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

January
2009



CONNECTIONS



JANUARY

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

January Birthdays



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| 2. Alicia Barton | 21. Marion Miller |
| 5. Bill Kling | 23. Susan Gorman |
| 6. Glenn Schaaf | 24. Walter Davis,
Thomas Davis |
| 9. George Johnson | 25. Richard Hopple,
Daria Palmisano,
David Wissemann |
| 11. Brenda Meranda | 26. John Fitzwater |
| 12. Claire Miller | 27. Top Borden |
| 13. Tom Ackerman | 28. Drew Finke,
Katherine Purdy,
Jim Gieringer |
| 14. Tim O'Neill,
Elizabeth Graham | 29. Kathryn Cooper,
Anne White,
Robert Gómez |
| 16. Sally Putnam | 31. David Voige |
| 17. Al Gast,
Oliver Madison | |
| 18. Maurice Bason | |
| 19. David Kling,
Peter Bason,
Dick Thomas,
Charles Rembold Moore | |



PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Family of Janice Accountius, PFC Ben Adams, Lizzie Ahmed, David Allardyce, Ann Barlage, Bill Bassitt & Family, Jane Bernard, Beverly & Don, Mike Bigelow, Paul Boenning, Kay Bond, Mary Bowes, Philip Brandewie, Buffy, Dennis & Beth Carroll and family, Laura Chace, Sal & Terri Cirnigliaro, David, Mary Catherine Dykhouse, Joseph Flannery, Patrick Flannery, Ruth & Harry Flewelling, Rose Friendly, Rev. Debbie Gamble, Joel & Shirley Godbery, Morrie Green, The Hart Family, Katie Hall, Ken Hammell, Tim & Carol Harrigan, James Jackson, Jonathan, Vicki & Dan Jahns, Lorna Jordan, Laura Kling, Ruth Maichle, Peck Merchant, Omie McCloud, Michael, Max Miller, Dana Mohr, Judy Morand, Stan Neumann, Donna Orr, Sandi Osner, Peggy, Peter Poggiali & Family, Joyce Rademacher, Jill Rauch, Joe & Jen Reisenberg, Terry Sadler, 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,

A new year, the season of Epiphany. God made known to us! I have so enjoyed noticing the word epiphany slip more and more into our everyday language. Ah, I have had an epiphany – meaning a revelation a new understanding .

It is so difficult to have new understanding. We assume so many things all day long. Our life is based on assumptions of what we have already experienced. We assume that the person we are talking to is the same person we knew last week. Have you changed in your life? Do people assume that you are the person you were two years, five, ten years ago?

Christianity is based on the radical belief and experience that people can, will and do change.

My favorite hymn for Epiphany is new in the 1982 Hymnal, "I want to walk as a Child of the Light, I want to follow Jesus." Simple refrain, as we move toward the light, we see clearer. Our vision reveals to us the reality and detail of the world around us. God calls us out of fear of and in the darkness to the light.

I pray for you a true Godly Epiphany this season.

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January Anniversaries



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| 22. Jenni McCauley and Sig Sieber | 28. Bob and Wendy Allan |
| 26. Bill and Debby Palmisano | 31. Ed and Mary Brandon Criddle |

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday - January 25th 2009

In The Parish Hall

No sermon at the 10:00 am service and there will be a pot luck lunch following the meeting. Activities for children during the meeting.

Nominations for Vestry:

Senior Warden: Huxley Miller
 Junior Warden: Glenn Schaaf
 Vestry, 3 year term: Karen Fetterman
 Vestry, 3 year term: Betsy Cooper
 Vestry, 3 year term: Gail Bason



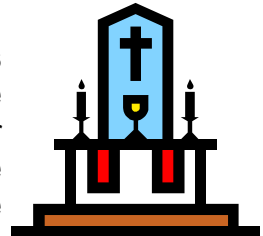
According to A&HT By-Laws...

...Nominations of additional candidates for each office may be made by a writing signed by not less than five members of the Parish, such writing to be submitted to the Rector, the Senior Warden, and the Vestry Secretary not less than fourteen days prior to said Meeting. No nominations of candidates for any office shall be made at said Meeting.

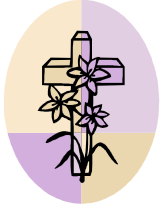
Deadline for such nominations would be
 Monday, January 12th 2009

Altar Decision

The Worship Committee and the Altar Guild has unanimously recommended to the Vestry that we advertise to other churches the availability of our previous altar for their use if they would like to have it in their church. The altar would come with the hangings. We will advertise this in Interchange.



THE FAMILY OF FANELLA M. SMITH gratefully acknowledges your outpouring of sympathy for the loss of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Your gift of kind words, flowers, food or contributions to her memorial fund helped sustain us during this difficult time and will always be remembered. The Fanella M. Smith Memorial Fund will be used to better the lives of the youth at St. Simon of Cyrene Church.



Please keep us in your prayers as we make the journey of transition.

SPECIAL GUEST AT 9:00AM ON JANUARY 18TH

WORRIED ABOUT MONEY? WHO ISN'T?

Our guest will be Jeffrey McKanna, the Edward Jones agent in Wyoming with an office next door to Half Day Café. He has agreed to come and spend the time talking with us about investments, his take on the future and healthy ways to move through unsteady economic times. He will be happy to take questions.

PROFILE: JEFFREY A. MCKANNA, FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

Company Background

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 10,000-plus financial advisors work directly with more than 7 million clients to understand their personal goals—from college savings to retirement—and create long-term strategies for their investments which emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

Work Experience, Education | Community Involvement

Jeffrey is the Wyoming Business Association President and Vice President for Kiwanis International, Greenhills Forest Park Club. He graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics in 1985 and from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1992. He worked for McBee Grain & Trucking, Inc in Bluffton, OH from 1986 to 2002 and from 2002 to the present for Shady Lawn Farms, Inc., Columbus Grove, OH and as Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Wyoming, Ohio.

DISABILITY ACCESS AT A&HT.

The ADA Task Force has identified what needs to be done urgently to improve accessibility of our church buildings. There are five projects, ranked in order of priority.

To make the parish hall level wheelchair-accessible from the church level.

1. Install a wheelchair lift for the 3 steps up from the church hallway, replacing the mechanical chair now in place.
2. Convert the women's restroom opposite the assembly room into a wheelchair-accessible family restroom (including an infant care area).
3. Create wheelchair access to the church chancel area by installing a door through the back wall of the cloakroom into the choir "cave".

To make the church building wheelchair-accessible from the street.

4. Relocate the existing handicap parking to a street section where access can be directly on to a hard surface (not grass as at present), without obstructions (like a utility pole or tree) and with space for more than 2 cars (as at present).
5. Build a new ramp from the Worthington sidewalk, with a gentler, ADA-compliant gradient and accessing the front doors of the church via the planter at the Worthington side of the church steps. (The existing ramp does not meet ADA standards and entrance via the side door is not appropriately welcoming).

The Task Force will recommend proceeding with each of the projects in turn, as and when the most suitable technical solution is identified, a competitive cost bid is submitted and funding sources are established. Attention is now being focused on project #1, the wheelchair lift. Several solutions for this project have been proposed by contractors, with a range of price tags going as high as \$22,500, with around \$16,000 currently judged to be the likely cost.

Funding for project #1 and the subsequent projects is not affordable within the A&HT annual budget. Thus progress on accessibility will be dependent upon two possibilities--grants from foundations and other outside sources and the generosity of our church members. Research is underway on outside funding possibilities, though experts in disability access warn that these sources are very limited.

To receive donations from outside and from church members, a new account named Disability Access Fund has been established. It is envisaged that funds from donations will build up in this account until there is sufficient financing to tackle the next-in-priority project. Very encouragingly, inside-A&HT pledges totaling \$7,000 have already been received to launch the Disability Access Fund, making an excellent start on the financing for the wheelchair lift. Contributions and pledges large and small are very welcome. They should be designated "Disability Access Fund". Ideas about potential outside funding sources or about fund-raising activities will also be welcome.

Ideas and questions may be directed to any of the ADA Task Force members:

Tom Bond, Jim Boude, John Fitzwater, Noel Horne,
Chuck Kellner, Terry Kessler, Michael Meranda.

OUTREACH OUTLOOK

We start the new year with outreach news both local and overseas.

"BECAUSE WE CARE" FREE DINNERS.

We have agreed with our partner church, St. Simon of Cyrene, to continue with these free meals, open to all, particularly to those in need. The dinners will be held on the second Tuesday evening of each month, from 6.00 to 7.30 pm. The January dinner will be at St. Simon's in Lincoln Heights, on January 13. The February dinner, on the 10th, will be at A&HT. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, to serve and to clean up. Those who worked on the first two dinners found it to be a rewarding experience, not least in the fellowship with our St. Simon's friends.

To volunteer, contact Sheryl Felner or sign-up on the bulletin board.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY.

All Saints, Hilton Head Island, our partner in the Dominican Republic ministry, has confirmed the intent to run another one-week Vacation Bible School at La Redencion Church in Barahona. Timing is not yet firm, but will probably be late June or early July. Anyone with an interest in participating, please contact me by e-mail (Anghorne@aol.com) or phone (843-671-3549).

It appears likely that the church building at La Redencion will be dedicated in April, when a construction crew from All Saints will be working on the now-underway new school building. Anyone wanting to experience construction work in the DR will be welcome. Just let me know.

It is hoped that school construction can be sufficiently progressed to permit starting a class or classes in September. For this to be feasible \$35,000 in new construction funds is needed and \$31,000 has already been promised. So La Redencion appears to be well on the way to becoming a thriving church and congregation. It's good to be associated, if only in a small way, with an emerging church growth success story.

*Noel Horne.
Chair, Outreach Mission Group.*

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER

The "Fill the Sleigh" Christmas program was a great success again this year, thanks to you! I have never seen such an abundance of giving. We are so thankful for the incredible assistance you have provided and it is overwhelming to see the blessings that poured into the Center this year. I want all of you to know how thankful we are to have such a dedicated cadre of donors, so THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Your dedication to our mission of helping our neighbors in need is so appreciated. Month after month, we are amazed at how everyone pulls together to help us stop hunger in our surrounding neighborhoods. As always, we welcome any donation, and due to the tremendous amount of blessings this year, our shelves are stocked! We do, however, have a few special needs, which are as follows:

Blankets, blankets, blankets

Large size sweat pants

A gently used refrigerator (*our fridge in the break room broke down*)

Canned fruit

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

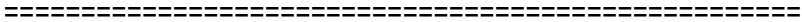
Barbara Campbell

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Thank you to all of you who contributed to my extraordinary Christmas Box, I am overwhelmed by your generosity and very grateful to work for such a community.



Thank you. Sarah. ☺



*Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as missionaries with
La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana through the South American Missionary Society.
They live along the southern coast
in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic.
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All of the volunteer community health promoters will be gathering together for an event – about 150 promoters are expected to attend from 13 different neighborhoods or communities. Dr. Rudolfo is planning to come just to see it for himself.

Dr. Rudolfo is an administrator with SESPAS (the Dominican Public Health Department). SESPAS also has health promoter programs, though the SESPAS promoters are most often working as physician extenders (checking when patients miss appointments or that patients are taking their medicines). It is a somewhat different concept than the Clinic's program that is oriented toward prevention and health promotion through education.

Another difference is that the SESPAS program pays their health promoters while the Clinic's program depends upon volunteers. SESPAS has trouble recruiting and retaining health promoters. Dr. Rudolfo cannot believe that the Clinic can get anyone to serve as a volunteer health promoter, so he is coming to see it for himself.

The Bible says that we are in this world, but not of it. Our other worldliness may be manifest in various ways; perhaps a different understanding of community and volunteerism is one of those ways. Certainly the Church is mostly a volunteer organization and perhaps we have a better institutional understanding of how that works than does SESPAS. We try to value the volunteers and recognize their motivation to help their communities – our health promoters want to give rather than receive. SESPAS puts their promoters on a time clock and may assume that the only motivation is the pay.

At least one of our current volunteer health promoters had been a SESPAS promoter. One reason she quit was that the SESPAS salary was so low that she felt devalued as a person. She would rather work for free and be valued, it seems. Nothing so unusual in that. We all want to feel valued.

So the gathering will include about 150 volunteers plus one paid SESPAS administrator. We hope at the end of the event 151 people feel more valued for the contributions they make to improve people's health here!

Keep Praying, *Michael*