested in doing this column that would be great. This blend of the past three months or so and **View from the Terrace** illustrates how strongly I feel about recognizing our parishioners' accomplishments.

Master of ceremonies for the recent Senior BEAT (O'Bleness) fifth anniversary celebration was **Jim Anastas**. Jim has long worked for the benefit of O'Bleness and the division leadership for the 2002 O'Bleness Annual Giving Campaign includes **Julia Nehls**.

The PBS series "The Secret Life of the Brain" has an Athens connection. **Tom Jennings**, son of **Lucile Jennings** and **Gene Jennings** is co-producer and writer for the series.

According to *The Athens Messenger*, Sunday, February 17th, page 2, **Andy Morgan** is among those who complete the DARE program.

Take a look at **Jon Sinclair's** web site about his September bike trip on <http://bikejon.tripod.com/jonsbiketrip/>.

In August, Ohio University' Office of Research Communication published an article listing **Carolyn Reilly** as a participant in studying Hawaiian plant life "Voila! It's Violets" on <http://www.ohiou.edu/researchnews/science/hawaii3.htm>.

Alaina Miller has been named to the honor roll at Wittenberg University. **Bethany Miller** was pictured in *The Athens Messenger* as a winner of high honors in a Scottish Mason writing contest.

Kate Ortman will head to New York City this fall to study the culinary arts.

Eliza Riffe has been accepted at the University of Chicago through an early admissions program.

Mackenzie Lackey is listed on the honor roll at Federal Hocking.

A photograph of Ted Foster hard at work graces the home page of Ohio University, and it has been reported that contributions to the Ohio University Fund "dramatically increase on those days.

Ted Foster,
Newsletter Editor

The Magnetic Church Workshop

The Magnetic Church Workshop is being sponsored by the Evangelism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. The workshop will take place in two parts. The first session will take place at Good Shepherd, Thursday evening, April 18, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The second part will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Procter Camp and Conference Center. The Procter session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

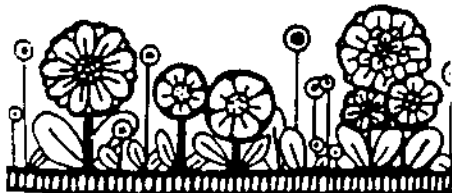
The registration fee is \$20 and the deadline for registration is April 5, 2002. Registration brochures and a poster are available on the bulletin board outside Hobson Lounge and the bulletin board in the Undercroft.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide training for practical, non-confrontational evangelism to help our church attract, welcome, and retain new members. The Thursday session will cover lay evangelism and 21st century realities. The Saturday session will focus on presenting your church, communications and managing growth. Mr. Andrew Weeks will be the conference presenter.

For more information contact Andy Figueroa at 800-582-1712, andy_figueroa@episcopal-dso.org or www.episcopal-dso.org/pages/mag_ch.htm.

James Mowery,
Vestry Liaison Program Committee

Senior Warden's Comments



In the midst of the Lenten Season, I had to put a special pet to sleep. Her name was Tar and she was a black miniature schnauzer. It was a painful time for me as well as for the other two dogs - her daughter and granddaughter. In spite of it all I found myself steeped in happy memories of her loving and faithful life.

Sometime ago a parishioner passed along a good article on dogs. As I thought about Tar, I remembered this article and how many of these things I learned from her. So in loving memory of Tar, I pass this along to you.

"If a Dog were your Teacher"

A Wise Dog Once Said...

If a dog were your teacher, you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
Never pass up the opportunity to go for joyride.
Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
Take naps and stretch before rising.
Run, romp, and play daily.
Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
Stop when you have had enough.
Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
And MOST of all...
When someone is have a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Julia Nehls
Senior Warden

April's Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 7th:

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite I - Bishop Black Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite II - Nave

First Crucifer - Abi Morgan

Second Crucifer - Michael Adeyanju

Taperers - Bethany Miller, Andy Morgan

Sunday, April 14th:

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite I - Bishop Black Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite II - Nave

First Crucifer - Eliza Riffe

Second Crucifer - Greg Seymour

Taperers - Chris Seymour, Jayne Seymour

Sunday, April 21st:

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite I - Bishop Black Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite II - Nave

First Crucifer - Paul Denton

Second Crucifer - Marisa Muntean

Sunday, April 28th:

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite I - Bishop Black Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Rite II - Nave

First Crucifer - Gordy Ruchti

Second Crucifer - Ce Ci Ruchti

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

MONEY TALK\$

As most parishioners know, over the past year there has been an off-and-on consideration of whether to launch a Capital Campaign, and of how to go about it if we decide to do so. In the contemplation of such an important step in our parish life a number of matters must be considered. These include determining whether enough support exists for a campaign to succeed, ascertaining the important areas of need that would generate the greatest interest, and whether to engage a professional fundraising firm to help us.

A professional fundraiser operates in two stages. In the first stage, a representative of the firm interviews parishioners who are perceived to be potential supporters. By conducting confidential interviews, this representative determines the areas of need that might interest potential donors and ascertains how much support would be available if a campaign were actually begun. This fact-finding phase ends when the representative makes a report to the Vestry with an objective estimate of how much money can be raised.

Last fall, it was decided to defer any decision on these matters until spring. At the March 12th meeting, the Vestry decided Good Shepherd has a definite and immediate need for a Capital Campaign and that we must use the help of professional fundraisers to make it successful. Accordingly, the Vestry has approved the retention of a professional fundraising firm to conduct the first stage of a campaign. Based on the report that is made and the estimate of the amount that can be raised, the Vestry will then decide whether to undertake a formal campaign.

There are many reasons to use a professional fundraiser. Parishioners are often more comfortable speaking with an "outsider" about money than they would be with another parishioner; a professional fundraiser is skilled and

knowledgeable in the tax and estate implications inherent in any planned giving; even though the fee charged by these firms is substantial, the Vestry believes we would end up with far more money after retaining a fundraising firm than we could raise on our own.

Let me repeat that we are only committing to the first stage at this time. If the representative determines that a Capital Campaign would not be successful, (he) will tell us so. But if (his) report is optimistic, the Vestry will then decide whether and when to begin a formal campaign.

It is important to communicate a decision of this significance to the parish at large and to make sure the Vestry's thinking is understood. I will continue to report to you as events unfold.

I greet you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jack Flemming,
Treasurer

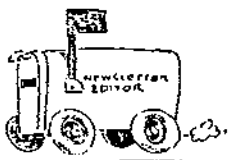
All Parish Easter Breakfast

The All Parish Easter Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 31st, at 9:00 a.m. People are needed to help cook, set up, clean up, and donate food. A sign up sheet is in the kitchen for helpers and food donations. Any questions may be directed to Lynn Graham at 593-5098 or grahammowery@aol.com.

Snail Mail

FAX

E-Mail



Dear Good Shepherd:

Jing and I will return to our home on Cape Cod early next week after a ten-week teaching session in Ohio. We expect to remain there (more or less) until September, and would welcome a few visitors. Jing managed to create more than one hundred new ceramic pieces and a DV tape of the processes as well. I did a bit of writing and editing, and am looking forward to some time in the studio. We hope everyone is happy and well, and look forward to hearing from you.

Jing and George Semsel
West Yamrouth, MA

Dear Good Shepherd:

Some years ago - I believe that it was 1990, I wrote a letter to Dr. Gifford Doxsee and the congregation of Good Shepherd from Malang on the island of Java in Indonesia. It was my first major overseas experience outside of family trips. I had gone to Indonesia for a study abroad program during my last year of college. Before leaving for Indonesia, Dr. Doxsee kindly took me to lunch to find out about my plans, my mindset and to generously share wisdom and stories from his first overseas experiences as a young man in some of the countries in Northern Africa.

He told me how those early travels had set him on his life's path and had profound and pleasant effects on the course of his life. He then sent me a letter with a contribution to help support my first travels across the Pacific. I have never forgotten that and in context with those kind gestures I have not forgotten the community of Good Shepherd who had followed my movements after high school to California and then on to Southeast Asia.

My mother had sent me the reprint of my letter from Java that was published in the *Good News* in 2000. It was nice to be remembered and I still reflect on the community that has always been there for me at Good Shepherd and send warm wishes to all there in Athens today.

I am now living in Abuja, Nigeria - of all places, having accepted the position of Country Director for Winrock International. Winrock is an international non profit organization dedicated to helping the rural populations of more than 40 countries increase economic productivity and leadership.

Nigeria and West Africa are some of the last places I would have imagined myself living 12 years ago. I wish to send a special hello to Dr. Doxsee and his family and also to the extended congregation of Good Shepherd, especially the Shelly, Boyd, Hollow and Sinclair families.

Peter Williams
Abuja, Nigeria

Outreach Committee Report. . .

As members of the Outreach Committee, we believe that through reaching out to "the least of these" offering our assistance and service, we are indeed serving our Lord.

Therefore, we invite and encourage each of you to participate in the gathering of school supplies for the tiny school at La Laguna, Honduras, where we worked on the church building in 2002. It is a desperately needy community and we can truly make a difference by sharing.

We will keep you posted about Saturday Lunches and after Church receptions to promote our involvement in this effort and hopefully recruit another group of Good Shepherds to Honduras.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Ergood

Jan Gault

Reid Sinclair

Jeanne Wells

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Ultreya

The monthly Ultreya will be held Saturday, April 6th. The potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Ultreya beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jane Ergood will be the leader for April. All are invited to attend.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, April 1st:** Parish Health Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Tuesday, April 2nd:** Jody Smith, birthday
- Wednesday, April 3rd:** Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, April 4th:** Robert Spero, birthday
- Friday, April 5th:** Kate Ortman, birthday
- Saturday, April 6th:** Ultreya Potluck
5:30 p.m., Undercroft
Ultreya Meeting
6:30 p.m., Undercroft
- Sunday, April 7th:** Arron Auflick, birthday
- Monday, April 8th:** Mary Brophy, birthday
Susan Karageorge, birthday
Mike Morgan, birthday
John Ortman, birthday
Joanne Worstall, birthday
- Tuesday, April 9th:** Pat Smith, birthday
- Wednesday, April 10th:** Grant Smith, birthday
Administrative Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, April 11th:** Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Saturday, April 13th:** Mackenzie Lackey, birthday
- Monday, April 15th:** Ted Riffe, birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, April 17th: Betty Hollow, birthday
Betsy Larson Wetmore, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, April 18th: Virginia Kaufman, birthday
The Magnetic Church
6:30 p.m., Nave
- Friday, April 19th: Jack Flemming, birthday
Dee Dee Riffe, birthday
- Saturday, April 20th: Clarrisa Campbell, birthday
Bethany Miller, birthday
- Monday, April 22nd: Carlos Walker, birthday
- Tuesday, April 23rd: Keith & Therese Lackey, anniversary
- Wednesday, April 24th: Administrative Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Saturday, April 27th: Jenny Sporo, birthday
- Sunday, April 28th: Alison Houston, birthday
- Tuesday, April 30th: Pam Biddlestone, birthday

*Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side,
and it holds the universe together.*