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

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# CONNECTIONS



## OCTOBER

### 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.

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# News from the Pews

## October Birthdays



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| 1. Don Geehring                | 14. Taylor Lovejoy,                |
| 2. Mark Dugan                  | Lucas Palmisano                    |
| 4. Alex Stahler, John Callison | 16. Alicia and Philip Brandewie    |
| 5. Chuck Kellner               | 17. Anne Cordes                    |
| 8. Olivia Munneke              | 21. Maura Gillingham               |
| 9. Collyne Purdy               | 22. Stewart Patch                  |
| 10. Jean Latta,                | 25. Tal Gast, Lynn Fitzwater       |
| Leanne Anderson                | 26. Rebecca Stegman                |
| 11. Jim Stegman, Laura Kling,  | 28. Kevin O'Neill, Kathryn Richey, |
| John McCauley,                 | Ben Hopple                         |
| Carol Ostrander-Gómez          | 29. Jon Boss II, David Rumke,      |
| 12. Karla Dugan,               | Chris Fitzwater                    |
| Jennifer Fitzwater             | 30. David Criddle, Lucia Nebert    |
| 13. Jon Boss, Kelly Hale       | 31. Morris Evers                   |



## October Anniversaries

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| 2. Jim and Lynne Boude         | 23. Noel and Angela Horne      |
| 10. Lou Squyres & Pat Merchant | 24. Lewis and Dorothy Poggiali |
| 14. Dan & Lucia Nebert         | 26. Alyson & Eric Roeseler     |
| 20. Cleve & Jenny Callison     | 29. Jack & Lisa Cox            |



## PRAYER CONCERNS ~



PFC Ben Adams, David & Mary Allardyce, Bill Bassitt & Family, Buffy, Jane Bernard, Beverly & Don, Mike Bigelow, Paul Boenning, Rev. Peggy Bosmyer, Kay Bond, Philip Brandewie, Fr. Jeff Bunke, Sal & Terri Cimigliaro, David, Dennis & Beth Carroll and family, Susan Dinkelaker, Capt. Max Donaldson, Mary Catherine Dykhouse, Joseph Flannery, Patrick Flannery, Ruth & Harry Flewelling, Joel & Shirley Godbery, Jeannie Grady, Tohajah Graham, Morrie Green, The Hart Family, Katie Hall, James Jackson, Jonathan, Lorna Jordan, Laura Kling, Ruth Maichle, Omie McCloud, Michael, Max Miller, Dana Mohr, Judy Morand, Stan Neumann, Donna Orr, Sandi Osner, Peggy, Peter Poggiali & Family, Jill Rauch, Joe & Jen Reisenberg, Sarah Thompson, Howard Walmsley, Clayton Warman.

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,

Once a young girl walked in my office on a Tuesday afternoon and said to me “What are you doing here?” and I told her “I work here.” She thought as many do, clergy work Sunday morning, weddings and funerals.

What work hours do you expect from your Priest? This is a legitimate question and it requires specific definition and good communication.

The last thirty years or so every parish priest has been granted four weeks vacation, and two weeks of continuing education. Slowly we have moved from having one and a half day’s off to two days off a week, but the days are rarely together. We are granted maternity and paternity leave, and time when there is a sickness and/or death in our family.

What is not written but has evolved is time off around Christmas. Clergy do not get to celebrate Christmas with our families until the week after Christmas, and every church I have served has been very generous about his time.

What if you need the priest and you can’t find the priest? You call the church and my cell phone number is on the answering machine. Please call me if there is an emergency.

If the church administrator Sarah Cotterill, answers the phone, she will be able to take a message and let you know when I will be able to return your call. The vestry should know when I am out of town, and whether it is for business or vacation.

Time boundaries have often been matters of contention between clergy and congregation. If you expected me somewhere

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and I did not show up, a simple question will get you an answer. At the hospital, the nursing home, the dinner party, parish event, school football game, wedding reception, birthday party, your first anniversary party, your child' first soccer game, (ok I getting bad!!). Honestly..... if I am supposed to be there call me 259-5117!! As you probably know I will ask you too.... Missed you last Sunday!!!

The discipline of time is one of the most difficult challenges of the priesthood. There is no one to tell you what to do each day. You have to plan you work and family time so that your sermon and other work is done, when you are needed by your family. (thus the infamous Saturday night sermon!!)

I hope that as you think about calling a new priest you will remember to early on get clear about your expectations of each other and to take the time to make them clear as you go along. We all make mistakes!! It is very important to get rest and renewal without guilt!

Just for the record, I have one week of vacation left, and I will be gone October 10 – 17 with my grandson's and Paul and Laura in NC. Whoopee!

*Lovepat*

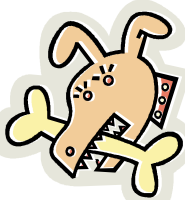
**Blessing of the Animals ~ October 5th ~**

**10am Service**

**We Need Help!**

**Talk with Pat**

**& Kim Wissemann**



## **PARISH PROFILE PROGRESS**

***A Prayer for Ascension & Holy Trinity...** Dear Lord, as we search for our next rector, keep us focused on discerning what you are calling us to be and to do in your name. Let us not linger while we wait for a new leader. Help us discover the talents and spiritual fire alight in this congregation. Inspire us to put the gifts you have given us to practical use with creativity and enthusiasm. Lead us to know the joy of life devoted to your service. And, finally, we ask that you bless our efforts to create a church that is harmonious, welcoming and comforting to all who enter our doors. In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.***

Our committee wrote the above prayer for A&HT so we can pray TOGETHER for guidance and help as we journey through the process of developing the parish profile. In addition to statistical information about A&HT and the Wyoming community, the parish profile will provide a potential rector with answers to the following essential questions: Who We Are, What We Do, Where We Have Been, Where We Want to Go, and What Do We Want From a New Rector.

To date, we have asked you to respond to two surveys, which were inserted into worship bulletins and e-mail during the last three months. First we asked for five adjectives that best describe our church in its present state. Then we asked for comments on the first survey results and also list five adjectives that best describe what they want A&HT to be like in the future. We've also gathered historical information about A&HT with a Sunday morning session led by Mary Corley, Ariel Miller and Rev. Pat. A&HT members were invited to this session to enjoy a delicious lunch – prepared by Karin Fetterman and other volunteers – and to share their experiences at A&HT as part of our faith community to develop a historical timeline. As our committee continues to receive and compile information, we will display the data in packets located on the table outside of the church office. You are welcome and encouraged to review the information.

This month, we will ask A&HT's various ministry and mission group leaders to summarize their work for the parish profile. With help from Rich Gómez and Sudy Graham, we will gather input from our youth about our church and the qualities our youngest members would like to see in a new rector. We also will develop an opportunity for everyone to share their personal experiences and ministries with each other in a process called the "Appreciative Interview", which is used by the Diocese of Massachusetts to help develop a parish profile. Please watch for an announcement about this topic in the near future.

Our goal is to have all information gathered by the end of October or early November. Then we will work to compile the data and photos to create the parish profile document. Please continue to provide recent photos from our church life (after summer 2007) to Bob Allan via e-mail ([bob.allan@att.net](mailto:bob.allan@att.net)) or hard copy. Thank you.

Your Parish Profile Committee, Laura Bence (Co-Chair), Cheryl Borden-Thomas, Karin Fetterman, Noel Horne (Co-Chair), Ariel Miller and Glenn Schaaf (Vestry Liaison)

## MUSIC NOTES



As notorious as I am for missing the Connections deadline, I am writing well in advance for October to assure one and all of my continuation at A&HT, despite a two week absence, including Oct. 5 and 12. A long-planned trip to Europe takes me away, as I celebrate my retirement from UC/CCM and my daughter Rebecca's graduation from UC in June. In my absence, the music ministry will continue under the very capable hands of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Rita Hauck, both excellent church musicians and good friends of mine who live in Finneytown. Their son, Ross, was my student at both Bay View and CCM and is an outstanding tenor, now living in Seattle.

I bid WELCOME to two new volunteers in the bass section: Lou Squyres and Charlie Johnson. Lou is Pat's husband and has become a very integrated member of the parish in the past months; Charlie is the excellent trumpet player who has played for several of our festival celebration services in the past year. He commutes from Springboro where he has his business, Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop. His father was an priest in the diocese of Alabama, so Charlie is a cradle-Episcopalian. By the time this is circulating, I expect a new soprano section leader to be identified, as well.

Anyone interested in joining the choir, please step up and give us a try! It is a wonderful group of folks who continue to amaze and astound us all with their dedication and accomplishment. Reading music is like riding a bicycle; if you learned once upon a time, it comes back rather quickly when you start exercising the skill.

It is good to hear the congregation singing out their praises! As you continue in this important act of worship, I encourage you to pay ever closer attention to the words of the hymns and notice how we strive to phrase (or breathe) with the punctuation of the texts. It engages the mind on a more profound level and challenges the pulmonary system to greater capacity. Both of these are excellent practices for both increasing the quality and the length of life itself!

Hallelujah!

Kelly Hale, Director of Music

## Everything You Wanted to Know About A&HT's Knitting Ministry...



### WHAT IS IT?

A collection of dedicated individuals who knit or crochet prayer shawls or other items in support of a very important outreach/pastoral care ministry.

### WHAT IS ITS MISSION?

It is a ministry of quiet giving, providing comfort and warmth to those in need (illness, cancer treatment, mourning loss, depression, etc.), as well as those celebrating joyous events (weddings, births, etc.). The A&HT Knitting Ministry has presented nearly 400 prayer shawls to A&HT family members, friends, neighbors, and others so they can wrap themselves in loving prayers\* made to God on their behalf.

### WHEN DOES IT “MEET”?

Scheduled gatherings occur on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon in the Lounge (“Bring Your Own Lunch” if you wish). These are not “formal meetings” – rather they are opportunities for knitters to connect with one another, share experiences of presenting shawls, pray together and, of course, knit. Many knitters are unable to gather during the day due to work or other commitments, and still others prefer to do their knitting quietly on their own.

### WHO CAN JOIN?

Absolutely *anybody!* (You, too, guys!) Whether you know how to knit or are willing to learn, you are welcome to join A&HT's Knitting Ministry – the more the better because this ministry needs a steady supply of prayer shawls to distribute to those in need.

### WHAT ITEMS ARE KNITTED?

Our primary item is the *prayer shawl*. Additionally, some have taken on special projects, such as wool seaman scarves and Christmas stockings to be filled with toys for Hurricane Katrina victims. Still others knit caps for newborn babies at local hospitals.

### CAN'T OR DON'T WANT TO KNIT?

You can still contribute to this very essential ministry:

**October's loose change** has been designated for the A&HT Knitting Ministry, so be generous with your nickels, dimes, and quarters in the collection plate! The funds will be used to purchase yarn or to ship

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prayer shawls as we prayerfully consider participating in a nationwide knitting ministry project of making prayer shawls for families of U.S. service people killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

**Donate yarn!** It takes three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun® yarn to make one shawl (*must* be this brand/type of yarn). If you're in Hobby Lobby, JoAnn Fabrics, or WalMart, pick up three skeins and drop them off in the Church Office.

**Make a financial donation** – checks payable to “Ascension & Holy Trinity” with **Knitting Ministry** clearly printed on the “memo” line (to ensure that the funds are credited to the correct account).

**\*A KNITTER'S PRAYER**

*I knit a mantle of caring.*

*I knit a mantle of protection.*

*I knit a mantle of wholeness.*

*I knit a mantle of strength.*

*I knit a mantle of patience.*

*I knit a mantle to enfold you.*

*I knit a mantle to encircle you.*

*I knit a mantle to empower you.*

*As I knit, I ask for these blessings in the name of God; the Creator, the Giver of Life, the Holder of Time.*

*In the name of Jesus; the Savior, the Healer, and the Lifter of Pain.*

*In the name of the Holy Spirit; the Comforter, the Consoler, the Sustainer of Life.*

*Amen.*



*For more information about A&HT's Knitting Ministry, call Noni Smith (761-6413) or Lynne Kellner (948-1946).*

**November 2nd—All Saints Sunday**

**Send names to the Parish Office for inclusion  
on the list of those to be remembered.**

**10am Choral Eucharist  
with music from the Fauré Requiem**

**GO TO THE WEBSITE! ~**

**WWW.ASCENSIONHOLYTRINITY.COM**

**Check out “Clergy Corner” -A New Page Addition!**

**You can hear a recording of Rev. Pat's sermon,  
given August 31, Forgiveness and A&HT**

## SUMMER LEMONADE HOUR

Thank you to everyone who hosted our Summer Lemonade Hours and provided delicious refreshments:

**Chris and John Brandewie, Mary Corley,  
Betsy Cooper, Carol Caudill, Debbie Esposito,  
Lynne and Chuck Kellner, The Kuyath Family,  
The Madison Family, Nan Reitz.**

It was delightful to be able to socialize after the 9.30 service on the Gathering Place.

*Angela Horne.*

## IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME AGAIN!

Once again it is time to think about donating your time and treasure, Clean out your cupboards and mark the dates, October 23, 24, and 25. We are starting work for the Fall Rummage Sale every Tuesday morning at 10:00. and would love to have your help!

Donations can be brought to the church at any time and left in the Coal Hole. We are featuring winter wear, Holiday decorations, and any and all household accoutrements. That category can include: linens, bath and kitchen "stuff", pictures, and any and all miscellaneous knick-knacks.

For more information call: Karin Fetterman, 761-6209

## 1st Sunday Vestry Coffee

~ 9:00am ~ October 5th ~

Following the 8am service—Meet in the Assembly Room, Every first Sunday between the services, there is the vestry coffee, an opportunity for the parish to brainstorm and discuss issues with the vestry. Any concerns are welcome.

# PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

October will be busy for Parish Health Ministry events. Please plan to participate in the programs we will be providing. We are excited to be revitalizing our ministry to our parishioners.

## **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING—OCTOBER 12** - after both services.

Please plan to take time to take care of your health by having your blood pressure checked. Check-in in the Library. Screening will take place in the corner room next to Top's office. Lynn Fitzwater, Deanna Womack and Cheryl Brumbaugh will be working on this program. **Next Screening date - December 7.**



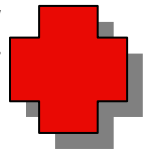
## **FLU SHOT CLINIC—OCTOBER 19 - 11.30 ~ 1.00pm** (after 10.AM service)

Interim Health Care will administer flu shots for adults 18 years of age and over. The cost is \$25 for ages 18 - 64 and free for Medicare Part B participants. Cash or check is accepted for payment. Medicare Part B cards are to be presented for free shots. Advance sign up is required and there is a sign up sheet on the Parish Health bulletin board in the main hallway.



Registration on the day will be in the Parish Hall (accompanied by healthy snacks) and the shots will be administered in the Assembly Room. Cheryl Brumbaugh will be coordinating this program.

**FIRST AID KITS**—These are located in the Kitchen, Sanctuary and two in the Children's' Education area downstairs. They have recently been checked and re-supplied. They will be rechecked in January. Please use as needed and if any one of them needs to be re-supplied, contact any PHM Team member.



**CARD MINISTRY**—This ongoing ministry is supported financially by ECW and is coordinated by Clergy, Staff and PHM. Anyone wishing to donate cards, please contact Betsy Cooper to ask what is needed.

**AED TRAINING**—Dates for these sessions have not yet been determined. More information coming soon.

Your PHM Team members are: Cheryl Brumbaugh, Betsy Cooper, Lynn Brayton Fitzwater, Angela Horne, Kathy Kessler, Renee Kuyath, Deanna Womack. Please contact any of them if you have questions or ideas for this ministry.

# OUTREACH OUTLOOK...

**NEW OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP: BECAUSE WE CARE**—Economic times are hard. Low income families are suffering. We are called to feed the hungry and *will do so in partnership* with our neighbors at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights. Planning is underway to serve free dinners once a month alternatively at St. Simon's and at A&HT. Food will be nutritious, simple and as low cost as circumstances permit. Generous donors have stepped forward with \$1,000 in start-up funds.

**The first dinner will be at St. Simon's on Tuesday October 28.** A November dinner will be scheduled at A&HT. Volunteers are needed to get this new ministry off the ground. Watch for further information, look for sign-up opportunities or talk now with Rev. Pat for details.

**OCTOBER LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTIONS**—October's loose change will support A&HT's Knitting Ministry as it prepares to participate in a national ministry of sending hand-made prayer shawls to families of soldiers and Marines who have been killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The money will be used for shipping costs and yarn. Any questions to Debbie Rumke.

**OUTREACH FUND DISBURSEMENT MEETING OCTOBER 14**—All are welcome to join with the Outreach Mission Group in finalizing plans for disbursing the \$9,000 included in the church's 2008 budget for outreach. We will meet at church at **7:00pm on Tuesday October 14**. Refreshments provided.

**NEXT STEPS IN OUR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY**—Everyone, all ages, with an active interest in, or curiosity about, ministry opportunities in the Dominican Republic is invited to a **pizza lunch meeting** after the 10:00am service on **Sunday October 26**. We will discuss a vacation bible school mission trip for summer 2009 and a mission survey trip for January or February 2009. We'll talk about the Dohn's medical mission and about plans for construction of La Redencion church and school. No reservation necessary--just plan to be there.

Noel Horne,  
Chair, Outreach Mission Group.

# VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD & CLOTHING CENTER

## WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!

Beginning Wednesday October 1, 2008 the center will be open from 5pm to 7pm in addition to our regular hours. This will allow more availability to clients who have jobs and also a chance to give those individuals who work a chance to volunteer.

We are building up our volunteer roster so that we have a full staff each day as well as subs to fill in for vacation times.

We are asking you for your help in recruiting NEW volunteers. For Wednesday evenings, we are targeting younger working individuals to give them a chance to volunteer. For daytime, we need subs to help occasionally.

We need individuals for the following positions:

- Greeting and processing paperwork for existing and new clients
- Helping clients pick out clothes and personal items
- Interviewing clients to help with rent and utility assistance
- Data Entry
- Helping clients with food choices in the pantry

Training will be given for each area. Working at the center is a rewarding experience for those who give freely of their time. Please call Anita Berry at Valley Interfaith 821-3233.

## LISTED BELOW IS THE MANNA LIST FOR OCTOBER.

We are so thankful for the generous donations you provide and your dedication to our cause. 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, but we need the following to stock our shelves and offer nutritious choices for our clients. Besides the items listed below, we are always in the need of paper grocery bags, various personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), manual can openers, towels and linens for larger size beds, and of course, as always financial donations.



**-Canned fruit**

**-Bar soap**



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

Barbara Campbell, Director of Development,  
Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center

*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.  
E-mail: < DohnFamily@sams-usa.org >*

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We closed the monthly health promoter meeting in prayer. However, during the “meeting after the meeting” the group considered where we might hold the next workshop for the promoters in that community. The Assembly of God chapel was engaged; the Roman Catholic chapel already had a meeting scheduled; the open-air community “terrazo” is too public and noisy (OK for a meeting, but not a workshop); and the Episcopal church would be occupied that day (and is also very small). However, the Church of God Pentecostal church would be available and would work well. Those promoters who had a connection to that chapel took responsibility for reserving it for the workshop.

One of the ways that the “community” supports its community health program is when the local churches offer their buildings for meetings and workshops. We have been told by the diocesan staff here that the community health program may be the most actively ecumenical ministry within the Diocese. We are constantly “borrowing” facilities from and sharing resources with various denominations.

All of our materials say that the Clinic is a health ministry of the Episcopal Church, Michael and I are missionaries, and the Clinic’s car has a large Episcopal diocesan shield plastered on each front door. However, the community health program approaches communities less as the Episcopal Church and more as the generic Church with a big “C.” We have promoters across the spectrum from Roman Catholics to Evangelicals, as well as non-believers. And how could it be otherwise in a community health program if it really reflects the local pluralistic community.

One of the common elements among the health promoters is that they all volunteer to serve their neighbors and community. Most of them feel some kind of “call” and recognize this as a ministry. I am delighted when I see the “Church” working in the “world” and providing the means for us to serve one another in very real ways. I am privileged to have been called into a spot where I can see that intersection so clearly and frequently.

Keep Praying, *Anita*