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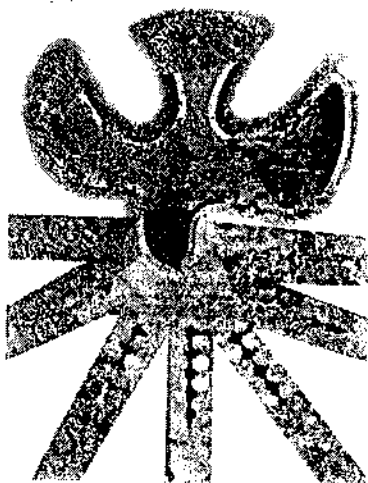
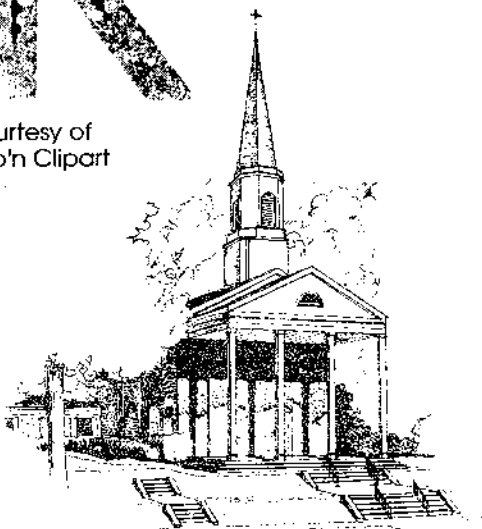


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## View from the Terrace

It may be news to some, but the understatement of the day is that we librarians are quite familiar with information overload and chaotic change. Our working tools are essentially flux. Gone is the venerable bookseller, gone is the enduring reference resource. Nearly every database, cataloging rule, reference resource, library or information product is now born a breath away from obsolescence, dust to dust.

Worse than that, our very professional identity is under siege. Information and technology are hardly distinguishable. The abundant and competing technologies and ownership elusiveness of new knowledge products confounds everyone. In terms of measuring what we do, there is no number that can be relied on, since users come and go from many sources. In regards to knowledge, there are just too much data; the data are often contradictory and the effort to evaluate these data for truth (in the sense of reliable) takes too much time. This abundance of data pressures its value downward; books, magazines, databases and other resources are commodities to be quickly dealt with.

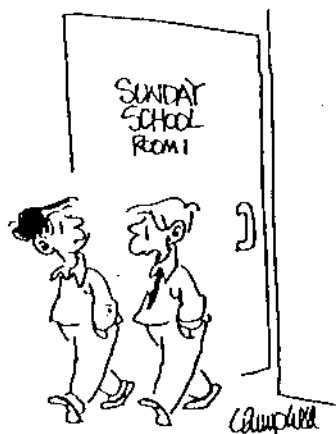
The way we work is also under siege. Our traditional hierarchy is largely irrelevant in task management. When applied, professional methods or tradition are often slow and counterproductive because the future has already happened and moved on to new circumstances. We form ad-hoc voluntary associations to achieve specific objectives and immediate solutions. Staff and equipment are the most precious commodities. Thus speed is the most singular advantage. Success means the acceleration of work to the point that success is failure, because success creates more work exponentially - e.g. opportunities if we put a positive twist on it.

This chaotic scenario is hardly comforting to the old-timers who have spent decades with the Library and like to see something enduring and stable in our work, a legacy or meaning. Retirement is approaching

and what do I have to show for 35 years of work with the University Library? When I first started, my first job was to dismantle the African collection and destroy the legacy which someone had spent twenty years building. The individual retired, times were different, his life's work vanished. When my wife Katharin retired, her position was not filled, tasks parceled out, a department eliminated, she felt her contributions had vanished and were not appreciated. In my case, mainly due to technology (which creates a high, but fun learning curve) the "empires" I maintain of maps, microform, and other assorted media are becoming irrelevant, and I will spend my last year dismantling much of what I have been growing for many years. Emotionally, I spend considerable energy just letting go of old friends.

So, is legacy or purpose obsolete in this chaotic world of technological innovation? Since I am not one of those few who create the great science, music, literature or paintings, what do I have to show for 35 years of work? The answer came the other night at the Vestry meeting while discussing the capital campaign study and finding the mission of the Church. Someone said the essential mission of the Church is putting the "living Christ in peoples' lives." Now that is some legacy and a half! - though not very practical I thought ... and then it hit me. In library terms, besides keeping things going, I guess our legacy, and core value, is the service we provide to students and our unique professional expertise in organizing a body of knowledge. As structures morph, the mission remains. What changes most is the means of delivery, and I realize that the real legacy of the anonymous majority who have worked at the university, and in the Church, is that we have made a difference to the lives of many people along the way. The librarians have the service ideal as mission, Good Shepherd has sharing the good news. So, now I feel a little better about my retirement, and also a little better about Good Shepherd, for making a difference to the lives of many along the way is what it is all about. Amen.

**Ted Foster,**  
**Newsletter Editor**



"How come there's a forbidden fruit,  
but not a forbidden vegetable?"

## Senior Warden's Comments

The day I started writing this article, it was spring with flowers blooming. The next day it was summer and all of the flowering trees and bushes popped into full bloom. Everything is green and beautiful and makes me know "God is in his heaven" for sure.

The merry month of May brings some events you don't want to miss.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a benefit supper with the proceeds going to the La Laguna School in Honduras. Come to the Undercroft and bring your friends for a good meal to support a worthwhile cause.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., you can return to the Undercroft for a great Talent Show to support Habitat for Humanity. Our own John and Christy Ortman will MC the affair and that is talent in itself. This is a dessert potluck.

Our good friend Sr. Faith Margaret returns on May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Healing Service on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave at Good Shepherd. Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Undercroft there will be a Quiet Day centering on Paths to Prayer.

Sr. Faith Margaret sent the following explanation. "When we think of contemplative prayer (the prayer of quiet) many of us imagine that it is a form of prayer that belonged to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Mystics or belongs in this century only to 'Holy People' and 'Professional Prayers.' The silence of contemplative prayer is accessible to all of us. During this quiet day we will explore and experiment with Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina as ways to move along a path of prayer in our ordinary, very busy, daily lives."

Everyone is welcome to attend all events. On Saturday, bring a brown bag lunch.

Sr. Faith Margaret will have time on Friday and Saturday for individual conferences. You can sign up in the parish office or see me to schedule a time.

In closing let me share a prayer which I found in *The Anglican Digest*.

### A Prayer for God's Help

O God have mercy on me, and give me peace.

You know me. You know my fears and doubts.

You know the things I hope will happen  
and the things I pray will not.

You know how hard it is for me to determine your will.

Let me hear your voice.

Let your thoughts mingle with mine.

I will be quiet now and listen, but in case

I hear nothing, guide me anyway.

And in case you have nothing to say,

just let me know you are there.

Amen.

**Julia Nehls**  
**Senior Warden**



# OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

## GET INVOLVED

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) is active again, with Edy Smith as director. NHN is a faith-based, public and private non-profit cooperative that works with our community service groups to assist those with needs, largely financial. You can read of its mission and work at [www.neighborhelp.org](http://www.neighborhelp.org).

Ms. Smith plans to resurrect the ReinCARnation Program, which fixes old cars to provide to low income people. Molly Gilbert coordinated this program when she was our Christian Formation Coordinator.

It is important for our outreach and involvement in the community that we be represented with these groups. If interested, contact Reid Sinclair of the Outreach Committee at 593-8174 or Edy Smith (NHN) at 592-4477 ext 1102.

## BENEFIT SUPPER

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a supper to benefit the La Laguna School in Honduras on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. All are welcome to attend!

For more information contact Jan Gault or Jeanne Weils of the Outreach Committee.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

The spring United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Blue boxes will be available after the April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> worship services. UTO provides each of us a wonderful opportunity to express our thankfulness for God's goodness to us and at the same time help our neighbors. Our fall ingathering was \$375 and our own Parish Health Ministry has recently received a UTO Grant.

## May's Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bishop Black Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Nave  
Presider: The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan  
Ushers: Matthew Adeynjau, Carolyn Murphree  
Chalice Bearers: Jane Ergood, Jack Flemming  
Lectors: Lynn Graham, 8:00 a.m.  
Sandi White, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bishop Black Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Nave  
Presider: The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan  
Ushers: Curt Sherman, Terrie Sherman  
Chalice Bearers: Marsha Dutton, Leslie Flemming  
Lectors: Bruce Ergood, 8:00 a.m.  
Arvin Wells, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: The Day of Pentecost  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bishop Black Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Nave  
Presider: The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan  
Ushers: Preston Denton, Julia Nehls  
Chalice Bearers: Dutch Savage, Ann Shelly  
Lectors: Robert Glidden, 8:00 a.m.  
Kate Ortman, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: The First Sunday after Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bishop Black Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Nave  
Presider: The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan  
Ushers: Joanne Larson, Jim Mowery  
Chalice Bearers: Matthew Adeyanju, Jack Flemming  
Lectors: Pat Grean, 8:00 a.m.  
Allyn Reilly, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
7:30 p.m. Healing Service, Nave  
Officiant: Sister Faith Margaret, CHS



## Notes from the Organ Bench

It's time once again for the occasional MEN'S ENSEMBLE!!!

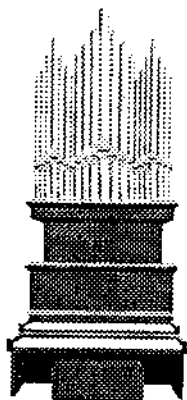
On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Ensemble will provide the musical leadership and give the women a well-deserved rest. Remember the Women's Ensemble earlier in the fall?

Rehearsals will be Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. The regular choir rehearsal will follow. Our bass Vocal Music Assistant, Rob Fry will direct the ensemble.

The next Choir in the Pews Sunday will be Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Sunday and the last Sunday of the season will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Historical notes:

Did you know that the organ - an Aeolian-Skinner - is considered a gem in the organ world? I understand that there are not many 2 manual Aeolian-Skinners in existence. A book has been written about the Skinner company and I will be reporting on the history of our valuable instrument in future columns.



Marsha Reilly,  
Music Director



## Capital Campaign Update

Being a birthright Quaker, I would like to relay the following "sense of the meeting" (upon being confirmed as an Episcopalian I found that 'inner' and 'light' could be used separately) in light of the pending search for a new rector and the self examination associated with that process, and in light of the concerns expressed by a good many in the parish, there is a growing sense that the Church of the Good Shepherd needs to postpone a formal pre-campaign study until we are closer to actually implementing a campaign.

Consequently, the Vestry passed a motion to postpone the study. Over the next few months there will be meetings and opportunities for the parish to examine specific needed projects, discuss priorities, discuss the future, the campaign, but in the main let's hope we discern and articulate (with some specificity) a comfortable sense of what God has in mind for Good Shepherd. Whew!

**Ted Foster,**  
**Vestry Member**

Wealthy, pet-loving Mrs. O'Hara was distraught when her dog Stevie died. Because the dog was almost human to her, she wanted to give it a funeral. She asked at her own Catholic Church and the priest said gently, "Church cemeteries could only be used for people." The local Protestant Churches also refused to bury the dog. Desperate, the woman turned to the Episcopalian Church. The rector hesitated explaining that "we do not believe in burying animals, and besides you are not Episcopalian -" "Father," Mrs. O'Hara interrupted, "I will donate a half-million dollars in Stevie's name to the house of worship that accepts him" "-on the other hand," he continued, "I do believe that Stevie was Episcopalian..."

Adapted from a children's joke book by Ted Foster, who inserted "Episcopalian" and guesses this book was trying to tell children that money corrupts!?

## 2002 Camp Schedule

### Summer Camps at Procter

Camp Name	2002-2003 School Grade	Dates
Family Camp I	all ages	June 13 - 16
Boys & Girls Camp	grades 4 - 5	June 17 - 22
Junior Camp	grades 6 - 7	June 24 - 29
Choir Camp	grades 4 - 9	July 8 - 13
Creative Arts Camp	grades 4 - 9	July 8 - 13
Intermediate Camp	grades 8 - 9	July 15 - 20
Senior Camp	grade 10 - 12	July 22 - 27
Family Camp II	all ages	August 1 - 4

Registration forms may be acquired from the parish office during normal business hours, by calling at 740-593-6877, or by e-mail at [chogs@frognet.net](mailto:chogs@frognet.net). or more information is available on the Diocese of Southern Ohio website at [www.episcopal-dso.org](http://www.episcopal-dso.org).



## Billboard Signs

Margaret and Al Topping submitted this list, from the Internet, of all the variations of the "God Speaks" billboards, which are a simple black background with white text. No fine print or sponsoring organization is included to dilute the message.

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. - God

C'mon over and bring the kids. - God

What part of "Thou Shalt Not.." didn't you understand? - God

We need to talk. - God

Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. - God

Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. - God

That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing...I meant it. - God

I love you and you and you and you and... - God

Will the road you're on get you to my place? - God

Follow me. - God

Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding. - God

My way is the highway. - God

Need directions? - God

You think it's hot here? - God

Have you read my #1 best seller? There will be a test. -  
God

Do you have any idea where you're going? - God

Don't make me come down there. - God

## **News from the Pews...**

Thanks to **Reid Sinclair** and others who have sent in material. Some of our younger folks will be marking academic achievements, so we will do graduations and such next month.

Congratulations to **Emily Richards**, former Good Shepherd Christian Formation Coordinator and current Sewanee Seminarian, who will be ordained June 8<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, Kentucky, and will be assigned for her year's internship as deacon to Saint Alban's Church in Morehead, Kentucky.

On the lower left of the April 8<sup>th</sup> issue of The Athens News is a nice photo of **Abi Morgan**. At first glance it seemed to have connection with the lead article and photograph about the rowdy time-change celebration - but surely not Abi! Turning as instructed to page 6, we see Abi playing the part of a rich plantation owner's daughter. The Acting Company, on national tour, along with local "alumni" has been working with area students interested in theater.

**Ann Shelly** has been elected President of the Ashland University Faculty Senate. All though now work may compete, Ann progresses toward the diaconate and is determined to finish.

Word from Iowa: **Bisi Gwamna** is now a full time associate professor in the English Department. Husband **Bitrus** continues to teach full time in Communications.

Thanks to those who coordinated and contributed to the Day of Change funds to relieve hunger. And a big Undercroft cheer to **Bethany Miller** and **Andy Morgan** for their efforts to raise funds for heart research.

**Gifford Doxsee** has stepped down after three years as president of Rural Action. Thanks so much, Gifford, for this and the many other things you do and have done for the betterment of the world! You are an inspiration!

For 35 years **Dr. Bill Kaldis** has arranged for the wreaths for the winners of the Athens Marathon to be sent from Athens, Ohio, to Athens, Greece, considered the site of the first Marathon.

Honor Rolls: Athens High School third nine-week period: Seniors **Lauren Spero, Eliza Riffe**. Juniors: **Annie Chagnot, Marisa Muntean, Abi Morgan**. Sophomore: **Gordy Ruchti**. Freshmen: **Michael Adeyanju, Greg Seymour**. Middle School: **Ce Ci Ruchti, Michael Glass**.

**Ted Foster,**  
**Newsletter Editor**

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### ***Goodbye to Kate Ortman...***

Kate Ortman will be leaving Athens on May 25<sup>th</sup> to begin her studies at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City. Kate was baptized at Good Shepherd in June 1978; and has served as an acolyte, a choir member, a bell ringer, and a lector. We will miss her and all the contributions she has made to Good Shepherd over the years.

We wish her well on her new adventure.

***Lynn Graham,***  
***Coordinator Lay Ministries***

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### **A Visit from Sister Faith Margaret, CHS**

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:

7:30 p.m.

Healing Service, Nave

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Paths to Prayer Workshop, Undercroft

Sign up in the Parish Office for an individual conference on Friday or Saturday.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:**                    **J. Renard Phillips, birthday**  
Free Wednesday Lunch  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft  
Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Nave  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**                    **G. Kaye Rakes, birthday**  
Scripps School of Journalism Lectures  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Nave
- Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**                    **Jane Paynter, birthday**  
Outreach Committee Benefit Dinner  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Undercroft
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Utreya Potluck**  
5:30 p.m., Undercroft  
**Utreya Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., Undercroft
- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Therese Lackey, birthday**
- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Anne Braxton, birthday**  
**Jane Palmer, birthday**  
**Caroline Wilson, birthday**
- Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Free Wednesday Lunch**  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft  
Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m., Nave  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m., Nave
- Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Sabrina Rakes, birthday**  
**Steven Steward, birthday**
- Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>:**                    **Megan Houston, birthday**  
Free Wednesday Lunch  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave

## CALENDAR OF EVENT

- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:** Edward T. Payne, birthday  
Vestry Meeting  
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Habitat for Humanity Fund Raiser  
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Undercroft
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Andrew Stout, birthday
- Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Ce Ci Ruchti, birthday
- Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Charles Gault, birthday
- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bonnie Savage, birthday
- Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:** June Wieman, birthday  
John & Christy Ortman, anniversary
- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Adam & Helen Marsh, anniversary
- Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Free Wednesday Lunch  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft  
Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Ross Klingaman, birthday
- Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Pathways to Prayer Workshop  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Undercroft  
Ultreya Potluck  
5:30 p.m., Undercroft  
Ultreya Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Undercroft