

The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it.”

2 Corinthians 3:2-3



June 2011

Sundays

8:00 am HE Rite I
10:30 am HE Rite II
11:30 am Coffee Time



LET’S MAKE ROOM!

“We are out of room!” These words are music to a priest’s ears. During one of the Sunday morning talks to the congregation about the capital funds drive Nathan Cox said clearly what has been in the back of the minds of many for some time, “We have outgrown our buildings.”

The origins of the Good Shepherd campaign began four years ago when it became clear that we were about to start having space issues. Here we are today having outgrown our space a year ago.

It is easy not to hear these words or to dismiss them. The real work is in addressing them and to start saying, “Let’s make room!”

Pentecost (Whitsunday) is this month, June the 12th, where we celebrate the astounding gift of the Holy Spirit upon human flesh. Really, when we get right down to it, Pentecost is when God says, “Let’s make room! Lots and lots of room!” In this gift all humanity was welcomed into Israel as the children of God.

The most obvious sign of the voice of God and the anointing presence of the Holy Spirit is when our lives, our words, our thoughts and our actions say, “Let’s make room.” The calling of the Spirit to the Church is to always make room, to make sure we never run out of room and to do what it takes to make room.

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THE WHITSUNDAY ALE

An old English tradition in observing Pentecost was to open a batch of ale brewed especially for the day to celebrate Pentecost. (Pentecost is often called Whitsunday, a contraction of White Sunday, the color of clothing worn on this day for those being baptized.) As has been our custom the past several years you are invited to the Parish Whitsunday Ale Drop-In on Pentecost Sunday at the Rector’s House, **bring something tasty to share**, drinks for all ages will be provided, including a special batch of home brew crafted by our own Brett Dixon. Let’s celebrate the day that God made room for us!

Where: 404 North St, near intersection with Calhoun St., tire swing in front yard.

When: June 12th, 4:00 until the cows come home.

Pax,
Father Jack

BOILED PEANUTS (Something tasty to think on.)

“The glory of God is a living human, and the life of the human consists in beholding the vision of God.”

Irenaeus Of Lyon (late second century A.D.)

NEWCOMERS



Please welcome Betty Williams to Grace Church. Betty has lived in Anderson for about 3 years. Betty grew up near Baltimore, MD and lived in North Carolina before coming here. She has two children, a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. Both son and daughter live in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Her son works in the automotive industry at a HONDA plant. All four grandchildren are her son's. The oldest grandson will graduate from Ohio State University this year and the next to oldest will graduate from OSU in two years. The two granddaughters are currently working at jobs. Betty's daughter is a Social Worker. Betty had a career in nursing and worked for New Hanover Hospital in Wilmington, NC caring for orthopedic patients. Betty loves to walk for exercise and keep up with the news. She has always had dogs and currently has a three year old Springer Spaniel. Betty is planning to move to Ohio this spring to be closer to her children.

THE MANNA TRUCK IS COMING!!!

Grace Church will host the Manna truck on **Saturday June 11**. The Manna truck is a service of Anderson Interfaith Ministries in conjunction with the Golden Harvest Food Bank. Grace Church's outreach committee coordinates and sponsors this event. We are guaranteed at least 5,000 pounds of food at a cost of only \$200. This will be our third year hosting the Manna truck. Volunteers are needed to package and distribute the food. We begin work at 8:00 am and the distribution begins at 9:00. We usually are finished by 11:00. We also need plastic bags and small to medium boxes. You may leave these items in the parish hall prior to June 11. If you are interested in helping, please contact either the church office (225-8011) or Jim Boyer (617-0653). Thank you!



Tip of the Verge !

Barbara Scott, Verger

Forty-five!

Many things come together on Sunday morning to make worship at Grace Church a wonderful experience. From the time the usher offers you a service leaflet as you enter the cloister until you toss your used paper napkin into the recycle bin after coffee hour, approximately forty-five volunteer members have donated their time and expertise to make your Sunday morning at Grace meaningful and grace-filled.

Take a look at the volunteer schedule on the back of the calendar that comes with this newsletter. Each name listed is that of a dedicated volunteer lay minister – from the youngest acolyte to the most experienced altar guild member to the vestry-person-in-charge. Some very important folks' names are not even listed on the schedule, like the brass polishers, choir members, and church school teachers. Think about it. The silver Communion pieces are always polished, as are all the brass railings and fixtures. The altar is dressed properly. The linens used during Communion are spotless and beautifully ironed and folded. The acolytes ceremoniously escort the presenters carrying the sacraments to the altar. For the love of God and the Church, volunteers do all these wonderful works and more that aren't named here.

Be thinking about where you can volunteer your services at Grace. When school starts back after the summer break, I will be scheduling our annual lay minister training sessions to be held in September. Watch for it. Volunteering at Grace Church is rewarded by many blessings. Where would you like to serve?

SAVE THE DATE

**Family Retreat Week
July 3 –8, 2011**

Enjoy time away with your family in Gravatt's conference center with sessions led by chaplains for the week. The Revs. Jack and Susan Hardaway. There will be plenty of time for rest, relaxation, and play. Daily activities will be offered, but there's no pressure to do anything. Cost includes program, 5 nights lodging, and 14 meals: \$250 per person ages 13 and up; \$175 per person ages 3-12, free ages 2 and under; family minimum \$450; family max \$800. See website for maximum definition. www.bishopgravatt.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We are trying a new concept starting this fall which we hope gives everyone an opportunity to be involved yet doesn't overwhelm anyone. Rather than a committee we will have teams. We will have seven teams which will involve children and youth programs and we ask that all parents participate on at least one team. We will have one team for adult programs. We hope that this concept will help you use your talents in a way that you feel best suits your abilities and your schedule.

The teams are:

Ministry Celebration-this team will function during the summer. It will be responsible for the educational part of the day and will work with the Parish Life committee to begin the program year.

Fall Programs- this team will also begin in late summer and will assist with classes and plan/ organize special feast days. Team members will assist children and teachers on Sunday mornings through the third Sunday in November.

Advent and Pageant- this team's role include Advent activities and organizing and hosting the children's pageant on Christmas Eve.

Winter and Spring programs- this team will assist with classes and plan feast days activities in the time before and after Lent. This will be about six weeks prior to Lent (January through mid February) and six weeks after Lent (late April and May).

Lent and Easter- this team will assist with classes and plan Lenten activities and organize the Easter Egg hunt.

Godly play- this team will organize the Godly Play classes which will meet throughout the year.

Nursery team- this team will assist with many aspects of the nursery throughout the year. We will determine the feasibility of having a lesson in the nursery space for 3 and 4 year olds during the Sunday School hour.

The team concept allows for a specific commitment of time, great flexibility, limited meetings, and better communication. Teachers will feel the support and children will have a more enriching experience. Please consider these options prayerfully. If you have any questions, please contact [Lyn Merchant](mailto:Lyn_Merchant). There will be sign up sheets in classrooms, in the parish hall, and you may [email](mailto:lmerchant864@bellsouth.net) lmerchant864@bellsouth.net your information.

A **VERY** special thank you to our teachers; Jodie Johnson, Megan Tarbert, Mary Beth Knobel, Rebecca Dixon, Janie Hellstrom, Bess Boyer and Jim Boyer for their dedication during the last program year.

Youth, who will be in the **tenth grade or at least 15 years old** in the fall, and are interested in being **confirmed** need to contact Father Jack or Lyn Merchant by July 15th. You will need to attend a class before you are confirmed. Bishop Hulstrand will be here October 23rd.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

In the adult world....

An **extra special** thank you to Rob Elsner for his 39+ plus weeks of enriching discussions on the Articles of Faith.

Rob will be leading discussion on the Book of Revelation starting in the fall. So begin your reading and be prepared for good news.

The **Adult Team** will plan class options for adults throughout the year.

MEMORIALS

Received April 16, 2011 through May 15, 2011

In Memory of *Baillie Brown* by:

Elizabeth Silance Cox

Thelma Anderson

Norma Doss

In Memory of *Baylis and Libby Maxwell* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Julia & Norman Snellgroves

In Memory of *George Alberg Wilson-Rousseau* by:

Dr. & Mrs. Donnie Roberts

In Memory of *Betty Antonakos* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Allen & Joan Koleff

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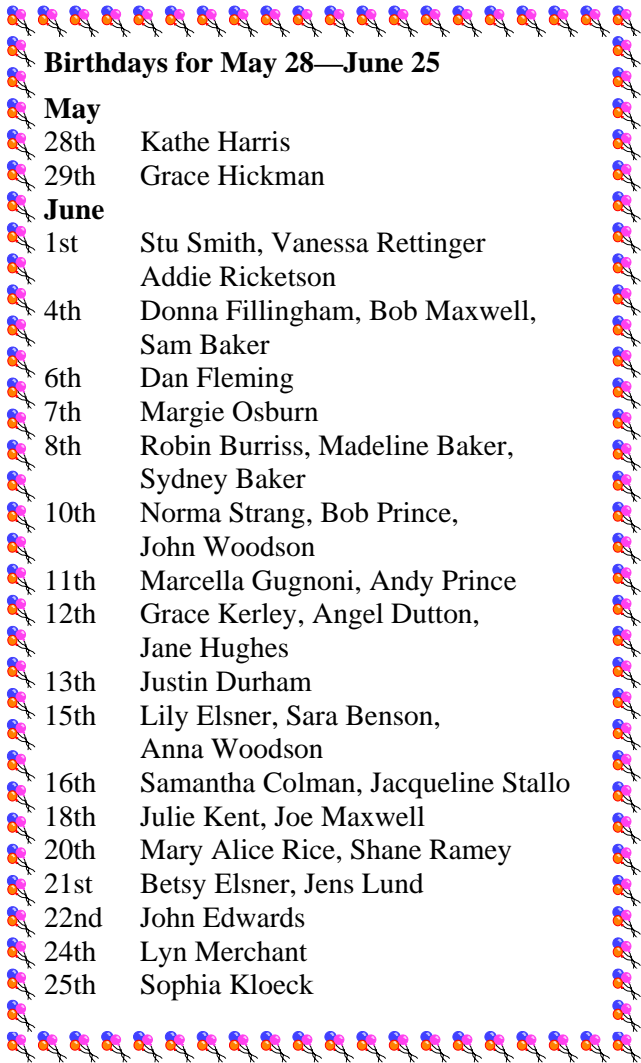
From the Good Shepherd Campaign Committee

We are very thankful to all who have contributed and pledged to the preserving, securing, and expanding of our beloved church and its supporting facilities. While the numbers continue to rise, for the moment we are happy to report **84 contributions** and pledges in the amount of **\$415,935+**.

The Good Shepherd Campaign Committee wants to thank those members of the congregation who helped with set up, serving, clean up, and media display for the "kick-off" brunch on April 17th. Our appreciation goes to Katie Tillman and Valerie Lowe of Friends of the Cove, Dianne Peeler of Chez Julie's Florist and our musician, Joe Hindman for their donation of time and talent.

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Deaths: David Cullen—brother of John Cullen
Dole P. Baker, Sr.—dad of Dr. Dole Baker, Jr.



Birthdays for May 28—June 25

May

28th Kathe Harris

29th Grace Hickman

June

1st Stu Smith, Vanessa Rettinger

Addie Ricketson

4th Donna Fillingham, Bob Maxwell,

Sam Baker

6th Dan Fleming

7th Margie Osburn

8th Robin Burriss, Madeline Baker,

Sydney Baker

10th Norma Strang, Bob Prince,

John Woodson

11th Marcella Gugnoni, Andy Prince

12th Grace Kerley, Angel Dutton,

Jane Hughes

13th Justin Durham

15th Lily Elsner, Sara Benson,

Anna Woodson

16th Samantha Colman, Jacqueline Stallo

18th Julie Kent, Joe Maxwell

20th Mary Alice Rice, Shane Ramey

21st Betsy Elsner, Jens Lund

22nd John Edwards

24th Lyn Merchant

25th Sophia Kloeck

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

Julie Kent

John Bostater

Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer

Josey family

Leif Jacobsen

Anna May Jacobsen

Barb Flagel

David Rutledge

Rick Fletcher-cancer

Jesse Cheek-health issues

Betty Halverson-pancreatic cancer—mother of Mary Waldo

Ellen Dollar -cancer

Wendie Cheek -cancer

Smith Pruitt-multiple myeloma

Rita Swofford

Lee Morris

Lucas Swann

Sharon Reynolds

Margie Osburn

John Aronson

Don Ross

Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer

Don Shaver

Nilda Sparks-health issues

Finn Brookover-liver cancer

Matt-serious health problems

Betty Cockrell

Betty Ward

Stephanie Brumbeoe

Betty Martin

Jo Walgate-kidney failure

Margie Williams-cancer

Requested by

Kathy Bostater

Kathy Bostater

Linda Hoffman

Greta Jacobsen

Greta Jacobsen

Anne Radnor

Dudley Jenkins

Family

Jack Hardaway

Sara Cheek

Mary Winiarski

Don Cleveland

Lynn Prince

Suzanne Turner

Suzanne Turner

Sara Cheek

Ellie Cooper

John Heeney

Greta Jacobsen

Pastoral Care

Toni/Stu Smith

Barbara Scott

Leigh Burns

Betty Williams

Expectant Families: Caroline & Chris Ripley, Karen & Matthias Kloeck, Elleveve and Tim Donahue, Dr. Kelly Fleming & Chris Potter.

Monthly Stewardship Report for April

April 2011 Revenue	\$ 27,524.00
April 2011 Expenses	\$ 30,538.00
April 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	(3,014.00)
YTD 2011 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	102,772.00
YTD 2011 Expenses	110,108.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(7,336.00)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7,593.06)

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Memorial Day, May, 30, 2011.**

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