

CHOIR NOTES

Diane Dingler

As we begin the fall, we have two additional services, one the second Saturday of the month in the Parish House at 5, led by Ted Dingler and beginning on September 27, the weekly Sunday evening services led by Father David. For these new services we have the Alleluia III hymnals, which have just arrived. Many thanks are extended to all who have helped to procure these new hymnals, a product of an Episcopal Cursillo group in Alabama. Participants of a Cursillo group are endeavoring to attain spiritual growth as they meet together. As you look at this Alleluia III hymnal, the first thing you notice is the bright and colorful cover. Inside the hymnal there are hymns that range from the very old to the very modern. Unlike the hymnal that we use on Sunday morning, the keyboard accompaniment is missing. There is a lead sheet, which consists of a melody line and chord symbols. The hymns can be accompanied by keyboard (providing the pianist knows how to harmonize using the chord symbols, which Sharon and I both can do) or guitar. I discovered the Alleluia III hymnal this summer when we were on vacation on South Bass Island. It was in the pew of the Episcopal Church there. Unlike most churches today, this church is never locked, so we went inside, examined their hymnals and enjoyed the quiet repose. I hope you will enjoy singing from this hymnal in these additional services.

Our Folk Song Service will be October 11. I am delighted that Ted Rice and Mary Harris will be playing guitar in that service. Their ministry is greatly appreciated. Sharon and I will be involved as well. If you enjoy folk music, you will want to make sure that you attend this service.

It's great to have the choir singing anthems again. Our first rehearsals have gone well and we look forward to providing music ministry in the services. Thanks to all the choir members who have returned to the loft this fall. Anyone who wants to join us is welcome. You don't have to read music, just sing in tune. We will be glad to sing with you.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Todd Mizer

Dana has worked a large part of this summer making plaster repairs to the Parish House north stairwell and kitchen. With winter quickly approaching it is now time to paint. On Saturday, October 31 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Dana needs help painting that stairwell. We need painters, ladder holders, lunch servers. Any skill set will work. The job will take 4 hours and lunch will be served afterwards. If you want to volunteer please contact the church office or Dana Gage.

The repairs to the church stained glass windows will start on October 5th. Franklin Arts Glass will be conducting the repairs taking from 6 to 9 weeks to complete. At the same time, The Carpenter's Son of Gambier will be repairing and painting the louvers on both towers. It will be a busy week. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Todd Mizer.

In Service,
Todd Mizer, Junior Warden

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS *The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry*

I enjoy this time of year when the leaves start to turn colors. The weather finally cools down, yet we might get an Indian Summer day. I was able to spend some time in September attending speakers and workshops for three days. I heard presentations and discussed the topic of racism with a priest from St. Louis who's been very involved in events at Ferguson. I visited the Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus where I took many classes for seminary, and heard author Brian McLaren (The Secret Message of Jesus, to name one of his books) speak about the future of Christianity in America and around the world.

Those were two whirlwind days of meeting people, renewing friendships and delving more deeply into tough topics. On Saturday September 26th at Procter Conference Center near London, Ohio, I attended the "Here I am, Call Me" Mission Conference for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. It was a day-long event where we heard from Bishop Breidenthal about the theology of mission. He had planned to attend, but was called away to the funeral of beloved Don Rogan, resident of Gambier, the former Chaplain at Kenyon College, and often priest to and supporter of St. Paul's Church. So instead, Bishop Breidenthal created a 10 minute video that we listened to about mission theology.

I also heard stories about how parishes were enlivened by mission activities, and it reminded me of mission events I had been called to do -- for Katrina Relief, for children in Honduras, and twice now for the Anglican School students in Belize. Again we discussed what "good" mission was, how to do mission well -- and how not to. We broke into small groups and talked about our life in terms of mission, whether we traveled abroad or across the nation, helped at the Sunday Suppers, or prayed for the support of those carrying out mission. Each of those things, and of course in many other ways, we can and do carry out mission.

I'll be talking with the Vestry about mission and how we see the call to mission moving our lives in Christ. I think the planning for a mission event from St. Paul's would be a good idea on which to work for enlivening the Parish. Such an event might be out of the country, or might be just down the road past Danville into Appalachia. Please pray about it and let me know what you hear from your prayers. What might God be calling you to do?

Blessings, Fr. David



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Do you have questions about the Bible that you've been reluctant to ask? Are there passages you've read that leave you confused? or angry? Are there parts of the Bible that seem to portray God as vengeful and cruel? How do we square this with the Jesus of the gospels?

If you have ever wondered about these matters, you are invited to attend a Bible study unlike any other you've ever attended:

How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian

We are meeting on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM at the Dingers' home (807 Southridge Drive, Mount Vernon).

Questions, or for more information, call Ted Dingler @ 740-393-1285

Dear colleagues,

I write to inform you of the death of the Rev. Donald L. Rogan on Friday, September 18 in Gambier, Ohio. Don served for many years as professor of religious studies and chaplain at Kenyon College. The burial service was held at Harcourt Parish, in the Church of the Holy Spirit at Kenyon, September 26.

Letters of condolence may be sent to Sally at P.O. Box 371, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sharon Blaydes

Just a few notes from Sunday Suppers this month.

First, "Thank You" seems a bit repetitive to those who have faithfully baked or purchased desserts for the meals each week, but, we are so grateful for your contributions! They make life much easier for those in the trenches and not a crumb is wasted! I heard during an interview on morning news last week that over 60% of the food at Mid-Ohio is now fresh food, as opposed to the canned, frozen varieties they used to have in great abundance. While that can be wonderful for those who live in Columbus and can drive by to pick up items, it does create a problem out in the boonies here in terms of being able to access, store and use their items. Many of our dessert items came to us on the formerly twice monthly deliveries, now only at the first of each month. Somehow, lettuce picked up at the first of the month has lost its appeal by week number 4! So, we end up having to purchase a lot of our foods for each meal. Having freshly baked items to serve is a wonderful luxury for both the staff and our guests. So, at the risk of being repetitive....Thank you anyway!

Along this same vein of thought, Robb went to purchase our salad produce at Lanning's this last week, and the lady running the check out commented that she had wanted to donate to the program, and pulled cash out of her purse to pay for the veggies, and then gave him the remainder of the money for a donation, which will purchase the salad for the next meal. All over town, merchants, and individuals are becoming aware of the program, and being willing to support our efforts to feed our fellow Mt. Vernonites. Pretty cool, I'm thinkin'!

Just one more point of interest to pass along. We began adding up what it would cost to purchase a meal such as we usually serve each week if you were to go to Bob Evans, or another restaurant. Using a conservative number, a meal with beverage, bread and dessert would run about 12 dollars. If you multiply that money by the average of 75 meals we serve.....that is a whopping \$900.00 per meal! Now granted, some of our meals are "fancier" than others, and some meals, fewer folks are served, but the average is pretty consistent, and we are often told that St. Paul's' meals are among the best offered. That is another pretty cool piece of information! We produce it for approximately 60 dollars per week, including fresh produce, meat, bread, beverages and dessert. A former student of mine was helping out the last 2 years in the kitchens, and stayed to eat with us after serving the meals, and commented she was "never disappointed" in the food we offered.

Thanks to all who help this program in any way at all. You Rock!

Sharon

Parish: Larry, Pat, Ron, Alan, David, Pat M, Ethan, Susan, Bill, Tessa, John, Mitch, Chris, Ken

Care facilities or homebound: Donald, Fred, BJ, Betty, Schalmir, Emily, Geoffrey, Agnes

Military: Paul, Matt, Brandyn, Timothy and their families

Prayer Families for October

- 4 Brad & Mary Upham
- 11 Pat McQuigg & Geoffrey
- 18 Robb & Sharon Blaydes
- 25 Bob Lantz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sun. 8 & 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
9am	Adult Education
9:15	Choir Practice
5pm	Sunday Suppers
6pm	Contemporary Service
Wed. 7am	Holy Eucharist – Chapel
2nd Saturday 5pm	Ecumenical Service

October

- 5 Stained Glass Window repair begins
- 11 Ecumenical Service, @ 5pm in Baldwin Chapel
- 21 Vestry Meeting @7pm in Parish Hall
- 31 Painting @ Parish Hall stairway 8-noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

KNOWING AND SERVING ALL

SERVING SCHEDULE

	Pentecost 19 October 4	Pentecost 20 October 11	Pentecost 21 October 18	Pentecost 22 October 25	All Saints' Day November 1
Ushers	8:00 10:30 Tom Bumpus	needed for October, November, December! Tom Bumpus	Tom Bumpus	Tom Bumpus	needed
Lay Min.	8:00 Karen Pritchard 10:30 Ted Dinger	Mike Fithian Jeff Williams			
Lector	Bruce Hawkins	Ruth Dunnell			
Counters	Todd Mizer Dick Lorey	Kiki McClelland Dick Lorey			
Acolytes	Frank Winter		Frank Winter	Mary Harris	Fredi Bockover
Altar Guild	Barb Ford	Barb Ford	Pam Hinkens	Connie Thomson Anne McElroy	Barb Ford
Coffee Hour	Bockover Family	Mary Jane Zale Barb Tier	Sue Mizer	Karen Kendall-Sperry Ruth Dunnell	Andrea Thompson Linda Beever
Flowers	Leventry	open	open	Elizabeth Miller	Fithian

SELECTED BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE INFORMATION SUMMARIZED

Operating financial summary	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledge Income	8726	7772	71241	70611
Other Income	2401	550	41122	38900
Total Income	11127	8322	112363	109511
Administration	2476	2667	22202	23081
Rector	4627	4870	44646	45648
Outreach	1490	1225	11870	12864
Worship & Spirituality	766	944	7156	9070
Building And Grounds	2064	1819	19359	19795
Total Costs	11423	11525	105233	110458
Income/ Expenditures	296	3203	7130	947

KUDOS: *Dick Lorey*

Congratulations to **Fredi Bockover** for playing the part of Iago in Aladdin this past week for the children's theatre at the Memorial building.

Congratulations to **Jocelyn Thompson** and her Foster's Pharmacy teammates on winning the Mount Vernon Girls fall softball 12u division championship. The team had one loss and one tie during the regular season. During tournament play they were 4-0, with the last game being a 10-0 shutout to clinch the title. Great season girls!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER are found at www.LectionaryPage.net. We are using Track 2.

October 4 [Genesis 2:18-24](#), [Psalm 8](#), [Hebrews 1:1-4](#); [2:5-12](#), [Mark 10:2-16](#)

October 11 [Amos 5:6-7](#), [10-15](#), [Psalm 90:12-17](#), [Hebrews 4:12-16](#), [Mark 10:17-31](#)

October 18 [Isaiah 53:4-12](#), [Psalm 91:9-16](#), [Hebrews 5:1-10](#), [Mark 10:35-45](#)

October 25 [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#), [Psalm 126](#), [Hebrews 7:23-28](#), [Mark 10:46-52](#)

VESTRY MEMBERS: Sr. Warden: Bruce Hawkins; Jr. Warden: Todd Mizer
Clerk: Sue Leventry; Ron Cooper, Dana Gage, Tim Kahrl, John McClelland, Anne McElroy, Dale Tier