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Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

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*Oh come let
us adore him*

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*The Episcopal Church on the Campus of Ohio University
Since 1875 - Established 1907 - Parish 1958*

*George Chen
1980*

In the Interim . . .

Living in the Light of Epiphany

Part of the promise and hope of Christ's coming is that we might live in the light. By that light we see the truth about our lives, and us. By that knowledge and that light we are empowered to walk the way that leads to new life. I can think of no more an appropriate image for the Church of the Good Shepherd as it seeks to find "its vision" and see "the way," the mission, that God has given it, a vision and mission that leads to a new future, a new life.

A **Vision Discernment Task Group** has now been formed and begins its work on January 8, work that will lead to a mission and vision that will define Good Shepherd's identity and the direction of its ministry for this time in its life. A group of seven people have thoughtfully taken on the responsibility of "shepherding" this task for the sake of the Vestry and congregation: **Geoff Buckley, Karen Evans-Romaine, Ted Foster, T.J. Luce, Carolyn Murphree, Allyn Reilly, and Ann Charles Watts**. I look forward to working with them in facilitating a most important task in the life of Good Shepherd.

Note: An outline of the Vision Discernment Process, which previously appeared in *Good News*, is available on the table in the Narthex or from the church office.

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The response to the **Introduction to Contemplative Prayer** was impressive with thirteen to twenty of the total of twenty-six participants attending one or more of the sessions. Congratulations to *Dana and Richard Carlson, Bruce Ergood, and Lynn Graham* for "perfect attendance" (they give awards to children for perfect church school attendance; why not to adults). *Judith Grant* would have also had perfect attendance except for the flu.

In January I will follow up with a monthly **Saturday Morning Contemplative Prayer**, usually on the third Saturday of the month. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, tea, and morning goodies in Hobson Lounge and then move into the church at 10:00 a.m. for two exercises (with a break between) and end by noon. Sign up in Church or through the church office beginning January 4th. This month's theme is (of course) *Living in the Light of Epiphany*.

Michael Jupin, Interim Priest



Senior Warden Comments

Thinking ahead to the date you will probably be reading this newsletter is a bit of a challenge. Today I am waiting at home for a phone call from the Mayflower moving van guy. He will tell me he's in Athens and ask directions to my house. He is bringing a desk and a stuffed buffalo's head from Gainesville, Florida to me. By the time you read the January newsletter, the buffalo will be gazing down at my family from our stairwell.

What I'm thinking about is how much importance we place on things that once belonged to a loved one. I'm still in the keeping stage, but even as I keep things I feel the presence of my brother melting away from these things.

I look towards this new year of 2004 with pleasant anticipation for the changes that we will be going through together at Good Shepherd. Just as the buffalo head becomes only itself, some of the past habits and traditions may melt away a bit too. I will follow with interest the work of the discernment task force. Their findings may reveal a side of Good Shepherd we could not see because we have moved in the same patterns for so long.

Christy Ortman
Senior Warden

Outreach Volunteer Needed

Our previous candidate was not able to serve on the United Campus Ministry board. If you are interested, contact Lynn Graham – a previous board member – as to the responsibilities of the position. Reid Sinclair can also provide information about United Campus Ministry.



Worship Committee Notes . . .

The Worship Committee met Thursday, December 10th.

As part of each meeting, the committee reviews and discusses regular and special services to see how we are doing, what adjustments need to be made and comments received from parishioners. The committee also finalized plans for the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Services.

A meeting was held with prayer leaders to discuss the Prayers of the People and options available for leading prayers. Options included using the forms in the Book of Common Prayer, using alternative sources or writing one's own prayers using the prescribed format from the Book of Common Prayer. Rev. Michael Jupin provided copies of books that included alternative sources. The scheduler for prayer leaders will assign who will led the prayers and provide copies of sample prayers to the weekly prayer leader for their use in the preparation for the prayers.

The need for a Publicity Committee (2 or 3 people) was discussed. It is important that information about events at the Church reach the media. A paid ad listing all of our Christmas and New Year's Eve Services was placed in the Athens Messenger. Rev. Michael Jupin, Marsha Reilly and Christy Ortman will select a committee from names submitted to them by the Worship Committee and Vestry.

Christmas II precedes Epiphany this year. Three children, who will be dressed as kings, will come in at the end of the service. Rev. Jupin will give the king figures to the three kings. The three kings will lead the procession out at the end of the service. This will signify the close of the Christmas season and the beginning of the Epiphany season. The Epiphany season will begin on Tuesday, January 6th, and continue until Ash Wednesday on February 25th, 2004.

The monthly potluck for January will not be held. Rev. Jupin will announce the intention of monthly potlucks and encourage people and/or groups to sign up to host a potluck.

For the season of Lent, we will continue with the mid-week Eucharist followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. During the meal and before Choir practice, reflections and discussion around visioning will take place during the meal time.

Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector, and Usher schedules are not being sent by e-mail for those who have e-mail addresses. Please check your e-mail for your upcoming schedule.

Members of the Worship Committee are Matthew Adeyanju, Leslie Flemming, Lynn Graham, Chair, Rev. Michael Jupin, Julie Nehls, Christy Ortman, and Marsha Reilly. The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, January 8th, 2004, at noon in Hobson Lounge.

Lynn Graham
Worship Committee Chair

Wednesday Lunch Report: Remembering Matt Robinson

Matt Robinson was a regular for Wednesday Lunch and his death was experienced as a great loss to many. Here are two recollections of Matt: one from Wednesday Lunch crew member Pat Grean and the other, in a letter to the crew, from former rector Mike Morgan.

Matt Robinson was one of our most faithful guests at Wednesday Lunch. Frequently the first to arrive, he would announce his presence with a few tunes on the piano, then greet us with some corny joke. He talked with everyone especially favoring any pretty lady there. He often told us that our lunches were the very best (especially the butterscotch pudding) and we loved him for that gracious fib. We miss him greatly.

Pat Grean

I was saddened to learn of the death of Matt Robinson. He was such a character, and a special child of God; always ready to engage with humor (corny, off color jokes, silly songs, goofy limericks, et. al.) as well as ready on a moment's notice to make music on the piano or rap out rhythmic drumbeats with his hands on the table. [He showed] patience and tolerance with his peers [and] faithfulness in coming to Wednesday Lunch during the coldest winter days and hottest summer moths...He'll be missed.

Mike Morgan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee will present to the Annual Meeting the following slate of officers for the year 2004: Senior Warden - Christy Ortman; Junior Warden - Allyn Reilly; Secretary – Alex Buckley; Treasurer - Jack Flemming. For Vestry for three year terms: Dana Carlson; Roland Swardson; Al Topping; one additional person soon to be named; and Laura Reams for College/University Representative for a one year term.

Diocesan Convention Delegates - Christy Ortman, Allyn Reilly, Lynn Graham, and Terrie Sherman with alternates – Gifford Doxsee and Curt Sherman.

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 18th. The Nominating Committee's slate is posted on the Bulletin Board in the stairwell.

The Nominating Committee,

Ann Rathbun, convener
Zelma Coleman
Reid Sinclair
The Rev. Michael Jupin
Christy Ortman, ex officio

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

**The Church of the Good Shepherd
announces the**

**2004 Annual All Parish Meeting
Elections, Reports, Budgets**

**Sunday, January 18th, 2004
following the 10:30 a.m. service**

View from the Terrace

Genesis 2:24 *And God said, "let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds..." And it was so.* This is the remarkable story of the Buckeye Buck, a tale of a survivor.

If you haven't guessed, Buckeye Buck is a male white-tailed deer. Survivors of war, prison camps, and disasters often call themselves "one of the lucky ones." Buckeye Buck is one of the lucky ones and has survived several hunting seasons. However, like other survivors, personality plays a part and Buckeye is a survivor because he is the most cunning stag in Canaan Township.

Katharin and I have gotten to know Buckeye Buck quite well and admire his prowess. Buckeye and his deer clan do bask in a grace of sorts – they unquestionably accept and are joyful participants of the wonderful world we see outside of our window every day of the year. We doubt if Buckeye knows the potter's hand slipped a little when he created the weird reproductive strategy of the deer species. We doubt if Buckeye thinks much about his hominid nemesis's use of the word "harvest" to ease a sense of guilt.

But we do know Buckeye Buck considers hominids as particularly dangerous in the fall season. He certainly does not accept the prevailing notion that the purpose of deer in the world is to be eaten. He believes that his particular role in nature, besides spreading DNA throughout the universe, is to jerk hominid deer hunters around. For Buckeye Buck, deer season is payback time, and deer hunters are going to get what is coming to them. Buckeye can't talk, so no shouting "free beer and pizza" to lure hunters within goring range. Buckeye can't handle the M-16, so no "Hasta la vista, venison-eater!" Not having an opposing thumb, language, or the fire-power his stalkers possess, Buckeye makes use of the gifts he does have – the fever of the rut, great observation, and being swift of foot. Perhaps the potter's hand did not slip after all.

Buckeye has observed hominid hunting behavior and knows the successful hunter learns the deer's habits and is able to recognize signs that signal a buck is in the area. Buckeye has learned to overload a hunter's psyche with such signs and has turned himself into an urban legend among local hunters. For example, to the hunter one sure sign that a buck is in the vicinity is a "rub" where a branch or sapling has been stripped of its bark by a buck rubbing its antlers. Early in the fall

Buckeye makes lots of these so the hunter thinks there are many buck deer in the vicinity. This attracts the hunters to a concentrated area where he can keep track of them. In the earlier part of the season these hominids tend to set up "tree stands" and do not leave the area.

Later in the fall, as gun season approaches hominids become more dangerous. Additional control measures are needed. Buckeye keeps them interested by utilizing his antler-work to make fresh signs on larger, harder trees, as if these many restless bucks were shaping up their fighting skills. This increases the adrenaline level among the hominids increasing the likelihood of hasty shooting without taking careful aim.

Buckeye has more psychological warfare tools in his arsenal. To the hunter an even better sign that a buck is around is an "active" scrape. This is where a buck has pawed the leaves and grass away. Buckeye knows that a good hunter thinks that a buck fully caught up in the fever of the rut may have several scrapes, or conversely may post just one scrape and stay nearby. Buckeye makes numerous scrapes and the confused hunters do not know if there are several bucks around or just one truly enormous 14-point buck. In hominids uncertainty increases spookiness, their imagination runs wild, accuracy declines.

Moreover the scrape that is being renewed and maintained is a sure sign to the hunter that a buck will be along sooner rather than later. Knowing that hominids are particularly afraid that someone else might get "their" deer, Buckeye frequently spruces up his scrapes, first in one area and then in another. This keeps the hunters concentrated and preoccupied. Buckeye knows that groups of hominids tend to socialize and drink spirituous liquids and when on the move become increasingly excitable and are soon unable to hit the broad side of a barn.

The above tactics have served Buckeye well. However, like many politicians we know, Buckeye is a bit reckless in his personal life. He likes the thrill of streaking. Having carefully softened up his many pursuers for weeks, during the final minutes of hunting season Buckeye has his moment. Payback time! He makes an appearance at one end of the township. "Here I am!" "Look at me!" One can hear the frantic explosions of gunfire progressing along the ridgelines as Buckeye runs the gauntlet to survive and enhance his legendary status. There is nothing more satisfying to Buckeye Buck than the fed up hominid slowly trudging to their SUV.

**Ted Foster,
Newsletter Editor**

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A Visit from Sr. Faith Margaret

Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS, will be with us from Thursday, January 8th, until Monday, January 12th. Everyone is invited to attend all of the following meetings:

Thursday, January 8th: Evening Prayer with Associates
5:30 p.m., Nave and anyone who would like to attend.

Friday, January 9th: Private Conferences
anytime Schedule an appointment by calling
Glenda, 593-6877 or Julie, 593-7354

Saturday, January 10th: Quiet Morning
9:00 a.m. – noon, Nehls Hall

Sunday, January 11th: Lindley Inn Worship Service
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility

Face to Face with God

On Saturday, January 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Nehls Hall for Quiet Morning:

In the collect for Epiphany we pray: "Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face."

In the Quiet Morning we will explore the themes of Epiphany and the ways God is manifest to us today in our own lives. I look forward to seeing you.

Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS



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January Worship Schedule

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

Beginning Sunday, January 11th, those having Birthdays & Anniversaries will be recognized during the service. At the January 11th service recognition will include those who have had birthdays & anniversaries up through and including January 17th. Matthew Adeyanju has had a special coin box made so that those being blessed may drop in coins of thanksgiving. The coins collected will be given to the Interim Priest's Discretionary Fund.

"LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF EPIPHANY"

A Morning for Contemplative Prayer

Leader: Michael Jupin

Saturday, January 17

9:30 a.m. Coffee, etc., Hobson Lounge

10:00 a.m. Gather in Church for Prayer

Noon: End

Sign up in church or call the church office

Beginning January 4th

THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR "THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY" is Sunday, January 25, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Athens.

There will be an 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite I) in Bishop Black Chapel on that day but no 10:30 a.m. service at Good Shepherd.

Do plan to join with other Christians from our community to give thanks and pray for the unity that we have in Christ.

Sunday, January 4th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Wednesday, January 7th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Thursday, January 8th: Evening Prayer & Meditation
5:30 p.m., Nave
Sr. Faith Margaret, Leader

Sunday, January 11th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider
Lindley Inn Worship Service
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility
Sr. Faith Margaret, Celebrant

Wednesday, January 14th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Sunday, January 18th: Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 a.m., Bishop Black Chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Wednesday, January 21st: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Sunday, January 25th: Athens Ecumenical Service
11:00 a.m., First Presbyterian Church
Lindley Inn Worship Service
2:00 p.m., Lindley Inn Assisted Living Facility
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

Wednesday, January 28th: Midweek Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Nave
the Rev. Michael Jupin, Presider

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 1st: Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 2nd: Parish Office Closed

Sunday, January 4th: Adult Education Open Discussion
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

Wednesday, January 7th: Free Wednesday Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, January 8th: Worship Committee Meeting
Noon, Hobson Lounge
Vision Discernment Task Group Meeting
7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Saturday, January 10th: Quiet Morning
9:00 a.m. - noon, Nehls Hall
Altar Guild to remove Christmas Decorations
1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11th: Adult Education Open Discussion
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

Wednesday, January 14th: Free Wednesday Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Thursday, January 15th: Vestry Meeting
7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Sunday, January 18th: Adult Education Open Discussion
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge
All Parish Annual Meeting
following 10:30 a.m. service, Nehls Hall

Monday, January 19th: Parish Office Closed

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 21st: Free Wednesday Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

Saturday, January 24th: Contemplative Prayer Morning
9:30 a.m. - noon, Nave

Wednesday, January 28th: Free Wednesday Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall
Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Nave

January Birthdays

Jan. 1st: Mary Culp
Jan. 2nd: Lauren Spero
Jan. 5th: Gail (Gault) Connell,
Bob Shelly
Jan. 7th: Sophia Karageorge,
Julie Spero
Jan. 8th: Heather Sinclair
Jan. 9th: Catherine Chagnot
Jan. 10th: Pat Elisar
Jan. 13th: Emilie Walker
Jan. 14th: Geoff Buckley
Jan. 20th: Anne Alice Chagnot,
Bobby Biddlestone
Jan. 22nd: Anne Walker
Jan. 24th: Bill Biddlestone
Jan. 27th: Michael Jupin,
Sandi White
Jan. 28th: Jim Anastas
Jan. 29th: Gene Jennings

