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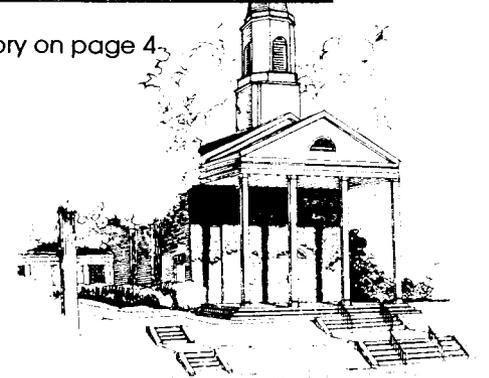
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View from the Terrace

This month's View from the Terrace is somewhat untidy.

First, let me say something about the holidays. Not to be a grouch, but I find the holiday season to be annoying and unsettling, mainly because the reason we have the holidays in the first place gets shoved aside by the tide of year-end events. But there is one bright spot. The past three years I have accompanied Katharin (as driver) on her rounds of Christmas Eve services for the River Bend Cluster. This sounds mushy, but there is hardly any way I can express the joy I have felt as I have watched Katharin in action. It is partly a sense of pride in Katharin's growth in skill and technique, but the real joy is seeing her faith, seeing her love of God, what a beautiful sight indeed!

Second, our Rector is leaving, and there is a real sense of sorrow in this, a sense of being launched on waves of an uncertain future (for both Mike and ourselves, I imagine). Yes, there is more work to be done. This parish will start thinking about the interim process and about what we parishioners will seek in a new priest, which eventually we will find no doubt. We will need to be able to articulate who we are, what we believe, and where we want to take this parish in the future. However, we also need to mourn (in a positive building sense). Let's reflect on Mike, and on those many lasting impacts to all the souls that he has touched on the path along the way, reflect and feel accomplishment for all the good work that we have done together over the past 23 years.

Third, inside this Good News is a note from the Outreach Committee about Barbara Boghetich. Barbara works with six churches in the Siguatepeque area of Honduras. Several Ohio parishes have and will do short term mission work in the area. In the 1990s a group from Good Shepherd bought building materials and contributed labor toward construction of an addition to the San Matias mission in La Laguna. (On the Good Shepherd website - <http://frognet.net/~chogs/photos.htm> - are some photos and links to more information.)

In regards to our own mission, I believe this is a case where modest money and time, on our own standards, has gone a long way. We witnessed one of the first examples of a change of attitude of the local people of the Siguatepeque area in taking an interest in their own community, working as volunteers on community projects. These short-term missions are cases where a relatively small number of persons and cash resources can have a lasting, growing, impact on living conditions and on the Church's evangelical mission. Jesus told his disciples "I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves." (And as we know, Jesus certainly did not understate things.) The

Outreach Committee suggests an opportunity for us to extend our own mission to spread the positive influences of the 'good news' amongst the wolves (with spectacular less personal risk than the disciples). In Honduras, as well as throughout the world, the "wolves" consist of poverty and despair. Within the Good Shepherd budget, there remains a small "Honduras Project" pass-through account. I think the idea of the committee to contribute toward school uniforms and tuition can have far-reaching impact. Barbara clearly sees the universal fact that education, for both young men and women, is requisite to break the cycle of poverty and low self-esteem, to counteract the "machismo" syndrome, to create conditions to nurture the development of local leadership. Contributions toward this Honduras Project account, the Outreach Committee's working with the South American Missionary Society, or directly with Barbara when she is able, will go a long way toward disrupting the cycle of poverty in giving the local church resources to insure that a child's education is not abandoned just because of growing up.

**Ted Foster,
Newsletter Editor**

ANNUAL ALL-PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 19, 2003

Elections

Reports

Budget

Please join us!

Senior Warden's Comments

The year 2002 flew by very quickly and here we are starting the year 2003.

I am sure everyone is speculating and wondering what this new year will bring to Good Shepherd. We know it will bring change and some of us don't like change - we are too comfortable in the way things are.

Change is a challenge and Good Shepherd is facing challenging times during 2003.

Bishop Thompson's visit in December was a bitter-sweet event. He Confirmed eight wonderful people - four young people and four adults. He also performed the service for Ending a Pastoral Relationship - a very moving service in which we said goodbye and God's speed to Mike Morgan. This was followed by a reception in the Undercroft for the Bishop, our Rector, and our newly Confirmed members.

On January 19th at the All Parish Meeting we will be voting in a new Vestry.

Changes - challenges - Vestry Retreat - possible new goals etc. Yes, we are facing changes - but change is good and it is important for each of us to reflect on how we can be helpful and open minded. One of the best ways I can think of is to support our Vestry.

Positive thinking is not always easy when confronting new ways of doing things. But if we remain focused on keeping hope strong and not succumbing to negative influences, we will be able to meet successfully with the challenges and inevitable changes at Good Shepherd.

I ask your prayers as we proceed into 2003 at Good Shepherd.

Julia Nehls
Senior Warden

Outreach Report...

In the prayers of the people we have been praying for Barbara Boghetich who, as some of you know, was our host when a group from Good Shepherd went on a work mission to Honduras. She was seriously injured in a traffic accident and the following is from a letter, *Honduran Happenings*, she wrote just before her accident.

"The darkness had set in so we hooked the generator to a car battery and the room lit as it filled with people. Old and young, wearing jackets and sweaters, come were barefoot or wore flip-flops. It was cold and damp but they kept coming until the room was full. A small group of us began singing accompanied by our 2 guitars. Suddenly a burst of music filled the crowded room and 8 musicians with accordion, tambourines, and guitars entered, praising God as they played. The priest followed and the service began. I was overwhelmed there were 280 people gathered, some walking over 2 hours to get there. All I could think of was the crowds following Jesus. We had been invited to this remote mountain village nearly 2 hours from Siguatepeque to celebrate the Eucharist and the room seemed filled with the Holy Spirit. Not only was the room full but every window was filled with people looking in.

Our new bishop, Bishop Allen, plans to make the diocese self-supporting where it can be, sending out missionaries. This is aggressive but not impossible. The change in attitude of the people is amazing. They are taking an interest in their communities and are willing to work together to raise money for projects. It is hard to explain how foreign these ideas are to the culture here. Work teams coming in have brought fellowship and awareness of being part of a larger community.

Children are staying in school longer. (Compulsory education is 1st through 6th grades.) The problem arises then because further school must be paid for and the family who can manage only 1 meal a day can scarcely afford tuition, uniforms, etc. for school. We have had a scholarship program for 2 years. Children without financial help work 10 hours a day 5 or 6 days a week, attending school evenings and weekends."

You can get the picture from her words. Here are children, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are in need of help for education if

they are ever to break out of poverty. As part of a community that values academics, I am deeply moved and hope that our parish will develop a plan of ongoing support for these children. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to become the Body of Christ for them.

The Outreach Committee

Jan Gault

Bruce Ergood

Reid Sinclair

Jeanne Wells

Good News

Sr. Faith Margaret will be at Good Shepherd from January 16th - 21st. This time will be spent in individual conferences as well as a Healing Service on Friday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak with Sr. Faith Margaret must sign up for a time. This can be done in the Parish Office either by coming in or calling (593-6877) Glenda. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. Sr. Faith Margaret is a good listener as well as a great spiritual advisor (many of us at Good Shepherd have already taken advantage of her talents). She knows Good Shepherd as well as the changes and challenges we face in 2003.

If you have any questions you may call me at 593-7354.

Julia Nehls
Senior Warden

Notes from the Organ Bench

There will be choir rehearsal every Wednesday in January with the exception of January 1st. Choir rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to join, high school age and older.

There will be an Epiphany Eve Carol Sing sponsored by the American Guild of Organist held at Good Shepherd on Sunday, January 5th, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a massed choir rehearsal at 2:30 p.m.

Come join us for the last chance to sing Christmas Carols.

Marsha Reilly,
Music Director

Ultreya Celebration

The Ultreya Meeting on Saturday, January 4th, will be an open celebration of Epiphany or Three Kings Night, with music, potluck, and costumes (shepherds or international). All church attenders, members, and children are cordially invited to attend this last celebration of the Christmas Season, and Christ's first reception of the Gentiles! It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. Bring instruments, voices, frankincense and myrrh - or food for the Food Pantry to honor the Christchild.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee will present to the Annual Meeting the following Election Slate for the year of 2003. For Senior Warden - Christy Ortman; Junior Warden - Allyn Reilly; Secretary - Bob Shelly; and Treasurer - Jack Flemming. For Vestry - Reid Sinclair (to replace Christy Ortman 1 year), Matthew Adeyanju, Alex Buckley, Preston Denton, Lynn Graham, and Laura Reams for College/Universtiy Representative (1year).

For Hocking Valley Deanery Representatives - Lynn Graham and Debbie Hillard; Diocesan Convention Delegates - Christy Ortman, Allyn Reilly, Helen Marsh, Ann Shelly with alternates - Lynn Graham and Julia Nehls.

Please note as per our by-laws additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor at the All Parish Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 19th. The Nominating Committee's slate is posted on the Bulletin Board in the stairwell.

The Nominating Committee,

Ted Foster, chair

Alex Buckley

Marsha Dutton

Jim Mowery

The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan, ex officio

The 2003 Good Shepherd Budget

is posted on the

Bulletin Board in the Stairwell.

January Worship Schedule

- Sunday, January 5th:** Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m., Nave
The Rev. Canon Nan Peete, Guest Preacher
- Wednesday, January 8th:** Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews
- Sunday, January 12th:** Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m. Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m., Nave
TBA, Guest Preacher
- Wednesday, January 15th:** Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews
- Friday, January 17th:** Healing Service & Eucharist
7:00 p.m., Nave
- Sunday, January 19th:** Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m., Nave
Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS, Guest Preacher
- Wednesday, January 22nd:** Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews
- Sunday, January 26th:** Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Lynn Graham, Officiant
Morning Prayer/Youth Sunday
10:30 a.m., Nave
- Wednesday, January 29th:** Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m., Choir Pews

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 1st: **Mary Culp, birthday**
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft

Thursday, January 2nd: **Lauren Spero, birthday**

Sunday, January 5th: **Gail (Gault) Connell, birthday**
 Bob Shelly, birthday
Epiphany Eve Carol Service
4:00 p.m., Nave

Tuesday, January 7th: **Sophia Karageorge, birthday**
 Julie Spero, birthday

Wednesday, January 8th: **Heather Sinclair, birthday**
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, January 9th: **Catherine Chagnot, birthday**

Friday, January 10th: **Pat Elisar, birthday**

Monday, January 13th: **Emilie Walker, birthday**

Wednesday, January 15th: Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, January 16th: Sr. Faith Margaret Conferences
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge
 Vestry Meeting
7:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 17th: **Cynthia Hampton, birthday**
 Matt Robinson, birthday
Sr. Faith Margaret Conferences
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Saturday, January 18th: Sr. Faith Margaret Conferences
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Sunday, January 19th: All Parish Annual Meeting
following the 10:30 a.m. service, Undercroft

Monday, January 20th: **Bobby Biddlestone, birthday**
 Anne Chagnot, birthday
Sr. Faith Margaret Conferences
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Tuesday, January 21st: **Keith Whitescarver, birthday**

Wednesday, January 22nd: **Anne Walker, birthday**
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Friday, January 24th: **Bill Biddlestone, birthday**

Monday, January 27th: **Sandi White, birthday**

Tuesday, January 28th: **Jim Anastas, birthday**

Wednesday, January 29th: **Gene Jennings, birthday**
Free Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undercroft
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave