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**Ascension & Holy Trinity,
Episcopal Church**
334 Burns Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215

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CONNECTIONS



APRIL

Worship Schedule

On Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at

8am & 10:00am in the Church

9:00am Nursery care in the lower level Nursery.

On Wednesdays Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10am
(in the Memorial Chapel of Ascension & Holy Trinity)

On the 4th Tuesday in the Month
Holy Eucharist 4pm in the Chapel at Evergreen.

Contact the church:

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News from the Pews

April Birthdays

1. Jack Henn, Jean Zoller
2. Betty Voige, Claudia Barton
4. Terry Kessler, Caryn Metzger
5. Danny Murphy
8. Elizabeth Anderson
9. Ken Fisher, Larson Graham, Christina Anderson
10. Jenni McCauley
11. Bailey Skidmore
14. Lauren Patch,
15. Catherine Metzger, Alyson Roeseler
16. Renée Kuyath
17. Greg Salmen, Mary Allardyce, Matt Dugan
19. David Bence
20. Elsie Rhodes
21. Jared Metzger, Julie Wakefield
23. Noel Horne, Amanda Cody
26. Suzanne Palmisano,
29. Jeff Graham, Sheryl Felner, Lou Squyres
30. Matt Munneke, Richard Bernard



Anniversaries

15. Michael and Brenda Meranda, Paul & Leanne Anderson
22. David and Laura Bence
30. Matt and Katie Munneke

PRAYER

CONCERNS:

Family of Janice Accountius, LC Ben Adams, Lizzie Ahmad, John Alen, David Allardyce, Tom Barlage, Bill Bassitt & Family, Jane Bernard, Elizabeth Bethels, Beverly & Don, Mike Bigelow, Paul Boening, Kay Bond, Mary Bowes, Philip Brandewie, Buffy, Dennis & Beth Carroll and family, Laura Chace, Sal & Terri Cirigliaro, Nancy Clauter; David, Mary Catherine Dykhouse, Lowell Fifer, Joseph Flannery, Ruth & Harry Flewelling, Rose Friendly, Rev. Debbie Gamble, Matthew Gillingham, Joel & Shirley Godbery, Morrie Green, The Hart Family, Katie Hall, Ken Hammell, Tim & Carol Harrigan, James Jackson, Murray Jansen, Jonathan, Vicki & Dan Jahns, Larie & Family, Lorna Jordan, Liz King-Hager, Laura Kling, Ruth Maichle, Peck Merchant, Omie McCloud, Michael, Max Miller, Dana Mohr, Judy Morand, Stan Neumann, Sandi Osner, Peggy, Peter Poggiali & Family, Jill Rauch, Joe & Jen Reisenberg, Terry Sadler, Nancy Schroeder, Sally Slocum, Mary Ann Searls & Family, Sarah Thompson, Janice Timko, Clayton Warman, Jeff Zimmerman

If you have placed a name on the prayer list, please contact the office with an update on how that person is progressing; Still needs to be on the list? Condition Changed?

Dearly beloved,

On Saturday, March 14, I spent most of the day with our confirmation class on a short retreat we had at the church, with their sponsors. As I prepared for the day with Christina Brandewie, we talked about making sure that the time moved well and that everyone stayed engaged with the process.

There is a wonderful website called sermonspice.com that produces short, excellent videos meant to teach and challenge on gospel themes. You can simply go to this website and see them for yourself without buying them.

In my more than thirty years of ministry, I have always loved these in-between years (11-14, Junior High). If you were a student of developmental psychology, you would recommend never trying to teach religion to this age. This age is not capable of ethical decision making or of theological reflection. That may be true, but over the years I have discovered that they have a greater gift – truth telling and love of God.

The true tragedy for us, the church, is we no longer engage youth past the age 15 or 16. This is true nationally. This does not have to be true. If you go to the Vineyard or Crossroads, there are thousands of young people attending church there. Why? Primarily the medium, the one they have grown up on: the screen. Music with a beat.

Go to sermonspice.com and see what I am saying. My prayer is that someday we will love them as much as we love ourselves and our own way of worship in the Episcopal Church. Someday we will make it an urgent priority to have a service for youth with beat, media, and Eucharist.

This is my prayer at Easter, my prayer for new life.

Lift up your hearts,
Lovepat

Calling Committee Update

The Calling Committee half of the Search Committee is moving right along! Under the remarkable Diocesan direction of the Reverend Canon John Johanssen, the search process was detailed and thoroughly explained. He was particularly enthused about our parish profile, stating that it was thorough, honest, and alive! He is attending a transition conference this week and is taking our profile, which he has heralded as the "poster child" of all profiles. Hats off and a round of applause to our Profile Committee!! Inordinately well done!

Under the chairmanship of Rich Gómez and Maurice Bason, the Calling Committee has established our goals, completed the Church Deployment form, outlined our operating agenda, and are now awaiting the first return of electronically produced matches. These come to us from the Church Deployment Office in New York via Rev. Canon Johanssen, after which each match will be sent a hard copy of the Parish Profile along with a welcoming letter. We can go through this electronic matching process more than once, if need be.

In the mean time, if any of you know a priest of whom you are very fond, and might be interested, please give his/her name to any member of the Calling Committee.

We have not established a finite time line, but are working with a fixed and steady determination to bring an outstanding rector to Ascension and Holy Trinity !!

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

PARISH HEALTH FAIR ~ APRIL 19 ~ PARISH HALL ~ 11:15 AM

Everyone is invited to this event to enjoy healthy snacks and to watch or try out hands-on demonstrations. We expect to have the ERH Senior Solutions team back again with a fun, interactive demonstration. Our own Jennifer Kessler will be encouraging children and adults to correctly brush their teeth; bi-monthly blood pressure will be taken by one of our nurses; there will be an education program about shingles; and come see how hard it is to **really** be sure you have washed your hands properly! All displays and demonstrations are informal and designed for browsing or optional participating, so there will be plenty of time to drop by and socialize after the 10 AM service.

CPR/AED CLASS ~ TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 6~9 PM

The Wyoming Life Squad will be holding another class at the Emergency Services building on Grove Avenue. The cost is \$30 per person and prior registration is necessary. Minimum age for participants is 12 and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Parish Health Ministry will provide partial scholarships for teenagers from A&HT. Please contact Angela Horne via e-mail at Anghorne@aol.com to register before April 4.

Note: There is an AED located in the main hallway above the chair lift in case of emergency in our building. To date, about 25 members of our congregation are qualified to administer CPR and to use and AED. Won't YOU consider becoming qualified to save a life?

Note: If you are unable to make this class date, please e-mail Anghorne@aol.com of your interest in being notified of future class dates.

CARD MINISTRY

Each month, Betsy Cooper sends cards to people who need a message of support or cheer from their parish family. The cost is generously underwritten by ECW. If you or someone you know needs such a note, please contact Rev. Pat or the Church Office.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING ~ APRIL 19 ~ AFTER BOTH SERVICES ~ IN THE PARISH HALL.



OUTREACH OUTLOOK

Here's news and information from several of our Outreach ministries:

Interfaith Hospitality Network.

A letter from The Rev. Roger Foote (Rector, Christ Church-Glendale) to Rev. Pat confirms that our support is valued:

As we start the new year, we are in the midst of a hosting week for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), which began on February 1st. This gives me a good opportunity to let you know of our continued appreciation for our partnership with Ascension & Holy Trinity as one of the supporting congregations involved in this work.

Six weeks a year, we are able to work together to feed and house up to four homeless families for a week at Christ Church Glendale as part of the IHN network. The volunteers from your church provide the hosting on Wednesday nights. Led by Ariel Miller as the Supporting Congregation Coordinator, they are all a vital and appreciated part of the system. The Dining Hosts, Activities Hosts, and Overnight Hosts all work together as teams to give our guests the shelter and caring environment they need.

Please know that the indispensable support of you and your congregation in this work is very much appreciated, as we all seek to be faithful representatives of Christ's love.

The Health Care Connection.

Our friends at The HealthCare Connection ask us to spread the word that medical care is available to those in need:

“Just as Jesus and the Apostles administered to the sick, there are local community health centers who offer health care to those who need it but may not be able to afford it. The HealthCare Connection (THCC) is one of those, with centers in Lincoln Heights, Mt. Healthy and Forest Park. It is the oldest community health center in Ohio and has been providing services in our community since 1967. The centers of THCC offer a full range of services, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology, with dental services available at the Lincoln Heights Center. The center in Lincoln Heights also provides medical translation in several languages, including three Latino interpreters. These health care centers accept most private insurance, managed care programs, and Medicare/Medicaid. For the growing number of people without health insurance, THCC offers a sliding fee scale, with no one turned away because of inability to pay. The founding CEO, Dolores J. Lindsay, continues to lead the

organization and is committed to the ministry of quality health care for all. Call 513-588-3623 for medical appointments, 513-483-3087 for dental appointments, and 513-483-3068 for Spanish. More information is available at www.healthcare-connection.org



Nursing Scholarship in Liberia.

Rachel Fakoli, “our” nursing student, entered Cuttington University in Liberia in February, embarking upon a four-year program to earn a nursing degree. A&HT is providing \$1,200 annually to fund two thirds of her college costs, with Rachel and her family raising the balance. Look for news of Rachel’s progress.

Loose Change Offerings.

St. James, Westwood, our fellow Deanery congregation, has asked for financial support of their youth outreach ministry of education about the Millennium Development Goals and raising money for World Vision, a Christian ministry doing public health and education work in Afghanistan and other challenging countries. March’s loose change was dedicated to this cause.

Loose change offerings in April, May and June will go to scholarship support for our Dominican Republic vacation bible school mission trip representatives, Emily and Julie Stegman and Maria Lang. Emily will lead the A&HT contingent on this year’s mission trip. The group will depart in late June for a one week experience.

Noel Horne

Outreach Mission Group Chair

Adult Education

No Adult Education Classes on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter** (April 5th and 12th).

April 19 - 9:00AM: *(to be announced)*

April 26 - 10:00AM: *(no adult ed)* **Bishop Price** will be making his Visitation for Confirmation and Baptism. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS SERVICE.** Supporting our youth in this important spiritual commitment is such a joy!

Confirmation class to serve as hosting team for IHN...

Our parish provides the Wednesday night team each time Christ Church Glendale hosts homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The generous young members of our confirmation class have volunteered forward to cover our next hosting night, April 22! They visited the IHN day center in Lower Price Hill as part of their urban mission field trip on March 1 and can tell you about the ways families work with IHN to get through the crisis and find housing.

Check your calendar to see if you can help in subsequent hosting weeks. We need teams of at least two people for each of the following parts of hospitality: preparing dinner, serving it, organizing fun activities after dinner, and spending the night at Christ Church. Overnight hosts stay on cots in the charming youth group room, while homeless families each have their own room in the Sunday School wing. The upcoming dates are June 3, July 22, Sept. 3, and Dec. 2. Notify the Church Office (821-5341) if you can help out on any of those dates.

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER

Donations of any kind are always appreciated, however this month, we are in need of the following food items:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Cans of spaghetti-O's, ravioli, etc.

Thank you so much for your effort in helping us fulfill our mission. You are truly amazing.

Many Blessings, Barbara Campbell
 Director of Development, Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center
 420 W. Wyoming Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
 513-821-3233 | Fax: 513-821-3236 | Cell: 513-238-5091

CONFIRMATION CLASS '09

Confirmation – Sunday, April 26, 2009

Bishop Price will officiate at the 10am service on April 26th for Confirmation of ten A&HT confirmands: **Harrison Belew, Dana Borden, Kit Ely, Caroline Felner, Harrison Glover, Bo Graham, Amelia Irvine, Lauren Kent, Robert Kuyath, and Henry Moore.** These Confirmands have met for the past two years to prepare for this sacrament, under the instruction of



Christina Brandewie and Jim Stegman. Preparation has included group meetings, a retreat, and guidance by Rev. Pat. Please join our Confirmands, their families, and friends for this special service and celebrate this joyous occasion with us at the reception that immediately follows.

A&HT Garden Plot, “Do you have a green thumb?”

This Spring, the A&HT’s Confirmation class will be gardening in our home soil! In an effort to raise the students’ awareness of the natural goodness of organically grown vegetables and the therapeutic value of working in the soil. This is a new project for these 12 & 13-year-olds. The plot, granted by the Vestry, will be the space behind the kitchen and adjacent to the Grove house property. The vegetables grown will be donated to Valley Food & Clothing as fresh choices for their clientele. We need gardeners and helpers alike! If you are interested in helping with this effort and joining in the fun, please contact Christina Brandewie at 761-4081 or Jim Stegman at 521-2040.



“Eco Ridge & the Imago Earth Center”

A&HT’s Confirmation class took a field trip on Sunday, March 1, 2009 to the “Imago Earth Center,” 700 Enright Ave., in Cincinnati’s Price Hill (www.imagoearth.org). We began the trip traveling the streets around the Mill Creek to observe its impact on the Cincinnati environment. Our first stop was a quick visit to the Interfaith Hospitality Network Center in



lower Price Hill, housed in the former St. Michael’s Church. Continuing on our trip, we learned about water conservation, organic gardening, and our role in wise choices for our personal uses of the environment and about Imago’s 16 acre nature preserve. The group also toured Nancy Sullivan’s (Episcopalian & friend of Ariel Miller) “Eco friendly” home (retro-fitted for almost zero carb emissions) in the Enright Ridge Eco Village, a part of the “Imago Earth Center”. Thanks to Ariel for organizing this mission trip and to the 17 students, family & friends who learned a lot about our eco system in such a short amount of time!

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...CONFIRMATION CLASS '09, *continued...*

New Youth Recreation Room at A&HT

As of Saturday, March 14th A&HT has a Youth Rec Room! The Confirmation class is working on making the former "Boy Scout Room" into a Rec Room for the teens of the congregation! The doors of this wonderfully large and under-utilized space are flung open and were "christened" by a Youth Group Night this past Sunday, March 15th, when our students hosted an evening with the Wyoming Presbyterian Confirmation Youth Group. Presently, we have couches and chairs and some game equipment in the room, but we are hoping for a ping pong table and other recreational equipment in good condition for our use.

We have plans for cleanup and painting of this space throughout the Spring and Summer. So please come see our new Rec Room, located in the basement of the Church next to the Music Room, and join us for fun, fellowship, and cleanup!

Hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network

Wednesday, April 22nd, A&HT's Confirmation Class will be hosting guests of the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Christ Church Glendale to give service to those most in need. As part of a series of partnering with Christ Church, we will feed, entertain, and house homeless families for this Wednesday evening.

If you would like to help, please contact Renee Kuyath at 821-1550.



MUSIC NOTES

Last month the choir sang the Cincinnati premiere of a new anthem that I composed on a commission from the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor (MI) in February. While it didn't generate much of a response at AHT, one person thought the text was somewhat interesting and requested to see it in print. I include it here as a prayer for this parish.

IN THIS HOUSE

In this house there is hope,
the hope to make this world a better place
for those unborn and for those whose hope is gone.
For hope is the song of things to come.

In this house there is faith,
the faith of reason and of doubt,
guiding those who seek justice for the poor
and for all those left behind.
For faith is the song of things unseen.

In this house there is peace, the peace that passes thought,
the peace that comes from caring and from giving,
from holding close inside the heart,
and all are welcome here.

In this house there is love, greater far than all loves of this world.
Without price, it is free;
without measure, without bounds, it is ours.
For love is the song of God.

We are this house.
We are the song.

Kelly Hale, January 2009
Director of Music

DISABILITY ACCESS AT A&HT

The ADA Task Force has identified what is believed to be the optimal solution for the #1 priority access project—a wheelchair lift for the three steps up from the church hallway, replacing the mechanical chair now in place. The solution is a Garaventa Artira Inclined Platform Lift supplied and installed by Mid-West Accessibility Products at an all-in cost of \$22,990. This solution meets the following criteria developed through a four-month-long learning process:

- The lift must be fully operable by the wheelchair-bound user, requiring no assistance from others.
- At the church level, the lift platform must be accessed from an area that does not impede flow of foot traffic at busy times and in case of emergency (e.g. fire). This requires access from the space now occupied by the tract rack and a round-the-corner lifting mechanism.
- When parked at the top of the steps, the lift platform must fold up against the wall to avoid impeding passage of foot traffic. When parked at the bottom of the steps it can also fold against the lower wall.





In arriving at this solution, the Task Force reviewed proposals from five competing suppliers, comprising two basic technologies: a vertical lift and an inclined platform lift. The vertical option proved not to be feasible without major construction investment. Thus the most favorable solution is an inclined platform lift and the Garaventa product best meets our needs from a company with many years of experience.

The Task Force expects to recommend to the Vestry that we proceed with the Garaventa lift after these next steps:

- A test drive by Jane Bernard of an installed Garaventa lift.
- Confirmation from expert Diocesan resources that this solution is indeed optimal.

DISABILITY ACCESS AT A&HT

Address ideas and questions to
any of the ADA Task Force members:
Dick Bernard, Tom Bond, Jim Boude, John Fitzwater,
Noel Horne, Chuck Kellner, Terry Kessler,
Michael Meranda.

