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# Good SHEPHERD News

*The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd*

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*January*

2009

**Annual Meeting and Potluck**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist**

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*Seeking and Serving Christ in all persons*

*But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.*

2Corinthians 4:7-12

I've always loved Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians and especially this passage from the fourth chapter. The letter is from a missionary to a young church, and it speaks of Paul's sufferings as an apostle. One of its great themes is the consolation that comes from knowing Christ, even (and especially) in suffering. I commend it to you in its entirety.

The letter has taken on new meaning for me in the past couple of weeks. It has always spoken to me in terms of spiritual suffering. Blessed few of us reach adulthood without our share of that. I've certainly had mine. But I think that since my recent hospitalization and diagnosis with the early stages of diabetes, the physicality of Paul's sufferings have taken on a new meaning for me. In particular, I am struck by his statement that we are "always carrying in the body the death of Jesus." Apparently, my diabetes is easily treatable, perhaps without medication and certainly (for now at least) without insulin. But it is still a serious health condition, the first I've had, and when I finally pass from this life, it may be what kills me.

Truth be told, we are always already carrying the seeds of death in our bodies. This side of Eden, mortality is the human condition. But illness of any kind or other milestones of aging make this fact, which we'd prefer to deny, present for us in a whole new way. The other day I had a conversation with one of the members of this parish, who told me that she and her friends spoke about this often.

The thought of our own death creates a choice. We can withdraw further into denial or rage against perceived injustice. Or we can face the truth with eyes wide open and accept the gift of life for what it is. I am convinced that the Gospel always calls us to the latter path. For on it, we discover the secret of joy, as we draw closer and closer to the crucified and risen Jesus. On it, we find that his life has become our life, breaking the power of death over us. Perhaps it is only here that we truly begin to live.

“For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.”

Grace and peace,



**The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector**

## **The Church of the Good Shepherd’s**

### **Annual All Parish Meeting**

**will be held**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**following the  
10:30 a.m. Eucharist  
and  
Second Sunday Brunch**

### **Senior Warden Comments . . .**

As I review 2008 at Good Shepherd and welcome Matthew Adeyanju as the next Senior Warden, I discover that I remember people rather than events. A new Parish Life Committee, an Architecture Committee, a reassembled Worship Committee needed new leaders and workers. People came forward as committees already in place and mission efforts continued.

Two Parish Forums gathered many of us, one in May to discuss worship and outreach, e.g. how can we best adapt our Georgian building to worship at our new altar. The forum in October addressed the budget, e.g. can we accept some stringent choices to protect our endowment? As we ask questions and with patience find some answers, we’re gratified. As we work, discuss, challenge ourselves and each other, we move toward consensus and acceptance. Working with others is the reward as we seek together, all of us God’s children.

**Carolyn Murphree,  
Senior Warden**

*Notes from the  
Organ Bench*

January music happenings:

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Handbells 101**

Harolyn Brient will conduct a basic handbell workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce beginning bell ringing techniques.

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of the historic Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ**

All ages are invited to gather around the organ console for a time of exploration.

**Music for children -**

Beginning the first Sunday of January a children's music time will be held after church for about 20 minutes.

*Marsha Reilly,  
Music Director*

**Faith Build Coalition Fundraiser**

The Faith Build Coalition of Athens County Habitat for Humanity is holding a fundraiser breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for pancakes, sausage and a beverage. Contact Twig Kaufman for tickets (592-3694, [twigkaufman@hotmail.com](mailto:twigkaufman@hotmail.com)).

# MONEY TALK\$

It is no secret that our economy has weakened greatly in the past few months. This makes good news in this area all the more welcome. I am happy to report that our most recent payment from Kroger for the use of their gift cards was \$499.25. If my memory serves me, this is the largest payment for a single month that we have ever received, and it will bring our 2008 income from this source to slightly over \$5,700. Eat hearty and think gift card.

Moreover, we are continuing to do a good job of honoring our pledges towards paying off the money we had to borrow from the Endowment to help refurbish Nehls Hall

Finally, those of us who so far have returned 2009 pledge cards have shown a very gratifying commitment to the life and continuing ministry of Good Shepherd. If you have already returned a 2009 pledge card, thank you very much for your support. If you have yet to do so, please return your pledge card as soon as you can because we are in the final stages of drawing up the 2009 budget.

It is probably common knowledge that my time as Treasurer is about to end and that I am slated to assume the duties of Junior Warden. And despite my joking around, nobody knows better than I that I am taking on this new responsibility at a very difficult time in our parish life. It is some consolation that, relatively speaking, our financial problems are less than those of many parishes in the Diocese whom one could have supposed to have been in better shape. But the fact that others are being hit harder than we are does not lessen the seriousness of our situation.

One of the first changes being forced onto us is the handling our own routine cleaning of the building and grounds. I am already pleased by the commitment of Allyn Reilly, Curt Sherman, Don Frazier, and Ted Foster, all of whom are former Junior Wardens at Good Shepherd, to provide solid and meaningful assistance to the parish and to me over the next months in what is going to be an ongoing task. I am also pleased by the response of many parishioners who are willing to be part of one of our four teams who will handle these routine chores on a rotating basis. Counting the above named four men, we now have two dozen signed up to be on a cleaning team. It has been said that many hands make light work, but for the work to really be light, we need even more volunteers than have so far signed up.

I understand that there are parishioners at Good Shepherd who would be willing to pitch in, but who might be unable to do heavy physical labor. Not to worry. There are many tasks that require little or no physical exertion. And there are strong and vigorous younger parishioners who have already signed up. I will be certain that every cleaning team has at least one young and strong person who is able to carry things up and down the stairs or to take a load of trash to the dumpster. In fact, this is a perfect way for parishioners who might not have much money but who have physical strength to use service on a cleaning team as a form of Stewardship.

And when I say “routine” I mean “routine.” I mean the basic tasks of cleaning that must be done on a weekly basis. We still have a maintenance budget and we still will have “work days.” The things which must be done by outside contractors will continue to be done as before. It is the “everyday” basic cleaning and maintenance that the cleaning teams will be handling.

Nobody likes to be in this situation. I certainly don’t because I am the one who is most responsible for making it work. And nobody knows better than I do that if we don’t do these things ourselves that they won’t get done at all. But we are off to a good start, and I urge you, if you have not done so already, to see me about being placed onto one of the cleaning team.

**Jack Flemming,  
Treasurer**

## **OUTREACH- not only with our lips, but in our lives**

**Mission Trip to Honduras, The December luncheon raised almost \$300:** The Ergoods and the committee are hoping to have a mission trip to Honduras during OU's spring break, March 21<sup>st</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>. As we learned in the "CHOGs Chicks" fundraiser, the goal of the mission trip is building chicken coops that will help financially support the rural health care workers or Guardians. Bruce will be leaving for Honduras January 5<sup>th</sup> for a volunteer teaching post in development at an agricultural college near our churches, which will give him access to a vehicle. While there, Bruce will also be coordinating arrangements for the chickens and possibly the mission trip. Jane will stay in Athens until sometime in February and will assist those from Good Shepherd and the broader community interested in a mission trip. Everyone interested in this trip should meet in January to form a committee, hopefully before Bruce leaves. Everyone should get their passports in order NOW. The estimated cost of this trip is around \$1,200, but there may be funding sources – or fundraisers – available to offset this cost. Please get in touch with the Ergoods or the outreach committee soon if you are interest in going to Honduras during spring break or want to help plan this trip. A Franciscan Teritary friend of Jane's recently wrote her "To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did." This could be your chance.

**New Outreach Fundraiser:** The Outreach Committee resolved at our last meeting to begin a new fundraiser to support Outreach ministries. Gifford Doxsee purposed the idea of church members collecting change and bringing it together to support the Outreach Committees goal of raising 7,000 dollars by Pentecost. Members of the Committee decided to start collecting their change from now until the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. At that point the Committee will bring their change together and invite the rest of the parish to do the same until Pentecost. Feel free to start collecting those coins for Outreach!

**Next Outreach Meeting is Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Everyone is welcome to attend Outreach Committee meetings, and we look forward to your input. See A.J. Stack, the committee chair, if you have items for the agenda. One agenda item for the next meeting is making a proposal to the Vestry about how to allocate the money designated for outreach in the church's budget. See you there!

**Paul Clever,  
Outreach Communication Chair**

## Good Shepherd Supper Club

It is the purpose of Good Shepherd Supper Club to help parishioners get to know each other better and to introduce newcomers to our church family. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you have questions, or would like to be added to the supper club pool during the course of the year, please contact Phyllis Dean at 593-8487 or deanp@ohio.edu.

Hosts will be in touch with the other members of their group early in the quarter, to choose a time that works for all. Groups meet at the designated host's home, unless other arrangements are preferred. In the case of host couples, the couple is responsible for the main dish and group member are asked to bring side dishes, desert, bread, etc. In the case of single hosts, the designated host may ask a group member to work in partnership on the main dish – and remaining group members will bring side dishes, desert, bread, etc.

Good Shepherd Supper Club groups for the winter quarter are listed as follows – with the name of the designated host in bold print and underlined.

**Phyllis Dean,**  
**Supper Club Coordinator**

### WINTER SUPPER CLUB GROUPS

#### **Allyn & Marsha Reilly**

Curt & Terrie Sherman  
Anne Braxton  
A J Stack  
Arvin & Jeanne Wells

#### **Gifford Doxsee**

Lois Wagner  
Bruce & Jane Ergood  
Steven Huang  
Twig Kaufman  
Carolyn Murphree

#### **Bill & Tracey Carroll**

Therese Lackey  
Laura Dukes  
Dick & Phyllis Dean  
Tom & Hildegard Mitchell

#### **Roland & Mary Anne Swardson**

Marsha Dutton  
Betty Larson  
June Wieman  
Paul & Sarah Clever

## News from the Pews . . .

**Roland Swardson's** book, *Understanding Christianity* , is available at the Little Professor.

**Marsha Dutton** read a paper at a medieval literature conference in Tasmania during Thanksgiving break.

Two Good Shepherd spouses, **Tom Walker** and **David Malawista**, have been instrumental in the work of the Athens Intervention Training(CIT) team to provide alternatives to arrest and jailing for mentally ill persons who have encounters with law enforcement officers. The program has been nationally acclaimed and does training for local statewide, and regional officers.

**Phyllis Dean's** daughter, Melissa Roberts, is a "test coordinator for verification" in Denmark for the Vestas wind turbine company. Melissa is in process of becoming a Danish citizen.

**Margaret Topping** was recently recognized by the Athens Foundations for her contributions to the Athens area. Among items cited were her leadership with efforts to provide more senior housing in the Athens area.

Andrew Stout, son of **Betty Larson** and co-owner of the college bookstore, is pictured in a recent *Athens News* story about recent Athens business restorations.

*Items for News from the Pews may be sent to Reid Sinclair (593-8174 or [rbaytop@frognet.net](mailto:rbaytop@frognet.net)) or Don Frazier (797-4857, [donjo@frognet.net](mailto:donjo@frognet.net)). Please check that you have permission to submit from the person involved.*

## January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Parish Office Closed	<b>2</b> Parish Office Closed 10 am – Property Committee Meeting	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8 am – HE I 10:30 am – HE II 2 pm – Lindley Inn	<b>5</b> 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>6</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>7</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	<b>9</b> 1:30 pm – Bible Study 8 pm – Shepherd’s Alternative	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II Second Sunday Brunch with Annual Meeting 3 pm – Youth Group @ FPC	<b>12</b> 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ Zelma’s 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>14</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – Worship Committee Meeting	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm – Bible Study 8 pm – Shepherd’s Alternative	<b>17</b> Good Works Walk
<b>18</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II Handbell workshop during Coffee Hour 2 pm – Lindley Inn	<b>19</b> Parish Office Closed	<b>20</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>21</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm – Bible Study 8 pm – Shepherd’s Alternative Youth Group lock-in @ FPC	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – HE II Organ Demo Children’s Music during Coffee Hour	<b>26</b> 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	<b>27</b> 19:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ TBA 1 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	<b>28</b> noon – Free Lunch 5:30 pm – Midweek Eucharist 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 11 – noon – English for Families 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	<b>30</b> 1:30 pm – Bible Study 8 pm – Shepherd’s Alternative	<b>31</b> 9 am – Safe Church Training