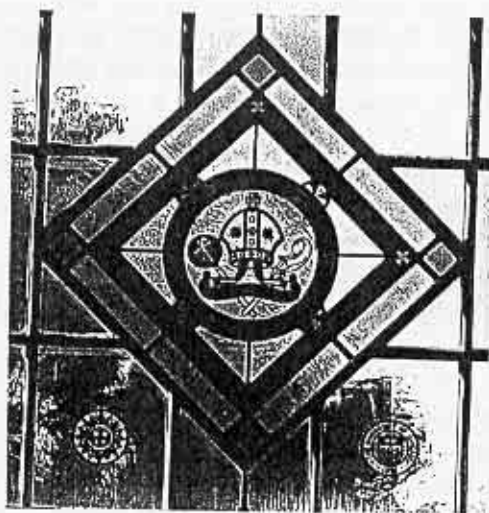


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Senior Warden's Comments

The date, the cooler weather, and all the leaves from the trees in my yard and gutters scream AUTUMN. As I think about Autumn (or FALL) it brings on some excitement in my mind. There are so many things going on in which everyone can be involved.

First is our weekend with our friend Sr. Faith Margaret. We will have the Healing Service and Eucharist on Friday, October 4th, at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, October 5th, there will be a Quiet Morning/Retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These events have always been very special and uplifting to those attending. All are welcome!

On Saturday, October 19th, we will have our Fall Flea Market and need all the help we can get. It takes time and many helping hands to set up, sell, and clean up. The set up time starts Wednesday, October 16th, at 1:00 p.m. and continues Thursday and Friday until completed and the doors open Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Let us know if you can furnish clean, repaired items and/or help on any of the three and a half days.

Another big (very big) event will be the visit of Bishop Thompson and celebration of the church's 50th anniversary on the present site. You will hear more about this event in the weeks ahead. The date is Sunday, November 24th, - mark the date now so you can help celebrate!

Don't forget the cookies for the prison. Good Shepherd has been most helpful in this important outreach program in the past. Let's get into the cookie-baking mode again before the October 16th deadline. Put your cookies in bags of 2 dozen each and bring them to the church kitchen where Jim and Jan Gault will pick them up!

I can't end my comments without mentioning the loss of one of our oldest parishioners - Elsa Stout. Elsa passed away peacefully a week ago. She was a very special lady to many people and will be missed. Did you know Elsa was instrumental in getting Good Shepherd church services started at Lindley Inn?

She was so proud of that. Elsa's funeral service at Good Shepherd was just as she wanted with the people she wanted - I'm sure she was happy with it!

To close I want to remind each of you that you make a difference and you are needed. We must think about what God is calling us to do, collectively and individually, for the present and for the future of Good Shepherd.

Give it some thought!



Julia Nehls
Senior Warden

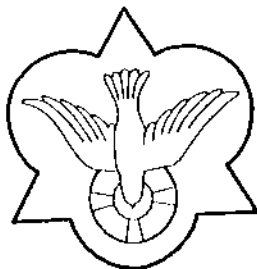
A Letter to the Parish . . .

I am anticipating my next trip to Athens with great joy. It is such a treat for me to be welcomed into your parish family for these brief visits. What a delight it has been to be with you three times since my last "official" visit in June.

In October we will again have a Healing Service and Eucharist on Friday evening, October 4th. All are encouraged to participate in this moving and meaningful liturgy - those who ask healing for themselves or for others and those who are able to be part of the prayer support of this ministry.

On Saturday, October 5th, we will have a "Quiet Morning" where we will explore a couple of different methods or tools for prayer. This is a time for beginners and seasoned pray-ers alike - bring your heart, soul, mind and strength, and a bag lunch if you wish to stay for the optional discussion.

Peace,
Sr. Faith Margaret



Parish Health Ministry

We are all commanded to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This of course implies that we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Are you doing your best to take care of your mind, body, and spirit, so that you can use the gifts that were given to you to serve the Lord and others? Do you love yourself enough to forgive those things that you ought not to have done? Do you love yourself enough to make the effort to do those things that you ought to do? Here's a couple suggested "oughts":

- ⇒ **Join the Walk 50 miles in 50 days group** – you can walk more than a mile a day and still get your 50 miles accomplished before our 50th anniversary.
 - ⇒ **Come to our Health Team Meeting** - October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Hobson Lounge and find out how you can arrange advanced directives and living wills. It is best to consider these topics before there is a crisis. It is a gift to your loved ones not to make them try to decide what you would have wanted. The Vial of Life will be available and is always available to Good Shepherd – just ask.
 - ⇒ **Blood Pressure Checks** are available usually on the first Sunday of the month and can be requested anytime. October 6th is the next scheduled date.
4. **Lindley Inn services** are every other week usually at 2:00 p.m. October 6th and 20th are scheduled. **Everyone is welcome!** Volunteers to gather the residents, help sing, read a lesson, and play music are greatly appreciated, but you can come just to refresh your spirit.

I JOHN 4:7-8,18-19

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have know God, because God is love.

In love there can be no fear, but fear is driven out by perfect love, because to fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love. We are to love, then, because he loved us first.

***Debbie Hillard,
Parish Health Ministry***

News from the Pews. . . .

Add to the Alaska cruise list: **Jack and Leslie Flemming**. Belated welcome back to **Karen Evans-Romaine**, who followed up her work in Russia by serving a second summer as coordinator of the summer Russian program at Middlebury College in Vermont.

All good wishes for a strong recover to **Allyn Reilly**, who had prostrate surgery recently.

Congratulations to **Earl and Pat Funk**, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 14th. They were married at Good Shepherd (East State and Carpenter Streets) by The Rev. Phil Porter.

Good to have **Kate Ortman** with us for the Labor Day Eucharist and Picnic. Also good to have **Barbara Stout** to report on her activities in Manhattan since 9-11-01, and to help put the tragic event in the context of all world suffering

Our **rector** was back in New England visiting his mother on September 11th. **Marsha Dutton** was back in Washington D.C. for this year's Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue.

Just as **Jane Palmer** is down to two courses for her degree, so **Lee** has enrolled at Ohio University. Jane works at the HDL Center as Prevailing Wage Coordinator.

Liddy Hoster, a former Ohio University graduate student and VMA, has been ordained to the transitional diaconate at Sewanee.

The Rev. **Katharin Foster** had a poem published in the July/August 2002 Dayspring publication of the Diocese of West Virginia.

Reid Sinclair,
Roving Reporter

A reflection on September 11

On Wednesday, September 11, 2002 I had the opportunity to attend an Interfaith worship service at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. as a part of the "day of prayer and remembrance in recognition of the first anniversary of the attacks of September 11th." I'd like to share with you some of the notable things that happened during that service and during that day.

As I walked to the Cathedral from my hotel, I was amazed by how many people were out either walking to work or walking their dogs. From my hotel I had to pass through a residential area of the city. There were many people who made eye contact and who spoke to me on that sunny morning. I don't know if it was because of "the day" or just because Washingtonians are friendly. Nonetheless, I felt right at home in their neighborhood...in their city.

As my walk continued, I spotted the Cathedral in the distance; my excitement grew at the prospect of being there on such an extraordinary day. There were others who were rushing to the Cathedral and there was a good bit of excitement in the air. After going through a metal detector and the obligatory search at the door, I had time to center and consider the day. I opened the program (which you can access online at www.cathedral.org/cathedral/pdfs/91102.pdf). Individuals from many diverse backgrounds took part in the service. These individuals shared readings and prayers from a wide variety of faiths, including the Hindu faith, Buddhism, Judaism, the Muslim faith, Christianity, Greek Orthodox, and the Sikh faith.

The most moving part of the service for me was the processional, which started with a bagpiper playing a somber tune. Students from nearby Episcopal schools followed the piper carrying flags of nations who had lost members on September 11th. Another student followed carrying the U.S. flag. Service participants and others, including The Rev. Jesse Jackson (who did not take part in the service), then processed down the aisle.

There were many representatives from the Diocese of Washington. The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus, Diocese of Capetown, South Africa gave the homily. His address is also available on the web as an audio file. The basic message that Bishop Tutu delivered had three main points. First was that God is with us...Immanuel. God was with the people

who perished on September 11, 2001. God was there as planes crashed, as buildings tumbled and as debris rained down. Just as God was there when servants were tossed into the furnace (Daniel 3:1-30), so was God there in New York City, at the Pentagon, and on that plane flying over Pennsylvania.

Tutu's second point was that we are vulnerable and fragile and that only God is ultimately invincible. Unfortunately, as Americans, we found that out on September 11, 2001. We were targeted, hurt, and vulnerable. The good news, said Tutu, is that God takes us up and holds us safe in God's palm.

Third, Tutu, stated that we all belong together and that we are all one family...the family of God. This is a radical notion. We are all one - Palestinian & Jew, Christian & Muslim. All of us belong to the same family. Tutu then went on to state that we cannot win the war against terrorism until we win the war against poverty, disease, and ignorance. These are the things that make people desperate and it is that desperation that leads to terrorism. We are bound to one another and we can only be human, free, safe, and prosperous TOGETHER.

The service was interrupted twice by the tolling of the cathedral's Bourdon bell to mark the anniversary moment of each of the four plane crashes, in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. The names of all the victims were read throughout the day until 6 p.m. Attorney General John Ashcroft read the first 20 names during the service.

On a more personal note, I ran into a friend from Oregon who happened to also be at the service. We were attending the same conference in D.C. I had no idea that she would be at the conference and I never dreamed that I would see anyone I knew among the several thousand attendees at the service. I had dinner with her and her family that evening, and we all agreed that it was great to be with friends on such an extraordinary day.

Ann Rathbun

Inquirers' Class Schedule Fall 2002

The Inquirers' class is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church's doctrine, practice, history, and life (that is, what we believe and do, where we began, and how the church is organized). We will meet on Sundays in Hobson Lounge for six weeks, beginning about 15 minutes after the end of church and ending as promptly as possible at 1:00. People may attend every session or only those whose subjects most interest them, and the group is equally open to people who have been confirmed and worshipping in the Episcopal Church for 30 years and to those who just yesterday first walked in the front door of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On November 24 the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, will make his regular visitation to Good Shepherd and will be prepared to confirm anyone who wishes to be confirmed. Participation in an Inquirers' Class is a usual preparation for adult confirmation, so I will be focusing our discussions on the needs of those looking forward to confirmation, but I expect the class to be as useful for those not planning to be confirmed as for those who do intend to be confirmed in November.

An outline of the topics and themes to be considered during each of the six sessions appears below. Six weeks is hardly enough time to get started on these vast topics, and there are a lot of other things that we would certainly like to consider, but this plan will at least get us grounded and begun.

We will meet from September 29th till November 10th. Please note that we will NOT meet on the first Sunday of October.

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| Sept. 29: | Christian Doctrine
The Nicene Creed
Incarnation, The Trinity, Redemption,
Death and Resurrection |
| Oct. 13 | The Book of Common Prayer
Sacraments: Initiation
Baptism, Confirmation |
| Oct. 20 | Sacraments: Eucharist
Morning and Evening prayer
What happens in Church |

- Oct. 27 Ecclesiology (the doctrine of the Church)
 History of the Church
- Nov. 3 Anglican History
 History of the Episcopal Church (our name, relationship
 with the Anglican Communion)
- Nov. 10 Lay and ordained ministry
 Local church
 The relationship of the Episcopal Church with other
 Christian churches

Marsha Dutton

Feasibility Study Update

In January the interim period begins and will be a time for prayer and self-examination, a time of re-affirming our missions and spiritual voyage. A feasibility study is in essence a "self study" - one of the components in looking for a new rector. This assessment will help potential candidates match with us. Furthermore, an outsider is needed to help us determine what is most important, to help determine, in a sensitive/professional manner, the nature and extent of support locally and "alumni" support for a capital campaign.

The Capital Campaign Committee has checked with many references for Evans/Davis and Company, and we found the firm extremely well regarded. The committee will encourage the Vestry to utilize this firm for a feasibility study during the coming year.

We may not want or need to conduct a subsequent full-blown capital campaign. This decision depends on what we feel God wants us to do as a parish. I believe we will come to terms with this issue, to a "sense of the meeting".

The Ad-hoc Capital Campaign Committee's impatience grows from a strong belief that a study and potential campaign are important, and the "window of opportunity" will not last long, for small problems today become potentially unmanageable. To some a campaign would seemingly subvert our primary and highest standard to be good stewards of the message of Jesus Christ. However, the motivation is not simply money; it is about empowering our work in Christian Ministry.

As a parish we are both a corporate entity and a spiritual entity, sacred and secular. Just as we ourselves are body and soul, this parish is a corporate building, administrative organization, and house of worship, which help us live and tell the story. Yes, we are stewards of

the faith and we share the faith. We are also stewards of the earth, our bodies, the building, the endowments, our administration - all gifts of God who is the source of all that we have - and being good stewards is to responsibly use them to tell the story with thanksgiving. Without stewardship of the corporate components we cannot tell the story.

So returning to the practical realm - the current 10% rate of draw down on the endowments for "operational" expenses is not good stewardship. Conversely "sitting" on endowments and not spending money is not good stewardship. Building endowments to help empower long term work, such as supporting a Christian Formation position, or even simply giving the income to the poor is good stewardship. Borrowing from endowments to "kick start" a project such as the steps, or the occasional well thought out big capital expense is also good stewardship. We must be confident that our resources are utilized to bring out the best in us in doing God's work, proclaim His love, tell the story - Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. Amen.

Ted Foster,
Capital Campaign Committee

Every Member Canvass Update

I am pleased to report that approximately \$65,000 has been pledged and the average increase amongst this earlier group is about 3%. Forty-one units have pledged so far.

I would like to remind others to pledge early (and often) so that the Vestry can develop a budget by November.

Al Topping,
Every Member Canvass Chair

October Worship Schedule

Wednesday, October 2nd: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

Friday, October 4th: Healing Service & Eucharist
7:30 p.m., Nave

Sunday, October 6th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave
Blessing of the Animals
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn

Wednesday, October 9th: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

Sunday, October 13th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave

Wednesday, October 16th: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

Sunday, October 20th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn

Wednesday, October 23rd: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

Sunday, October 27th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
10:30 a.m., Nave

Wednesday, October 30th: Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 1st:** Eric Jennings, birthday
Joe Walker, birthday
Kaye & Mary Anne Rakes, anniversary
- Wednesday, October 2nd:** Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, October 3rd:** John Lucas, birthday
Susan (Gault) Enlow, birthday
- Friday, October 4th:** Leslie Flemming, birthday
David & Christina Gault, anniversary
- Saturday, October 5th:** Christy Ortman, birthday
Mary Anne Rakes, birthday
Quiet Morning Retreat
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft
Ultreya Potluck
5:30 p.m., Undercroft
Ultreya Meeting
6:30 p.m., Undercroft
- Sunday, October 6th:** Sheppard Black, birthday
Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis, birthday
Daniel Riffe, birthday
- Monday, October 7th:** Katharin Foster, birthday
Anthony & Connie Pikaart DeBerardinis, anniversary
Parish Health Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Tuesday, October 8th:** Worship Committee Meeting
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Wednesday, October 9th:** William Brophy, birthday
Stella Lee, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, October 10th:** David Gault, birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday, October 11th: Debbie Hillard, birthday
- Sunday, October 13th: Inquirer's Class
11:30 a.m., Hobson Lounge
- Monday, October 14th: Daniel & Dee Dee Riffe, anniversary
- Wednesday, October 16th: Jess Luce, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Thursday, October 17th: Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge
- Saturday, October 19th: Carl Ortman, birthday
Marthas Flea Market
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Undercroft
- Sunday, October 20th: Bill Shepherd, birthday
- Wednesday, October 23rd: Meghan Purdy, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave
- Sunday, October 27th: Ted Sherman, birthday
Inquirer's Class
11:30 a.m., Hobson Lounge
- Tuesday, October 29th: Carolyn Reilly, birthday
- Wednesday, October 30th: Kelsey Lackey, birthday
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave