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Senior Warden Comments . . .



Greetings,

This is a waiting time in our parish life. The Calling Committee is hard at work interviewing our candidates for Rector. We expect to know by the middle of the month the person they have identified as the individual they will recommend to the Vestry to lead us. I am hopeful that we will be able to conclude our search before Lent begins. This does not mean our new Rector will here for Easter, however. Negotiations for the start date, the move to Athens, and getting settled in may take some time. We are on the way, however.

We have some housekeeping issues to attend to before our Rector's arrival. As I helped Glenda assemble the materials for our Annual Meeting packets, I was struck by the tremendous contributions of many of our members who offer their time and talents to serve the parish and those in need. Our Hunger Taskforce feeds large numbers at Wednesday Lunch and organizes the Food Pantry effort in the parish. The Shawl Ministry has provided 145 shawls for persons in need of comfort. We have reached out to others in a variety of ways.

The items we need to address are painful to talk about as they involve money. We still owe ourselves over \$6,000 for the computer and painting. The arithmetic is simple. If each pledging unit in the parish were able to commit to fifty cents a day for the next six months, this would be paid off. Indeed, we could pay the computer debt if each pledging unit paid only \$10.

The other item we must address is the result of our Every Member Canvass for this year. We fell short of our goal in terms of the number of pledges by 17. We had hoped to have 85 pledges and we received 68. We must redouble our efforts to identify and encourage new members. This will take time, effort, and good will on all our parts. There are some possible short term solutions. If you have not yet returned your pledge for 2006, please do so soon. If you have returned your pledge, consider asking a friend to church. If you see someone new in the pews, greet them and be sure they join us for coffee.

We are a tremendous parish family. We need to share this with others and we need those others to join us in our effort to spread the faith.

In this month's newsletter you will see something new, Children's Corner on the white insert. On the suggestion of Joan Waldron we are trying to involve the children in the parish newsletter. I hope you and your children enjoy this and if you should have any other suggestions, please pass them along to myself or Glenda.

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

'Peanut Butter' and other Sundays

Currently the Athens County Food Pantry packs a weekly total of 48 bags and boxes of food which are distributed by Athens County Jobs and Family Services to residents in urgent need of food. Recipients also receive a modest cash voucher for dairy products.

Much – but far from all – of the food distributed by the Food Pantry comes from the Food Bank in Logan, which provides a limited selection of government surplus food for free as well as other food at deeply discounted prices.

While the Food Pantry packers depend on the Food Bank for some canned goods and non-perishables, like rice and instant mashed potatoes, there is a constant need for protein sources which is not met by the Food Bank. Hence the constant plea for peanut butter and canned meats!

In addition to peanut butter and canned meats, the Food Pantry always needs large paper bags. If you have a van or covered pickup (or a car with a big trunk) and are willing to make a run or two to Logan each month, please let me know.

Next month we will talk about who gets the food boxes!

**Anne Braxton
Food Pantry Liaison**

***Don't forget** – the second Sunday of each month is designated Food Pantry Sunday at Good Shepherd. Boxes are always available in the Narthex to collect food donations and envelopes are available in the pews each Sunday for monetary donations.

Vestry Highlights for January . . .

- **Treasurer's Report, Closeout of 2005:** Jack Flemming explained what he will present at the Annual Meeting. This year cash in and cash out has been pretty even. An additional \$9,700 was taken out of endowment for painting, the computer, etc, of which \$2,700 has been paid back. In response to questions about paying the rest back, Jack noted the real key is more pledge units, and if we do not do better in this regard things do not look good in the long run.
- **Mission:** The Boy Scout group will be participating in a "bowl-a-thon and lock-in" in Cincinnati for Katrina relief and the Vestry approved the parish contributing \$50 as a sponsoring organization.
- **Junior Warden:** In regards to the Episcopal House, Curt Sherman reported that room keys and common area cleaning problems have been solved. The idea of hiring our Sexton to clean the common area on a regular basis is an option to explore. In regards the building inspection Bill Novak has not submitted a report as of yet. The walk-around inspection had produced quite a list of concerns and Curt has fixed easy ones. The report will cover three areas – safety, security, and maintenance. Curt outlined problems he thinks will appear in the report. The gas company replaced the regulators outside the building this month.
- **Oasis:** The wardens will be meeting with John Kotowski (OU VP for Planning) about fixing draining issues and to inquire what the university plans to do with the Oasis property after the student center building is finished.
- **Calling Committee:** Allyn Reilly reported on upcoming trips to observe and interview each of the candidates; the committee plans to present a name to the Vestry by the end of February.
- **Stewardship:** We are short 11 pledges and \$14,000 to meeting our goal this year. Average pledge is about \$1,850 up strongly from last year but 25% of the parish members are carrying 60% of the load. In discussion it was noted many in the parish do not have deep pockets; others do not appreciate what it costs to run a parish. Ideas were discussed on how parishioners with less

financial resources could feel that they can participate. Vestry agreed the root problem is the number of pledges; we need to expand our numbers base, make people want to stay with us.

- **Housing:** Bob Shelly noted we may be asked to help with housing for the new priest. He/she might want to live in the Episcopal House (loss of rent and about \$8,000 capital improvements might be needed); or perhaps might need help with down payment for new home (here there is protocol, use part of endowment for equity, then housing allowance).
- **Capital Campaign:** We can handle most repairs discussed so far, but in two or three years after the new Rector is on board we will need to initiate a capital campaign.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary

Kilvert Christmas Project

The efforts of all of us at Good Shepherd collected 3 carloads of food, clothing, new and used toys for the Kilvert Center in Stewart, Ohio; plus over \$200 in cash! Julie Nehls made two trips to Stewart in her expandable yellow sleigh! Isn't Christmas wonderful?

I received this letter from Irene Flowers of the Kilvert Center:

"We all at the Center want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the money and presents. Also for your kindness for our kids during Christmas. Everyone got gifts, also treats and plenty to eat. It was great"

The Vestry also designated \$150 from the Undesignated Outreach budget and sent it along as well. The Vestry received the following note also from Irene Flowers:

"I just wanted you to know that the Kilvert Center was more than glad to get your check. We used it to pay our electric bill, it was for the month of December \$157.00. So from the bottom of our hearts thanks so much. It took a big worry off our minds."

June Wieman



Excerpts from the 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes

The full official minutes will be considered for approval at next year's annual meeting.

Thirty-nine members of the parish were present.

The **Report of the Nominating Committee** was presented by Matthew Adeyanju. The Election Slate for 2006 was as follows:

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| Senior Warden: | Robert Shelly | (one year term) |
| Junior Warden: | Curtis Sherman | (one year term) |
| Secretary: | Ted Foster | (one year term) |
| Treasurer: | Jack Flemming | (one year term) |

College/University Representative: (none selected*)

*Laura Sojka was nominated from the floor by Phyllis Dean and seconded by Ann Shelly and was approved with no opposition. If Laura is unable to fill the position again this year, the Vestry will appoint someone.

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| Vestry: | Phyllis Dean | (term expires 2009) |
| Vestry: | Ann Rathbun | (term expires 2009) |
| Vestry: | Jane Forrest Redfern | (term expires 2009) |
| Vestry: | Kathleen Sullivan | (term expires 2009) |

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| Delegates to the Convention: | Ann Shelly & Richard Carlson |
| Alternates: | T. J. Luce & Gifford Doxsee |

Richard Dean moved and Jean Thomas seconded that report be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Flemming presented the **Stewardship Report** prepared by Al Topping. Jack noted the increased generosity of the parish is gratifying, the fewer pledging units is alarming. The total pledged last year with 79 pledges was \$122,728 and with this year with 68 pledges is \$126,102. The average pledge last year was around \$1,650, this year around \$1,850. Referring to the five-year plan (last page of meeting brochure) the question is how we are going to be able to afford a full-time Rector. We need around \$240,000 per year and we tend to get the shortfall from the endowment. The current budget takes about 7.5% from the endowment; it cannot sustain more than 5%. Though the average amount of a given pledge exceeds our plan goal, the number of pledge units is not keeping up. If this pattern continues we will be in serious trouble.

Calling Committee – Bob Shelly reported that the committee is out visiting this weekend, and for the next two weekends. Around the end of February the committee will present to the Vestry one name. This candidate will then meet with the Vestry and Calling Committee here in Athens. This will not be an open meeting. Some asked why closed and why others are not able to hear or meet the candidate. Bob explained this is the current tradition for priests (election of bishops not the same) and you will have to trust the Calling Committee and Vestry. A discussion ensued generally supporting leaving it up to the Calling Committee and Vestry. Bob asked for our prayers in the selection process, noting that we might know the name of our next priest by the time Lent begins but is doubtful the priest will be in place by Easter.

Health Ministry – Bob Shelly read the Health Ministry report which did not reach the office before printing time. Jack Flemming moved to include the report in full with this year's minutes (reproduced on page 7). This motion was seconded by Anne Braxton and all approved.

Bob also pointed out that the **Shawl Ministry** has provided 140 shawls to individuals and organizations and wanted us to collectively recognize this amazing contribution.

Ted Foster
Vestry Secretary

Appalachian Sunday Celebration

Sunday, February 26th
2:00 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Katharin Foster will lead a
Hocking Valley Deanery wide celebration.

Please contact Rev. Foster for more information
740-593-8615 or at kfoster@columbus.rr.com

Parish Health Committee Report 2005

Mission of Health Ministry – The Health Ministry Team of the Church of the Good Shepherd seeks to follow the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by promoting wholeness of body, mind and spirit through programs of prayer, service and support, to individuals, the parish, and the larger community.

Because of the chairperson's absence, and work in Honduras after March 30, 2005, the Parish Health Committee did not continue to regularly meet as a committee after that time. However, members continue to communicate informally to visit both nursing homes and sick members and provide personal, prayer or social assistance. In addition, blood pressure clinics and supervision have continued after church on a monthly basis.

Retreats sponsored by the Episcopal Retirement Homes and Parish Health groups have been attended by several committee members and found to be very supportive spiritually; it is hoped this will continue. However, there was no program support from Parish Health Ministry last year, despite their requirements for participation, data and records, etc. This raised questions about the advisability and or necessity of formal affiliation, and this was discussed with our interim priest, Michael Jupin. It was concluded that formal affiliation was not necessary, because of 1) the support of several religious persons and groups for visitation and 2) the experience and competence of the parish members. However this needs to be fully discussed with committee.

One goal, which was to implement a Parish Directory with photographs, was begun but not completed post February 2005. The major difficulty has been finding a date which did not conflict with the university calendar or other commitments of the company photographer.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Ergood
Parish Health Committee Chair**



News from the Pews

Roland Swardson traveled to Arkansas in late November to deliver his mother, Lillian who celebrated her 97th birthday, a shawl made by the Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Mrs. Bimbola Oridota, **Matthew Adeyanju's** aunt from Nigeria, visited the Adeyanju family before Christmas. She visited other family in London before returning to Nigeria. The Adeyanju's daughter, **Femi**, now works for a firm in Cincinnati.

Off to spend Christmas in balmy Florida was **Carolyn Murphree**. Your Pew News reporter found it sunny in El Paso, Texas, where he visited daughter, **Heather**, and granddaughter, **Madeleine**. In Athens for Christmas, **BJ** and **Kate Cottrill** from Baltimore; **Ted Riffe**, from Boston; and **Eliza Riffe** from Chicago where she is a senior at the University of Chicago; **Jacob** and **Carolyn Sheehan** along with **Megan Reilly** visiting parents **Allyn** and **Marsha Reilly**.

Elizabeth Sinclair received her master's in school counseling at Ohio University at the end of the fall quarter.

Judy Archer's solar and wind powered house was written up in the December 5th *Athens Messenger* article on "Living off the Grid." **Jessica** and **Richard Fox**, **Judy** and partner **Emilee Bush**, run a bed and breakfast on Hooper Ridge Road.

All good wishes to **Gifford Doxsee**, who recuperates from an Achilles heel operation; **Tom Lenaghan** of Ann Arbor, who recovers at the home of his wife, **Marsha Dutton**; and also to **Helen Marsh** who remains at Brookside Manor recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Jeff Maiden was pictured in the *Athens Messenger* recently as he was sworn in as a member of the Hocking Conservancy District Board. Jeff replaced **Jimmy Anastas** on the board.

Reid Sinclair
Roving Reporter



February Worship & Participant Schedule

Wednesday, February 1st: 5:30 p.m.
Midweek Eucharist Presider – Rev. Katharin Foster

Sunday, February 5th: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II Presider – Rev. Emmanuel Twesigye
Lector – Debbie Hillard Ushers – Greek Men
Prayer Leader – Ann Shelly
Eucharistic Ministers – Dana Carlson, Ann Shelly
Acolytes – Ilona Carlson, T. J. Luce, Bethany Miller, Eli Redfern

Wednesday, February 8th: 5:30 p.m.
Midweek Eucharist Presider – Rev. Katharin Foster

Sunday, February 12th: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II Presider – Rev. Robert Goodrich
Lector – Jack Flemming Ushers – Greek Men
Prayer Leader – Allyn Reilly
Eucharistic Ministers – Bethany Miller & Allyn Reilly
Acolytes – Matthew Adeyanju, Michael Adeyanju, Ilona Carlson, T. J. Luce

Wednesday, February 15th: 5:30 p.m.
Midweek Eucharist Presider – Rev. Katharin Foster

Sunday, February 19th: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II Presider – Rev. Emmanuel Twesigye
Lector – Karen Evans-Romaine Ushers – Greek Men
Prayer Leader – Jane Forrest Redfern
Eucharistic Ministers – Matthew Adeyanju & Lynn Graham
Acolytes – Bethany Miller, Max Carney, Eli Redfern

Wednesday, February 22nd: 5:30 p.m.
Midweek Eucharist Presider – Rev. Katharin Foster

Sunday, February 26th: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II Presider – Rev. Robert Goodrich
Lector – Arvin Wells Ushers – Greek Men
Prayer Leader – Debbie Hillard
Eucharistic Ministers – Debbie Hillard & T. J. Luce
Acolytes – Ilona Carlson, Michael Adeyanju, Lynn Graham, Bethany Miller

Spring Break Alternative

United Campus Ministry – Center for Spiritual Growth and Social Justice – is hosting an alternative Spring Break trip to St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana to help with relief efforts. Volunteers will be working with Emergency Communities, whose mission is to provide 3 hot meals to community members a day and are currently feeding over 1,100 people a day. Volunteers will help with preparing meals, serving meals, clean-up, and coordinating entertainment activities for children and adults. We have room for 15 people and will leave Saturday, March 19th, at 8:00 a.m. and will return Saturday, March 25th. While our lodging (tents) and food will be provided by Emergency Communities, our transportation costs and cost of renting vans will be close to \$2,000. Our hope is to defray much of this cost from the volunteers who will be giving their time and effort in a chaotic environment through fundraising activities.

If you are able to help sponsor a volunteer please send your much appreciated donation to UCM 18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio 45701. All donations are tax-deductible.

If you are interested in volunteering please stop by UCM at 18 North College Street between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to pick up an application. Call 740-593-7301 or e-mail ucmcf@frognet.net for more information.

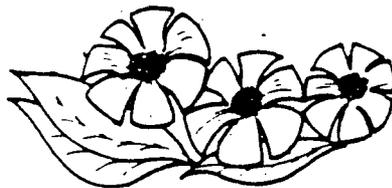
Lindsey Daniels
UCM Social Work Intern

Thank You

Dear Bob:

My thanks to you, the Vestry and all the people of Good Shepherd for the wonderful “send off” on Sunday, January 8th. The gift of the garden “flower” from passion Works was an inspiration and the food made it a feast. May both Good Shepherd and I keep “blooming” in the years to come.

Gratefully,
Michael Jupin



Children's Corner

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) below, and then search the puzzle for the capital words.



“... if you **ACCEPT** my words and store up my **COMMANDS** within you, turning your **EAR** to **WISDOM** and applying your **HEART** to **UNDERSTANDING**, and if you call out for **INSIGHT** and cry aloud for understanding, and if you **LOOK** for it as for **SILVER** and **SEARCH** for it as for hidden **TREASURE**, then you will understand the fear of the **LORD** and find the **KNOWLEDGE** of **GOD**.”

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February Events at Good Shepherd

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR | 2 Noon – Parish Health Committee Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting | 3 5:00 pm – Book Club Dinner | 4 |
| 5 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – LI | 6 11:30 am – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting | 7 7:30 pm- Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm - AA Meeting | 8 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm - CR | 9 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10:30 am – HE II | 13 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting | 14 9:30 am - PS 7:30 pm- Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm - AA Meeting | 15 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm - CR | 16 7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting | 17 | 18 9:00 am – Greek Orthodox Service |
| 19 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – LI | 20 11:30 am – Bible Study 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting | 21 7:30 pm- Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm - AA Meeting | 22 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm - CR | 23 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10:30 am – HE II 2:00 pm – Appalachian Sunday Celebration | 27 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting | 28 9:30 am - PS 7:30 pm- Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm - AA Meeting | | | | |

Key Guide:

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II
PS – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

MW – Midweek Eucharist
CS – Church School

MP – Morning Prayer
CR – Choir Rehearsal

LI – Lindley Inn

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Eli Redfern | 3 Gordy Ruchti Henry & Caroline Dean | 4 |
| 5 Katie Irwin | 6 Eliza Riffe | 7 | 8 Michelle Parsons | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Deborah Burk | 14 | 15 Quentin Derryberry III | 16 Amy Hillard | 17 Lee Palmer | 18 |
| 19 Patricia Beamish Mark Enlow | 20 Kenneth & Martha Rupp | 21 Brooks Purdy | 22 Madeleine Sinclair- Maupin | 23 | 24 | 25 Jane Forrest Redfern |
| 26 | 27 Ronald Isele | 28 Chris Coleman Sandy Oney | | | | |