



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

April 2010

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Palm Sunday (3/28) 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
(Tuesday's liturgy at the Good Earth Farm)

Maundy Thursday (4/1) 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday (4/2) 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil (Sat. 4/3) 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (4/4)

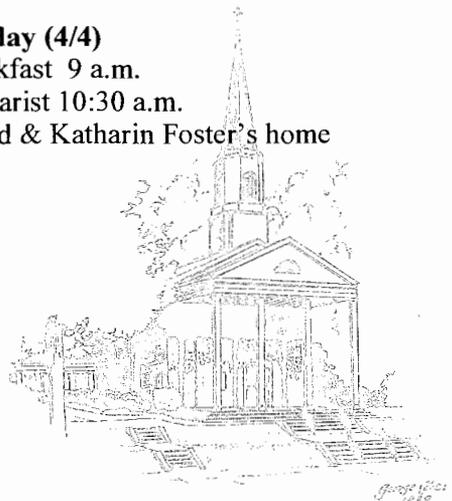
All Parish Breakfast 9 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

Easter Potluck, 1:30 p.m. @ Ted & Katharin Foster's home

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Seeking and Serving Christ in all persons

An Easter Call to Action: The Urgency of Common Ministry

Each year, Holy Week and Easter provide us the occasion for renewal. As we enter the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection, God calls us deeper into the saving mystery of our baptism. At Easter, we receive not only the gift of new life in Jesus but a full share in his own mission and ministry. Common ministry is all about responding to this call from God. For us, it is never a question of *whether* but rather of *how best* to respond to the promises of our Baptismal Covenant. When we discover God's call, we find a deep and abiding joy in using our gifts to serve.

At its most fundamental level, this is about our participation in God's work of making all things new. It is also a matter of the utmost urgency, as we strive to reverse the pattern of decline typical of many Christian denominations in recent decades. Many of you may have seen the report in the March *Interchange* about a recent conference, where the speaker observed that the mainline churches reached their peak in 1964. Over the past fifty years, these denominations have lost twenty-five percent of their membership, in a time of massive growth in the overall U.S. population. Here at Good Shepherd, we have made a promising start in bucking this trend. Despite some painful losses, our average Sunday attendance has held steady in the range from 85 to 94 (last year it increased by 3 to 90). But this doesn't mean we've been standing still. As I told the annual meeting, anywhere from one-third to one-half of the people present at our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on a typical Sunday morning have come to Good Shepherd in the past four to five years. Another very hopeful sign, which Bishop Breidenthal noted at his last visitation, is the growing presence of young adults. Good Shepherd is at a missionary crossroads, and we have the chance to create a vibrant and sustainable model of ministry going forward.

On Sunday, May 2, after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, we enter into the second phase of the common ministry exploration program with an exercise in "asset mapping." This is an approach to community organizing that seeks to identify skills, passions, gifts, relationships, and other assets we share as a congregation. It will build on the individual gifts discernment workshops we held this Lent. Rather than beginning with needs or deficits in our community, we look first to our unique strengths for ministry. From here, we should be able to discern what particular contribution God is calling us to make, as we work together to build up the Body of Christ and advance the purposes of God's Kingdom. In order to make this workshop as accessible as possible, the

vestry has decided to move our Second Sunday Potluck in May to the first Sunday, May 2.

I would like to underscore the importance of participation by every member of the parish in the events that we will be holding in May and June. We need to hear from all of you, young and old, men and women, recently arrived and well established members alike. Good Shepherd decided to engage the common ministry exploration by a unanimous vote of our annual parish meeting. The mandate could not be stronger, and your vestry and I are committed to following through on the results of the process, which is designed to help us make fundamental changes how we pursue God's mission in our context. There will, of course, be elements of continuity with Good Shepherd's past and present. Many existing ministries will continue to be treasured parts of our common life. At the same time, however, we will be entertaining bold new possibilities, and we may well have to let some ministries go, in order to realize the mission strategy that emerges from our conversation. We need to hear everyone's voice, so that we will know where the priorities of the parish lie. Those who choose not to participate may find the parish grows past them, going in directions they do not want to go. I understand that this may be frightening to some. I am nevertheless trying to be as blunt and clear as I can be, so that *no one* misses out on the opportunity to help plan for our future.

We will fail in our mission if we measure success by numerical growth alone. For fifty years, the mainline churches have been fighting a war of attrition, focused on internal conflicts and our own survival. Thriving, mission-centered congregations are still around. They are focused on the worship of God, spiritual growth, and the needs of the world. To quote from the recent *Interchange* article, we need to "embrace change and develop a high threshold for risk." Otherwise, we will "drown" as we try to "stand still in the sea." At Good Shepherd, we have been given a remarkable opportunity to reclaim our authority and responsibility for ministry as baptized Christians. I am convinced that embracing this opportunity is central to our efforts to revive that sense of adventure and joy that set the early Church on fire in the wake of Easter. Building on the many ways that we are already living out our baptismal vows, we are invited to go further and deeper. As we do so, Good Shepherd needs your full participation.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Notes from the Organ Bench

A few notes about the music for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - The tradition of carrying palms in procession was first introduced by Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem who was Bishop from 350-387. There is a historic account from 383 by a Spanish pilgrim nun who describes the procession as forming at the top of the Mount of Olives then proceeding down the mountain to what is now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The music for both the opening versicles and the refrain for Psalm 118, sung in procession are intended to be sung by everyone.

The hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” has been a part of the Episcopal Palm Sunday observances since its first appearance in the 1871 edition of the Hymnal. This medieval hymn is ascribed to Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans and is based on Matthew 21: 6-11. The tune dates from 1613 in Germany.

Other hymns are “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” (Hymnal 160) and “Alone Thou Goest Forth” (Hymnal 164).

Psalms:

Psalmody during Holy Week will be sung in traditional dialogue style with a cantor singing the verses and all singing the refrains. Up until Easter Vigil the music for the Psalm settings will be drawn from plainsong.

Maundy Thursday - In addition to “Here in Christ we Gather” (Hymnal 577), “Jesu, Jesu , Fill Us With Your Love (a Ghanaian folk song) and the Taize setting of “Ubi Caritas” we also will sing a wonderful hymn written by Sister Delores Dufner, liturgical director of St. Benedict’s Monastery in Minnesota. This hymn, “Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now” (Wonder, Love and Praise #731) is a beautiful addition to the Holy Week repertoire. The text, in addition to offering teaching about the meaning of the “Three Holy Days”, incorporates references to the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday as well as looking forward to Eastertide.

Good Friday - The setting of the Passion according to John by Tomas Luis de Victoria will be sung by the choir.

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PROPERTY MATTERS

There are several items that I would like to share with you

1. We have a new coffee supplier. We now deal with Silverbridge Coffee in Gallipolis. This was done for five reasons. 1. The wholesale price is lower because they don't charge for delivery. 2. We make a bigger profit for the Outreach program because the wholesale price is lower. 3. Silverbridge Coffee gives better service. 4. We are able to support a local business. 5. The coffee tastes better. All profits from coffee sales go to support Outreach.

2. Please remember to bring your burned out fluorescent bulbs around for recycling. The bulbs contain a small amount of mercury. Please keep it out of landfills.

3. We recently experienced an interesting time with the garage door. It was most likely on the night of February 27-28 that a vehicle lightly brushed into it. This light brushing tore the door off the wall, mangled the rails, and necessitated the replacement of both. If anyone has information about this incident, could you please let Bill or myself know?

4. Our two new refrigerators, Dweezil & Zappa Whirlpool, have been safely delivered and have begun their duties in the kitchen. We now have refrigerators that run better, and because of modern design advances they also use less electricity than did the old ones. Thanks to the Marthas for their generosity. If you are connected with a community group who could use our facilities for an event, please encourage them to contact the Marthas about catering. Also, start getting your "fleas" ready for the next flea market.

5. We have received notice of our next Kroger Community Rewards quarterly payment. It will be \$579.69. I have finally figured out why the payments are so much lower than they were last year. Under the "old" program, Kroger paid us 5% of what we spent there (leaving aside alcohol, tobacco, and gasoline). Under the "new and improved" program, they budget \$1,250,000 per quarter in the operating zone where we are located, and what we get is the prorated share of the total spending by all the program participants in the entire zone.

My family regularly shops at Kroger's, and I estimate that for the current quarter they are paying back to Good Shepherd about 1.8% of what we

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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Parish 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, and will choose a time that works for most, if not all. It is recommended that dates be chosen early in the quarter, as scheduling becomes quite complicated as the quarter progresses.

Groups will meet at the designated host's home, unless other arrangements are preferred. In the case of host couples, the couple will be responsible for the main dish and group members will be 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 have remaining group members 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.

Gregory Proctor & Elizabeth Savrs **Don Frazier & Joanne Worstall**

Allyn & Marsha Reilly

Elizabeth Thompson

June Wieman

Marsha Dutton

Gifford Doxsee

Paul & Sara Clever

Betty Larson

Lois Wagner

Twig Kaufman

Ted & Katharin Foster

Lynn Graham Mowery

A J Stack

Steve Domienik

Steven Huang

Roland & Mary Anne Swardson

Laura Dukes

Sharon Huger

Therese Lackey

Bill & Tracey Carroll

Arvin & Jeanne Wells

Matthew & Rachel Adeyanju

Dick & Phyllis Dean

Carolyn Murphree

Dan & Heidi Kauffman

Anne Braxton

Phyllis Dean, Parish Supper Club Chair

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Easter Vigil - Psalms will be sung in responsorial style with refrains drawn from plainsong and from hymns. One of the refrains is based on Hymn 183. Please remember to bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter - We are fortunate, thanks to the June Black Music Fund, to have a brass quartet with us again for Easter Sunday. They will play Prelude and Postlude, accompany entrance and post-communion hymns and join in singing the offertory anthem also based on Hymns 183 and 184. The choir introit (“Christ is Risen from the Dead”) is a setting of the short hymn (known as a “Troparion.” The music comes from an 1805 collection called “The Christian Harmony”. During the Easter season we use this at the beginning of the Communion procession.

Sunday, April 25 - Easter IV – also known as Good Shepherd Sunday - To celebrate this Sunday the choir will present a service of Choral Evensong together with the “Gloria” by Antonia Vivaldi. A small instrumental ensemble will accompany the choir. In addition to celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday, this service will be a benefit for the Holy Trinity Music School in Haiti and for the June Black Music Fund. Contributions to this fund are always welcome. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds being divided equally.

*Marsha Reilly,
Music Director*

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spend there. This explains why we got \$726.20 last time instead of the \$1,500 I was expecting. If Kroger were still paying 5%, as they did under the “old” program, GS could expect to earn well above \$6,000 in 2010. As it is, we will be lucky to get \$2,500. Of course, \$2,500 is better than nothing, and they don’t have to run the program at all. Still, this puts a hole in our estimated income. So we have all the more reason to use the program to maintain, or even increase, our prorated share of what Kroger is offering. Meanwhile, “Think Coffee”.

**Jack Flemming,
Junior Warden**

SAVE THE DATE: God willing, **T.J. Azar** is expected to be ordained to the sacred order of priests on June 19th (place and time to be determined), pending final approval from the commission on ministry, standing committee, and bishop at the end of April. Please be on the lookout for a letter from T.J. and a formal invitation in the May newsletter.

April 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:45 pm – walk thru rehearsal 7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday service	2 6:45 pm – walk thru rehearsal 7:30 pm – Good Friday Service	3 8 pm – walk thru rehearsal 9 pm – Easter Vigil
4 9 am – Easter Breakfast 10:30 am – HE II 1:30 pm – Easter Potluck, @ Foster's	5 7 pm - NAMI Meeting 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	6 5:30 pm – Farm Eucharist 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	7 noon – Free Lunch 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	8 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting		10
11 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – HE II 2 nd Sunday Brunch 2 pm – Lindley Inn	12 7 pm - NAMI Meeting 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	13 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ June Wieman's home 5:30 pm – Farm Eucharist 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	14 noon – Free Lunch 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	15 7 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	16	17 9-3 – Vestry Retreat, McArthur
18 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – HE II 12:15 pm - Muslim Students Association	19 7 pm - NAMI Meeting 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	20 5:30 pm – Farm Eucharist 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	21 noon – Free Lunch 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	22 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	23 4 pm – String Rehearsal, Nave	24 9 am – Safe Church Training
25 8 am – HE I 9 am – Adult Ed 10:30 am – HE II 1:30 pm – Evensong dress rehearsal 2 pm – Lindley Inn 4 pm – Chorale Evensong	26 7 pm - NAMI Meeting 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	27 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting @ Ruth Cox's home 5:30 pm – Farm Eucharist 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting 8 pm – AA Meeting	28 noon – Free Lunch 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	29 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	30	