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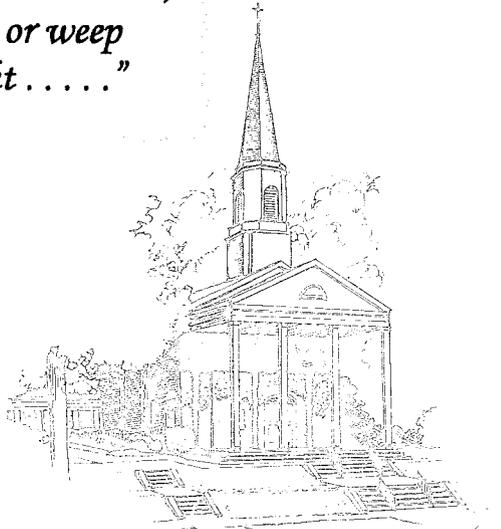
COMPLINE

November 9th at 8:30 p.m.

*“Keep watch, O Lord,
with those who watch,
or wait, or weep
this night”*

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Senior Warden Comments . . .

The Fall weather has arrived. I am writing from Ashland on October 22nd. The rain was persistent today. The temperature was low. The wonderful color on the trees, highlighted by the sun breaking through just at dinnertime, highlighted for me the wonders of God's work.

We are making progress on the search, preparing for the annual Stewardship campaign, and planning for Advent and Christmas.

The visit of Canon Züst on October 9th was a chance to talk about our parish in a very positive way. I am pleased to note that thirty-five parishioners came out and had a good exchange with her. She was complimentary about the ministries in which we engage and the "messages" we send with our bulletin boards. An interesting point that I recall is the shortage of priests in the national church. There are 11,000 parishes and only 8,500 active priests. I knew the church had more retired than active priests, but did not know the imbalance was as severe as this.

The Vestry has been working on a financial plan for the next five years for the parish and will share it at a special **All Parish Meeting on November 6th**. We had announced this meeting for 3:00 p.m., but the Vestry reconsidered and has **now scheduled it for right after the 10:30 a.m. service** on that date. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend. The plan has important implications for our life as a parish for the future and your input is needed.

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

The Parish Office will be closed

**Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th
in observance of**

Thanksgiving Day

COMPLINE

At least a couple of times each year choir director and organist, Marsha Reilly, has invited the congregation to join the choir for the singing of Compline at the end of the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening choir practice. The Worship Committee has discussed this practice as well as the beauty and simplicity of this brief last Prayer Book service of the day and decided to develop it as a monthly addition to our worship schedule at Good Shepherd.

The early Christian Church established a daily cycle of prayer called the Hours. The eight Hours (or Offices) marked the day from dawn to fading light. The earliest formal description of Compline is found in St. Benedict's Rule, written in the early seventh century. St. Benedict called the final hour of the day Compline, from the Latin *complere*: to complete. He described in fewer than thirty words the form Compline would take for the next thousand years. He wanted the prayer kept simple: Psalm, hymn, chapter (prayers), blessing, and dismissal.

During the Reformation in the 16th century King Henry VIII dissolved all the monasteries where for hundreds of years monks had measured their days according to the Hours. The first Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*, published in 1549, collapsed the eight Hours into two: Matins in the morning, Evensong at sunset. Compline was subsumed into Evensong. It would only reappear in the Anglican Church as a separate Office through liturgical reform and the publication of new Prayer Books as the end of the last century.

The night prayer of Compline is practical again and has experienced a strong revival in the Episcopal Church nationwide from Christ Church at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut, to St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle where it has become a centerpiece of that congregation's ministry. People use it not as part of a daily cycle of prayer, not as one of the monastic Hours, but as the sole point of calm in a hectic week. Compline serves a new kind of worshipper. Through music that is centuries old, it draws people of all beliefs, or of none, and it joins them to one another.

In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities, Compline is offered when the work of the day is completed, and the quietness of evening settles over the hearts and minds of those who have come together in thankfulness for the blessings of the day, which has

passed, and in anticipation of God's gift of a new day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed. . . "After Compline," wrote St. Benedict, "no one may speak."

At Good Shepherd we will sing Compline in the church choir area on the following **Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.: November 9th, December 7th, and January 4th**. Lighting in the church will be primarily from candles with just enough other lighting to assist with entrance to the church, seating, and reading. A brief period of silence will proceed the opening sung sentences following by the (mostly) singing/chanting of the office. Each worshipper will have a complete bulletin for following and participating in the office.

The Rev. Michael Jupin
Interim Priest

THE 131ST DIOCESAN CONVENTION of the Diocese of Southern Ohio takes place in Cincinnati November 11th – 12th. This year's convention is organized around a celebration of and thanksgiving for the ministry of retiring Bishop Herbert Thompson with a dinner on the Thursday evening before Convention, and festival worship celebrations – Evensong with the Presiding Bishop late Friday afternoon and Eucharist on Saturday morning. Those attending from Good Shepherd include delegates Gifford Doxsee, Ann and Bob Shelly, and Curt Sherman; alternate delegate T. J. Luce; seminarian Leslie Flemming; Episcopal Appalachian Ministry member Reid Sinclair; and interim priest Michael Jupin.

Looking ahead . . . AN ADVENT EVENING FOR CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER, Thursday, December 8th. This evening replaces the Saturday morning Contemplative Prayer times for November and December and carries the theme ***The Light Rising in the Darkness***. We begin with a simple soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in Nehls Hall (provided by Dana Carlson) followed by prayer time led by interim priest Michael Jupin in the church area and ending around 8:30 p.m.

The Cosmic Walk

Current scholarship tells us that the Universe is 14.7 billion years old. Our planet, Earth, goes back 4.6 billion years and the cells of our bodies are made up of the same stuff that fared forth at the beginning. The journey from the beginning until now has been long and complex and we learn new information all the time. We can see farther into deep space and deep time than ever before. While to some, this information seems remarkable it may also seem impersonal. For others it feels almost intuitive. We realize that the Creation Myth in the book of Genesis is not the whole creation story, but merely scratches the surface. As we incorporate all the knowledge that we have now, our Creation Story looks vastly different than it used to – it involves not just the creation of Earth, but the flaring forth of the Universe. The Universe story challenges and informs our most basic, often unquestioned assumptions about how things are. It forms a coherent story of unfolding and differentiation of the Universe from the beginning to the present.

The Cosmic Walk is a symbolic re-enactment that helps us enter personally into the story. It helps to place us in the larger context of God and of the Universe and allows us to see our place in it. It is a way of bringing our knowledge of the 14 billion year Universe process from our heads to our hearts.

Sr. Faith Margaret will take us on a **Cosmic Walk on Thursday evening, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in Nehls Hall.** This program will begin with a **potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend all or part of this evening. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Julie Nehls or the Parish Office by Tuesday, November 1st.

Sr. Faith Margaret
will be available for conferences
Thursday and Friday, November 3rd & 4th
Call Julie Nehls at 593-7354 for an appointment.

*Notes from the
Organ Bench*

Rehearsals for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music have begun. Sunday music is rehearsed from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. and Advent Music until 8:30 p.m.

The complete rehearsal schedule is:

Wednesday, Oct. 26th, 7:00 – 7:45 Sunday Music
7:45 – 8:30 Advent Festival Music

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, 6:30 – 7:00 Sunday Music
7:00 – 7:45 Advent Festival Music

Note: Rehearsal moved to 6:30 due to the Choral Union Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 7:00 – 7:30 Sunday Music
7:30 – 8:20 Advent Festival Music
8:30 – Compline with candlelight & choir

Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 7:00 – 7:30 Sunday Music
7:30 – 8:30 Advent Festival Music

Sunday, Nov. 20th, 12:15 – 1:30 Advent Festival rehearsal

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, 11:00 – 12:30 Advent Festival rehearsal
Note: No rehearsal on Wednesday, November 23rd

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10:00–noon Dress rehearsal with instrumentalists

Other rehearsal times for extra help may be scheduled. If you are interested in participating in this special event please contact Marsha Reilly, at 592-2596 or mareilly1@columbuss.rr.com or just show up at a rehearsal no later than November 9th.

We will have some guest musicians this month. On All Saints' Sunday Chris Imhoff will join us and on Sunday, November 20th David Turrill and Ben Schaffer will join us to celebrate the last Sunday of the church year.

*Marsha Reilly
Music Director*

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

November 6th, All Saints' Sunday: We welcome **Sr. Faith Margaret** as our preacher at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist and we remember many of those "who have gone before" us in the parish and from our personal/family lives. If you have loved ones who have died and you would like their names read at the All Saints' service on November 6th, please submit their names to Glenda Frost, Parish Administrator, by Wednesday, November 2nd. You may e-mail the names to chogs@frogned.net, call 593-6877 or leave a note in the office.

Wednesday, November 9th, at 8:30 p.m.: COMPLINE in the choir area of the church.

November 13th, Celebration Sunday so named as the "celebration" of the completion of the ingathering of 2006 pledges and our gratitude for those pledges.

November 20th, United Thank Offering Ingathering: Through this ministry of the Episcopal Church men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God, so appropriate for the Sunday before our national day of Thanksgiving. As daily one places coins in the UTO box (available on the table at the church entrance), a prayer of thanksgiving is offered recognizing and naming our many daily blessings. Those who do so have discovered that thankfulness leads to generosity. These offerings, received on November 20th, then go through our Diocese to the national UTO office in New York where they are distributed each spring for dental clinic for the poor, or a school in the Dominican Republic, with 100% of what is collected being distributed. *Also this Sunday the Rev. David McCoy will preach and preside at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist* (no 8:00 a.m. Eucharist this day).

***Please note there will not be a Midweek Eucharist on Wednesday, November 23rd**

Thursday, November 24th, at 10:00 a.m. THANKSGIVING DAY Eucharist in the church.

November 27th, The First Sunday of Advent.

MONEY TALK\$

At the time of year when our Stewardship is an especially important part of our spiritual lives, I would like to quickly review our status with regard to some of the financial obligations we have assumed.

During his time with us, Michael Jupin, has urged us to upgrade the quality of our operation in order to make us more attractive to a future permanent Rector. Included among these have been an upgrade of our office computer system and the painting of our church exterior. Also, over the past three years we have labored to establish a fund to cover the cost of our Rector search. The cost of the computer and the new software was \$2,798.15, the cost of the painting was \$7,700, and the Vestry's goal has been to build the Search Fund up to \$20,000. To cover the cost of the computer program and the painting – both of which were immediate needs – we borrowed \$9,798.15 from the Endowment. This borrowing has been secured by two promissory notes. This allows us not to have to treat this money as income and subject to Diocesan assessment. But by so doing, we have bound ourselves to a good faith and systematic program of repayment to the Endowment.

A few months ago, three “thermometers” were set up to track our support of these three endeavors. As of this writing the situation is as follows:

1. We still must pay \$948.15 back into the Endowment to cover the cost of the office computer system. The Marthas have already raised \$1,500 and Jamie Tevis raised \$100 by the selling of her latest book of what has been repaid. Their help is much appreciated, but the Marthas are also supporting the travel expenses of Sr. Faith Margaret. Given their commitments, there is a limit to what the Marthas can be expected to do.
2. Of the \$7,000 we had to borrow from the Endowment for the painting, we have been able to repay \$1,250, leaving a balance of \$5,750.
3. As of this writing, our Search Fund balance is \$14,594.72. This takes into account the \$802.50 we spent on the Parish Profile document. If present trends continue, our Search Fund by the end of the year will still be well below what I consider to be a minimally adequate figure.

I am writing this now to remind us all that our search for a new Rector is a serious undertaking, both spiritually and financially. And a successful search requires our time, our prayers, and our financial support. We have undertaken some large and extraordinary financial obligations. We have done so as an investment in our own future and as a gesture of our faith in the ministry of our Church in the Athens community. I urge you, at this time when we are considering our Stewardship, to give your support to help cover these extraordinary investments that we are making in the future of Good Shepherd and of the Church.

I greet you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jack Flemming
Treasurer

***ATHENS COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is seeking volunteers to help with a build in Guysville, Ohio, through the end of November. Building experience is not required. All those willing to lend a hand are welcome. Contact Twig Kaufman at 592-3694 or twigkaufman@hotmail.com*

SUNDAYS AT NINE IN NOVEMBER

Sundays, November 6th and 13th: “Spirituality and the Arts.” Choir member and Vocal Music Assistant (VMA) Jason Hartz will lead an exploration of questions such as: What is art and what is the role of art? What is the role of art in ours and other worship settings? What are the norms, what is appropriate “art” in Episcopal worship? In worship at Good Shepherd? Jason is an OU graduate teaching assistant and an instructor for a course this quarter titled “The Artistic Spirit.”

Sunday, November 20th: “Spiritual Gifts II.” Members of the New Member Ministry will continue the exploration of this theme they began on October 9th. Individual gifts will be connected to specific church and community ministries.

Sunday, November 27th: “The Advent Season,” an introduction led by Marsha Dutton, T. J. Luce and Michael Jupin.

Vestry Highlights for October . . .

Financial Report: A promissory note, of \$7,000 borrowed from the endowment for exterior painting has been filed; \$500 in Columbarium income has been added to the endowment (the current endowment total is \$573,408).

Stewardship Update: Al Topping noted the income from the Kroger gift cards sold to date averages about \$250 a month. Regarding the pledge campaign, Al explained the program for the next four weeks, with Pledge Sunday on October 31st, pledge is for the entire year of 2006.

Worship Committee: This committee wanted to poll the Vestry on whether there should be a Thanksgiving Day service (10:00 a.m.) and based on good previous experiences in 2003 and 2004 the Vestry saw good reasons to have this service. There will be Compline following choir rehearsal on November 9th, December 7th, and January 4th.

Canon Zust's Visit: Those on the Vestry who attended the meeting thought there was free and open discussion. Canon Zust talked about priest – friendship issues, the status of our search process, and the priest's salary compensation.

Parish Meeting on Five Year Plan: On November 6th there is to be a parish meeting where the five year financial plan will be presented for discussion and input. It was decided to change the time for the meeting from 3:00 p.m. to just after church.

2004 Audit Report: The recommendations regarding accounting procedures; better software for tracking the budget and records back up are close to being in place. Training on using the new financial software and renting a bank safety deposit box were recommended.

Vestry Nominating Committee for Next Vestry: As per bylaws, Alex Buckley, Matthew Adeyanju and Kathleen Sullivan comprise the nominating committee. They will present a slate at the December Vestry meeting.

Episcopal House Options: Allyn Reilly reported on Will Chandler's inspection of the Episcopal House and the eight options presented by the committee with tearing down or selling the house

are not good options; a nursery school would be prohibitive given state standards, lack of yard space, etc. The Vestry asked the committee to report back with details for option 1 (current use as student rental with needed upgrades) and option 3 (removing the garage and expanding parking).

Church Building Inspection; screen door: The Vestry recommended hiring Bill Novac (who comes highly recommended) to inspect the building and make recommendations for an overall maintenance plan. It also approved installing a secure screen door in the bell tower area to help cool the church in the summer.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary

*There will not be Church School
on Sunday, November 27th*

From the Mail Bag

A recent mailing from the Rt. Rev. William G. Black, aka Bill, contained among other items – reprints of thought-provoking articles, family news and recent activities – an account of the current efforts to preserve the legacy and grave site of Philander Chase, first Bishop of Ohio (1819) and first Bishop of Illinois (1835). Bill wrote, “Not all Episcopalians waited for the arrival of Pullman cars before venturing beyond the Allegheny mountains!” Chase founded Kenyon College and several of his first congregations were in “such places as Zanesville, Worthington, and Chillicothe.”

The full account of the Ohio-Illinois effort to memorialize the life and work of Bishop Chase is on the bulletin board. Bill wrote that he had visited the grave site in behalf of a Diocese of Chicago 2004 Resolution to upgrade the site, in Jubilee College State park, just north of I-74.

Carolyn Murphree

November Events at Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 pm– Alanon 8:00 pm- AA	2 Noon– Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 6:30 pm - CR	3 12:30 pm – CP 5:30 pm – Potluck 7:00 pm – Cosmic Walk	4 Sr. Faith Margaret Visit	5
6 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 11:30 am – Parish Meeting	7 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 pm– Alanon 8:00 pm- AA	9 Noon– Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR 8:30 pm – Complaine	10 12:30 pm – CP 7:00 pm– Spiritual Formation Ministry 7:30 pm – Alanon	11 Diocesan Convention in Cincinnati	12 Diocesan Convention in Cincinnati
13 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – LI	14 11:30 am – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts	15 7:30 pm– Alanon 8:00 pm- AA	16 Noon– Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR	17 12:30 pm – CP 7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm - Alanon	18	19 9:00 am – Greek Orthodox Service
20 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – CS 10:30 am – HE II Noon – Advent Rehearsal	21 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	22 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Meeting 11:00 am – CR 7:30 pm– Alanon 8:00 pm- AA	23 Noon– Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW	24 10:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Eucharist Parish Office Closed	25 Parish Office Closed	26
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Key Guide:

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

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II
CS – Church School

MW – Midweek Eucharist
CP – Contemplative Prayer

LI – Lindley Inn
CR – Choir Rehearsal

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Betty Larson
6 Adam Hillard Carolyn Murphree	7	8	9	10	11	12 Thomas Walker
13	14 Ingrid Buckley	15	16 David Burton	17 Tiffany Sherman	18	19 Jon Sinclair
20	21 Preston Denton Keith Lackey	22	23 Jason Hillard Penny Karageorge	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25	26 Allyn Reilly Terrie Sherman
27	28	29 Benjamin Ziff Curt & Terrie Sherman	30			