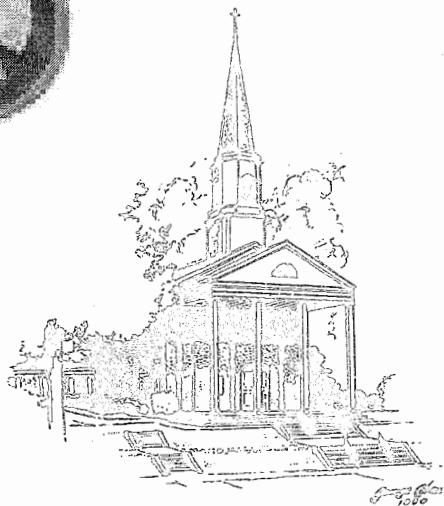
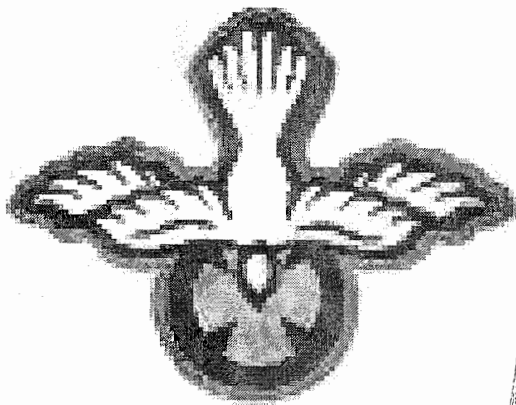

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Seeking and Serving Christ in all persons

I'm delighted to announce that, with the unanimous support of the Vestry, I have invited Deniray Mueller to serve at Good Shepherd as a deacon-in-training this next year. Deniray has been with us the last two Sundays. She will be involved with the worship, preaching, pastoral care, and outreach ministries of the parish, as well as our campus ministry. She is a parishioner at Trinity, Columbus (on Capitol Square), and I have known her for three or four years. She brings rich experience and gifts for ministry to Good Shepherd, and we are blessed to have her with us. What follows is an introduction in her own words.

--The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector

From our Deacon-In-Training

I feel honored that the Vestry and Rector have agreed to allow me to do my diaconal field study at Good Shepherd. I have just completed my second year of school at the Anglican Academy, and if I pass my canonicals, I will be ordained a Vocational Deacon in June 2008. Due to a series of circumstances we will be cramming two years of field study into one year, but I am assured by Fr. Bill that when y'all finish with my training, I will be the best deacon there is.

I first received a call to servant ministry when I was about eight years old. But being raised a Catholic, there was not much opportunity for me to exercise that call. Time passed, and I was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Black (who says there is not synchronicity in this world?) after the bishop of the Columbus Roman Catholic Diocese told me to go somewhere else (you will probably hear all about it in a sermon). When I entered the Episcopal Church, I felt like I had come home.

After having attended the 2003 General Convention in Minneapolis, I realized I could no longer ignore my call. I had worked for the consent of Gene Robinson and for full inclusion of LGBT Children of God into the church. So my journey toward ordination started. There were fits and starts, but here I am now. And I am very excited and slightly humbled to be at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

I am an Air Force brat, but consider Atlanta my home. You will find that I have certain colloquialisms that you just can't take from a 'Southern Lady'. When I get tired I mix it with a Boston twang, which can get very interesting.

I had a life partner for 27 years who died of cancer and never thought I would be part of a couple again. But God had other plans for me.

Compliments of Rutter's *Gloria*, I found a wonderful person, Karen Peeler, and we have been together for almost ten years. We look forward to the time when we may seal our commitment to each other in the church.

I am here as a Deacon-In-Training, and hope that I can carry on some of the work that Fr. Bill has started. My ministry is to bring the church to the world and the world to the church – what better place than Good Shepherd. I look forward to getting to know y'all and becoming a part of your family.

Blessings this Pentecost,
deniray mueller

LESLIE FLEMMING TO BE ORDAINED DEACON ON JUNE 23

Q. What is the ministry of a deacon?

A. The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

--From the Prayer Book Catechism, p. 856

By the grace of God, Leslie Flemming will be ordained to the sacred order of deacons in God's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The ordination will be on Saturday, June 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati. If you would like to arrange carpools to the cathedral to witness Leslie's ordination, please e-mail Fr. Carroll at gsrector@gmail.com or call the parish office at 593-6877. The next day, Sunday, June 24th, she will be with us at Good Shepherd, serving as deacon at our 9:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Leslie will serve at Trinity, McArthur this summer and is entering her final year of seminary in the fall, preparing for her ordination as a priest. Along with T. J. Azar (who is a year behind Leslie at Bexley Hall in Columbus), Leslie is one of many people whom Good Shepherd has raised up for ordained ministry. Please remember Leslie and T. J. in your prayers, as we do at the Eucharist each Sunday.

Davis Mac-Iyalla Fights for his Rights

Ilona Carlson

Youth group member, Ilona Carlson, wrote a paper for a school project about Nigerian LGBT rights leader Davis Mac-Iyalla's May 20th visit to Good Shepherd. She interviewed him, took notes, and reviewed recordings of his talks. The paper is too long to reprint here in its entirety, but with her permission we've posted it on the parish blog (gsathens.blogspot.com). Here are some highlights:

Imagine a life in which you do not have the lawful right to openly express your lifestyle, primarily your sexuality. You must live your entire life pretending to be something you are not and for that you must learn to be able to sacrifice your happiness to escape legal imprisonment. You may not speak to those you share interests with and are denied the right to love whom you wish--you may not even speak of your lifestyle. Even your religion is denied you because it is that religion that has placed you in such jeopardy...One man is determined to stop the criminalization of homosexuality in Nigeria and thus change the lives of thousands of LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender) people who face religious persecution and legal prosecution. His name is Davis Mac-Iyalla. He is the leader of a movement to "open doors for change and bring equality for [his] brothers and sisters." This is no easy task. He has already received death threats and been forced to take exile in Togo, and even there he has been followed.

...[Archbishop of Nigeria Peter] Akinola has tried to push through a poisonous piece of legislation outlawing homosexuality, making same-sex relationships a crime, but also a crime for gays and lesbians to gather together or to talk about gay rights punishable by five years' imprisonment... Mac-Iyalla is working hard to change this. He founded the Support Project in Nigeria, which was the first gay organization in Nigeria. This later evolved into Changing Attitude Nigeria (CAN) which took notes from Changing Attitude England and has expanded to five thousand members throughout Nigeria. This threatened Akinola, who denied the existence of the group as well as denied that there were any homosexuals in the Church of Nigeria altogether...Mac-Iyalla is now doing a tour of the United States, which began at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio. He says that the most important thing now is to bring awareness to the fact that LGBT people do exist in Nigeria and that they have nowhere to turn. They cannot go to their government, nor to anyone else because they fear being arrested for

being homosexual supporters. “Once you try to speak for yourself, that is when you start to be targeted,” Mac-Iyalla told me in an interview he granted following his talk here...

After their first meeting of CAN, Mac-Iyalla was cornered, beaten by police and thrown into a jail cell without food or water for three days. Because he was the leader, he was allowed to leave and find someone who would be willing to pay his bail. This infuriated him further. He hosted another meeting for what was growing to be 1,600 gays and lesbians. Nigerian newspapers covered the meeting as did a surprise visitor: a reporter from the New York Times! When a legislative bill banning even the mere mention of homosexuality was introduced, Mac-Iyalla became more mobile---and is now in the United States. “This bill makes us outcasts in our own church and society. I must bring total inclusion of my LGBT brothers and sisters in our church and our society,” he said, bearing a somber face.

Mac-Iyalla hopes his time in the United States will bring aid to his ailing brothers and sisters in Nigeria who cry for rights. He wants people to realize it is not purely religious anymore...He also hopes that people here will begin to do things to help. What can we do? He says we can help by simply opposing homophobic violence here at home (in school and in town). We can write letters to human rights organizations and to newspapers, bringing awareness to others. We must all become peacemakers, and then we can bring the fundamental rights promised in the Nigerian Constitution to the LGBT citizens of Nigeria.

Parish News and Announcements

Cita Strauss reports that her daughter, **Anne Alice Chagnot**, graduated with honors in Literatures and Cultures from Brown University on Sunday, May 27th. Anne Alice intends to move to Brooklyn in August.

David Burton has been promoted to Professor in the Department of Modern Languages.

Congratulations Anne Alice and David!

We welcome brief press releases (aim for 25 words or less) about significant events in the lives of parishioners and close family, as well as community events that may be of interest to the parish. We reserve the right to edit submissions for style, content, and relevance. Please e-mail your parish news to Fr. Carroll at gsrector@gmail.com. Those who don't have access to e-mail may submit printed copy at the parish office.

Vestry Highlights from May 17th, 2007

Junior Warden's Report: We will hear back from the diocese in early June regarding the grant proposal for funds toward replacement of the gutters and construction of a new sign. Robin Zirker finished pew repair in half the expected time at half the expected cost.

Fr. Carroll reported that a generous anonymous gift to the altar fund means that we can solicit bids and designs and begin construction once the vestry approves the proposal.

Deacon-in-training: Deniray Mueller, an active layperson at Trinity Church, Columbus, has recently been granted postulancy. The Rev. Canon Walt Mycoff, an Ohio University graduate and canon for ministry in the diocese, recommended that she complete her diaconal training at Good Shepherd. The vestry offered unanimous support, contingent on the negotiation of a learning agreement acceptable to her, the rector, and the executive committee. (This has since been done. See the introduction to Deniray on the first of this newsletter.)

Mission Statement: There has been some confusion over the parish's mission statement, as one statement has been published on the website and another on the cover of the parish profile. The mission statement on the parish profile was developed by the parish in the interim period. That is our official mission statement and will be added to the website. Fr. Carroll noted that he has been using "Seeking and serving Christ in all persons" as a shorthand that is in keeping with the mission statement on the parish profile, and it is being used on stationary, bulletin covers, newsletters, and other parish literature. He asked for a vestry motion affirming this use of this statement, which comes from the Baptismal Covenant. A motion to that effect was offered and passed unanimously.

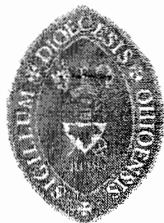
Policy Matters Concerning Renters: Good Shepherd needs to develop a consistent policy regarding long-term renters at the Episcopal House who request the opportunity to store personal belongings in their rooms in the months that they are not renting. The vestry recognized the need for legal advice in drawing up a policy.

Evaluating Handicapped Accessibility: The vestry evaluated the work done on the front pews, which have been modified to accommodate wheelchairs. No further changes were recommended at this time.



ONE HEART WORLD

we are one



Kenyon Summer Conference

July 22-27, 2007 - Gambier, Ohio

The Kenyon Conference draws people from all walks of life and offers something for everyone, whether married or single, newborn or octogenarian. Worship, storytelling, music, keynote speakers, outdoor games, leisurely chats, country expeditions, blissful hours in the bookstore, tasty ice cream, and great people are all part of the Kenyon Summer Conference experience.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio, Kenyon 2007 is open to people of all faiths. The theme for this year's conference is **One Heart, One World, We Are One.**

Together the people of God will listen, learn, pray, play, laugh, and sing as we seek ways to make the Millennium Development Goals our own.

The Rt. Rev. **Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.**, Bishop of Ohio, and the Rt. Rev. **Tom Breidenthal**, newly elected diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, will be the keynote speakers this year, along with Nashville storyteller and musician **Kate Campbell**. The Rev. **Mike Kinman**, executive director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation will jump start the conference on July 22 and 23.

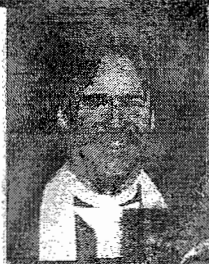
Registration and more information:

www.kenyonconference.org

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June Events at Good Shepherd

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3 8:00 am – HE I 9:00 am – Ad Ed 10:15 am – SS 10:30 am – HE II Listening Session 5:00 pm – HE II	4 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Cord of Honor Ceremony	5 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl @ Zelma Coleman’s home 7:30 pm – Alanon 8:00 pm - AA	6 Noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – MW 6:30 pm – Choir Party @ Don & Joanne’s	7 7:30 pm - Alanon	8 Parish Administrator on vacation 5:30 pm – Ultreya Potluck 6:30 pm – Ultreya Meeting	9
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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
Ad Ed – Adult Education