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Episcopal Church  
334 Burns Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215

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# CONNECTIONS

# NOVEMBER

## 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.*

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# News from the Pews

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|
| 1.  | Debbie Esposito  | 15. | Emily Bence      |
|     | Jacob Stegman    | 16. | Ron Bence        |
| 3.  | Jack Cox         | 17. | George Harperink |
| 4.  | Robin Hendley    |     | Sydney Oliver    |
| 5.  | Harrison Belew   | 18. | Dorothy Honerlaw |
|     | Jane Bernard     | 19. | Guy Belew        |
|     | Christa Criddle  |     | Rich Gómez       |
| 10. | Dana Irvine      | 20. | Brett Mellish    |
|     | Jim Neumeister   | 21. | Ross Gillingham  |
| 11. | Megan Neumeister |     | Bee Criddle      |
|     | Dorothy Poggiali |     | Andy Flem        |
| 12. | Kelley Hancock   | 22. | Ariel Miller     |
|     | John Kuyath      |     | Andrew Gómez     |
| 13. | Robert Allan     |     | Henry Moore      |
| 14. | Cleve Callison   | 26. | Carolyn Finke    |
|     | Dawn Thomas      | 30. | George Thiemann  |
|     |                  |     | Shelley Morrison |

### November Anniversaries

30. David and Mary Allardyce



### PRAYER CONCERNS:

L Cpl Ben Adams, Smitty & Terry,  
 Liz Ahmad, Sally & Eric Tisdale, Matt Allen, Ruth Maichle,  
 Raleigh McHone, Peter Poggiali & Family, Mark Herzlich, Lowell Fifer,  
 Verity Jones, Lisa Spiers, Joseph Williams.

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

## **Search Team Update...**

The positive response to the October 4th Adult Forum has been overwhelming! So much so, that the choir requested that we repeat it for them on October 18.

Not settling for any candidate who did not meet the essential qualifications put forth in your Parish Profile, the Search Team regretted the four candidates who were brought in to A&HT for further discernment. This, obviously, meant starting from ground zero once again! This was received as a joyful move, and thus we have already brought in two candidates, made arrangements for Bishop Breidenthal to meet them, had several telephone interviews and are in process of checking references. The Diocese, especially Canon John Johanssen (Canon to the Ordinary), has been more than helpful in guiding our process. The Diocesan background check on some candidates is now in progress. This is quite an expense to the Diocese, but is clearly a necessity.

The Holy Spirit is energetically at work! Let us join together with our new prayer as the entire parish searches with patience, courage, strength and optimism for our new rector!

Lord, we know you hold us in your hands.

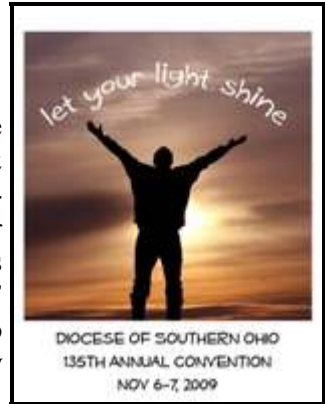
Open our ears, and warm our hearts

to heed your call to us. Amen.

*Nancy McCue, For the Search Team*

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 135th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio will be held Friday & Saturday, November 6th & 7th at the Sharonville convention Center on Chester Road. Our Cincinnati West Deanery is co-hosting this Convention with the Miami Deanery. A&HT is responsible for supplying 6 members to serve as pages for the convention on Friday morning, Nov. 6.



*Hence, we need to have 6 people volunteer to help on Friday, Nov. 6.*

Anyone who would like to volunteer and get an inside look, can do so by signing up on the convention Volunteer sheet on the bulletin board in the south hallway or by contacting the Jr. Warden, Glenn Schaaf at 522-9637 or [gedschaaf@msn.com](mailto:gedschaaf@msn.com) for more details.

## ADA TASK FORCE NEXT STEPS



Following the installation of the wheelchair lift, creating an accessible bathroom is an immediate priority. The women's restroom near the church office is the only restroom space with the possibility of a turning circle for a wheelchair. This women's restroom will be converted to an accessible, family restroom in two stages. First there will be a quick fix and then a later upgrade.

The quick fix, already underway, removes the entry partition and door spring, installs a lever-handled locking door, removes the door to the toilet area, the partition between the stalls and one toilet and installs lever handles for the sink and some grab bars.

To compensate for the reduction in women's restroom capacity, the men's restroom near the Rector's office will be converted to a unisex facility. New door signs will be installed.

The later upgrade to what is about to become the accessible, family restroom is expected to include floor tiling, painting, new sinks, a new partition for the toilet area and an infant diaper-changing station. A cost estimate and funding plan await completion of an upgrade design.

Meanwhile we can proceed with installing a temporary infant diaper-changing station—if any church member has a no-longer-needed changing table, please let Sarah in the church office know and a task force member will collect it from you.

## DISCUSSION GROUP ON CONFLICT VS. PEACE.

Why is it that, despite our best intentions to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" conflict breaks out? All members of A&HT who are interested in this question are invited to participate in a discussion group on **Wednesday November 11 at 7.00 pm** at the home of Angela and Noel Horne: 339 Circlewood Lane, Wyoming.

The intent is not to provide answers, rather to share what each of us knows, feels and has experienced. We'll go where the spirit leads us, and the kinds of issues we could discuss include:

Is conflict inherent in the human DNA?

Is conflict endemic within and between religions? If so, why?

Is conflict endemic within religious communities? If so, why?

Should religious communities aspire to promote peace within their community? Outside their community?

There'll be no expert on hand, no minutes taken, no closing questionnaire, no homework and no objective other than a starting discussion on why, when we pray for peace, we don't get it. What if anything will happen after November 11 will depend on where the spirit leads us.

If you would like to join the discussion, just contact Angela or Noel by phone (729 2173) or e-mail ([Anghorne@aol.com](mailto:Anghorne@aol.com)).

Oh, and by the way,  
wine (and soft drinks) and cheese will be provided.

### ATTENTION KNITTERS

*We are now meeting at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Bring a sandwich and come knit with us!*

*All are welcome! We even have yarn to share.*

*Can't Knit or prefer to crochet but would like to be involved? Help put on fringe or sew on labels, come for fellowship and support with prayers those knitting the shawls.*

*Yarn is always needed and also donations to help with mailing the prayer shawls!*

*A&HT knitting ministry.*



## GIVING FAITHFULLY

Another year has quickly passed. Leaves are gathering on the ground and Halloween is upon us. As we prepare to “fall back” in changing our clocks, it is time for us to “leap forward” in our 2010 stewardship campaign.

This is an opportunity to reflect on why and how we give. Do we support God’s church with what we have left over, or do we understand the nurture of our faith together, and the ministry we accomplish in God’s name as essential to our lives as food and shelter?

Speaking for ourselves – Guy Belew and Ariel Miller - our children have been fortunate to grow up as part of A&HT. They have seen a congregation carry out deeds that speak powerfully of our trust in God. Think of the prayer shawl and home-made soup that arrived when your spouse was gravely ill. The deep way you’ve engaged in Scripture and learned to know and love fellow parishioners as you do it. Troy Keeling challenging us to raise money for 20 houses after the 2001 earthquakes in El Salvador, and our teens leading us to succeed even as we coped with many financial challenges.

We have had conflicts within our parish – you only need to read the letters of St. Paul to know we’re not the first - but our children have learned by your example that the faith and values we share are far stronger. You are here, witnesses to the power of God’s love.

Your stewardship embodies that. Last Fall we considered our pledging for 2009 at an important time for our parish, and a very difficult and uncertain time in our nation’s economy. Between the start of the campaign and its conclusion, the Dow Jones Index declined nearly 30%. Job losses were accelerating. And what were the results? The members of A&HT expressed their faith and generosity:

- We increased the number of pledging units, breaking a 5 year declining trend.
- Pledged dollars increased over 2008 levels.
- The children of A&HT were introduced to the notion and practice of pledging for the first time.

The Profile being used in the search for our new Rector reflected this commitment of support by the congregation.

As we contemplate our pledges for 2010, the need for the church to serve its members and its broader community is great in times that remain troubled and uncertain for many. We invite you to consider what being part of this congregation means to you, what you stand for, and how our shared ministry blesses and transforms life for your family, this community, and the wider world. We invite you to make your pledge with faith in God’s transformative power.

We will share and celebrate the results of our 2010 campaign on November 15. Pledges cards and information will be distributed via mail. During services we will be sharing thoughts on faith-based giving and information about the financial realities of operating a church with a mission of growth. The education of our children in the importance of supporting God’s church will continue.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we embark upon this effort,

Guy Belew, Ariel Miller

## OUTREACH OUTLOOK

Eleven church members participated in the annual open-to-all Outreach meeting on the evening of October 21. We engaged in a spirited discussion of the A&HT Outreach strategy, with particular concern being expressed that the annual Outreach budget of \$9,000 is inadequate for a church that wants to emphasize helping those in need outside the church community. Each of our established Outreach ministries was reviewed, focusing on the volunteer involvement of our church members. It was agreed that a stepped-up effort to enroll more members is needed. Proposed disbursement of the \$9,000 budget for 2009 was agreed, subject to Vestry affirmation and there was discussion of possible new Outreach ministries.

One of our established Outreach ministries, the funding of a scholarship for a nursing student in Liberia, is a part of the proposed Diocesan focus on a partnership with Liberia. For more information, please read the latest, pre-Convention issue of Interchange.

*Noel Horne, Chair Outreach Mission Group.*

## VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD & CLOTHING CENTER CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE

VIFCC is getting ready for Christmas with preparations for the annual "Filling of the Sleigh". As in years past, we will be asking for donations of new clothing for children ages birth-19yrs. We will have the sharing tree with tags set up after the 8 and 10am services on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are three ways to give:



A gift of clothing (or gift card towards clothing) for 50 children.

They promised to give us a better mix of young children and older teens this year. Donations of \$15 Target gift card.

Every teen gets a Target gift card instead of a toy.

Food!!! Every family gets a turkey with all the fixings.

Food that is needed this year is:

Sliced carrots

Sweet potatoes

Cranberry sauce

Instant potatoes

Stuffing mix

Gravy Mix

Any flavor jelly

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*

## WED. DEC. 2: HELP US HOST HOMELESS FAMILIES!

Jesus was born in the winter, unsheltered. Honor Advent by caring for homeless children sheltered at Christ Church Glendale the evening of December 2. What could be better than knowing you're saving a child from having to sleep in a car on a dangerous city street in the dead of winter!

Thanks for Nan Reitz, Nancy and Duff Melville, who've already volunteered.

We still need:

- people to provide by 6pm
  - ✦ side dish or
  - ✦ dessert
- one person to serve,
- two people to lead after dinner pastimes,

Please call or email Ariel Miller to sign up (221-0547 [huxleym@eos.net](mailto:huxleym@eos.net)).

Also, here are our hosting dates for 2010. Please put them on your calendar and tell me if you want to take a specific slot. The roles are bringing food, serving it, providing evening activities, and sleeping over (each hosting role needs two volunteers).

Our IHN dates for 2010:

Feb. 10, April 21, June 9, July 28, Sept. 29,  
Nov. 24 (day before Thanksgiving).

## During this Interim Period ~ Who's on first?

from the Diocesan Canons, Canon XVI:

Duties of Wardens

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Wardens, especially to provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge, and while the Church is destitute of a Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation, by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as the circumstances may permit.

Therefore while we do not have a rector, Rev. Anne is 'regular supply', our Senior Warden Huxley Miller is 'in charge'.

National Canon (III).

"...it is the responsibility of the RECTOR or in the absence of a Rector, the WARDENS, shall at all times be entitled to approve the use of and the control of the Church and Parish Buildings as maintained for the use of the facilities on behalf of the congregation."

Therefore please check with the Parish office to make sure there is no conflict for your event on the calendar and Sarah will obtain permission from the Wardens for your event.

Loose Change in November  
will again go to support the "Because We  
Care" free Community Dinners our shared  
Ministry with St. Simon of Cyrene  
in Lincoln Heights.

## Parish Health Ministry

The Flu Clinic/Health Fair on October 18 was very successful and provided an excellent opportunity for socializing. People were quite surprised to find how hard it is to be sure hands are washed thoroughly. In this Flu season we need to be very aware of the importance of frequent hand washing. Anyone who needs information handouts about staying healthy during the winter, being prepared for flu season, immunizations for older adults and details about shingles vaccine, contact Angela Horne at [Ang-horne@aol.com](mailto:Ang-horne@aol.com).

**Walk to Bethlehem -  
"Where in the World Are We" Party  
Saturday, November 14  
6 ~ 9 PM  
Parish Hall**



Everyone of any age is invited to this evening of fun, even if you have not signed up for the Walk Program you can come to encourage us. We want to keep up the momentum of the journey to ensure that we reach Bethlehem by Christmas. This will be a pot luck style party with cash bar and soft drinks. Bring a dish to share - enough for 8 people - if you feel like trying middle eastern food, bring some; if you want to stay with American food bring some of that. Please sign up on the sheet on the Parish Health bulletin board so we know how many tables to set up. Also - keep exercising and turning in your mileage records to the collection box so we will know where we are.



### **COMMUNITY CPR-AED CLASS - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6 - 9PM.**

Wyoming EMS personnel will present this class in the Emergency Services building on Grove Avenue. Class includes adult, infant and child CPR and AED instruction. Minimum age is 12 and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$20 and prior registration is necessary. Parish Health Ministry funds are available for teenagers from A&HT. Please contact Angela Horne if interested.

Please consider taking this opportunity to become qualified to save a life.

## FLU PREVENTION

Parish Health Ministry and the Vestry have researched possible measures to try to avoid spreading the flu virus during the current flu season.



The general best advice seems to be:

- to stay at home if you are sick / have symptoms / fever
- to wash hands frequently either with soap and water or hand sanitizer
- to use hygiene etiquette for sneezing/coughing (cover your nose/mouth & dispose of tissues appropriately)
- Avoid crowds/public gatherings where possible and/or if you are in a high risk group (children under 5, pregnant women, people with chronic illness).

In order to be pro-active:

- Hand sanitizers and tissues will be placed in the narthex and all public places in the building.
- Mother Anne and the Chalice Bearers will use sanitizer before distributing communion.
- Silver chalices only will be used for wine (metal combined with alcohol restricts effect of germs spreading).
- If you wish to intinct, please take care to not touch the wine with your fingers.
- During the passing of the Peace, please respect others' wishes as far as hand shaking etc and consider using sanitizer before taking communion.



Plans are being developed for guidelines in case a major outbreak occurs.

*Your A&HT Parish Health Team members are:  
Cheryl Brumbaugh, Betsy Cooper, Lynn Fitzwater,  
Angela Horne, Kathy Kessler, Renee Kuyath,  
Shelly O'Neill and Deanna (Womack) Hollon.*

Please join us in these activities and in our ministry of care.  
Talk to any of us about your interest.

**ANITA AND MICHAEL DOHN,  
MISSIONARIES IN HEALTH MINISTRIES**

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

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## Where everybody knows your name ...

Hoyo del Toro is a small, rural community where everybody knows everyone else. The Clinic has started its newest group of volunteer health promoters there. I was at the meeting when the sponsoring community group assigned houses to each of the volunteer health promoters to visit. Every promoter went forward in turn to get a notebook, a tote bag, and other materials as well as to hear the assigned homes.

Because the community is relatively small, the assigned houses were identified by the first name or nickname of a resident in the household (as opposed to larger communities where assignments are usually made by street or sectors within the neighborhood).

The third promoter in the line listened as her assigned families were read. Suddenly, after one name, the other twenty-two promoters erupted into a mixed cacophony of guffaws, laughs, chortles, and expressions of sympathy! The promoter at the front was just standing there with her mouth open and blinking slowly. Obviously, some households in Hoyo del Toro are more challenging than others. The process proceeded through the other twenty promoters with several house assignments evoking similar reactions of various degrees.

There are conceptual reasons for encouraging community involvement in the community health program: sustainability, encourage self-reliance, support community autonomy, etc. However, there are also more practical reasons, like assuring that the household assignments are based upon a real knowledge of the situation. While some promoters received the less enviable families, the distribution was generally conceded to be fair (and those with the most difficult assignments got a family or two less as compensation).

Keep praying, *Michael*



Meredith Glover to be in the Cincinnati Ballet's Nutcracker again this year. This year, Meredith has the role of the Rabbit in the battle scene and has 5 performances this year!

If anyone is interested in attending, discount tickets. Are available. A flyer with all of the information is posted on the bulletin board. All of the performances are listed on the top and then the rest of the flyer is Purple cast specific, which is Meredith's cast. (the discount is for ANY performance, not just Meredith's performances).

Meredith is in the student matinee on Dec. 17th if anyone's school is attending. During the matinee on Dec 22nd, she will be in the Sugar Plum parade which is when the audience is invited to come up on the stage and meet cast members.

All of the discounted ticket info is on the flyer. The promotion code is GRP0910NCCAST and can be used online or on the phone.

**Evening performances @ 7:30;** Dec. 18, Dec. 26

**Matinee performances @ 2:00;** Dec. 19, Dec. 22, Dec. 23

Tickets:

**Mail:** Cincinnati Ballet attn. Group Sales  
1555 Central Parkway Cinti., OH 45214

**Email:** [thonebrink@cincinnatiaballet.com](mailto:thonebrink@cincinnatiaballet.com)

**Phone:** 513-562-1114

**Online:** Steps: [www.cincinnatiaballet.com](http://www.cincinnatiaballet.com) Go to Promotions.  
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