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

December
2009



CONNECTIONS DECEMBER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at

8am & 10am in the Church

9:15am 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----|-----------------|-----|------------------|
| 2. | Andrew Finke | 17. | Ralph Corley |
| 4. | Mary Corley | 21. | Marty Neumeister |
| 6. | Jacob Brumbaugh | | Russell Smith |
| 8. | Paul Fisher | 25. | Mary Bowes |
| | Nancy Melville | | Cliff Moore |
| | Caitlin O'Neill | 28. | Molly Felner |
| 9. | Gus Galluzzo | | Bennett Miller |
| | Elliott Moore | 29. | Charles Boenning |
| 10. | Katie Munneke | 30. | Bryant Davis |
| 13. | Susan Hopple | | Paul Gillingham |
| 15. | Sophie Flem | | Chuck Neumeister |
| 16. | Clarissa Walton | 31. | Nadine Munneke |

December Anniversaries

1. Robert and Sue Gorman
15. Jeff and Elizabeth Graham



From the Registers:

Births:

November 6th—LUCIA NIKA PERON

7lbs, 9ozs. 20 inches. Born in Shaker Heights, OH to Erin and Phil Peron and brother, Sam; Granddaughter to Debbie & Tony Esposito.

Deaths:

November 2nd

Bee Criddle; Wife of Skip.

November 5th

Bert Straus; Husband of Betty.

*Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Liz Ahmad, Sally & Eric Tisdale, Matt Allen, Ruth Maichle, Verity Jones, Raleigh McHone, Lisa Spiers, Joseph Williams, Lowell Fifer, Mark Herzlich, Peter Poggiali & Family, Julie, Stan Cooper, Trish Hanna & Parents' Scott and Ruth Raule, The. Rev. Top Borden, The Criddle Family, The Straus Family

Please call the Parish Office
to add a name to the Prayer List.

News from the vestry...

At our regular meeting on November 16th, the vestry enthusiastically voted to proceed with a preschool at Ascension and Holy Trinity starting in September 2010. Registration will begin in December. The vestry met twice with Sandy Rempe who will be the director, and we were impressed. Sandy has been the director of the preschool at Friendship United Methodist, and has a following among parents in the community. The vestry hopes a preschool will bring young families through our doors, and make A&HT more visible in the community. Prior to making this decision, Matt Madison and Guy Belew used their business acumen to make a "business case" for the preschool to ensure it will not drain the church budget. The vestry appreciated all the hard work and organization of all those who have worked so hard to make our preschool a reality.

The nominating committee for next year's vestry gave an interim report. Carol Gómez has agreed to run for senior warden, and Jim Boude for junior warden. John Zoller will run for a vestry member at large, and Matt Madison will run for reelection.

Hux Miller, Senior warden

A GREAT GIFT - For couples you care about, encourage them to attend a Marriage Encounter "Weekend of Romance & Renewal" with a \$25 gift certificate. You fill it out, but don't pay anything until they register. (At that time they pay the balance of just \$34). For more information visit www.marriageweekend.org, or call Jack/Jane at 513/385-0222. Rev. Anne

Thanks to all of you who have already chosen a name tag and brought in Target gift cards and food for **VIFCC's "Fill of the Sleigh" program**. We are providing three ways to give this year - new clothing for children ages birth-19yr, Target gift cards for teens and food. See directions below for each:

Clothing tags taken from the Sharing Tree. Please buy a new item of clothing (this may be the only new item of clothing that these children receive) or if you the tag says "or a gift card" provide a gift card to Target, WalMart or Kohl's in the amount that you would normally spend on the items of clothing. Please wrap the clothing (or gift cards in a box) with no ribbons or bows and securely tape the name tag on top of the box! Place the wrapped gift in the box under the Sharing Tree.

Donations of \$15 Target gift card. Every teen gets a Target gift card instead of a toy. VIFCC can use as many of these as we collect! Please place in the collection plate. Checks are also welcome (make it out to A&HT with VIFCC gift card in the memo line) and I will purchase the gift cards.

Food!!! Every family gets a turkey with all the fixings. Food that is needed this year:

- Canned sliced carrots
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Boxed instant potatoes
- Box or bag of stuffing mix
- Packet of gravy mix
- Any flavor jelly



**ALL GIFTS AND FOOD MUST BE BROUGHT IN BY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH!**

You can choose to contribute however you wish and hopefully can donate in all three categories! I want to thank you for your generous participation in the past and hope that you will be able to contribute this year.

Thank you! Kim Wissemann—Feel free to call with questions 761-8659

COMMUNITY DINNER—Wow!

What a great Thanksgiving meal you provided on November 10th at St. Simon of Cyrene to 123 thankful seniors, children and adults! We served turkey, dressing, cranberry, sweet potatoes, salad and pumpkin pie! Thank you to shoppers, transporters, slicers, cooks, servers and contributors!

Our Next Community Meal in Lincoln Heights will be
on **December 8th at 6:00.**

The menu will be: sausage bean soup, salad, roll and mixed desserts.

We would appreciate contributions of: Rolls that can be cooked (in tube like crescent rolls or frozen tins). Please label them for "Community Dinner" and put them in the A&HT refrigerator or freezer.

Please contact Sheryl Felner (9481578, felneris@fuse.net) if you are willing to help with the following:

- * Shop Kroger (on or before Sunday 12/6)
- * Shop Costco or Sam's (on or before Sunday 12/6)
- * Shop Restaurant Depot (on or before Sunday 12/6)
- * Transport food to St. Simon (5:00pm Tues, 12/10 don't have to stay)
- * Cook in A&HT kitchen (anytime after 3:00pm Tuesday 12/10)
- * Serve at St. Simon (6:00pm Tuesday 12/10)

ATTENTION KNITTERS

Your knitting ministry would like to know (and properly recognize) all those who have been knitting in 2009.

We also are looking for new knitters for 2010!

Please let us know "Who" you are and "What" you would like to knit.

Thank You.

We look forward to hearing from You.

Noni Smith

noniandrussellsmith@gmail.com

A&HT knitting ministry.



MUSIC NOTES

December will bring two special opportunities to celebrate the season. On Advent III, Sunday the 13th at 5:00 p.m., we will offer our Fifth Annual Advent Carol Service. This is perhaps our most formal liturgical exercise of the year, a richly symbolic procession from Darkness to Light, recounting many of the prophetic stories that foretell the coming of Christ, enhanced by carols and hymns of the Advent season. This is a service that I have done many, many times since 1967 and always find to be a powerful experience for all who attend and participate. It is not a concert, but the choir certainly carries the largest responsibility of story-telling through music, new and old. However, the congregation is very much needed for the singing of the stirring hymns that fuel the exploration of our worship space.

The choir have gotten the discipline well in hand after four years, complicated though it may be. It is our Christmas Card to the Community and a wonderful opportunity to bring friends from other traditions to experience the Episcopal observance of Advent. I hope you will do so. Childcare will be provided, as the service is not appropriate for babes in arms and toddlers.

A short five days later on Friday, December 18th, CROSSPOINT will offer a very different Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm. This unique praise band ministry emanates from Northminster Presbyterian Church and is a part of their youth outreach ministry. We hope that there is a good response from both the youth and the youthful at heart in our Parish and that you will come out for a totally different, contemporary celebration of the Christmas story. This concert is totally comfortable for the whole family.

The choir will sing for the 4:30 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve and the Choral Scholars will sing for the late 10:00 p.m. service. On Sunday, December 27th, we will have a congregational service of the Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Service music and psalmody will change with the seasons...as we seek the balance between keeping tradition and evolving into the church we must become. Everyone, take a breath and sing out your praises!

Et In Terra Pax.

Kelly Hale, Director of Music



Parish Health Ministry

Walk to Bethlehem -

Believe it or not, as of November 14, together we have turned in over 5000 exercise miles. At present we have safely crossed the Atlantic Ocean, Morocco, Algeria and are almost through Tunisia and to the Libyan border. We have only about 1500 miles to go, passing through Libya and Egypt and into Israel to reach Bethlehem! Thank you all for so enthusiastically embracing this huge project. We can have no doubt that we will be in Bethlehem before Christmas if we keep up the current momentum.



Come one, come all, we shall have a wrap up party to celebrate our success during coffee hour in the Parish Hall on **December 13**. Please join our celebration whether or not you have been participating in our program.

Our "Where in the World Are We Party" on November 14 was very successful and great fun. Over 40 parishioners enjoyed social time and delicious food, much of it Mediterranean. After dinner Rebecca Hale presented a beautiful program of belly dancing and the children participated in educational crafts. A good time was had by all.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

- December 13 after both services - Parish Hall

During the hectic Holiday Season, please take a few minutes for this simple check to take care of your health. You can do this while enjoying social time with others in the Parish Hall.

FLU PREVENTION

The Flu season is still with us as you all know from the media. Parish Health Ministry and Vestry guidelines are posted on the PHM bulletin Board in the main hallway. Please read our suggestions and pro-active measures to keep yourselves and fellow parishioners healthy during this challenging time. The same information is also posted on our website so you can access it there www.ascensionholyytrinity.com.



Your Parish Health Team wishes you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas season:

Cheryl Brumbaugh, Betsy Cooper, Lynn Fitzwater, Angela Horne,
Kathy Kessler, Renee Kuyath, Shelly O'Neill.

OUTREACH OUTLOOK

The Vestry has approved the following actions.

Disbursement of the 2009 Outreach budget.

The 2009 A&HT budget includes \$9,000 for Outreach, which the mission group recommended disbursing as follows.

- Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center \$3,000.
This is our #1 outreach ministry, where we have a strong volunteer presence and where the needs are critical.
- Dohn's medical mission in the Dominican Republic \$1,500.
Drs. Anita and Michael Dohn are Cincinnati-based Episcopal missionaries providing healthcare and education to the poor of San Pedro Macoris.
- Interfaith Hospitality Network \$1,000.
In support of our ministry to the homeless, in partnership with Christ Church, Glendale,
- Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio \$425.
In support of the July Good Earth mission trip.
- "Because We Care" Community Dinners \$245.
Our new ministry to the hungry, in partnership with St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights.
- Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies \$300.
We support this Roselawn public school by tutoring and by funding after-school activities for needy immigrant children.
- Partners In Ministry In Liberia \$1,030.
This funding of a scholarship for a nursing student supports the new Diocesan focus on partnership with Liberia.
- Episcopal Community Services Foundation \$1,000.
We support this Diocesan ministry in funding outreach projects throughout Southern Ohio.
- National & World Mission Scholarship Fund \$500.
This fund actively supports the A&HT mission trip strategy.

By supporting the ministries in the Dominican Republic and Liberia we will meet the Episcopal Church's Millenium Goal that .7% of the A&HT budget will be devoted to overseas outreach.

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-We invite all the ladies of A&HT to join us and look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

Next meeting is 12Noon,
December 2nd.

Bring a salad to celebrate the holidays-
we'll have drinks and dessert as usual



OUTREACH OUTLOOK CONTD.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH APPEAL.

Traditionally at A&HT our special Christmas appeal is directed to outreach. This year, in response to the severe economic situation, our appeal will focus on hunger and homelessness, with appeal proceeds being divided 50/50 between Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center and Interfaith Hospitality Network.

IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF "OUTREACH".

The term "outreach" is generic and somewhat ambiguous. Contact with other churches shows that "outreach" can cover a much wider range of outside-the-church spending than what we at A&HT generally consider to be outreach. Therefore we will adopt a more descriptive name for the variety of outreach we practice at A&HT. It will become the "Our Neighbors In Need Ministry".

Please address any questions on the above to
Noel Horne, Chair,
Our Neighbors In Need Ministry.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CINCINNATI'S NEWEST SHELTER:

First Lutheran Church is hosting a 30-bed winter emergency overflow shelter for the nearby Drop Inn in Over-the-Rhine every night from Nov. 15 to March 15. Cathedral and Redeemer outreach leaders raised 2/3 of the funds for the new shelter! The shelter will be staffed each night by two paid professionals. Volunteers are needed from 8:30-10 pm to help the staff set up and chat with guests, and from 6:-7:30 am to put on coffee and help guests stow their foldable cots. The shelter also needs a weekly volunteer to launder the blankets, which can be done for free at the Drop-Inn on Saturday mornings or another day more convenient to you at a Laundromat of your choosing.

To sign up, contact Drew Tilow at St. Vincent de Paul Society, dtilow@svdpcincinnati.org or 513-562-8841-, ext. 211. All volunteers will receive training over the phone or face to face.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CERTAINLY WORKING OVERTIME !

On November 16, the Search Team submitted a candidate's name to the Vestry for a call to Ascension & Holy Trinity. On the following day, we learned that this was not to be, as another call had been accepted by this candidate. This was not a question of timing, but of choice. Undaunted, the Search Team notified Canon Johanssen, who promptly replied that our process outcome was not at all unusual. We are diligently working with other sources, and ask for your prayers and patience as we enthusiastically seek exactly the best match for A&HT!!

Nancy McCue
For the Search Team Calling Committee

ANITA AND MICHAEL DOHN, MISSIONARIES IN HEALTH MINISTRIES

Web-site: <http://dohnfamily.org> E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

For more information, visit their website: <http://dohnfamily.org>

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Signs...

I was checking the locks on the gate at the Asamblea de Dios Iglesia Emanuel, where a health promoter workshop was to start shortly. Santa from the community health staff had left to find the health promoter who had the keys to the church (almost every community church here has someone with the keys living nearby).

I soon had some help. My first impression was that he looked to be about seven years old, was all smiles, had moved into my personal space (as defined by US standards, not as defined by Latin American standards), and displayed lots of movement. It took me a moment to realize that it was really all movement: no sounds or verbalization at all. He was using a sign language and it was enough to communicate (among other things the direction in which the health promoter with the keys lives).

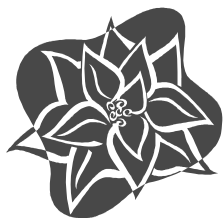
It was a challenging conversation beyond that point. We could exchange some basic information, but not much more. Soon an older boy (his cousin) joined us and began signing, too.

After the gate was opened and we had moved the workshop materials into the church building, I got a tour of the church grounds. The expedition included some play equipment (all of which they explained in sign language and readily demonstrated for my further understanding) as well as consideration of the various flowering plants on the church grounds.

Joquín is actually six years old and has been deaf since birth. He attends a school for the deaf thanks to an Assembly of God congregation in the USA.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Diocesan Clinic sees a number of people with disabilities (nearly 13,000 patient visits last year) and has therapists that speak sign language. Even with physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, job training and placement ... there are still so many challenges in living here with a disability. The Diocesan Clinic is among those at the forefront here to stop the discrimination and bias that often confront those with disabilities, helping to assure that their voice is heard (literally and figuratively).

Keep praying, *Michael*



**CHRISTMAS
ALTAR
FLOWERS 2009**



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Reason for Giving	In Thanksgiving for...
	In Memory of...

Please send this completed form and a check for \$25.00 payable to "A&HT Altar Guild" (Indicating "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line)
Ascension & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,
334 Burns Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45215

DEADLINE – DECEMBER 20, 2009