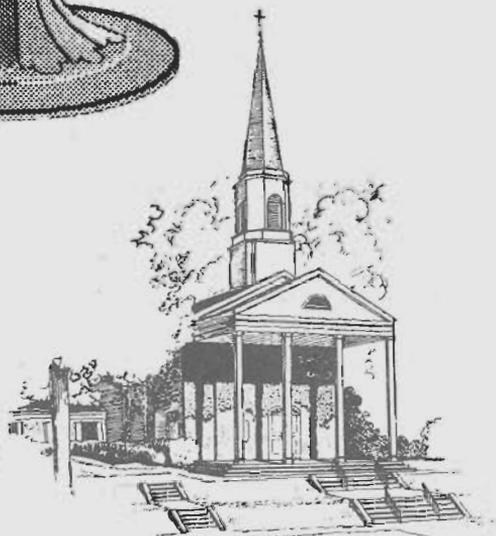
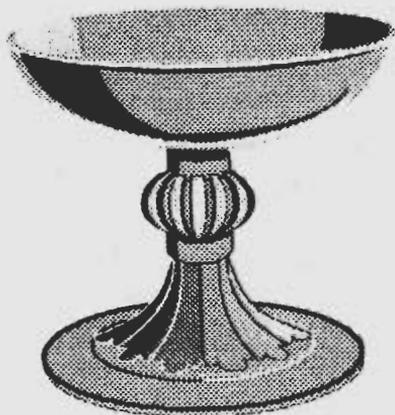


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Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

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God's Generous Love: The Basis for Christian Stewardship

Love (III)—George Herbert

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah my deare,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame?
 My deare, then I will serve.
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

If someone were to ask me why I am an Episcopalian, it wouldn't take me long to answer. First of all, I met Jesus Christ in the Episcopal Church. As an adult, I was baptized into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church at All Souls' parish in San Diego. I remember the promises I made that day and the words that were spoken to me: "Bill, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever." Furthermore, the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (especially the baptismal and eucharistic rites and the daily office of morning and evening prayer) has formed my heart and mind to the extent that I can't easily imagine myself without it. I am in love with the kind of Catholic and Reformed Christianity that we practice day by day as we work and pray together. As a Church, we confess the historic creeds but are generous enough in spirit to welcome those who do not literally believe everything they contain. We trust that over time praying will indeed "shape believing" and that, since God is absolute mystery, our questions are at least as holy as our answers. The Episcopal Church welcomed me and gave me a safe space both to ask my questions and to discover

answers I could live with, above all Jesus himself, incarnate, crucified, and risen.

In addition to the Prayer Book, one of the best things about our tradition is the great Anglican poets, some of them also priests. For me, the greatest of these is George Herbert. Not only his *Country Parson* but also his poems in the *Temple* express the soul of Anglican spirituality and pastoral practice. Of these, perhaps the most meaningful to me is "Love (III)," often referred to as Love's Banquet. In the poem, which has clear eucharistic overtones, Herbert gives voice to God's generous love, which forgives our sins and makes us fit to become the friends and guests of Jesus. In this world, God is our host. God's generous hospitality has made provision for all our needs, from our daily bread to companions with whom to share it. In God's house and at God's table, we are all guests, and God wants us to be here. The Episcopal Church welcomes "all sorts and conditions." It certainly welcomed me.

In the next week or so, every member of the parish should receive in the mail some materials announcing the beginning of our fall stewardship campaign. As I look at the state of the parish, I am convinced that the parish profile is wise to identify "learning about and fostering" stewardship as a key goal for our ministry together. For the month of October, we are especially concerned with financial stewardship. At the annual meeting in January, we shall begin to address our stewardship of time and energy as well. Each form of stewardship is essential to our ministry together at Good Shepherd. I encourage you to read the materials carefully and to listen to those laypeople who will be making presentations to the parish on the Sundays of October. I also urge you to begin thinking about how you might contribute your time and labor to the ministries of this parish prior to the annual meeting. In all things, our stewardship of God's gifts is a response to God's generous love. Please take this appeal for stewardship to heart. In this parish, as in this world, we are all guests and caretakers of gifts we did not create. May we use them wisely to build up the Body of Christ in this place and to share God's abundant love with a world that desperately needs it.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large 'B' and 'l'.

Vestry Highlights from the September 16 Meeting

Stewardship: Fr. Carroll reported that, along with co-chairs Matthew Adeyanju and Anne Braxton, he has been preparing for the fall stewardship campaign. The Vestry approved in principle substantial increases in the budget for Christian education, new member ministry, outreach and justice ministry, and building maintenance. An outline of the proposed budget will be adopted at the October meeting and shared with the parish prior to the ingathering Sunday on October 29. After pledges come in, the Vestry will adopt a formal budget prior to the annual meeting. A letter announcing the campaign and describing missionary priorities for the next year will be mailed to the entire parish the first week in October. This is in keeping with the theme of the campaign “Money follows mission.”

Sign: Fr. Carroll announced the first bid on construction of a new sign for Good Shepherd and distributed drawings of the proposed design to the Vestry. The sign will help us to meet major missionary goals in new member ministry and campus ministry and to take better advantage of our location. Several other bids have been solicited, including one from a local contractor. Having seen the drawings, Vestry members made suggestions for improvements in the design, which will be communicated to the company that submitted the bid and to the other contractors. It will likely take a while to steer this project through the Board of Zoning Appeals. We hope to have the sign up by the fall of 2007.

Request from Boy Scout Troop: Fr. Carroll has met with the new scoutmaster and received a request for help that required Vestry action. The scouts are committed to cleaning up their area and requested an additional place in Nehls Hall to put a desk, so that they could use a laptop during their meetings. The Vestry approved their request and decided to clean out the area at the base of the ramp. Fr. Carroll urged the Vestry to claim its responsibility of oversight over the use of all parish facilities, making appropriate consultation with other stakeholders as necessary.

Outreach and Justice Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2006

7 p.m. in Hobson Lounge

We are formulating a budget proposal to the Vestry for 2007. Those who are unable to attend but would like to request funds are encouraged to send a written proposal to the parish office in advance of the meeting.

Input from the parish is vital as the Vestry seeks consensus about our priorities in local, regional, and global mission for the next year.

Living Wage Campaign: A Public Forum on the Ohio Minimum Wage Amendment

Thursday, October 19, 2006

7 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church Lutheran Center

The National Council of Churches is sponsoring this effort as part of a nationwide campaign on behalf of the working poor. The General Convention has asked all Episcopalians to advocate a living wage in all communities in the United States.

Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 4, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All available parishioners are asked to bring leaf rakes and other appropriate gardening tools to the church and participate in pruning, trimming, and leaf removal.

In-door projects may also be arranged by request.

Please contact Curt Sherman, Junior Warden, with suggestions and/or questions.

October Events at Good Shepherd

1 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Adult Ed 10:15 am – SS 10:30 am – HE II 1:00 pm – YG 2:00 pm – LI 5:00 pm – HE II	2 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	3 6:30 pm – EFM Planning Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	4 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 6:30 pm – CR	5 7:30 pm – Alanon	6	7
8 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Adult Ed 10:15 am – SS 10:30 am – HE II 12:45 pm – Animal Blessing 5:00 pm – HE II	9 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	10 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	11 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 6:30 pm – CR	12 7:00 pm – Outreach Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon	13 5:30 pm – Ultreya Potluck 6:30 pm – Ultreya Meeting	14
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22 9:00 am – Adult Ed 10:15 am – SS 10:30 am – HE II 3:00 pm – Rector Installation	23 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	24 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm – AA	25 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 7:00 pm – CR 7:45 pm – AR	26 7:00 pm – Vestry 7:30 pm – Alanon	27	28
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Key Guide:

HE I – Holy Eucharist Rite I
 LI – Lindley Inn Eucharist

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II
 SS – Sunday School

MW – Midweek Eucharist
 CR – Choir Rehearsal

YG – Youth Group Meeting
 AR – Advent Music Rehearsal

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Eric Jennings Joe Walker Kaye & Mary Anne Rakes	2	3 Susan Gault Enlow	4 Leslie Flemming David & Christina Gault	5 Christy Ortman Mary Anne Rakes	6 Sheppard Black Connie DeBerardinis Daniel Riffe	7 Katharin Foster James Strawser Anthony & Connie DeBerardinis
8 Fr Carroll	9	10 David Gault Sean & Michelle O'Malley	11 Debbie Hillard	12	13	14 Daniel & Dee Dee Riffe
15 Allison Valeda- Maiden	16 Eve Campbell	17	18	19 Carl Ortman Jonathan & Sara Sinclair	20 Dana Carlson	21
22	23 Meghan Purdy	24	25 Kathleen Sullivan	26	27 Ted Sherman	28 Ann Charles Watts
29 Carolyn Reilly Sheehan	30 Kelsey Lackey	31				