

# Good SHEPHERD News

*Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio*

## March, 2005



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## ***In the Interim . . .***

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

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of the Christian life and story.*

The story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) to the resurrection accounts form **40% of the Gospel of Mark**, the oldest and first of the gospels. Scholars believe these were the first stories told about Jesus in the early Christian community.

Holy Week is its own season in the church year bearing the color Red.

*Holy Week and Easter are at the heart, the center, of the Christian life and story.* One can hardly understand what it means to be "a Christian" without a familiarity with the Holy Week story. One deepens and strengthens his or her experience and understanding of what it means to be "a Christian" through the annual "immersion" into this story. Referring to his Passion, Jesus asks his disciples "Are you willing to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" To enter into the stories and liturgies of Holy Week and Easter is one place where the Episcopal Church does practice a real "baptism by immersion."

**The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) on March 20<sup>th</sup>** tells the whole story of Holy Week from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through his death on the cross. It's a good thing we tell the whole story that day because for many it is their total Holy Week experience until Easter. That's too bad.

Because to truly "live" Holy Week is also to participate in at least some of the almost daily liturgies that take us "step by step" to the resurrection: the stories of Jesus in Jerusalem told at **Evening Prayer Monday and Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** **Tenebrae on its traditional day of Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** prefigures Jesus' death and entombment. The story of the foot washing at the last supper and the "stripping of the altar" (symbolic of Jesus' own stripping) are the themes of the **7:30 p.m. Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** On **Good Friday, the Liturgy of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.** proclaims the Passion of Christ in St. John's Gospel and grounds us in the Solemn Collects, some of the oldest prayers of the church expressing to God the church's prayer for all conditions of people and the world. By our

participation we allow these stories and liturgies “to work on us,” to affect, change, and transform us. Through such participation how can we not but find our faith deepened and strengthened? Here we allow God to “do in us” what God will do.

The Holy Week experience becomes intensified and completed in the most ancient and wonderful of the church’s liturgies: **The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Here the darkness of Good Friday is tenderly penetrated by the “first light” of Easter, the light that “the darkness did not overcome.” (John 1:5b) The light grows ever so slightly as candles are lit in the church and the stories of God’s actions in creation and Israel are told. And then, immediately following Baptism(s) (*the rite of personal movement from death to new life*), the words are shouted forth “*Alleluia. Christ is risen*” and the church is flooded with the light, which has the power to light the whole world.

*Holy Week is a dramatic and penetrating experience at the heart of the Christian life. To enter into the worship of Holy Week is to enter into the Passion of the Christ. Come and see!*

***Michael Jupin,  
Interim Priest***

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### **Holy Week Services**

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday of Holy Week**

Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday of Holy Week**

Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Nave

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday of Holy Week**

Service of Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m., Nave

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday**

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m., Nave

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday**

Liturgy of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., Nave

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday of Holy Week**

The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m., Nave

*(reception in Hobson Lounge to follow)*

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Day**

All Parish Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., Nehls Hall

Festival Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m., Nave

## **9 AM Sunday Adult Education in March & April**

We continue to offer sessions at 9:00 a.m. with alternating Sunday mornings focusing on **Our Episcopal Heritage in Liturgy and Music**.

- The **March 6<sup>th</sup>** class, interim priest Michael Jupin will begin a focus on Holy Week.
- **March 20<sup>th</sup>** Leslie Flemming continues the focus on Holy Week, especially the observances associated with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, “**Good Shepherd Sunday**,” Marsha Reilly, Michael, and others from the Worship Committee, will lead a special **Intergenerational Activity** that will inform some of our worship at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist as we celebrate what, for our parish, amounts to a “patronal feast.”

### Other Sundays in March & April

- **March 13<sup>th</sup>** interim priest Michael Jupin will introduce and invite participants to discuss ***Tithing as Spiritual Journey***.
- **April 10<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and the United Thanks Offering (UTO)**. Jan Gault and Leslie Flemming (respectively, Good Shepherd’s ERD and UTO contacts and coordinators) will explain, contrast and clarify these important social outreach ministries of the Episcopal Church.
- **April 24<sup>th</sup> Dante’s *The Divine Comedy***. Our own Roland Swardson, drawing on his years of teaching this and other classics of Christian literature, gives us a “guided tour” through Dante’s landscape of heaven, hell, and medieval Christian doctrine.

**Note:** There are no 9:00 a.m. education sessions scheduled for Easter Day, March 27<sup>th</sup>, or April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Stand by* for more information about a **special presentation by the Stewardship Team at Noon on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Come, participate, and, most importantly, enrich your experience of our liturgies and the stewardship of people and money.



**NEW MEMBER MINISTRY**  
**\* Learning \* Growing \* Developing \***  
**Six Thursday Evening in March, April & May**

What do church seekers look for and respond to in a church as they feel an inner drive to find a Christian community they can call "home?" What are the "stages" of the process that make a Sunday morning church visitor into an active member with a clear ministry? What are the "pieces" related to those stages to which a congregation must attend if it wants to "keep" most of those who visit it? What can we learn about our congregation from new people?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed on **six Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15 PM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Interim priest Michel Jupin will lead the sessions that include discussion of the Alban Institute videotape series "Assimilating New Members" featuring the Rev. Dr. Roy Oswald, author of *The Inviting Church*, and other activities. The videos and book are a result of Alban Institute research conducted in twenty-two congregations in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Philadelphia.

While Good Shepherd's "New Member Ministry" will develop out of these sessions, participants are not expected to make an initial commitment to be a part of implementing that ministry. Individuals will make that decision at the end of the sessions. **Sign up on Sunday or by calling the church office.**

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***Don't Forget . . .***

Sr. Faith Margaret will be here the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Conferences may be scheduled by calling me at 593-7354.

The Associates of the Community of the Holy Spirit will gather for Morning Prayer and a meeting on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at my home located at 16 Cable Lane. Anyone who would like to explore becoming an Associate is most welcome to be with us Saturday.

***Julie Nehls***

## Ted's Tid-Bits

***Stitch by Stitch: the Retirement Years, Journals and Letters 1997-2004*** by Jamie Griggs Tevis (BookSurge Publishing, 2004, 261 pages).

*Stitch by Stitch* can be seen as a postscript to *My Life with the Hustler* (2003) both from our own Jamie Tevis. The latter is a story of holding a family together under difficult circumstances followed by the end of the marriage and the coping and recovery that that process requires. Such diaries chronicling the difficulties and opportunities life tosses one's way are give us an historical record of lessons learned, of the writers' working things out, and can be inspiration for us all. These diaries are, however, also emotionally draining to the reader.

In contrast *Stitch by Stitch* is about savoring victory following on those difficult years. The book expresses the pleasure that comes from self improvement projects one can cultivate after retirement, from the fulfillment in seeing the independent lives of one's children and grandchildren, from the pursuit of one's own interests or dreams without the burden of raising a family raising while working, from the enjoyment of your friends. Yes, realities lurking off-stage may force concerns of old age, of accidents or sickness in the family, but these are pre-empted or dealt with ad-hoc. Overall, this book is a celebration (low-key, but a celebration none the less) of being alive, savoring the accessible daily aspects of life, family, friends, music, trips, and about learning and growing.

Though *Stitch by Stitch* is not a daily log starting with the day's weather and what happed that day, it is still a diary in its pure form -- written time-order snapshots interspersed with interesting observations, letters, stories which that particular day's observations bring to mind. The book is something of a verbal photo album of family, trips, friends, and thoughts (with some real photos tossed in). The writing is simple, conversational, and in the first person with an easy flow of feelings, reactions, and dreams. Do not expect any 'tell all' or gossip; it's not there.

Of course the book and stories are really intended to contribute to the "family story" but I think even non-acquaintances of Jamie would enjoy reading the book. The situations are everyday and universal, but seem fresh. The book is an easy read, as if sitting in your living room conversing with a visitor or neighbor.

Being 'Appalachian' born, I enjoyed Jamie's description of her Kentucky roots, old recipes (lots of lard), and childhood experiences. The book is full of observations and conclusions such as the dream "ten reasons why I couldn't be chosen as an astronaut"; a funny tidbit on how Jamie's 'long-in-the-future' final resting place was chosen; getting lost in a shopping center and wondering if Alzheimer's has set in; coping with hospital and emergency room craziness; and an amusing 'what is this all about?' a commentary on 'the Beanie Babies craze' that seems to have afflicted some members of her family.

One small help for the non-family reader would be a short chart of the family tree with names and relationships of people mentioned in the book. I also struggled with reading the letters written in script.

The book's cover and design is quite attractive. I don't know exactly why Jamie chose *Stitch by Stitch* as title for her second book. But for me each event and thought in the book is stitched together with the result a fine quilt of good feeling, of being able to "sniff the daisies" -- savoring the nicer things of life as they come along.

PS: Jamie notes that \$5.00 from the sale to Good Shepherd people of each copy of her book (\$15.00) will go toward paying back the endowment for the new computer and software for the church office.

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

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### *A Special Thank You*

I would like to thank everyone at Good Shepherd for his or her kind words, prayers, and thoughtfulness over these past few weeks. I would especially like to thank Michael Jupin for the kind words expressed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Eucharist and the beautiful Prayer Shawls that were given to my mother and me by Julie Nehls and June Wieman.

Knowing that my mother and Mark's father are in your prayers during this difficult time has been a great comfort to Mark, Hallie, Gregory and me. Words cannot express the appreciation that we feel. But we do feel as though you have made us a part of the Good Shepherd family.

**Glenda Frost**  
**Parish Administrator**



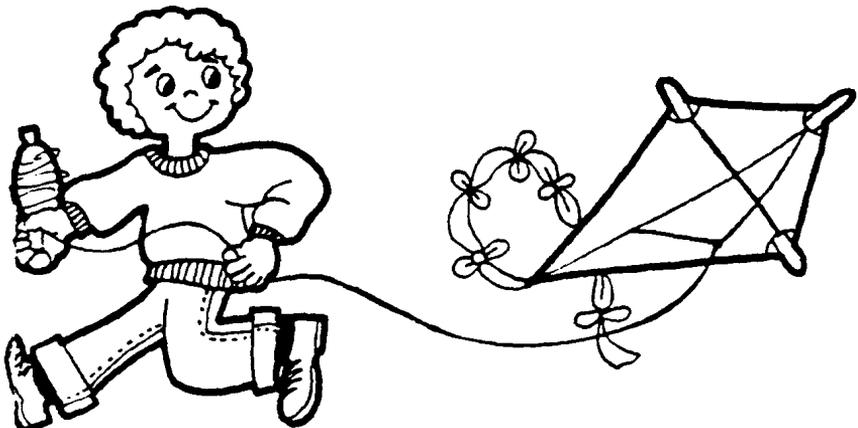
## Notes from the Organ Bench

During the Lenten season we are singing service music written by John Karl Hirten. The Sanctus and Fraction Anthem that we are using are taken from his complete Eucharistic setting "Missa Simplex" This Mass setting, one of five, is the simplest and most direct. It has the admirable virtue of simplicity and ease of singing without being simplistic. There are ways to add descants and handbell accompaniments as we become more familiar with the tune. He is the only composer represented in *Wonder, Love, and Praise* with a complete Eucharistic setting which includes Trisagion, Gloria, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei . The Agnus Dei – O Lamb of God - is sung as the fraction anthem. The fraction anthem is the music sung during the breaking of the bread. There are many different texts available to us for this anthem in the *Hymnal 1982*, in *Wonder, Love, and Praise* and in the newly published music supplement for *Enriching our Worship*.

### Choir schedule changes for Holy Week:

There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday of Holy Week – March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The choir will instead rehearse on either Friday or Saturday, late afternoon. There are a number of regular singers who will be out of town for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. If you would like help out for that period please let Marsha Reilly know.

**Marsha Reilly**  
**Music Director**



## **Parish Health Committee**

It's not Valentine's Day but ... there are 5 healthy things to do for your heart:

- 1). Don't smoke
- 2). Exercise
- 3). Eat smart
- 4). Control your weight
- 5). Know your numbers. Next cholesterol & blood pressure readings are March 30<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour

Programs of the Parish Health Committee can help you – we'll check your blood pressure and now – help with #4, eating smart. The PORTION PLATE is coming in April. The set includes a mat and plate with the size of each portion of meat, vegetable or potato on it.

**HELP ALERT:** The committee needs assistance with statistics and records. A person willing to collect and keep track of visits, etc. would be very much appreciated. Call now and avoid the rush!

**YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES:** The Interim Priest and committee members met in February with an Olan Mills Church Directory representative. It was decided that our next Parish Directory should be a picture edition – not done since 1980. We hope for an April date and great participation. Olan Mills can, for a small fee, also make a promotional brochure with a listing of church services and activities available for visitors who are potential members.

On another note, a petition is being circulated proposing a Statewide Insurance Plan for all Ohioans. Information was received from Margaret Romoser and has been considered by several local churches. Our consideration is also urged. Their name is the Southeast Ohio Single Payer Network and they can be reached at P. O. Box 893, Athens, Ohio 45701 or [seospan@yahoo.com](mailto:seospan@yahoo.com) or [www.spanohio.org](http://www.spanohio.org). Given the current state budget priorities the poor are very much at risk; and given national news we are in crisis. If there are church members interested in this project, we might gather more information and sponsor a gathering.

Finally, Clarissa Campbell's family has very much appreciated cards and soup delivery; if she cannot eat solids, soup is pureed. Plus – helpers and family can eat other goodies. In addition to our Eucharistic Visitors, this is an outward and visible sign of our continuing support for them in a draining time.

**Jane Ergood**

## **Annual Spring Flea Market**

The next Flea Market will be held in April – a date will be announced later.

This sale will include household items such as furniture, gadgets, tableware, bathroom items, tools, etc. In other words – ANYTHING EXCEPT CLOTHES. No clothing will be accepted for this sale.

You may bring things in at anytime and put them in the first choir room area. Please DO NOT put items in the kitchen.

Questions? Call Betty Larson at 592-4847 or Julia Nehls at 593-7354.

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## **Youth Confirmation/Inquirers' Class**

Beginning Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and on April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and June 5<sup>th</sup>, Bob Shelly will conduct Confirmation/Inquirers' Classes for interested youth in the parish. The group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Hobson Lounge for discussion of the history of the Episcopal Church, the articles of faith, and the baptismal covenant. Videos and refreshments will be part of the program. The classes are also open to already confirmed youth looking for fellowship and/or to deepen their faith. The class is offered, in part, as preparation for the visitation of one of our bishops in the early Fall.

Interested individuals should contact Glenda Frost, Parish Administrator, so Bob can plan refreshments.

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## **Lenten Brunch**

The Church Women of Good Shepherd are invited to a Lenten Brunch on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. RSVPs go to Bonita at 797-2440 or Marcia at 593-3106 by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Reservations for a vegetarian dish and for childcare must be made at this time also.

Vera Smith will again direct a special chorus for the Lenten Brunch. Please call her at 593-3151 by March 1<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in participating.

## March Birthdays:

- 3-1: Ted Foster
- 3-2: Zelma Coleman
- 3-3: Laura Dukes
- 3-5: Jim Walker
- 3-6: Sr. Faith Margaret,  
Peter Buckley
- 3-10: Richard Carlson,  
Arvin Wells
- 3-11: Katherine Ziff
- 3-14: Jan Gault
- 3-15: Katherine Reece
- 3-17: Larry Larson
- 3-18: Sarah Marsh Stenberg
- 3-20: Phillip Ortman
- 3-21: Patricia Funk
- 3-25: Jim Gault
- 3-26: Greg Seymour
- 3-27: Julie Nehls
- 3-29: Amy Larson Dinger
- 3-31: Arron Aufflick,  
Carl Gustavson



## March Anniversaries:

- 3-15: Larry & Betty Larson
- 3-25: Ben & Caitlin Reilly Schave



**March Worship Services**

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| 8:00 AM<br>Holy Eucharist I<br>.....<br>10:30 AM<br>Holy Eucharist II<br>.....                                                |                                    |                                    | 5:30 PM<br>Midweek Eucharist<br>..... | 12:30 PM<br>Contemplative Prayer<br>Bishop Black Chapel<br>.....                           |                                          |                                  |
| Holy Eucharist I<br>.....<br>Holy Eucharist II<br>.....<br>Lindley Inn Worship<br>.....<br>SE Psychiatric Hosp<br>EP<br>..... |                                    |                                    | 5:30 PM<br>Midweek Eucharist<br>..... | 12:30 PM<br>Contemplative Prayer<br>Bishop Black Chapel<br>.....                           |                                          |                                  |
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**March Events**

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| Adult Education<br>Church School<br>Blood Pressure Checks    | 7:30 PM<br>Discernment Committee | 9:30 AM<br>Prayer Shawl Meeting | Free Lunch<br>Lenten Soup Supper<br>Choir Rehearsal  | 9:00 AM<br>My Sister's Place<br>7:00 PM<br>New Member Ministry | Sr. Faith Margaret Visit | Sr. Faith Margaret Visit |
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| 9:00 AM<br>All Parish Easter Breakfast                       | 7:30 PM<br>Discernment Committee | 9:30 AM<br>Prayer Shawl Meeting | 12:00 PM<br>Free Lunch<br>7:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal | 9:00 AM<br>My Sister's Place<br>7:00 PM<br>New Member Ministry |                          |                          |