



*Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio*

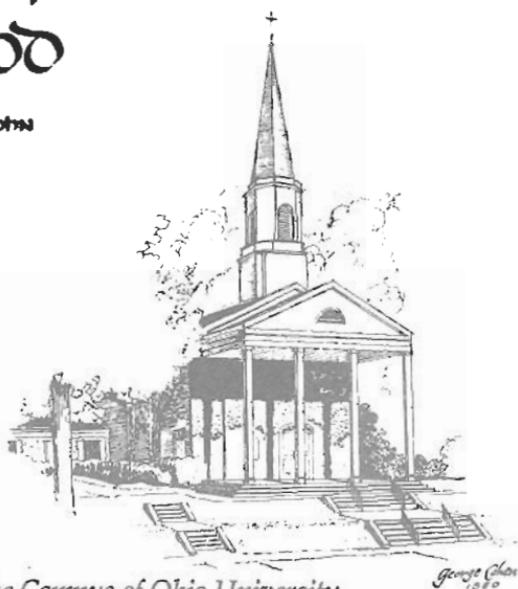
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LET US LOVE  
ONE ANOTHER  
FOR LOVE  
IS OF  
GOD  
1 JOHN

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## Senior Warden Comments

Greetings,

This summer and early fall have highlighted for me the changes taking place at Good Shepherd. We have recently experienced the end of a long Rectorate by the Rev. Mike Morgan. We are expecting another change, as our Interim Priest, Rev. Michael Jupin, will be leaving shortly. And we can anticipate even more changes as our new priest is called and settles in to the parish.

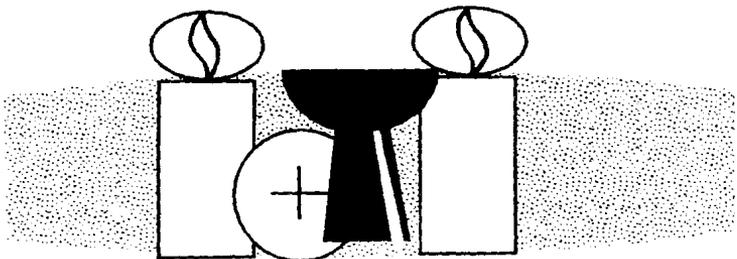
Recent discussions in the Vestry have highlighted for me, and for members of the Vestry, the fact that information is imperfectly shared among us as we “hear” stories about the process and progress of change.

To help us understand the roles all of us must address during these times of change, the Vestry has concurred in asking the Rev. Vicki Zust to visit with us. Rev. Zust is Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. We have asked her to discuss expectations for congregations in which the priest is ending a long pastorate. She will also address appropriate expectations for starting relationships with a new Rector.

She has agreed to visit with us Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

We will remind everyone about this event as the time approaches. We encourage everyone interested in Good Shepherd to come to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

**Yours in Christ,  
Bob Shelly,  
Senior Warden**



## FORGIVENESS

*My September 11<sup>th</sup> sermon addressed the Gospel theme of “forgiveness.” Several people have requested the “process of forgiveness” to which I referred in that sermon. As I said then, the following is based on the work of the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke as it appears in his Healthy Congregations Workshop 4 (Relationships in Healthy Congregations), Session One (Forgiveness).*

### **What is the meaning of forgiveness?**

One of the Old Testament words for forgiveness means *to remove a weight*. One of the New Testament words means *to let go*. Forgiveness is an act of release or removal. Forgiveness is a freeing action.

To forgive is to believe in transformation. Human destruction can be transformed into new life; human despair can be transformed into hope. Forgiveness is about new life. “My sin is forgiven,” Dietrich Bonhoeffer exclaimed, “I am no long in death but in life.” The Apostle Paul stated that if anyone is in Christ, he or she *is a new creation*.

### **In Forgiveness I change my “stance” towards another person.**

Forgiveness is moving toward others without reacting emotionally in the same old way. You can only offer forgiveness when you change your stance in relationship to others. Indeed forgiveness is approaching in a thoughtful and intentional manner. To forgive another is to move through an emotional process and to say in some way:

I have been wronged by you

I have the right and reason to end any connection between us

I have the right and reason to demand from you a payment or an apology.

My sense of dignity and my values require nothing less

*Nonetheless* [and here is the beginning of a change in “stance”] I refuse to let the wrong consume me in resentment

And I refuse to let the wrong come between us

I give no assurance that I’ll be able to forget the wrong that you’ve done

I demand no conditions. Whether or not you accept my forgiveness or ask for it has nothing to do with my offer [Reconciliation takes two but Forgiveness takes only one.] *continued next page*

I want to be at peace with myself and be glad in your presence

I want to open the door to tomorrow

### **Forgiveness is giving power to the future**

The last step is a key to understanding not only forgiveness as it pertains to us human beings but as it pertains to God. To hold on to resentments is to bind one to the past. It is only when I “let go” of this “burden” that I am free to move into the future. God does not want to be nor wants us to be “stuck” in the past but “free” to move into a new future, a future where God’s domain (kingdom, reign) may be realized “on earth as in heaven.”

*The Rev. Michael Jupin*

*Interim Priest*

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## **New Children’s Ministry Staff**

Two new staff members have come to Good Shepherd to assist in our Sunday morning ministry with our children.

**Amanda Childress** will be the new **Church School Leader/Teacher** on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. following on the good work of Liz Sinclair (who will still be around to assist and substitute). Amanda moved to Athens from Pataskala, Ohio, about six years ago to attend Ohio University. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in psychology she continued her education in the master’s program at OU studying both community and school counseling. Currently Amanda is interning as the school counselor at Trimble Elementary/ Middle School and working with their Kids on Campus program. She has also been working with the Department of Health Education and Wellness at OU for the last five years, facilitating programs focused on health and wellness issues. After finishing her master’s degree she plans to continue counseling for a few years before returning to school for her doctorate in Counselor Education.

**Clarissa Kornell** is Good Shepherd’s new **Sunday morning nursery caregiver**. A senior at OU, Clarissa is in the Honors Tutorial College in political science. Originally from southern Indiana she now calls Akron home. Upon graduation Clarissa plans to spend time abroad before returning to school where she looks to combine her interest in politics and economic justice.

A “warm welcome” to Amanda and Clarissa and a “thank you” for their sharing their gifts among us in our ministry with children.

## SUNDAYS AT NINE

*This Year's Theme: Exploring Christian Spirituality*

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Nehls Hall

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Spirituality of *Paradise Lost*, Session 2, led by Roland Swardson

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts led by the New Member Ministry

**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** No session – Ecumenical Service at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>:** Discovering Yours and Our Congregation's Spiritual Type, led by Patricia Beamish and the Rev. Michael Jupin

## WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

### **The Blessing of the Animals, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This service takes place in the garden at 1:00 p.m. (two days before St. Francis Day). Bring all of your animals from Apes to Zebras!

### **Annual Ecumenical Service of Christian Unity**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., First Presbyterian Church**

This service was originally scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, but postponed until now because of snow. The theme is **“Building on the Foundation which is Christ”** with a focus on and the offering to go to **Habitat for Humanity**.

There will be an 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Rite I) in the Bishop Black Chapel on that day, but no 10:30 a.m. service. Do plan to join with other Christians from our community to give thanks and pray for the unity that we have in Christ.

## **SATURDAY MORNING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

### **OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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

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

Noon End

Leader Michael Jupin, Interim Priest

Sign up in church or call the parish office

## **News from the Pews . . .**

At school: **Abigail Morgan**, here at Ohio U, and **Lauren Spero**, who goes to college in Oxford, Ohio, plan to graduate at the end of the academic year. **Andy Morgan** runs track at Lower Marion High School. **Laura Reams** has returned to Ohio U and the choir after her studies in Wales.

**Joanne Worstall** and **Don Frazier** left after the Labor Day weekend picnic for a tour of England and Ireland. Summer travelers **Gifford Doxsee** and **Allyn** and **Marsha Reilly** visited with former parishioners the Rev. **Tom** and **Clare Fisher** in Amherst, MA. Welcome bank to **Roland** and **Mary Anne Swardson** from an extensive trip to Russia.

Congratulations to **Patricia Beamish** on her promotion to full professor in the College of Education.

Attending the Second Mountain Grace Conference at Southern State Community College (near Fincastle in Brown County off 32) were **Judy Archer**, **Gifford Doxsee** **Leslie Flemming**, the Rev. **Michael Jupin**, **Ann Rathbun** and **Reid Sinclair**.

The Friends of the Athens Public Library will be recognized by the Ohio Friends of Columbus later this year. **Jamie Tevis** was a founding member of the local friends, and **Doris Green** and **June Wieman** are among those who support the library book sales.

**Zelma Coleman** and colleagues at the Quattro Art Shop on the Nelsonville Square promise 10% of their September Final Friday profits to hurricane relief.

**Julia Nehls** is again chair of the Emeriti section of the O'Bleness Memorial 2005 Annual Giving Campaign. **Reid Sinclair** is once again Good Shepherd liaison for the 2005 Crop Walk.

**Reid Sinclair**  
**Roving Reporter**





*Notes from the  
Organ Bench*

*An invitation to anyone  
High School Age and Up*

*Be a part of Good Shepherd's Music Ministry  
Singers are need in all sections of the choir*

*Let Marsha Reilly know if you are interested  
She can be found behind the organ.  
Feel free to visit after the Postlude.*

### **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza**

The Southeast Ohio Chapter of the American Guild of Organist is sponsoring this event on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and is open to anyone ten years of age or older. There will be a presentation, an opportunity to try playing the instrument and a pizza supper. The day will end with a brief organ recital. Registration is \$5. Talk to Marsha Reilly if you are interested.

### **First Wednesdays Noon Concerts at Galbreath Chapel**

These concerts are free and open to the public. Music will generally start around 12:15 p.m. and last during the lunch hour for varying times. The schedule is as follows:

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Marsha Reilly  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> – George Weckman  
January 4<sup>th</sup> – Holly Oberle

### **Continuation of Voice for Life**

“Voice for Life” is a choral training program from the Royal School of Church Music. It is based on the program for training young choristers but has been revised to be applicable to all ages. The program focuses on vocal and musical skills. There are also modules about repertoire and being part of a choir. Workbooks are available. A brief scheduling meeting will be held Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> right after church.



*Marsha Reilly  
Music Director*

## **Vestry Highlights for September . . .**

- **Election of Vestry Secretary:** Alex Buckley, having given birth to her third child, has found it difficult to fulfill the duties of Secretary, but wishes to remain on the Vestry. Ted Foster was elected to fill this position.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Flemming noted we are on an even keel through August and that pledging is "caught up." Cash needed to pay for the exterior painting (\$7700) was taken from the Endowment (to be paid back); the Marthas paid for the painting of the Sacristy.
- **Stewardship:** Al Topping explained how, though no money was received from the Kroger Gift Card Program this month, the Parish should receive at least \$500 next month. He noted that all is on track for the pledge drive to begin in late October.
- **Vestry Highlights:** The Vestry discussed the responses to this September "Good News" item and will invite Canon Zusto to discuss the relationships between Parish and Priest.
- **Property Plan:** Bob Shelly distributed a short list of property/building needs/schedule as a start of this discussion. A motion was passed to have Junior Warden, Curt Sherman, develop a comprehensive list of property needs (to include a professional building inspection) and determine the frequency and costs for addressing these needs. The *ad hoc* Episcopal House committee of Ted Foster, Allyn Reilly, and Jack Flemming will assist Curt with this task.
- **Episcopal House:** Jack Flemming distributed a preliminary draft list of seven options for Vestry to consider in preparation for a discussion at the October meeting. Jack noted the next task is to come up with hard figures for the options and the need for a professional to examine the house and our plans. Several noticed that the daycare option was not explicitly listed among the options and a motion was passed that an eighth option for a preschool/day care operation also be added to the list for consideration.
- **Audit Report:** Curt Sherman distributed the Audit Committee Report that has some recommendations regarding accounting procedures, especially data and records back up.

**Ted Foster**  
**Vestry Secretary**

## Calling Committee

The Calling Committee has been meeting faithfully since August. We have begun to formulate plans regarding interviewing candidates. We continue to use the Parish Profile as a tool in our search process.

Vicki Zust, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocesan Office, has tentatively said that we could expect our first list of potential candidates in mid-October. Stay tuned for further news.

The Calling Committee appreciates your prayers for wisdom and guidance during this process. Members are Geoff Buckley, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, Ann Rathbun, and Allyn Reilly.

**Ann Rathbun**

**Calling Committee Co-Chair**

## IMAGINE

Just *imagine* what we have achieved at Good Shepherd in 2005: An increase in attendance and membership, an increase in financial support, new ministries and greater participation to name just a few of our many accomplishments.

Now, *imagine* what can be achieved in 2006 as we bring a new priest to Good Shepherd and embark on a new and bright future.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> we begin a four week pledge campaign for 2005 using “**Imagine**” as our theme. “**Imagine**” what we can achieve as we share our time, talents and treasure.

**Al Topping**

**Good Shepherd Stewardship Ministry**



**Centering Prayer (Contemplative Prayer)**

**Support Group**

Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

38 Maplewood Dr., Athens

Contact Mara Holt, 594-3334 or [holt@ohio.edu](mailto:holt@ohio.edu)

## Parishioner Updates

**Pam Rollins** writes: “**Brian** and I purchased Mountain Leather, most recently named Athens Gifts and Treasures, at 25 S. Court St. on July 28, 2005. I have had foot surgery and have been using my sick time at United Airlines to spend time reorganizing and building the business. I will have another foot surgery in October and will not fly again until January. I have been working most Sundays at the store but look forward to returning to church soon. My best regards to all my church friends...Jody Smith has been into the store and I look forward to seeing everyone else. I sent a card to Helen Marsh and am glad she is improving. She was very nice to think of me at a time of need in my life. Hello to Michael Jupin and all.”

**Adam Marsh** called into the parish office recently saying that he and **Helen** would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards, letters and support. The doctors recently told her that she has “turned the corner now.” Helen has been moved to Brookside Manor at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Cards can be sent to Helen Marsh, Room 606, Brookside Manor Hickory Creek Nursing Home, 51 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., The Plains, OH 45780.

**Rev. David duPlantier**, formerly an assistant Rector at Good Shepherd and now Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans, reports that all is going well. His wife, Karen, and their kids are currently staying with her mother in Fayetteville, Alabama, and will return around the first of October with the kids starting school October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was roof damage to his house and trees down in their yard. The Cathedral had minimal damage and flooding. To send David an e-mail message go to [www.cccnola.org](http://www.cccnola.org). He checks and returns his messages daily and would love to hear from people.



## **Habitat for Humanity**

Good Shepherd recently participated in several events for the Athens County Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith Week. Debbie Hillard participated in Cardboard City, raising her awareness of homelessness by sleeping in a cardboard box at the Peden Stadium parking lot on a Saturday night. Several other parishioners were also involved in this event.

We also raised \$114 in donations to Habitat for Humanity by signing a 2x6x8 board that will be used in a future Habitat home, lending our presence to that home.

**Twig Kaufman**

**Habitat for Humanity Liaison**

### **Announcements from Appalachian Peace & Justice Network (APJN)**

#### **“Experiencing World Hunger”**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church (corner of Congress and State Streets) Come and learn what it’s like to “eat” in our world. Participants will be divided into “groups,” some representing wealthier nations (such as the United States and Europe) and others from less economically advanced nations (such as a number of African and South American Countries). This event is sponsored by Black Diamond Council of Girl Scouts, Girl Zone, APJN and Students for Peace and Justice. Tickets are \$3 plus a non-perishable food item with proceeds going to area local food pantries. Please call APJN at 592-2608 if you’d like to join us!

**“Eyes Wide Open Ohio”** is the local state version of the American Friends Service Committee’s critically acclaimed national exhibit in memory of fallen US troops and Iraqi veterans. This event will be Friday and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Howard Hall site (across from Baker Center). The exhibit is a walk-through piece, so we **need volunteers** to welcome visitors, staff tables, set-up, and clean-up. We’ll staff the exhibit from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day (more if we get the volunteers). Shifts will be two hours each, with ten volunteers needed per shift. We can really use your help for this very special peace exhibit. Please call Christie at APJN (592-2608) if you can donate some time.

## October Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 10:15 a.m. – CS 10:30 a.m. – HE II 1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Animals 2:00 p.m. – Lindley Inn	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. – AA	<b>5</b> Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m. – MW 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 12:30 p.m. - CP 7:30 p.m. - Alanon	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m. – Ultreya Potluck 6:30 p.m. – Ultreya Meeting
<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 10:15 a.m. – CS 10:30 a.m. – HE II 3:00 p.m. – Canon Zust meeting	<b>10</b> 3:00 p.m. – Calling Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. – AA	<b>12</b> Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m. – MW 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Noon – Worship Committee Meeting 12:30 p.m. - CP 7:30 p.m. – Alanon	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 11:00 a.m. – Ecumenical Service 2:00 p.m. – Lindley Inn	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. – AA	<b>19</b> Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m. – MW 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 12:30 p.m. – CP 7:00 p.m. - Vestry 7:30 p.m. – Alanon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. – Contemplative Prayer
<b>23</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 10:15 a.m. – CS 10:30 a.m. – HE II	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Alanon 8:00 p.m. – AA	<b>26</b> Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 p.m. – MW 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 12:30 p.m. - CP 7:30 p.m. - Alanon	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 a.m. – HE I 9:00 a.m. – Ad Ed 10:15 a.m. – CS 10:30 a.m. – HE II 2:00 p.m. – Lindley Inn	<b>31</b> 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Meeting					

### Key Guide:

HE I – Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Ad Ed – Adult Education Class

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II  
CP – Contemplative Prayer

MW – Midweek Eucharist  
CS – Church School

### October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Eric Jennings Joe Walker Kaye & Mary Anne Rakes
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Susan Gault Enlow	<b>4</b> Leslie Flemming David & Christine Gault	<b>5</b> Christy Ortman Mary Anne Rakes	<b>6</b> Sheppard Black Daniel Riffe Connie DeBerardinis	<b>7</b> Katharin Foster James Strawser Anthony & Connie DeBerardinis	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Stella Lee	<b>10</b> David Gault Sean & Michelle O'Malley	<b>11</b> Debbie Hillard	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Daniel & Dee Dee Riffe	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Eve Campbell Jess Luce	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Carl Ortman Jonathan & Sara Sinclair	<b>20</b> Dana Carlson	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Meghan Purdy	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Kathleen Sullivan	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Ted Sherman	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Carolyn Sheehan
<b>30</b> Kelsey Lackey	<b>31</b>					