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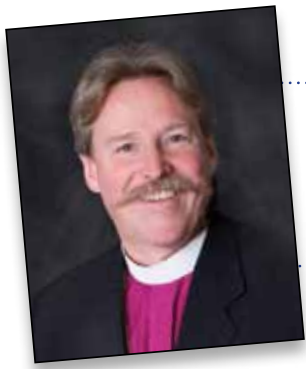
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Front Cover: The group of young people that attended the Episcopal Youth Event in St. Paul, Minnesota, over the summer. Photo by Mary Anthony.



WHAT GOD HEARS

YOU MAY REMEMBER THE CLASSIC GARY LARSON cartoon describing what dogs hear. The first frame, entitled *What we say to dogs*, shows a man lecturing his dog, saying, “Okay, Ginger! I’ve had it! You stay out of the garbage! Understand, Ginger? Stay out of the garbage, or else!” The second frame, *What they hear*, is identical to the first, save the words in the man’s speech balloon. They read, “blah blah GINGER blah blah blah blah blah blah blah GINGER blah blah blah blah...”

In church recently, listening to a very good sermon, I was curiously reminded of that wonderful cartoon.

The preacher’s words had led me to reflect with some seriousness about prayer, specifically about what we say and what God hears, and there, in my mind’s eye was Ginger, the dog. It struck me that the dynamic of prayer, my own at least, seems often like the Larson cartoon, though somewhat in the reverse. What I say is, “blah blah blah God blah blah blah blah Jesus blah blah blah Amen.” What I imagine God hears is, “Please help me, God, because I am scared or worried or doubtful or insecure or resentful or ashamed or not sure where I’m going.

And send me Jesus again so I don’t feel so alone and so I will remember how to be more faithful and that you love me. Amen.”

Of course, what we pray is usually more than a collection of blahs. It is very often unselfconsciously authentic and articulate, regularly selfless and humble and generous in its concern for others. And of course God hears whatever we say, in whatever ways we express it, with or without language. But no matter what the words are that populate our prayers, the underlying confession they carry to the ear of God, the deeper truth that God always and accurately hears, even in our thanksgivings and praise, is that of helplessness. We thank God because

the deep goodness of life is beyond our own making. We bless God because the blessings of life are beyond our earning and our deserving. We petition God because the challenges of life are beyond our meeting with our own devices. And what God hears is what God knows already about me and you and all of God’s children, that underneath all of the words, we are yearning for the very thing that God is ceaselessly trying to give us: love.

God Hears Our Longing

Whether our prayer is for meaning or understanding, for healing or release, or for patience

or courage, whether it is for peace or victory, for certainty amidst ambiguity or confidence in the face of doubt, for our success or another’s failure, or for forgiveness or the ability to forgive, and whether the object of our intercession is oneself or someone else, what God hears is our longing for that which alone can make us whole: God’s love.

This does not mean that the content of our prayers doesn’t matter. Quite the opposite is true, to be sure. For it is in articulating honestly and repeatedly to God all of these

things about ourselves and about others and about the realities of life we share that we peel away the layers that separate us from God who knows us intimately and loves us nonetheless. Equally, it is essential that when we finish speaking we listen, listen patiently with our hearts, not for the response we want to hear, but for the response God wants to give us. Sometimes, as with the psalmist, it may rock our world like an earthquake; other times, as with the prophet, it may fall on our ear as a “still, small voice.” But always it articulates the same divine truth: I love you, and here is Jesus.

There are times when the response comes on the heels of the very prayer in which we sought it, or sought

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something we thought would be it. There are times when it comes through a person or event we did not expect or imagine. There are times when it comes seemingly unbidden, when we can't remember asking for it, but there it is. There are times when it seems not to come at all, until we recognize that it has been there all along. And there are times when we, ourselves, are the vehicle for God's response of love, as it is delivered to another, and even as

it is poured upon our very own self.

These are the words that heal. They are manifested in every act of grace, those that we receive and those received by others through us. They are articulated in the response to our every prayer, and whenever we are the answer to someone else's. They are proclaimed in the resurrected life of Jesus, in his presence in each of our lives as the one whose companionship saves us, the one who makes us safe.

They are, in the end, the response to every prayer, to whatever God hears. And Jesus tells us, time and again, that they are what God most wants us to hear.

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

CLERGY NOTES

The Rev. Kay Ashby, celebrated her new ministry as Rector of St. Matthew's, Ashland, on September 28.

The Rev. Walter Brownridge has accepted a call to be the Dean of the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu, Hawaii. He began that ministry in mid-October.

The Rev. Christopher "Zeke" Coughlin has concluded his ministry at St. James, Boardman, and is now College Missioner and Priest-in-Charge for St. John the Baptist, Bowling Green.

The Rev. Paul Gaston was appointed part-time Interim Associate Rector of Christ Church, Hudson.

The Rev. Rosalind Hughes began as Curate at St. Andrew's, Elyria, effective October 18.

The Rev. Matt Humm has accepted a call as Vicar of St. John-the-Evangelist, Lockport, Illinois, and ended his ministry with St. Paul's and St. Alban's, Cleveland Heights.

The Rev. Joe Kovitch has concluded his ministry as interim pastor at St. Bartholomew's, Mayfield Village, and will become the priest-in-charge at St. Alban's, Cleveland Heights.

The Rev. Ken Pepin has resigned as rector of St. Timothy's, Perrysburg, effective December 31.

The Rev. Marie Phillips concluded her time with Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, and began her new ministry as the interim Canon for Mission of the Diocese on September 6.

The Rev. George Tarsis has retired as rector of St. Andrew's, Barberton, effective December 31.

12/31/11 *49th*
3 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

The Boar's Head Festival committee is announcing the 49th presentation of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, at Trinity Cathedral, Saturday, December 31, at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

This multi-sensory Elizabethan Christmas presentation celebrates Christ's birth in song and pageantry, as His Light enters the darkened world. Introduced at Trinity in 1960 by Bishop Nelson M. Burroughs, the Boar's Head Festival has been a long-standing tradition for many during the Christmas holidays: "a living Christmas card."

We are seeking people who would like to participate in this year's Festival, inclusive of makeup helpers, people who can help with sewing and repair of costumes before December, and performers. Please contact us with email: boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com

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DIOCESAN CONVENTION WELCOMES BISHOP DURACIN

THE 195TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION—NOVEMBER 11 and 12—will be held both at the Marriott Cleveland East in Warrensville Heights and Trinity Cathedral. Convention will remain at a day and half format, beginning Friday, November 11 at 1 P.M. and ending Saturday, November 12 by 2:30 P.M. The Marriott East is at Interstate 271 and Harvard Road on the east side of Cleveland.

Registration begins the morning of the November 11 at the Marriott at 11 A.M. in the hotel Atrium. Orientation for new delegates will be held at noon in the ballroom of the hotel. Delegates will receive folders and business begins at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, ending at 4:30 P.M. From 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Trinity Commons will host the Convention Dinner and the Eucharist will be in the Cathedral at 7 P.M. Saturday's business begins at 8:30 A.M., back at the Marriott east and will finish by 2:30 P.M. Hotel guests must check out by 12 noon on Saturday to avoid additional fees. Delegates will again be seated by Mission Area.

The Rt. Rev. Jean Zaché Duracin, bishop of Haiti, will be the guest at convention this year and will update delegates on the progress of rebuilding the cathedral complex in Port-au-Prince since the devastating 2010 earthquake. Communicants in the Diocese of Ohio to date have participated in the Bricks for Haiti campaign in greater numbers than any other diocese in the church.

Resolutions Before Convention

Eight resolutions are being presented to Convention this year. In addition to the resolution on clergy compensation (R-1), R-2 and R-3 ask Convention to endorse the formation of two partnerships—one with the Diocese of Belize and one with the Diocese of Tanga. These two partnerships have been several years in the making, and relationships with people in Belize and Tanga are ongoing. In addition to Brendan Knoblauch's 18-months in

Tanga, seven members of the diocese visited there last August for almost two weeks. There have been two visits to Belize, and eight Belizean youth with four chaperones visited the Diocese of Ohio this summer.

Resolution R-4 asks convention to continue for another three years the Diocesan Health Ministry Task Force that it authorized three years ago. The 74th General



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Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2006 adopted a resolution asking the church, through its dioceses, to provide a Christian response to the health care needs of those within our nation. In response to that resolution, the 192nd Convention of the Diocese of Ohio established a health ministry task force for three years. This resolution asks to extend that task force to continue educating parishioners and groups within the diocese. Resolution R-5 asks the Convention to support a moratorium on horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing (HVHF or fracking) until the EPA has conducted a comprehensive study of the impact of natural gas on water resources and the life cycle impacts of fluids used in fracking. Advances in HVHF now make it economically feasible to extract natural gas held in the Marcellus

and Utica shale layers that lie deep underground throughout much of Ohio. Fracking combines high volume fracturing (in terms of water, chemicals, and pressure) with horizontal drilling that can extend wells out thousands of feet. This process also involves incorporating into fracturing fluids chemicals that may pose immediate and long-term risks to human health, including the release of benzene and lead. Sponsored by the Advocacy Committee, the resolution proposes that Convention support a moratorium on fracking until the Environmental Protection Agency completes a peer reviewed study and that Convention communicate the resolution to state elected officials. In addition the Advocacy Committee asks Convention to submit the resolution in an appropriate form to the General Convention in Indianapolis in 2012.

R-6 comes from the vestry of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, and is a resolution in thanksgiving for the life of Richard (Dick) T. Watson, diocesan chancellor since 1987, who died July 20 in New York City from a heart attack.

Two more resolutions recognize the ministry and service of two parishes in the diocese, which closed this year: Holy Trinity, Bellefontaine, and Church of the Transfiguration, Cleveland.

Amendments to the Canons

Three amendments to the canons and no constitutional changes have been proposed this year. The first proposed amendment changes the definition of a quorum for Diocesan Council meetings. Currently, a quorum requires a majority of the lay and a majority of the clergy members of Council to be present. Since Council does not vote by orders, the change defines a quorum as any 11 members of Council with at least three being lay members and three being clerical members. The bishop may count as one of the necessary eleven members of council, but not as one of the three clerical members who must be either priests or deacons elected by Convention or their respective Mission Areas. Diocesan Council has at times been unable to conduct business because a quorum of both orders has not been present, even though there has been a quorum of the whole. This legislation then changes the canon to ensure a quorum of the whole body, even though a quorum in both orders is not necessary.

The second proposed amendment corrects an error in Title II Canon 1, which makes no mention of a special provision for parishes receiving financial assistance. A change in wording corrects the error. The third

proposed amendment changes the requirements for membership on the Mission Area Councils. At present, the lay representatives to the Mission Area Council must be vestry members or Convention delegates. This amendment removes the provision that the lay members of Mission Area Councils also be vestry members or convention delegates. Parishes will have the flexibility to elect to the Mission Area Council those lay persons whom they consider most appropriate without such qualifiers. It also recognizes that not all vestry members feel called to Mission Area work.

The fourth proposed amendment to the canons stipulates that members of the disciplinary board may not serve concurrently on the Diocesan Standing Committee. The Constitutions and Canons Committee believes that serving simultaneously on the Standing Committee and the Disciplinary Board would compromise the individual's ability to serve on the disciplinary board and would constitute a conflict of interest.

In elections this year, Convention will be voting for one trustee, either lay or clergy; one clergy and one lay person for Standing Committee, two clergy and two laity for Diocesan Council and one clergy for a 2-year unexpired term. One clergy person and three laity will be elected for Episcopal Community Services Development Council. For the Diocesan Disciplinary Board, one clergy and

two laity and one layperson for a 1-year unexpired term will be elected. Four clergy and four laity will be elected for General Convention Provisional Deputy; for Provincial Council, one clergy and two laity will be elected for three-year terms, and one lay person and one clergy will be elected for Cathedral Chapter.

As in past years, many qualified individuals are unable to stand for election because many of these committees meet primarily during the workday, Monday through Friday. While there is no simple solution, the Nominating Committee asks the leaders of these committees and commissions to continue discussing and responding to this challenge as they consider how they can best accomplish their work in the future. It is particularly important that they ask whether their meeting days, times, and places foster involvement by leaders from all walks of life and all parts of the Diocese.

Again, this year, childcare will be available for children 5 and under of delegates, volunteers, and visitors while Convention is in session.

Schedule for Diocesan Convention

Friday, November 11, 2011

- 11:00 A.M. Registration Opens
Exhibits Open
- 1:00 P.M. Opening Session
Episcopal Address
- 4:30 P.M. Convention Recess
- 5:30 P.M. Convention Banquet at Trinity
- 7:00 P.M. Convention Eucharist at Trinity

Saturday, November 12, 2011

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Opens
- 8:30 A.M. Convention Reconvenes
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch Recess
Clergy Spouse/Partner Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Reconvenes

ST. PETER'S, ASHTABULA, OFFERS GREAT MUSIC WITHOUT BARRIERS

BY ROGER SMITH

WITH ITS OCTOBER 9 CONCERT FEATURING THE Baldwin Wallace College Conservatory student Percussion Ensemble and its faculty advisor Professor Josh Ryan, St. Peter's, Ashtabula will begin its seventh year of providing *Great Music without Barriers* for its neighbors. An opportunity for concertgoers to meet and greet the performing artists is provided with an after-concert reception in the Guild Room of the church. An occasional meal is provided for those who wish to join us.

Those who have attended the concerts have heard some of the best musicians our area has to offer. A

medal winner from the Cleveland International Piano Competition is invited to perform each year of the competition. The Cleveland Orchestra Piano Trio annually appears on the concert schedule. Graduate students from the Cleveland Institute of Music are regular artists. The series has presented a harpist; a klezmer concert; master classes for music students at Lakeside High School in Ashtabula; musicians from the Juilliard School; jazz, Motown and blues with the Light of Day Band; and the Musical Theater Project, both in concert and in first grade classrooms with "Kids Love Musicals." There is classical music, popular music, Broadway music, and holiday music—a diversity of sounds to match our diverse population.

Great Music without Barriers has a two-fold purpose. The most obvious one is to provide music for listener enjoyment; however, the series has been blessed with children who are invited at least twice yearly for a meal and an up-close and personal concert and hands-on demonstration with the professional musicians. CELEBRATE students of the Ashtabula Area City Schools are the world's best audience. On some Mondays following Sunday concerts, 120 students come to St. Peter's to participate in the program and eat a meal that is provided collaboratively by St. Peter's, Church of the Nazarene, Messiah Lutheran, First Covenant Church, and St. Joseph's Church—all in the Ashtabula area.

Students Perform, Too

CELEBRATE students came to St. Peter's for their final meeting of the 2010-2011 school year to eat and to do their very own program—a style show of what to wear on different occasions. Joining them on that day was St. Peter's parishioner Tim Green, Director of Sheldon Calvary Camp in Conneaut, Ohio. He extended an invitation to 25 students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend an Episcopal Camp to come for a day of fun. Ultimately, 30 students were hosted for a camping day in July.

Through its work with CELEBRATE, *Great Music without Barriers* was able to secure a Jubilee grant from The Episcopal Church to address nutritional deserts which exist in and around Ashtabula County. That ministry is an ongoing collaboration with After School Discovery.

Great Music without Barriers is supported by Episcopal Community Services, the St. Peter's Church Foundation, St. Peter's parishioners, the Ashtabula Foundation, Northwest Bank, freewill offerings taken at the concerts, and an annual fund drive.

From each freewill offering, *Great Music without Barriers* makes a gift to another area ministry that helps children. Gifts have been given to schools to purchase science equipment, to the local arts center for scholarships for students, to a battered women and children shelter, to food banks, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and other agencies that serve children. Although *Great Music without Barriers* is an outreach ministry of St. Peter's, only six of the 14 people who oversee the program are parishioners. Others are from nearby Catholic, Lutheran, and Jewish congregations.

As concert dates are secured, they are posted on St. Peter's web site, www.stpetersashtabula.org at the Fine Arts page.

The concerts are primarily performed on Sunday afternoons at 2:00, allowing those who cannot drive at night to be able to attend. Admission is free and parking lot security is provided for each concert.

CELEBRATE
students of the
Ashtabula Area
City Schools are
the world's best
audience.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT LEAVES OHIO YOUTH ON FIRE

THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (EYE) BEGAN IN 1982 and was embraced by the 67th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as an international event in which "...the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of this part of the Body of Christ."

Last June 20 high school students and six adults set off for St. Paul, Minnesota, for EYE followed by three days of mission. It was by far the largest representation from the Diocese of Ohio ever to participate in EYE. Bishop Hollingsworth made it a priority to be there with the youth, engaging them in conversation over meals and card tricks. On the first day of the conference, the participants from the Diocese of Ohio all wore shirts bearing our bumper sticker and billboard slogans, declaring, "Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Change the World" and "God Loves You, No Exceptions." Not only did the shirts help form a group identity but they were great conversation starters as well.

The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation, who planned and organized the diocese's participation in EYE was amazed at the transformational impact the event had and

is continuing to have on both the youth and the adults who attended. He pointed out that almost three months later, connections and communication on the Facebook group created for EYE continue with youth giving testimonies in their parishes about their renewed love for God and enthusiasm for the Episcopal Church. Black said that often a week or two after an event people are still on fire; three

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Julia Robinson, Christ Church, Oberlin



Bishop Hollingsworth with two of the teens that attended Episcopal Youth Event.

months later means this event has really taken root.

Several of our youth from the Diocese of Ohio wrote about their experience.

From Christ Church, Oberlin, Julia Robinson, aged 15, said:

"The Episcopal Youth Event taught me how to love.

"I don't think any of us really knew what we were getting ourselves into when we decided we wanted to go to EYE. For me, it was a chance to grow closer to kids within and outside of Ohio who I feel I have the most in common with. I've always found it easiest to relate and be myself around the kids I've met through Diocesan Youth Events.

"At EYE I discovered that faith isn't mine, or yours or his or hers. It's ours. Faith is a fire within us all. It's the love that God has for us, and it binds us together, whether we know it or not. The connection I feel so strongly with my friends from church is there with every single person I'll ever meet, because God loves us all whether or not we have the courage to reciprocate his love.

"EYE showed me that there are hundreds of other kids across the globe in the same position as I am. It's comforting to know that you have a brother or sister 10,000 miles away, working equally hard to light the world on fire with passion and love from God. It is easy to love my Episcopal peers, and easy to recognize God in them. It's not easy to love the kid who comes into my work and steals all the

time. It won't be easy to love the kid acting out in math class this year. But EYE taught me and gave the courage to try and if I fail and find myself resenting that kid, whoever he or she is, try again and again.

"Together, as each of us spreads our love, our fires create a network, steadily growing larger and larger. Together, we can infect every man, woman, and child with the same disease we've been exposed to at EYE.

"During EYE, I was ignited. My fire is my determination to love, and I refuse to let my flame go out. I will never stop battling with myself until I show God's love to everyone I can. And so, I challenge you as I was challenged at EYE this summer, if you have not been already: Spark a flame. Light someone on fire. And burn infinitely."

From St. Matthew's, Brecksville, Marisa Hahn, 15, wrote:

"I didn't know what to expect when it came to services and worship sessions. When we went to our first service, it was beyond anything I could have ever imagined. The auditorium was huge! It was very much like an opera house. Now picture Episcopalians filling almost every chair. In the gospel, Jesus says to his disciples: 'For where there are two or three of you gathered in my name, I will be amongst them.' Now imagine more than 700 high school students and their adult mentors in one room to praise his name. More than 700 people my age who share my beliefs!

"I've always believed that when Jesus said 'I will be amongst them,' it's something you can feel. My friends, I had been waiting for that feeling for probably a decade. And you know what? I felt it at EYE. I felt it when we were singing. Hundreds of voices coming together as one. I felt him when we prayed, and when I looked around the auditorium, taking in all the faces so deep in worship. It

took my breath away. It's the greatest feeling in the world and sometimes, when I look back on it, it almost brings me to tears.

"This experience had a very heavy impact on my life. I now feel more connected to God.

I'm not going to lie. Before I left, I was struggling with my faith.

I just didn't feel God in anything I did, and I didn't think he was really out there. I was still questioning, though. Questions like 'Where are you?' 'Why do I feel alone?' 'Why is there so much turmoil in this world?' and 'Why does my best friend's dad have only months to live?'

"For a while, I just wasn't hearing or seeing any answers. God didn't appear in any of my dreams or while I was awake. So, obviously, I felt a little let down. You always hear and read Bible stories about God speaking to his prophets, telling them to do something for him. I didn't understand why he couldn't just answer my simple questions. But once I got back from EYE, I sat down, and listened. Not with my ears but with my heart. I heard the answers that he had been trying to give me for a while. The prominent answers were 'I've been here all along, you were never alone.'

"I took these answers and I've been keeping them in my heart ever since. Sure, there are still times when I feel alone but when I remember looking around that auditorium and the feeling I got, I feel warmer inside. I encourage you all to try to feel Jesus. Whether it is at church, at work,

or at home with your family. Once you do, listen for the answers you've

been searching for, the things that you've been holding inside, the questions that you've been asking God for weeks or even years that you need the answer to. Trust me, you'll feel like a new person. I know I do."

And from Navia Schuster-Little, 16, from St. Andrew's, Elyria:

"Going to EYE

was probably the best part of my summer. I made so many friends and had a great time. Everyone was so happy and excited to be there since we came from all over the Episcopal Church for this event.

"I felt God's presence during the times we'd all gather together. With over 1,000 of us in one place, all having a great time singing and dancing, I could tell God was there with us! God was there also during my most difficult time of EYE. The hardest part was being there while having my Nana sick back home and not knowing what was going to happen. I wanted to be home, but yet didn't want to leave EYE. I stayed, and although it was hard, I ended up having a great time with everyone.

Seeing all of us together as one big group set me on fire and knowing that there are lots of us all over the world made me super happy. When you're in a small town and small church, you feel like you're the only one, but in reality, it's not true. EYE also made me realize that all of us youth are not the future of the church, but the church today!"

"[O]nce I got back from EYE, I sat down, and listened. Not with my ears but with my heart. I heard the answers that he had been trying to give me for a while."

Marissa Hahn, St. Matthew's, Brecksville

YOUTH LEAD THE WAY

BY ETHAN GATES

ST. PAUL'S, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, BEGAN LEADING mission trips to Kentucky in the early 1970's under Youth Minister Frannie Millward. These volunteer groups worked primarily with the Lotts Creek Community School outside of Hazard, Kentucky. In the early 1990's, Associate Rector Ralph Pitman established a partnership with a local independent, non-profit organization called Christian Outreach with Appalachian People (COAP) in Harlan, Kentucky.

COAP began as part of a 1977 grass roots interdenominational relief effort, which responded to a devastating flood that caused over \$100 million in damages to Harlan County homes. After the area cleanup and relocation of families, it was realized that there was an acute need for long-term, sustainable housing for residents throughout the county, many of whom were living in remnants of company coal towns, inside crumbling thirty to fifty year-old houses. The formation of COAP in 1983 sought to help low-income families with such needs.

Over the years, the diocese's relationship with southeastern Kentucky has flourished: besides St. Paul's, St. Luke's, Cleveland; Church of Our Savior, Akron; St. James, Boardman; and St. Michael's-in-the-Hills, Toledo, have all participated in COAP projects, and St. Thomas, Berea, has sent volunteers to Lotts Creek.

Below are the reflections of Ethan Gates, 2011 Diocesan Summer Intern, a 5-year veteran of trips to



St. Paul's college group at the Gravel Pit on Pine Mountain (2007).

Harlan, Kentucky, and a student at Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The cumbersome 15-passenger van rumbles over a pothole, waking me with a jolt from my tranquil near-slumber (I've never been able to sleep in moving vehicles; I prefer to call what I do "meditation"). Our driver apologizes, but there's no need for it; the rougher, winding road is a welcome sign, indicating we're drawing near our destination.

Harlan, Kentucky, nestled deep in the Appalachian notches of the southeastern corner of the state, is the center of one of the poorest counties in the United States, an area that has been dominated by the coal industry, for better or for worse, since the 19th century. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights has been sending hardy bands of youth and young adults annually to the area for decades now, working in partnership with COAP.

I've tagged along on at least one of these mission weeks every summer since 2006, so since I started go-

ing to Harlan I have transformed from a wide-eyed adolescent to a cynical, soon-to-be college graduate. OK, so the change probably hasn't been all that radical, really, but compared to the granite stability of Harlan itself, I'm an



Ethan Gates and Alison Paetz putting in new floor joists.

ever-shifting sand dune. In the five years I've been going to Kentucky, I think the only significant change I've witnessed is that it's gotten even hotter down there (what a bother, global warming).

No matter what uncertainty hovers over the rest of my life, I've always found comfort in the constancy of the Harlan routine. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch on the worksite, afternoon sunbathing sessions at Martin's Fork Lake, milkshakes at Dairy Hut (it's like Dairy Queen, but more awesome)—there's such grace in the familiarity of it all. Sure, our specific job for the week always changes; from framework to roofing, siding and painting, I'm pretty sure I've built the equivalent of an entire house start to finish by now.

Building Christian Community

Yet the whole manual labor aspect of our work with COAP always feels remarkably secondary. To be sure, our efforts are always productive and appreciated, but for me, the experience is more about building Christian community. You might be amazed to learn how touching it can be when a gaggle

of post-high school youths band together to manufacture a simple meal of macaroni and cheese, but there it is. Harlan is all about such quiet moments of kindness and decency, the little gifts that bring us closer together.

The most extraordinary memories come when we get to share these instances with Kentucky residents. The people of Harlan are by habit somewhat wary of outsiders, but over the years our church has been lucky enough to forge a number of lasting friendships. Their lives are less frantic and bustling than what we're used to, but no less blessed.



St. Paul's high school group framing a wall for cabinets in new housing (2006).

One of our particularly good acquaintances owns a significant

No matter what uncertainty hovers over the rest of my life, I've always found comfort in the constancy of the Harlan routine.

tract of land on Pine Mountain, one of the tallest mountains in Kentucky and (in my opinion, anyway) one of the most gorgeous spots on Earth. Whenever we stop by his cabin, and sit out staring over

the silent, pristine lake nearby, not another soul in sight, I am always reminded of a favorite piece of scripture from 1 Kings: hiding out in a mountain cave, the prophet Elijah awaits a visit from God. Outside the cave, a great wind passes, and a terrible earthquake shakes the ground, but God is not in the storm, nor the earthquake. Finally, Elijah hears just "a still, small voice;" then goes out to meet his Lord.

We all need a place now and then where we can stop and listen for that still, small voice; I am so grateful that I have had Harlan, Kentucky, to provide mine.



From left to right: Carolyn Hockey, Carol Hundert, Matt Stouffer, Paul Winter (youth and young adult mentor), and Clara Coughlin consulting about hanging siding.

CHRIST CHURCH, WARREN, CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

BY BILL BENEDICT

IN 1860, WHEN THE BISHOP ARRIVED TO CONSECRATE the new church in Warren, he was disturbed to find that it was adorned on top by a gold cross. Only Roman Catholic churches had such decorations. He ordered that it be taken down. It wasn't.

An early rector of the church lived on the West Side of Warren and because there was no bridge over the Mahoning River, he had to row his boat to church every morning.

These are only two examples of the rich history of Christ Church, Warren, which celebrated its 175th anniversary with a special service on October 2.

"When the anniversary was approaching, we talked about how we could not let this go by without doing something," said Wayne Thomas, the co-chairman of the anniversary effort. "Someone had to take charge and once someone did, then everyone was willing to pitch in and work on it. This has been a full church effort."

The activities began at 4 P.M. with a history tour of the church and gardens and explanation of artifacts and artwork.

At 5:00 P.M., close to 250 people arrived for a choral evensong service that featured four choirs from St. James Boardman, St. John's Youngstown, St. Luke's Niles and St. Stephen's East Liverpool. The Rev. Jeff Baker led the service.

"We are so blessed to have him (Baker) right now," Thomas said. "The congregation has really taken to him. He is the perfect person to lead the service because he has a great respect for Episcopal traditions, yet he is very forward-thinking so we will have someone who can lead us into growth in the future."

The Rt. Rev. William Persell was in attendance, too. "This was very important to us, because it [demonstrates] support and acknowledgement that this church is important to the diocese," Thomas said.

A reception followed, catered by Saratoga Restaurant, which was described by Thomas as "a staple of Warren." The Garrettones, a big band from Garrettsville provided the music. All of the activities were open to community. "We wanted it to be a way for us to open the doors for fellowship and fun. Anyone who wants to



Parishioner Mark Peteritis leads the procession at Christ Church, Warren.

come to Christ Church is welcome to come and encounter God," Thomas said.

Display tables were set up that exhibited each ministry and historical photos at the church. Christ Church was founded in 1836, 37 years after the settlement of Warren. Warren was then the most important town in the area and the county seat of Trumbull County, and was the historical capital of the Connecticut Western Reserve.

In 1845, a lot on the corner of Liberty (now South Park Avenue) and Franklin Street was purchased for \$600 in gold and this is where the first Christ Church was built, a frame building that resembled a congregational church.

Over the years, the congregation outgrew the building and plans were being made to enlarge it; however, on the day of the meeting to discuss the contracts—April 30, 1860—a major fire in downtown Warren postponed the plans.

In 1862, the congregations decided instead to build a new church. The old church was sold in 1863 to a Roman Catholic congregation, and the building of a new church on High Street was begun. That brick building began to crumble over the years, resulting in the decision to build at the present location on 12 acres on Atlantic Street.

“At that time, it was way out in the suburbs,” said Jim Johnson, who was co-chair of the anniversary event. Work on the new building, designed by Harold Wagnerf, began in 1957. The structure was built in two phases so the main services were held in the parish hall from 1958 until the sanctuary was completed in 1966.

The altar, pews, windows, and all of the furnishings of the High Street church were installed in what is now called Old Christ Chapel. The needlepoint display in this chapel was the first of three in the church.

The columbarium is also in this part of the church. According to the book, “The First Hundred Years,” the remains of one cremated member were kept in a coffee can in back of the altar until cremation was considered more acceptable and the columbarium was built.

The book also describes stains

on the chapel walls that carry their own legends. Some parishioners have claimed to see two images: Jesus with a halo over his head and a lady in the corner from the 1840s with her hat. Other members see... stains.

The children’s chapel has a handpainted mural on the ceiling and everything is scaled-down, including the pews, to fit 3- to 5-year-olds. The children hold their own worship services there before coming into the big church. The needlepoint project depicts Noah’s Ark.

Needlepoint Project

The needlepoint project in the main sanctuary took 13 years to complete and covers 250 square feet. Each cushion took 600 to 800 hours.

The project was designed by a New York artist, but Helen Hansen, a church member and master artist, is credited with the types of stitches used, teaching fellow members to needlepoint and carrying through with the color to complement the stained glass. The

theme for needlework comes from the canticle, “O ye waters worship the Lord, O ye hills bow down and worship.”

Once completed, the work was

sent to New York to be mounted, but fire broke out in the building. All was lost on the first two floors, but the needlework had been stored on the third floor.

With good care the needlework could have a life expectancy of 200 years.

The pride of Christ Church is its Casavant Feres organ. The organ has 2,652 pipes and trumpets over

the font. When laid out for assembly, it covered every pew. It was installed in 1988 and cost \$350,000, and according to music minister Dean Hunt, it was recently assessed at \$1.1 million. The organ was funded by the generosity of Hurlbert and Wean foundations, plus fundraisers.

Arts on Atlantic

The church used to be the site of the Arts on Atlantic series. In its heyday, the church was the center of sacred art and music, Hunt said. The organ was used for recitals for some of the world’s best organists. Over the years, the music ministry has declined with the decline of the city. “I’m trying to bring that back,” he noted. The church hosts concerts by local choirs, and Hunt has also persuaded the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra to hold concerts again at the church.

The main sanctuary is great for music performances, he continued. “The reverberation is just incredible. We sound better than we should.”

The architecture is from the 1950s and it is having a renaissance, Hunt said. “Now it’s cool again. We call ourselves the retro church.”

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LOOKING FOR GOD

BY BILL BENEDICT

SOMETIMES, IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING, you have to go and look for Him.

That was the approach of several churches in the Diocese of Ohio this year as they sent young parishioners on mission trips to serve others and to experience their own transformation. Traditionally, these trips have been designed for youths, but in at least one parish, that model has been expanded to adults.

Significant trips were made this year by the youths at St. Michael's in the Hills, Toledo; a combined group of young people from St. Paul's, Medina; St. Andrew's, Elyria; Christ Church, Kent; Trinity Cathedral and Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; and a number of parishioners from St. Paul's, Akron.

To the Rev. Greg Sammons, co-rector of St. Michael's-in-the-Hills, Toledo, a mission trip is an experience that everyone ought to try.

"I became personally persuaded of the transformative power of mission trips 20 years ago when I was working in youth ministry," he said. "Many of the benefits of mission trips come for those who make the trip, [at least as much as they do] for the people we do the service for."

According to Sammons, there are three aspects of the trips that make them so effective. First, the youths going on the trip are taken out of their comfort zones so that they have an increased need for community and bonding.

Second, the trip reveals to them that they have something to give to others.

Third, they experience a sense of elation when a project they have worked on comes into being.

The St. Michael's youths traveled to Appalachia, specifically Barnes Mountain, Kentucky, where they worked under the direction of a builder to construct a second-floor deck for an economically stressed family that provided them access to the back of their house.

The group was made up of rising tenth graders who had never used power tools, Sammons said. They learned to used saws and drills for the deck and also how to hang cupboards in a kitchen.

Each day work started at 9:00 A.M. and the group of four boys and six girls worked until 3:30 or 4 o'clock with an hour for lunch. Lunchtime included talks about Appalachian culture.

One morning the group conducted a Vacation Bible School for children of the community at St. Timothy's Outreach Center. St. Timothy's, where the group stayed,



Volunteers from St. Michael's-in-the-Hills, Toledo, in Kentucky.

offers services and tutoring to the surrounding community.

Internalizing the Experience

The youth cooked their own meals, worshipped and played together. "The basketball court got a lot of use," Sammons said. During the time for spiritual reflection, the young people were asked to think about where and how they see God at work. "It helps them to internalize the experience," according to Sammons. On the last day, the youths wrote poems about their experiences. Some were funny and others quite poignant, he noted.

The family for whom the youth were building the deck had two small children and the Ohio group got to know them well. Sammons said, "Our children are always in such a rush. This is a time to reflect on being with other people and serving."

They slept at the St. Timothy Center on bunk bed mattresses. "We are talking the Ritz," when compared to some mission trips, Sammons said. On a previous trip, his group was crammed in the hallway of an abandoned school. "I kept telling them, you've got it good," he said.

"Every time I go on a mission trip, I feel an immense sense of pride," Sammons said. "It makes me realize what a great gift our youth are." At St. Michael's, the church prepares its younger members for their senior high mission trip by taking them on smaller excursions.

The Rev. Peg Sammons, co-rector at St. Michaels-in-the-Hills, took a group of nine seventh and eighth grad-

ers to Cleveland in July for a weekend mission trip, where they worked with the Bellaire-Puritas Neighborhood Association.

“We spent one very hot Saturday scraping, priming and painting a homeowner’s garage,” she said.

The trip began with a tour of the neighborhood on Friday so that the youths could see the church’s response to urban poverty. They slept at St. Thomas Church in Berea and spent time on spiritual reflection and games. After working on the garage most of Saturday, they went to the Berea community pool. On Sunday morning, they worshipped at St. Thomas.

In mid-July, about 20 youths and 20 adults from the diocese traveled to Franklin, Pennsylvania, to do service projects in conjunction with Helping Hands and St. John’s Episcopal Church there.

Mary Anthony of St. Paul’s, Medina, coordinated the trip, which included young people from St. Paul’s, St. Andrew’s, Elyria; Christ Church, Kent; Trinity Cathedral and Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst.

During the week, the group repaired houses, which included building a front porch, gutting a bathroom, putting up new drywall, and converting a garage into a new room.

Helping Hands benefits people with mental disabilities, who are living in the community in their own

houses, Anthony said. The agency fixes up old properties, making them more livable. The Rev. Holly Davis of St. John’s in Franklin coordinated the work and bought the supplies.

Each morning started with prayer and reflection on where the group members saw God in their day. They slept at St. John’s on cots that were set up in classrooms, and showers were taken at the local Y, Anthony said.

Denise and Jack Craig, members of Christ Church, Kent, had never been on a church mission group before and decided to go, although they had done work in El Salvador with an adoption group.

The people in the community have gotten to know us,” Denise Craig said. “And it was fun for me as a teacher to see the kids grow, especially emotionally.”

Growing in Confidence

Craig said one boy seemed somewhat depressed during much of the trip,

but then he learned to install a window by himself, and “it was neat to see him so proud of himself,” she said.

Davis put another boy in charge of organizing all the tools and materials in a shed. He drew up the design for the shelving and accompanied her to Home Depot to buy the supplies, Craig said. Then he worked with a couple of other boys to put the project together. “You could see his confidence growing,” she explained.

Adam Spencer, adult education coordinator and former youth minister at Trinity Cathedral, went along for the first few days of the trip.

“I really value what we are doing in Franklin because the youths get to interact with the community and that really drives home more of what they are doing,” he said. “I think that’s where the light bulb goes on and the energy they have is really impressive to see. During the reflection time, we see a progression from being shy to talking about the people they are serving,” he said.

One family baked a cake for the young people, Spencer said. “And that helped to make a connection and build a relationship and that helps transform the trip from doing work to doing work with a purpose.”

At St. Paul’s in Akron, several groups made trips this year, according to the Rev. Amjad Samuel, associate rector. The youth group traveled to New Orleans. “They met Christ in the many homeless that they fed and shared the love of God,” he said.

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St. Michael’s-in-the-Hills, Toledo, youth mission trip to Barnes Mountain, Kentucky.



ECW NEWS NOTES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By **Barbara Johansen, President**

We often read about the major endeavors of the women of the church but I thought it might be appropriate to include a little reminder of some of the smaller projects we undertake. Whether it's fund raising programs such as "Two-Cents-A-Meal" or "United Thank Offering" or knitting, sewing, sending birthday cards, or collecting box tops, the end result is the same—we are trying to live our faith by helping others, those close to home and those far away, in bettering their life. Sometimes it's the small things that count.

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan ECW Board in Berea on September 10, 2011, we discussed the Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2012, at the Ramada Hotel in Toledo. We are extremely fortunate to have Bishop Michael Bruce Curry of the Diocese of North Carolina as our Honored Guest and Keynote Speaker on Friday night and Saturday morning. He is no stranger to Ohio, having served as the rector of St. Simon of Cyrene in Lincoln Heights near Cincinnati; those of our diocesan family who have attended a youth conference in Minnesota or the last Triennial can testify to his excellence as a speaker. Please mark the date on your calendar and look for updates on the meeting in *News-Notes* and mailings to your parish.



The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, will be the Keynote Speaker at next year's Annual Meeting.

BOX TOP COLLECTING

Everyone is familiar with the Lillian Valley School and the support that the ECW and many of our parishes provide the school. When asked what would help them this year, they asked for the "box tops for education" that you find on packages in your pantry. Please collect as many of them as you can and bring them to the ECW Annual Meeting in Toledo in May.

DISTINGUISHED WOMAN AWARD

By **Mary Jane White**

At the 2012 Triennial Meeting in Indianapolis the Distinguished Woman Award (formerly Honored Woman Award) will be presented to one woman from each diocese. Each parish in our diocese is invited to assist in the selection of this woman by submitting the name and a short biography of the honoree to the ECW Diocesan Board. The woman selected as our Distinguished Woman will be selected from among your nominations. She will be recognized at the Triennial Meeting in Indianapolis next year. Information on how to submit a name is being sent to each parish.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL

By **Sonia Miller**

We've all heard the phrase "putting your two cents in!" Well, in the Diocese of Ohio the words have a greater meaning.

In any given week over 200,000 different Ohioans receive emergency food assistance. Until the jobless rate drops, this figure is not going to change. The elderly and the unemployed sometimes have to choose between feeding themselves or paying for a roof over their heads. With the State of Ohio facing an \$8 billion deficit, state food programs will be cut.

Two-Cents-A-Meal is a spiritual practice of prayers and pennies. Remember:

Two-Cents-A-Meal = 6 cents per day = 42 cents per week = \$21.84 per year for each member of your family.

When you bless your food, whether at home or away, remember to add your two cents when you get home.

If you were with friends, why not put in two cents for each of them? Many churches collect your “two cents” offering on the first Sunday of the month. If your Parish doesn’t do that, why not suggest that they start the program?

During the course of the year, you are asked to contribute food for the various food pantries but that meets immediate needs only; it is not a permanent solution. For every dollar donated you provide enough food for four nutritious meals. Simply stated you get more bang for your buck. The family of four donation of \$87.36 would provide 349 meals per year, an incredible feat when you consider how much it costs to take a family of four to a fast food restaurant!

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The school year has begun, temperatures are cooler both day and night, and some trees are changing from the green of summer to yellows and reds. Soon it will be time for the Fall UTO Ingathering scheduled for November 6th. Do you have a “blue box”? If you don’t, check with your parish UTO coordinator—she will have them.

Place your “change” (money of gifts for thanksgiving, prayer, and generosity) into your blue box and take your gifts out to make CHANGE (grants to serve the church’s mission). All the money that is collected is sent to the National UTO headquarters and every penny is distributed for grants. Each diocese can submit one grant per year to be considered by the UTO National Board. And two entities in the Diocese of Ohio have been recipients of the grants in the recent past, most recently one to *Los Amigos Episcopales*. For further information about UTO, please contact: Anne Cole, Diocese of Ohio, UTO Coordinator, agcole618@aol.com or 419-866-1528.

2012 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SCARF PROJECT

The 2012 Special Olympics USA Scarf Project is underway! The idea for a scarf project began as a gift of welcome for the athletes at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Boise, Idaho. A call went out for 5,000 Red Heart delft blue and white scarves, and by Games time nearly 60,000 scarves had arrived from every state in the United States and from 12 countries around the world. The Diocese of Ohio sent 14 scarves—but we got started late. These scarves are a symbol of the unity, support, compassion and empowerment of the Special Olympic program and are given to the athletes, coaches, families, volunteers and supporters as a symbol of their part in the Special Olympics program.

The project sponsors are Red Heart® Yarns and Coats & Clark, an Official U.S. National Sponsor of Special Olympics, Inc. The official yarns and colors for the 2012 Special Olympics Scarf Project:

- Red Heart Super Saver Cherry Red 0319
- Red Heart Super Saver Soft Navy 0387 and Red Heart Soft Navy 4604
- Red Heart Soft Really Red 9925

You can work with either Red Heart Super Saver or Red Heart Soft Yarns, or a combination of both. The scarf should be 54" to 60" long and use both red and blue in the design. If you add a fringe or other adornment, please include that in your measurements. Whether you knit or crochet is your choice, so get creative! Examples are on the Special Olympics website: www.scarvesforspecialolympics.org. There are also Free Patterns available for download from the website under Stitcher Resources, courtesy of the

Red Heart Yarns Creative Team.

Scarves from the Diocese of Ohio will be sent to Columbus where they will be distributed at the 2012 Ohio State Special Olympics Winter Games. Special Olympics Ohio’s goal is to collect approximately 625 scarves to provide our athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters a symbol of handmade unity, so let’s get started now!

Coordinator for the Diocese of Ohio for the 2012 Special Olympics Ohio Scarf Project is Susan Lau (johnlau@ecr.net). Mail or give the scarves to her by January 11, 2012.

RETIRING ECW PRESIDENT WAS ACTUALLY SPEECHLESS!

I can’t begin to tell the ECW members how overwhelmed (and actually speechless) I was with their generosity in giving me the Indians coupons. (In case anyone doesn’t know—I am a rabid Cleveland Indians fan!) I have used some of the coupons to purchase tickets to several games this year and will use the remaining coupons for games next season. I don’t know how to thank you all! Serving as your president these past three years (and for the second time around) was a real joy, but to be thanked in this way was not only completely unexpected, but totally amazing! THANK YOU!
Nancy Sherwin



February 24–26, 2012, for young people in grades 9-12
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
For more information contact
Canon Vincent Black at
vblack@dohio.org or 216-774-0453.

“TO GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS”

2011 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

ST. PAUL, IN HIS FIRST LETTER TO THE CHRISTIAN community in Thessalonica, implored them, “In all things give thanks.”

Thankfulness kindles the hearts of those whose basic needs are met by your generosity, encourages the newly ordained clergy and the lay interns that your gifts employ, and motivates young people whose mission work your contributions support. Gratitude inspires me week after week for the creativity and commitment of the many in our Diocese who become the hands and feet of Christ offering tangible gifts of compassion and justice every day.

I pray that we take St. Paul’s words to heart, and that for each of us, our thanks to God for the comfort and challenge of God’s love will inspire continued participation in supporting our diocesan ministries.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

We turn to the diocese to help educate seminarians, raise up clergy, support our parishes, nurture our children, and care for the sick and homeless in our communities. By supporting the Bishop’s Annual Appeal generous Episcopalians make this happen. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal reaches beyond the responsibilities and capacity of individuals and parishes to engage our shared hopes and dreams for the future ministries of our Church.

Since it began as Episcopal Community Services (ECS) in 1992 the annual diocesan campaign has evolved. In 2006 Bishop Hollingsworth initiated the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to expand our capacity to serve others. Gifts and grants by ECS continue to be a major focus of the annual appeal.

Added are opportunities to support new ministries. Your gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal help to employ recently ordained clergy, sustaining them in their critical first years of ministry. Gifts help to underwrite the costs of seminary

and post ordination formation, and bring service opportunities and spiritual formation to our children, youth, and college students.

ECS directs funds to programs where human needs cry out—to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for and empower the weak, the sick, and the aging. This distribution process has also evolved, giving greater attention to parish-based programs, whose ministries rely on the volunteer support of parishioners.

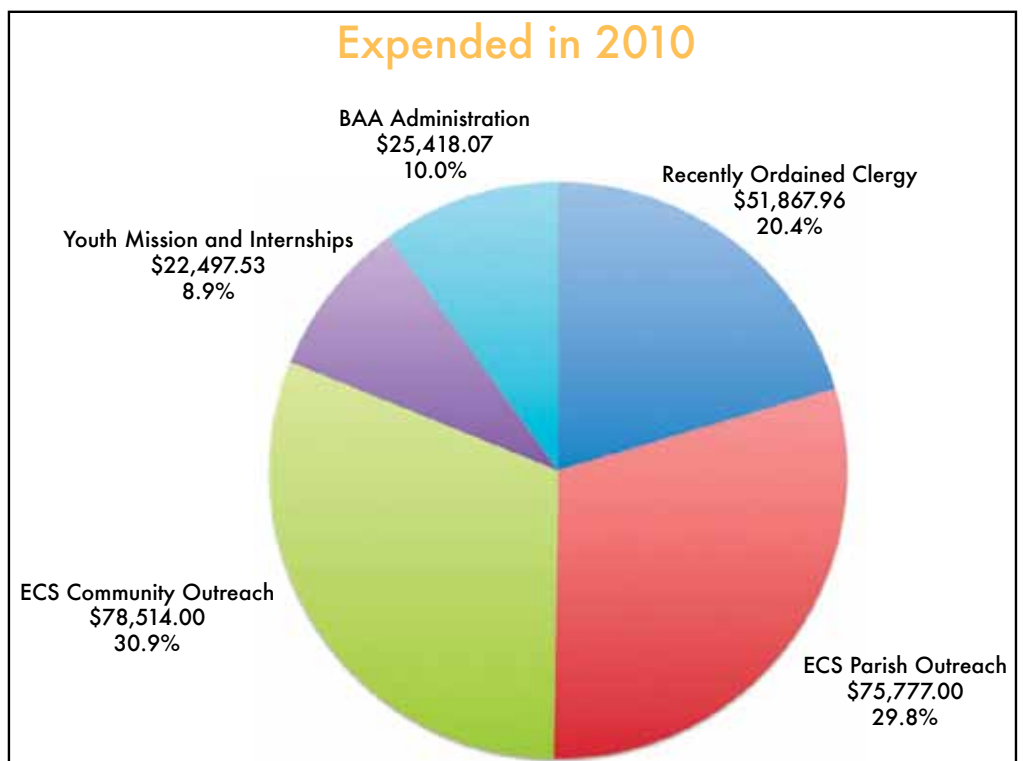
In 2010 the appeal received \$254,000. The graph provides details on how the funds are being spent. The appeal runs from January 1 to December 31 each year, so there is still time to participate in 2011.

This year the appeal will reach 11,000 Episcopal families who attend 87 congregations across the Diocese and hopes to raise \$255,000. To reach these goals your support is needed more than ever!

Please help by returning your gift in the enclosed envelope.

For more information or questions contact Lael Carter, Development Officer, at 216-774-0463, lcarter@dohio.org or visit the Diocesan website site to give online: www.dohio.org/offices/stewardshipdevelopment/donate-now.

Expended in 2010



SUMMER INTERNS EXPERIENCE MORE THAN A JOB

EIGHT SUMMER INTERNS JOINED THE STAFF OF THE Diocese of Ohio for 2011. Working in the diocesan offices were Carol Hundert (Office of Congregations and Christian Formation); Hannah Kloscak (Office of Congregations and Christian Formation); Daniel Catalano (Office of Christian Vocations); Rebecca Miller (Office of Mission); Emily Paetz (Office of Mission); Jared Webb (Office of Communications); Ethan Gates (Office of Communications); and Nick Vilfroy (Archives).

In addition to their regular work schedules for the diocese, the interns met weekly with the Rev. Vincent Black and the Rev. Joe Kovitch for study and spiritual check-in during the summer.

Reflections on their internship experience

Jared: The best part of my internship was working with the Agape website. I learned how to create a product that a client wants and how to work out issues that arise during a project.

Rebecca: I learned more about my personal relationship with God. I learned a lot more about the Episcopal Church—of what we believe in and stand for. I learned about the ministries and outreach that the church supports and participates in. I now understand that the church and diocese do a lot more outreach and international projects than I see at my small church. I also now know that I believe in the same values as the church that I am a part of. The weekly check-ins were very helpful. It was great to share beliefs in a group setting and get others input.

Ethan: I appreciated getting a closer look into how the offices for an organization like the Episcopal Diocese function on a day-to-day basis. I definitely gained a greater appreciation for the diversity of the church. Through participating in the Bishop's Bike Ride and interviews for *ChurchLife!* articles I met a lot of diocesan members that I never would have encountered otherwise. It was great to meet so many people in the diocese and witness firsthand the inclusivity of the Episcopal Church, which we discussed a lot during our spiritual check-ins. Our spiritual check-ins on Thursday in particular were a great op-



Joining the Rev. Brad Purdom and Antoinette Taylor at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Men's Shelter are Diocesan Summer Interns (from left to right) Jared Webb, Carol Hundert, Daniel Catalano, Rebecca Miller, Hannah Kloscak, and Ethan Gates.

portunity to collectively reflect on our work and the Episcopal community. They provided a valuable space for us to reflect on the roles of the Episcopal Church and our place in it, as well as problems of faith and spirituality in general that pretty consistently plague people our age.

The 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal offers every Episcopalian in the Diocese of Ohio an opportunity to become engaged in the Diocese's work and ministry. The Appeal provides resources for:

- **Episcopal Community Services** grants to parish and community programs that support ministries for children, the elderly, the homeless, and those among us in hunger and need.
- **Servant Leader Development** by helping to employ recently ordained clergy in our parishes; support seminarians and internships for young adults; college and university campus ministry to form and inspire new generations of servant leaders; and youth mission and conferences.

Appeal envelopes are included in this issue of *ChurchLife!* With need ever increasing during these challenging times, everyone's gift makes a difference.

At the end of September the Bishop's Appeal had received gifts of \$153,000 from 537 Episcopal households. We are touched by the generosity of so many. Yet there is more to do! Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

ChurchLife!

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2230 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2499

calendar highlights

November 11-12

195th Annual Diocesan Convention
Marriott Cleveland East, Warrensville Heights. www.dohio.org/convention.

November 22

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Trinity Cathedral. 12:00 P.M.

November 24-25

Diocesan Offices Closed
Thanksgiving holiday.

December 2-3

Diocesan Council Overnight
Trinity Commons, Cleveland.

December 24- January 2

Diocesan Offices Closed
Christmas and New Year holidays.

December 31

49th Boar's Head Festival
Trinity Cathedral. 3:00 and 5:00 P.M. Freewill offering. Information: www.boarsheadcleveland.org.

January 16

Diocesan Offices Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

January 19-22

Bishop's Winter Gathering
For clergy in the diocese.

February 4

Ministry Discernment Day

February 10-11

Diocesan Winter Convocation
Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls.
Contact Antoinette Taylor, 216-774-0476 or ataylor@dohio.org.

February 24-26

Happening
Trinity Cathedral. A retreat for 9th-12th graders presented by teenagers with the assistance of adult leaders.

March 3

Deacons' Retreat

April 6

Diocesan Offices Closed
Good Friday holiday.

April 20-22

Spring Youth Gathering
St. Paul's, Mount Vernon. An event for 7th-12th graders.

May 4-5

Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting
Ramada Hotel, Toledo. Bishop Michael Bruce Curry is the Honored Guest and Keynote Speaker.

Bishops' Visitations

November

6 St. John's Church, Cuyahoga Falls
(Hollingsworth)

13 St. Peter's Church, Lakewood
(Hollingsworth)

20 Christ Church, Geneva
(Hollingsworth)

20 St. Paul's Church, Marion
(Williams)

20 St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights (Bowman)

27 Church of Our Saviour, Salem
(Hollingsworth)

December

4 St. Paul's Church, Medina
(Williams)

4 St. Mark's Church, Toledo
(Hollingsworth)

11 St. Paul's Church, Canton
(Bowman)

11 St. Luke's Church, Niles
(Williams)

11 All Saints Church, Parma
(Hollingsworth)

18 Church of the Ascension, Lakewood (Williams)

18 Trinity Church, Toledo
(Hollingsworth)

January

8 Grace Church, Defiance
(Hollingsworth)

15 St. Hubert's, Kirtland Hills
(Hollingsworth)

22 Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst
(Hollingsworth)

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