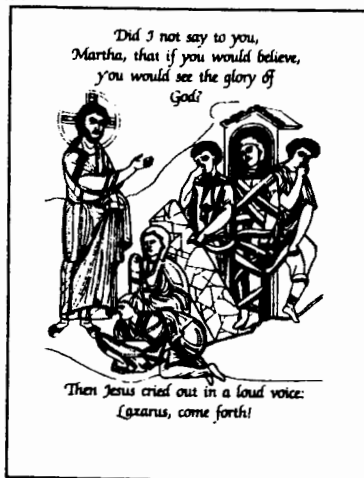

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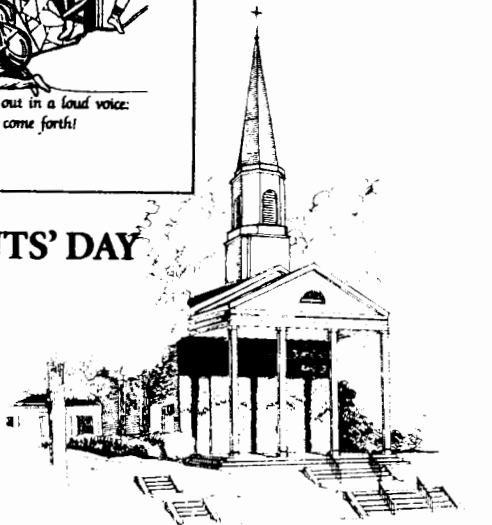
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In the Interim . . .

THE COTTAGE GATHERINGS: PREPARING THE PARISH PROFILE

As I write this column Cottage Gatherings are taking place at Good Shepherd led by the members of the Profile Committee. As Profile Chair Allyn Reilly has said, there are two main objectives for these gatherings:

- to identify what the members want the profile to tell clergy (potential rectors) and the world about “who we are at Good Shepherd,” and
- to name the qualities and characteristics that Good Shepherd is looking for in a new rector and that will be a part of the profile.

Contributing greatly to the determination of the later objective are the mission statement and goals that the Vestry and congregation have developed in the first part of this year. A careful reflection on the mission statement and goals will help identify what leadership skills and qualities a new rector should possess. (see their listing below)

The qualities and characteristics sought in a new rector then become central to the way in which the search is conducted. I have found this out personally as a member of the Nominating Committee for our next Bishop. That committee has taken the seven qualities or skills sought in a new bishop and shaped its request for written materials and its phone and face-to-face interviews with questions that specifically address them.

For example one quality the diocesan profile lists as being sought in a new bishop is *Deals creatively with Conflict and Change*. The one question all the committee members have been asking *all* the potential bishop nominees to get at this leadership quality is “*Tell us a story about when you led, proactively, in addressing an important and complex issue and what happened.*” You will note that in asking this question we are not looking for a philosophical or hypothetical response. We want to know about a particular time that gives the context, what the priest did, and what the result was from his or her action. The assumption on which such questions are based is “A person is most likely to act now and in the future in a way very similar to how they have acted in the past.”

All of this is to say that **these cottage gatherings are very important; that they will shape the future of Good Shepherd.** The more members of Good Shepherd who thoughtfully and reflectively engage in them the more likely it is that that future will be positive. (The remaining cottages gatherings are listed below)

***Michael Jupin,
Interim Priest***

Good Shepherd's Mission State and Goals

The Mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is
*to know and follow Christ in loving service to the campus, the
community, and the world.*

Goals

- 1 Continue to build upon a strong heritage of worship and music that is eucharistically and prayer book centered and which strongly involves the laity.
- 2 Raise up and strengthen vestry and other lay ministers who can provide consistent and visionary leadership and assist the parish in understanding and responding to conflict.
- 3 Learn about and foster financial stewardship especially as it pertains to the monetary requirements of a full time priest and other personnel, and to addressing the needs and use of our physical plant.
- 4 Continue to encourage and support individual and small group ministry in the community, and establish and sponsor new programs.
- 5 Develop programs and worship for the congregation designed to attract young families, their children, college students and other underserved groups; where possible we will work cooperatively with other churches.

Cottage Gatherings

sign up at church or by calling the parish office

Sunday, October 31st, 7:30 p.m. – Al & Margaret Topping's

Sunday, November 7th, 7:00 p.m. – Allyn & Marsha Reilly's

Sunday, November 14th, following church – Hobson Lounge

Sunday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m. – Joanne Worstall & Don Frazier's

Focus on Hunger

The Focus on Hunger Committee met to discuss the invitation from the Episcopal Relief and Development Committee to designate Sunday, November 14th, as Episcopal World Hunger Sunday. There will be a special offering for hunger on that Sunday. This offering will be divided in thirds; the local one-third for the Good Shepherd Wednesday Free Lunch Program, the community third for the Athens County Food Pantry, and the final third for Episcopal Relief and Development. The Vestry approved this offering at its October 21st meeting and recommends it to all Good Shepherd members.

On November 14th the Adult Education Hour will discuss these programs. Jan Gault will talk about Episcopal Relief and Development, Betty Larson will discuss the Athens County Food Pantry and Pat Grean will discuss the Wednesday Free Lunch Program.

Pat Grean

Focus on Hunger Committee

Nine Eucharistic Visitors at Good Shepherd

It is important that all members of Good Shepherd remain an active part of our parish family and be included in our Eucharist centered worship life, the heart of our communion with God and one another. To help achieve this communion we now have nine of our members who are diocesan trained and licensed ***Eucharistic Visitors*** prepared to bring Holy Communion to any parishioner unable to attend a Sunday or weekday Eucharist because for physical or health reasons. This includes people in the hospital or in temporary convalescence as well as shut-ins and parishioners in nursing homes or other long term care facilities.

The effectiveness of this ministry counts on the participation of all our members. So please let the church office know if you, a family member, or friend might wish to be seen by a Eucharistic Visitor at any time.

**Jack Flemming,
Eucharistic Visitor**

Notes from the Organ Bench

On Sunday, November 14th, we will have a “Women’s Choir.” If you are interested in singing with the choir on this special occasion, please see Marsha Reilly. Rehearsal times are as follows: Sunday, October 31st, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, November 7th, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 14th, 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

If you are interested in singing with the choir during the Advent Festival Lessons and Music on Sunday, December 5th, at 4:00 p.m. and the Christmas Eve service, please see Marsha Reilly. A complete roster is needed by November 10th.

November Rehearsals

Sunday, Nov. 7 th	10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. – Full Choir 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Women’s Choir
Wednesday, Nov. 10 th	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Regular Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Advent Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 14 th	9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. – Women’s Choir Men excused today!
Wednesday, Nov. 17 th	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Regular Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Advent Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 21 st	10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Advent Rehearsal
Tuesday, Nov. 23 rd	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Advent Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 28 th	10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Marsha Reilly,
Music Director**

News from the Pews. . .

Best wishes to **Julie Nehls** who is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on November 1st and **Don Frazier** who is scheduled for an early November rotator cuff surgery. Best wishes and get well soon also goes out to **Randy Purdy** and **Larry Larson** who recently faced some medical challenges.

In town for recent visits were **Lauren Spero**, for her mother Sally and aunt Christy Ortman's reception into the Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit; **Megan Purdy**, to check on her father; and **Leslie Savage** to visit parents **Dutch** and **Bonnie**.

Out of town travelers included **Leslie Flemming**, who went to Portland, Oregon, to visit daughter **Elizabeth**; **Carolyn Murphree** went to Montana with daughter, **Emily** and son-in-law **Kevin**; **Katharin** and **Ted Foster** journeyed to Columbus, Indiana, recently and also visited the Bill Monroe Museum. **Roland** and **Mary Anne Swardson** visited Turkey in October.

Ilona Carlson appeared in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* at Stuart's Opera House.

Welcome back to **Paul Hillard** from Colorado. He has enrolled at Hocking College. Paul's sister-in-law, **Ann Charles Watts**, was pictured and introduced in the Athens News Women in Athens.

Clarrisa Campbell's mother, **Eve**, celebrated her 98th birthday this past month. Also celebrating last month was **Stella Lee, Zelma Coleman's** mother, her 99th birthday at Lindley Inn.

Kelsey Lackey was named Homecoming Queen at Federal Hocking High School this fall. She is the daughter of **Therese** and **Keith Lackey** and the granddaughter of **Jean Fieler**.

Alania Miller is working for a women's support group in Springfield.

Condolences to **Allyn Reilly** on the recent loss of his mother, **Madeleine Reilly**.

Reid Sinclair,
Roving Reporter

Member's Reflection

Note: I, for one, was pleased to re-read Betty Larson's heartfelt and thoughtful editorial that Episcopalians can resolve their differences. We had considered placing it under "View from the Terrace" and realized the columns' name discourages contributions by others (the column historically had been rector turf). So, if you have something to say, a poem, humor, whatever, send it in.

Amongst the Kenyon Conference seminars this year was an introductory workshop on writing given by Barbara Crafton. One of the homework assignments was to "write something about a color." Here is my contribution.

The theme of the Kenyon Conference this year is social justice. We have learned about the many opportunities to nurture stewardship of the Earth and its inhabitants. Of late, some groups of the Earth's inhabitants have not been very nice to one-another. Scholars have pointed to religion, unfair sharing of resources, and crowding as root causes. I believe another cause has been overlooked. Abuse of the color green leads to anti-social behavior. Green in its God-given state is visually exciting and manifests life, growth, vigor. However, in the hands of man, green has been subject to spectrographic and analogical injustices.

To illustrate:

1. Last night was Irish night at the Caples Pub. The first song sounded the night's theme – "My father he was orange and my mother she was green." Any use of green in a pub is always good use of green.
2. The use of the term is association with the environment is beneficial to the earth – i.e. Green Peace, Green Revolution, Green Issues, etc. Sometimes such usage becomes obsolete: Vermont is known as the Green Mountain State. I wonder if this still applies.
3. In terms of food, unspoiled food that is, green is associated with health. What about green salad where all the good stuff is left out and some light oil added? Yuck. Makes me green in the face.

4. The use of green in scientific nomenclature has been a blow to the advancement of natural science. Though a greenhorn when it comes to fish, I know that what the local folks call “green bass” are really Black Bass. It gets worse. Green is used to denote inexperienced or new, however green frog tadpoles are brown, adults are green. Ripe granny apples are green.
5. The danger of catastrophic imagery is ever present. Remember Mr. Green Jeans on Caption Kangaroo? Imagine a TV show based on Green Jeans at Green Acres. Would you like to see green subject to such abuse? Mercifully, thinking of Shrek, or Kermit, eases this hideous thought.
6. The color itself has long been subject to abuse. At one time there must have been factories in Iowa receiving government subsidies to convert surplus corn to paint. “Institutional Green” smothers every wall in every courthouse, public school, and asylum in the United States. No wonder green is associated with sickness, ooze and goo!

Ted Foster

November Birthdays

- 11-5: Betty Larson
- 11-6: Adam Hillard, Carolyn Murphree
- 11-12: Thomas Walker
- 11-14: Ingrid Buckley
- 11-15: Rene Glidden
- 11-16: David Burton
- 11-17: Tiffany Sherman
- 11-19: Jon Sinclair
- 11-21: Preston Denton, Keith Lackey
- 11-23: Jason Hillard, Penny Karageorge
- 11-26: Allyn Reilly, Terrie Sherman
- 11-29: Bob Glidden, Benjamin Ziff



November Anniversary:

- 11-29: Curt & Terrie Sherman

November Worship Schedule

Sun, Oct 31	Mon, Nov 1	Tue, Nov 2	Wed, Nov 3	Thu, Nov 4	Fri, Nov 5	Sat, Nov 6
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II 4:30 PM All Hallow's Eve			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			
Sun, Nov 7	Mon, Nov 8	Tue, Nov 9	Wed, Nov 10	Thu, Nov 11	Fri, Nov 12	Sat, Nov 13
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			8:30 AM Greek Orthodox
Sun, Nov 14	Mon, Nov 15	Tue, Nov 16	Wed, Nov 17	Thu, Nov 18	Fri, Nov 19	Sat, Nov 20
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II 2:00 PM Lindley Inn Worship			5:30 PM Midweek Eucharist			
Sun, Nov 21	Mon, Nov 22	Tue, Nov 23	Wed, Nov 24	Thu, Nov 25	Fri, Nov 26	Sat, Nov 27
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist II				10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Eucharist		
Sun, Nov 28	Mon, Nov 29	Tue, Nov 30	Wed, Dec 1	Thu, Dec 2	Fri, Dec 3	Sat, Dec 4
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