

# The Good News

## Be Thou My Vision



Many of us are familiar with the words of Hymn 488, "Be thou my vision." As summer draws to a close, I'd like to draw our attention to the second stanza:

"Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling and I one with thee."

This reminds me of a portion of Eucharistic Prayer II, where we pray that "we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him (Christ), that he may dwell in us and we in him." A deeply intimate and personal relationship with God in Christ lies at the heart of our faith. The hymn appeals to God's Wisdom, the mysterious female figure in Proverbs and the Wisdom of Solomon, about whom so much is written in the Orthodox tradition. She dwells in all things, pervades the universe, and fills the saints with love. She is one and the same as the Word, the Logos, who became one with us in the flesh. In the coming year, my prayer for us is that we may grow in this Wisdom, that she may dwell in us and we in her, as our vision is purified. May all our hope and trust come to rest ever more firmly in God alone, whose presence is our light and who is Lord of us all.

Grace and peace,

Bill

The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector

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### Do We Still Need a Monthly Newsletter?

You will notice that this monthly newsletter now has a similar format to our weekly e-news. Over the next couple of months, I am asking people to consider whether we really need a separate monthly newsletter. It occurs to me that recurring features of the Good News could easily be incorporated into the e-news, so that "News From the Pews" might appear on the first Tuesday of each month; "Outreach News" on the second Tuesday; "Property Matters" on the third Tuesday; and "Vestry Highlights" on the fourth Tuesday; etc. Please direct any concerns or comments to me. I will be discussing this with the vestry at some point in the fall.

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### Links

[Parish Website](#)

[Blog of the Good Shepherd \(Sermons\)](#)

[Good Earth Farm](#)

# Vestry Highlights



At its July 15, 2010 meeting, the vestry spent the bulk of its time reflecting on the results of the parish-wide forum on changes to the worship space. Fr. Carroll reported that based on what he was hearing some forms of radical change were not possible, some forms of meaningful change were possible, and people were willing to listen to

one another. Group discussion confirmed this general impression. A committee chaired by Junior Warden Jack Flemming was empowered to draft a proposal for consideration at the August Vestry Meeting. Other members of the committee are Paul Clever, Dick Dean, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, and A. J. Stack. After the vestry approves or amends the proposal, it will be circulated to the parish for two months of written comment, before being finalized by the October vestry meeting. In some cases, the proposal may call for further consultation of various kinds.

## Property Matters



I have become aware of a book entitled 50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth. Many of the suggestions involve recycling initiatives that are already being done in Athens, but some ideas can be applied on an individual basis. I am including one that caught my attention. (In case you would like to purchase the book the ISBN # is 0-929-634-06-3).

### STOP JUNK MAIL

The junk mail Americans receive in one day could produce enough energy to heat 250,000 homes.

**BACKGROUND.** We don't usually think of junk mail as an environmental hazard - just a nuisance. But if you saved up all the unwanted paper you'll receive in the mail this year you'd have the equivalent of 1-1/2 trees. And so would each of your neighbors. And that adds up to about 100 million trees every year.

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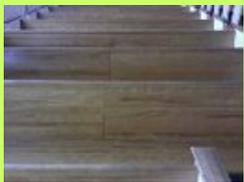
- > About 44% of junk mail is never even opened or read.
- > Nonetheless, the average American still spends 8 full months of his or her life just opening junk mail.
- > Junk mail is made possible by U. S. Postal Service policies that enable bulk mailers to send presorted batches of mail for their minimum rate - 10.1 cents per piece.
- > If only 100,000 people stopped their junk mail, we could save about 150,000 trees every year. If a million people did, we could save some 1.5 million trees.

#### SIMPLE THINGS TO DO

- > Write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St. PO Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861. They'll stop your name from being sold to most large mailing list companies. This will reduce your junk mail up to 75%.
- > Recycle the junk mail you already get: If it's printed on newsprint, toss In with the newspapers. If it's quality paper, make a separate pile for it - many recycling centers accept both white and colored paper. Envelopes are recyclable, too - as long as they don't have plastic windows in them.

Jack Flemming, Junior Warden

## News From the Pews



Bill and Cynthia Kaldis have now moved into their residence in

Columbus. Their new address follows: Trillium Place 3500 Trillium Crossing Apt. 503 Columbus, Ohio 43235

Visitors will find Trillium Place at the corner of Sawmill Blvd. and Route 161. Visitors are

After graduating from Ohio University with a Master of Public Administration (MPA), Michael Adeyanju, son of Matthew and Rachel Adeyanju, will begin a fellowship with the State House in Columbus. Our sincere congratulations Michael!

Attending the graduation of her grandson in Tampa, Florida recently was Doris Green. Good Wishes to her grandson!

Bob Shelly, Sociology and Anthropology, received the Aida Tomeh award from the North Central Sociological Association at its Annual Meeting in Chicago. Prof. Shelly has served the organization for over 35 years, has edited its Research Journal, Sociological Focus, and most recently served as President in 2008.

On Mothers Day Joanne Larson visited with her daughter Amy Dinger and family in Syracuse, New York. During the day they were surprised by a snowshower!

Graduating with honors from Federal Hocking High School, was Shannon Parsons, granddaughter of Joanne Worstall and Don Frazier. Recipient of the Eleanor Gifford Memorial Scholarship as well as several others, Shannon, a member of the National Honor Society, will attend Ohio University in the fall with a thought toward pre-dentistry. Our congratulations Shannon!

Lauren Spero of Seattle, daughter of Bob and Sally Spero, has accepted a position as

Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society which serves Washington and Alaska.

Nic Proctor, son of Gregory Proctor and Elisabeth Sayrs, has graduated from Athens High School with an honors diploma and as a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Nic plans to enter Denison University in the fall. Congrats Nic!

At a meeting of the Ohio Council on the Social Studies, Bethany Miller, student at Ohio Northern University and daughter of Twig Kaufman, gave a presentation titled, "Integrating Desk Top Documentary Making in the History Classroom".

FROM THE EDITOR: There are times when we lack enough material for our "News from the Pews" page. Please remember to submit items of interest for sharing with the parish.

Short news items about members and friends of Good Shepherd may be sent to Don Frazier (donjo@columbus.rr.com;797-4857). Please remember to get permission from the person(s) involved.

# Calendar



The current public calendar of parish events is kept on Google Calendar and is available [here](#).

As always, printed copies of the calendar for August will be available near the main entrance of the church on Sunday. If you wish to use church facilities, it is extremely important to reserve them in advance with Fr. Bill, who is coordinating the calendar to prevent scheduling conflicts (593-6877; gsrector@gmail.com).