

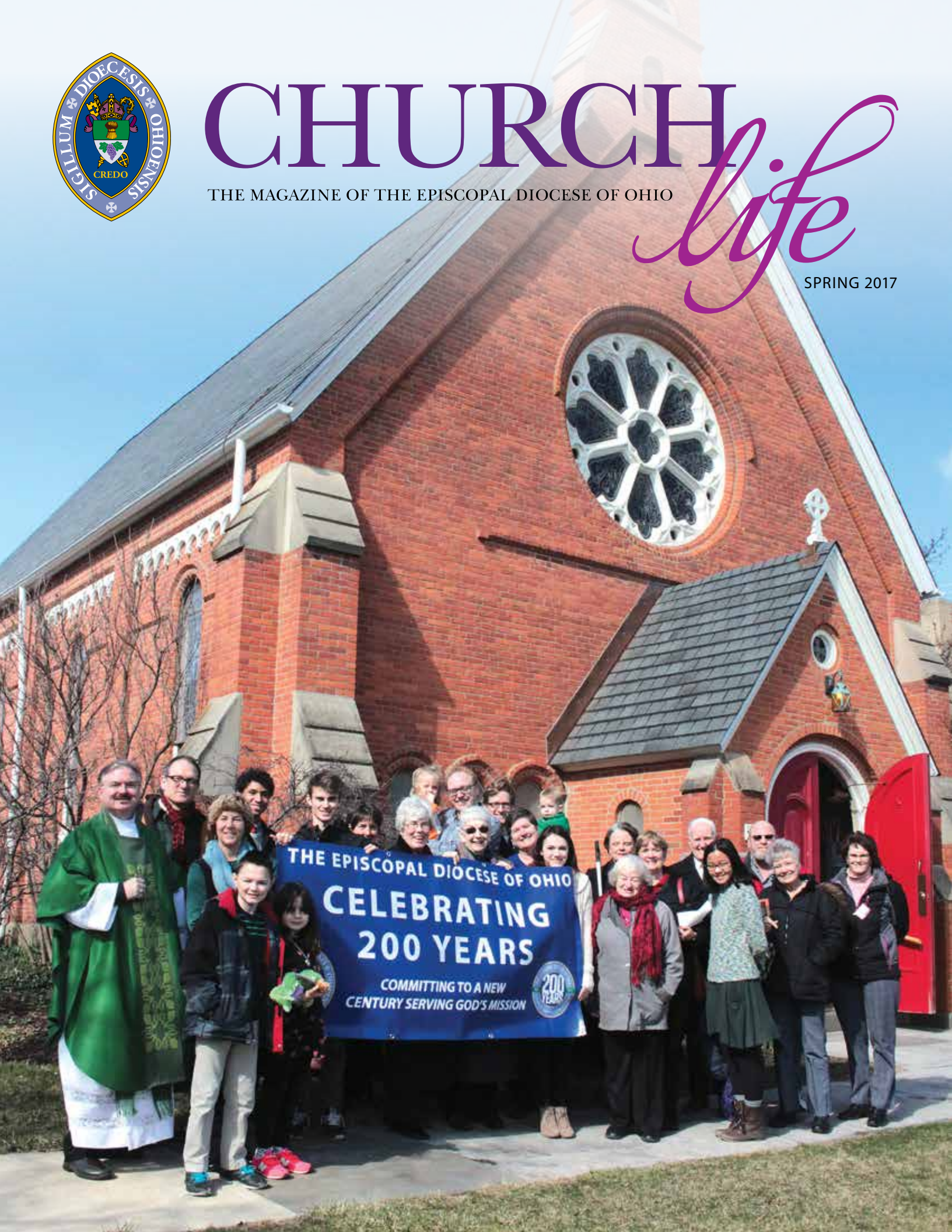


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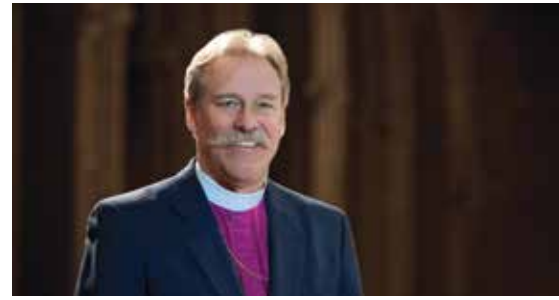
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Habits & Disciplines

*The habits we make when we're hardly aware
Take deliberate work to amend and repair.
And though Lenten disciplines don't always please us,
They make us more faithful disciples of Jesus.*
(with apologies to Dr. Seuss)



It is striking how easily habits are formed, both good and bad ones alike. As Kate Douglas Wiggin wrote in Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, “The soul grows into lovely habits as easily as into ugly ones.” They seem sometimes to develop of their own accord, without our immediately recognizing them. Then a day comes along on which we take notice, when we realize, perhaps to our surprise, that this is the way I do this or say that: this is how well or how poorly I am eating, how much or how little I exercise, how I respond to a particular type of situation or person, or the way I do or don't pray. And we may wonder, “When did this start?” or “How did that happen?”

When we talk about our habits, we sometimes refer to “falling” into them, the way one might fall into step or fall into bad company. “When I got too busy, I fell into the habit of...” or “after such-and-such happened, I fell into the habit of...” Some good habits are the result of hard work over time. In your prayer, you may have made a habit every morning of asking for God's help, or every evening giving thanks. But many of the habits that form our day-to-day routines sneak up on us. As inadvertent as they may be, they nonetheless provide a lens through which we see the world. They can inform how we encounter others and experience life itself, and sometimes it can be no small challenge to change them. In the words of the 18th century writer Samuel Johnson, “The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.”



Distinguishing between habits and disciplines is a helpful practice for me. Many habits are simply the product of convenience, ways of doing and being into which we just grow without much, if any, forethought. Disciplines, on the other hand, carry with them an element of intention or purpose. They often require thoughtful or strategic planning. They not only result in an amendment of life (we hope), they may require one in the first place – an altered schedule, a new practice, a changed approach – practices not always easy and that take some getting used to.

This is certainly so with spiritual disciplines, wellness disciplines, and those disciplines that inform and strengthen our relationships to God and one another. They require attention, practice, and humility. They involve both a letting go and a taking hold. And they often benefit from companionship, from the mutual support and encouragement of another. As Christians, it is our disciplines

that make us disciples: our disciplines of devotion, compassion, selflessness, gratitude, and love.

In this bicentennial year of our common life as the Diocese of Ohio, many of us are undertaking “200s” – new or renewed practices that prepare us for the next century of ministry that God is imagining for us as the body of Christ. As I read and hear about the 200s that congregations and individuals are committing to, I am coming to see them as calisthenics for faithful living, disciplines that strengthen us spiritually and make us more fit for the vocation to be Christian. Whether they involve prayer or giving, outreach or invitation, advocacy or pastoral companionship, they often appear to replace unrecognized habitual behaviors with novel and adventurous actions. How inspiring!

At the Winter Convocation, I explained that, following the practice of Bishop Burroughs who fifty years ago planted daffodils all around Cedar Hills, I will plant \$200 worth of perennials at Bellwether Farm this year. With each bulb I plant, I will say a prayer given to me by someone in our diocese. To that end, I invite you to email me a prayer request to bellwether@dohio.org (one per person, please, so as to include as many people in this as possible). Your prayer can be a petition, a thanksgiving, or an intercession for a person, a situation, or any concern or delight you may have. For each I will say

the prayer and bury it in the ground on a slip of paper with the bulb. Yours will be a gift to my prayer practice and tie our prayer lives together. As well, it will interrupt the habit of hurrying through my intercessory prayer, and replace it with a discipline of patience and thoughtfulness that my piety could well use.

As we move together through the season of Lent, I encourage you to consider taking on a bicentennial practice that replaces a habit with a discipline. What 200 might inspire, initiate, or deepen your disciplines, and your congregation's, in ways that exchange old habits with new and more intentional ways of fulfilling our baptismal covenant? And what might you take on that invites others to deepen their disciplines with you, as companions on the way?

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".



Winter Convocation

The 2017 Winter Convocation was held at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center. More than 325 people attended from 56 of our parishes.

The event was kicked off on Friday evening with a lively celebration, singing along with Live Hymnal. The reception that followed allowed plenty of time for connecting with new and old friends alike.

This year we highlighted our bicentennial and ways that parishioners and congregations could commit to their own "200s." Individuals were also given an opportunity to sign a pledge banner showing they were part of "committing to a new century serving God's mission." Each parish was then gifted with a banner to celebrate the Diocese's 200 years.

Participants started Saturday morning by celebrating Holy Eucharist as a community. Directly following, the Rev. Dwight Zscheile, the keynote speaker, shared a compelling speech about

the concepts he shares in his book, [The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age](#).

Attendees then moved onto workshops with topics such as: Lay Leadership in the Church, Intergenerational Faith Formation, Pottery and Prayer, Finding Grants for your Congregation, and Fearless Finances.

After lunch, Table Topic Conversations allowed for further discussion about spiritual direction, church and politics, religious life, "What's Your 200," parish outreach ideas, and Bellwether Farm.

Participants enjoyed a weekend of community and reflection and left with hearts and minds full of goodness and gratitude.

Save the date for next year: February 2-3, 2018. We look forward to growing with you through the year and celebrating again at the 2018 Winter Convocation!



A large evergreen tree stands in a construction site. The ground is dirt and gravel, with some construction materials and debris scattered around. The tree's branches are dense and green, with some snow or frost visible on the lower branches. The background shows a clear sky and some distant structures.

Construction Continues

by Katie Ong-Landini

The building of Bellwether Farm continues. The project team is working with construction managers at The Albert M. Higley Co. to solicit subcontractor bids. Once the bids are reviewed, the team can finalize costs and the schedule. As we get closer to spring, the building construction work will move forward in earnest.

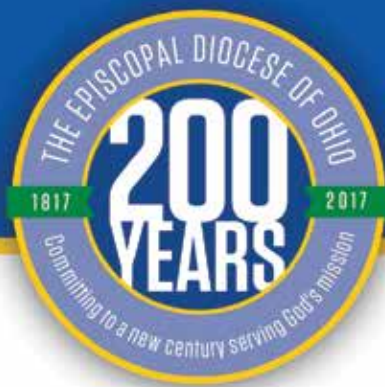
The project team recently added Andy Simons as an owner's representative to work directly with the project contractors, including Yoder Barns from West Salem. They will build the three barns for the farm operation. Andy grew up at Grace Church, Willoughby, where his father, John Simons, served as rector for 17 years in the 1970s and 1980s. Andy currently attends Trinity Cathedral.

Because of the construction schedule, the project team has decided not to offer a youth camp program this summer. Instead, we are planning weekend family tent camping opportunities and other events on the site from spring through fall. A new program coordinator will develop a land-based curriculum and design activities and events. This person will work closely with the project team to create a long-term land stewardship plan that guides all of the program and activities on site.

We are also currently in search of a Farm Manager who can help us develop a strategic plan for the farm operations and program, as well as implement the first phase of the farm operation. The Land Stewardship and Farm Committee will interview candidates in March, in anticipation of a spring start date. In the meantime, they are also planning Youth and Family Work Days on May 6 and June 24. Please watch the weekly news bulletin for announcements and registration information.

In conjunction with the final celebration of the Diocese's bicentennial at this year's Diocesan Convention, we will host the opening dedication of Bellwether Farm on Sunday, November 12 with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Members of the Diocese and special guests will have the opportunity to tour the facilities and get a taste of all that the new center will offer in 2018 and beyond.

For more information about Bellwether Farm, please contact Katie Ong-Landini at kong-landini@dohio.org or 216.774.0454.



What's Your 200?

The people of the Diocese of Ohio are joining together to use this bicentennial year as an opportunity to reflect on the past 200 years and express what we aspire to be in the years to come. Each parish has a Bicentennial Missioner to help inspire and encourage their congregation in creating and fulfilling their own "200s" as a way to further develop spirituality and increase our impact in the community. This diocesan-wide initiative gives every congregation - and parishioner - the opportunity to participate. Below are a few examples of some of the "200s" that have already begun.



200 Random Acts of Kindness

The youth in the Southeast Mission Area have committed to 200 random acts of kindness as their way of celebrating the bicentennial. The youth group has already made and delivered cookies to the local Narcotics Anonymous group. Br. Brent Whetstone shared, "The youth were excited to be able to prepare cookies and hand deliver them, noting that group leaders teared up and became emotional at this small form of outreach." Other random acts they are planning include thank you letters to the firefighters, police, and first responders in their area.



200 Squares

Christ Church, Warren is looking for people who crochet to make 7" x 9" squares using any crochet stitch (single, double or triple) and any color yarn (good way to use up all that extra yarn from your previous projects). They need people to strictly crochet the "squares" only. These "squares" will be stitched together to create a multi-colored Amazing Technicolor Dream Afghan "to give warmth to the body and warmth to the heart of neighbors in need."



200 Honey Jars

At the Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Charlotte Reed, children and youth from Christ Church, Hudson presented Bishop Hollingsworth with 200 jars to be used to bottle Blessed Bee Honey harvested at Bellwether Farm. The Rev. Reed shared, "The jars were a gift to honor the Bishop's great love and support for this parish." These jars replaced the more than 200 full jars of honey that the Bishop gave away at the groundbreaking for Bellwether Farm.

200 Packages of Diapers

Christ Church, Oberlin, invited parishioners to bring a package (or more) of diapers to the Annual Meeting. The 200 packages of diapers will be donated to Oberlin Community Services.



Follow the Diocese of Ohio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see more "200s." We post #whatsyour200 weekly for #200tuesday. Please share your own "200s" with your Missioner. A list of Missioners (by congregation) can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://dohio.org/bicentennial-missioners>. We are looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish working together.

The “Institutional” Church

by the Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert

During our 200 year history we have effectively shared ministry through a number of Diocesan institutions. Here are brief summaries for five of those institutional relationships: Kenyon College/Bexley Hall Seminary, The Trinity Church Home for the Sick and Friendless, The Holy Cross Home for Crippled and Invalid Children, St. John's Orphanage, and summer formation programs including Gambier Summer Conferences, Kenyon Summer Conferences, Cedar Hills Camp and Conference Center, and our newest institution, Bellwether Farm.

Kenyon College/Bexley Hall

Shortly after his consecration in 1819, Bishop Chase soon realized that he was going to have a challenge attracting clergy from the East to preach to the inhabitants of the Ohio frontier. In 1824, an appeal was published for “the Ohio project” with the goal to build a seminary to train priests for mission and parochial work in Ohio. Bishop Chase traveled to England to ask for assistance from those who would become “English friends.” He returned to Ohio with \$30,000 for his endeavor. On December 29, 1824, the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Ohio was incorporated. In 1825, classes commenced on Bishop Chase's farm in Worthington, Ohio. The school opened with one student; by year's end there were twenty-five pupils including five Native Americans. Chase next realized that he needed to build an educational foundation on which to add theological studies. Kenyon College became the liberal arts institution which would feed the seminary known as Bexley Hall. In 1826, property on a hillside near Mount Vernon was procured. On June 9, 1827, the cornerstone for “Old Kenyon” (the original all purpose college building) was laid. In June 1828, the school moved from Worthington to Gambier. Alfred Blake was the first to receive a diploma as a member of the Kenyon

Class of 1829. A number of preparatory schools sprung up around Kenyon, including

a grammar school founded by Bishop Chase himself. The

Harcourt Place School for Boys was founded in 1852.

This morphed into the Harcourt Place Academy and then the Kenyon Military Academy until a tragic fire killed three students and destroyed the Academy buildings in 1906.

After the Cleveland Female Seminary (1854-1883) closed its doors, the Harcourt Place Seminary in

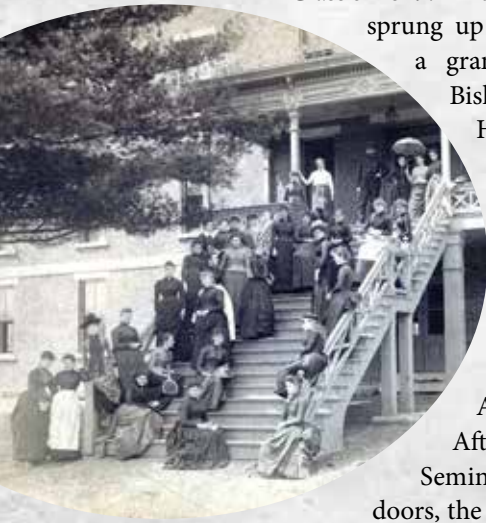
Gambier, a church school for young ladies and girls, opened in 1887 and operated until 1937 – a victim of the Great Depression.

In 1968, Kenyon made plans for a “women's coordinate college” which opened in September 1969. While men and women shared academic classrooms, the women were originally housed at the opposite end of the campus from the men and ate meals in separate refectories. By 1973, Kenyon was completely coeducational with men and women sharing dining facilities and living at both ends of the campus.



Also in 1968, Bexley Hall, the seminary of Kenyon College which was founded along with the college in 1824 and which had occupied dedicated space in the building bearing the name of the institution since 1844, left Gambier to become part of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. This ecumenical venture lasted thirty years whereupon Bexley returned to its Ohio roots in 1999 and took up residence on the campus of the Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. In 2012, the Bexley Seabury Seminary was formed through the federation of Bexley Hall Seminary in Columbus and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. For a time, the federation operated on the campus of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus and at the headquarters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Chicago. In 2016, the Federation consolidated resources and moved to share one space with the Chicago Theological Seminary. Following the recommendation of its Board of Directors' Beyond Walls Task Force, the Bexley Seabury Seminary inaugurated an enhanced, low-residency Master of Divinity program with an expanded field education program in the form of a highly contextual five semester internship. Several seminarians from our Diocese are already immersed in this program.

Although Kenyon is no longer an institution of the Diocese of Ohio (this divestment took place in 1912), Kenyon is part of the Association of Episcopal Colleges, a consortium of colleges with historic and present ties to the Episcopal Church, which works to support many of these institutions through the Episcopal Church. The Bishops of Ohio and Southern Ohio have a seat on the Kenyon Board of Trustees.





The Trinity Home for the Sick and Friendless

In 1853, with the support of Samuel Livingston Mather, the Rev. Dr. James Bolles, a priest with “high church” leanings, became the rector of Trinity Parish in Cleveland. Just three years later, on March 19, 1856, Fr. Bolles and Mr. Mather collaborated to organize The Trinity Church Home for the Sick and Friendless on Scovill Avenue which opened its doors in 1857. In his fourth pastoral letter to Trinity Parish published in 1858, Fr. Bolles noted that “the Home” had celebrated its first anniversary the previous Christmas Eve and was free from debt. In 1858, while Bishop MacIlvaine was conveniently out of the country, Dr. Bolles invited Bishop McCloskey of Michigan to consecrate the new “Free Chapel” in the Trinity Church Home. “Free” meant the pews were not rented. Fr. Bolles opined that it was his “heart’s desire and prayer to God in reference to this Institution...to be a shelter, a rest, a refuge, a sanctuary in Christ from all the tribulations of the outward world.” In 1884, Trinity Church, Cleveland purchased the property at the southwestern corner of Euclid Avenue and East 22nd Street which would become the site of the future Cathedral. The house which stood on the property became the new Home for the Sick and Friendless. In 1892, the ownership and care of the institution was transferred to the Diocese and the name was changed to The Church Home. Oversight of the facility was given to the Sisters of the Holy Nativity and later to the Sisters of the Order of St. John. Finally, the Sisters of the Community of the Transfiguration took charge. In 1896, prior to the construction of Trinity Cathedral, Samuel Mather engaged the architect Charles Schweinfurth to design and build Mather Hall at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East 22nd Street. This became the permanent facility for The Church Home until 1964 when Wade Park Manor was purchased and became a shared ministry with Epworth Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. At that time, the ministry of The Church Home began to be phased out. On May 8, 1983, Wade Park Manor and Judson Park Manor merged. This guaranteed continued housing for the elderly and brought an end to The Church Home with the dissolution of The Church Home Board and the creation of a new board to oversee this new work. A portion of the funds for The Church Home was made available to the Episcopal Community Services for “Church Home Grants.” In response to our Baptismal Covenant, the mission of The Church Home is to assist the elderly persons within the Diocese of Ohio through the initiation and/or

support of programs which address their housing needs and/or which provide services and assistance necessary for them to maintain their dignity and enhance their quality of life. Funding is appropriated in two cycles. Grant applications are due either on May 15 or October 15.

The Holy Cross House for Crippled and Invalid Children

Founded in 1903 by the Holy Cross Guild of St. James Church, Cleveland, The Holy Cross House for Crippled and Invalid Children was originally located on Whittier Ave., near Payne Ave. and E. 55th. The ministry became a Diocesan institution in 1913 with the Sisters of the Community of the Transfiguration given oversight. In 1916, a new building at 9014 Cedar Avenue was constructed. Holy Cross House served economically disadvantaged children of any race or religion, giving them a temporary or permanent home, medical and surgical care, and, by 1912, “scholastic and craft instruction.” A twelve-man Board of Trustees and sixteen Lady Managers administrated Holy Cross finances and donations, with the Lady Managers taking more direct care of the house and its interests. In April 1931, with only six children, Holy Cross House relocated to 3054 Euclid Ave., the former residence of the Rt. Rev. William and Sarah Leonard who bequeathed the property to the House in their Last Will and Testament. Its population continued to decline and on June 26, 1934, the last resident was discharged. Holy Cross House officially closed on July 1, 1934. However, the sale of the former Leonard Home, as well as other surviving funds, established The Holy Cross House Fund. Today the principal of The Holy Cross House Fund is board designated under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the Diocese of Ohio. The income from this fund will be used to help provide opportunities for children with disabilities to attend summer camp at Bellwether Farm.

St. John’s Orphanage

Shortly after he arrived in Ohio in 1889, Bishop Leonard was given \$5,000 from the sale of a small orphanage which had been associated with The Trinity Church Home. While the bishop wanted to start an orphanage, the resources and timing were not right; the money was placed into the experienced hands of the Diocesan Trustees. In 1909, the heirs of Mrs. D. P. Rhodes, in response to an appeal from Bishop Leonard, gave the Diocese her stately home on Frank Avenue. With this dwelling, and a \$16,000 endowment from the Diocesan Trustees, St. John’s Orphanage came into being in 1909. The oversight of this institution was again given to the Sisters of the Community of the Transfiguration. A report



in the January 1915 edition of *Church Life* reveals that the Rector of St. John's, Cleveland served as "the Warden and Spiritual Director of the orphanage holding weekly services in the chapel and frequently giving religious instruction." The children of the orphanage also attended Sunday worship at St. John's and were members of the parish Sunday school. The November 1915 issue of *Church Life* reports "twenty-two little girls are being cared for in the home." In 1929, St. John's Orphanage moved to a campus in Painsville, Ohio and flourished under the care of the Sisters of the Community of the Transfiguration. In 1984, the orphanage celebrated its 75th anniversary of shared ministry with the Diocese. Just four years later, in 1988, after almost 80 years of service in our Diocese, St. John's closed its doors on June 15. In April 1995, St. John's was sold for \$230,000 – the final chapter in an 86-year history. Assets from the sale were added to those already under the care and governance of the Trustees of the Diocese of Ohio.



Summer Formation Conferences/Cedar Hills Camp and Conference Center/ Bellwether Farm

Since the late 1890s, summer formation sessions for laity in the Diocese of Ohio took place at Kenyon College in Gambier. Suspended during World War I and the great flu pandemic of 1918, the formation series reorganized by 1920 into the Gambier Summer Conferences. There were two different sessions, one for teens and young adults and one for adults. These summer conferences were consistently offered until 1942 when, at the beginning of the U.S. involvement in World War II, the Army Air Force Meteorology Program "took over" Kenyon's campus. In 1943, Gambier Summer Conference was replaced by an invitation for youth of the Diocese to help out with local "vacation church schools." The June 1946 issue of *Church Life* promoted the first Diocesan Youth Conference since the U.S. entered WWII. It was held in August at Camp YAKEWI, 12 miles south of Ashtabula. Each parish was eligible to send up to five delegates. The 1947 Diocesan Youth Conference took place in June at Camp Y-Noah of the Akron Y.M.C.A. In 1949, the Youth Conference returned to Gambier where, for the first time, they met concurrently with the Gambier Adult Church Worker's Conference. In 1951, Combined Summer Conference, for young people and adults, moved from Kenyon College in Gambier to Denison University in Granville. This move away from Gambier

was necessitated by the need Kenyon had to upgrade facilities and deal with the mobilization caused by World War II and the Korean Conflict. In June 1953, Youth Summer Conference moved back to Gambier from Granville. From 1953 until the end of the turbulent 1960s, Gambier Summer Conferences provided the sole opportunity for summer formation in the church in Ohio.

Then, in August 1981, summer formation at Gambier began a new phase with the institution of the Kenyon Summer Conference. "Kenyon 81" was a conference for families and individuals to help people cope with life in the 1980s. It was a unique venture between the Diocese of Ohio and the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The conference was designed by a planning committee co-chaired by the Rev. Joseph P. Russell, III and Jane B. Hargate. The Kenyon Summer Conferences would have a 30-year run, ending with the 2011 Ohio Episcopal Celebration at Kenyon held in June of that year. The theme was "Intentionally Christian-Fostering Engaged Communities" and the keynote speaker was the Rev. Thomas Brackett.

In 1953, a year after becoming the seventh Bishop of Ohio, Nelson Burroughs identified a more aggressive missionary policy which would include "a modest but adequately designed building for Diocesan purposes with rooms for overnight guests." In July 1960, that vision came to fruition when Cedar Hills was officially revealed as the Diocesan Conference Center. It was located on 76 acres near Painsville, Ohio on Vrooman Road, just south of "new" North South Freeway. In January 1961, the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) held its first Spiritual Retreat at Cedar Hills. On May 1, 1961, The Rev. Richard O'Harig was appointed as Associate Director, Department of Christian Education, and the first Director of Cedar Hills Camp and Conference Center. The Chapel of St. Andrew in the Woods was consecrated at Cedar Hills later that year on December 5. In a report to the Diocesan Convention in 1962, it was revealed that at Cedar Hills (during the previous year) there were 2,165 nights of lodging; 7,152 meals served; 30 parishes used the facilities; and eight youth conferences were held during the summer, plus one camping session. Cedar Hills also hosted three clergy conferences, one Clergy Wives' Conference, and the 1962 Canonical exams for ordinands, in addition to six outside groups. An article in *Church Life* summed it up best saying, "It's the most interesting Center in the whole Church!"

In 1969, a sesquicentennial grant of \$10,000 from Diocesan Council provided resources to study Cedar Hills' land for future buildings, such as a director's cottage and bungalows. In the summer of 1970, new campsites with tents were part of the summer programming. By October 1972, two 4-bedroom cottages had been built. Then, in March 1974, the central lodge at Cedar Hills was completely destroyed by fire. A year later, retired Bishop Burroughs joined Bishop Burt in a ceremony for the laying of a cornerstone for a new Cedar Hills lodge. On February 29, 1976, more than 200 people gathered for the dedication of the new facility.

During the 1980s, Cedar Hills programming was overseen by the Rev. Ora Calhoun. During this era, peer ministry training, choir camps, summer camping, and retreats focusing on spirituality took place at the facility.



In June 1988, the Diocesan ECW gifted Cedar Hills with a peace pole on which the message “May Peace Prevail” is written in four languages: English, Spanish, Hebrew, and Russian. Bishop Moodey presided over the dedication.

In 1993, Peter Nielsen was appointed Director of Cedar Hills. In the summer of 1995, Cedar Hills began to offer summer camp, with the theme: “Telling our Story.” On September 9, 1995, Bishop Grew celebrated the first “Bishop’s Day with Children” at the Cedar Hills Conference Center. The theme was “A Journey with Jesus.” In 1998, Diocesan Council voted informally to keep supporting the ministry at Cedar Hills – the challenge being that revenue did not cover expenses. In 1999, Sacred Path Books and Arts, which carried a large inventory of books and liturgical and religious art, was opened at Trinity Cathedral with the intention of providing revenue to subsidize the ministry of Cedar Hills. In 2001, Bishop Grew announced the start of a legacy campaign at the Diocesan Convention; one of the goals was to build an endowment for Cedar Hills.

At the 188th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio in 2004, Bishop Hollingsworth announced his invitation to the Diocese to inspect five areas of our common life, which included camp and conference ministry. During the summer of 2009, Bishop Hollingsworth appointed a Camp and Conference Center Study Committee to ask a fundamental question: What kind of camp and conference ministry would best serve the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio? In November 2009, Sacred Path Books and Art closed which, among other things, meant a loss of income used to support the camp program at Cedar Hills. The Spring 2010 issue of *Church life* included a preliminary report from the Camp and Conference Study Committee and a survey to gather further information. The report highlighted two things: a remarkable proportion of leaders in our church share a deeply significant experience at a church summer camp or youth conference and successful camp/conference ministries enjoy broad-based support in their dioceses.

The 2010 Summer Camp sessions at Cedar Hills celebrated 16 years of camp and 50 years of ministry on Vrooman Rd. Eight sessions of camp were offered for grades 3-12.

At the 195th Diocesan Convention, held November 11-12, 2011, Bishop Hollingsworth announced a new vision for camp and conference ministry which would be more centrally located in the diocese. Some considerations for moving our camp and conference ministry away from Cedar Hills included sustainability, stewardship of the earth’s resources, accessibility, the proximity to a very noisy highway, and the inability to develop any more of the Cedar Hills property due to easement issues. The final Summer Camp Sessions at Cedar Hills were held from June 27-July 25, 2014. The final official Diocesan offering to be held at Cedar Hills was a youth “Happening” which took place March 20-22, 2015. The Chapel of St. Andrew in the Woods was secularized by Bishop Hollingsworth on April 30, 2015.

An enduring and lasting gift of Cedar Hills to our Diocese was that the sale of the property provided almost all the income needed to purchase the Hostile Valley Campground in Wakeman, Ohio. This transfer of assets insured that the legacy of Cedar Hills would be enfolded into a new vision for camp, conference, and retreat ministry. On May 2, 2015, the Spring Youth Gathering held the first official event at the new home of the future Diocesan camp and retreat ministry. On October 1, 2016, Bishop Hollingsworth and Katie Ong-Landini, Project Director, Camp and Retreat Ministry, welcomed more than 300 people to the groundbreaking festivities for Bellwether Farm, the new camp, retreat, and education center of the Diocese of Ohio. In 2017, there will be opportunities for all members of the Diocese of Ohio to invest some “sweat equity” in preparing Bellwether Farm for occupancy. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be making an official visit to Bellwether Farm in November.



Throughout our 200 year history, the Diocese of Ohio has partnered with a number of institutions to spread the Gospel and equip the saints for ministry. These are snippets of but a few.

What is your experience with a diocesan related institution? Let us hear from you! Send your story to: the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Diocesan Archivist, at bwilbert@dohio.org.



Celebrating Dean Lind

On Sunday, January 29, the Very Reverend Tracey Lind delivered her farewell sermon at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. The beloved dean of the oldest Episcopal congregation in Cuyahoga County announced her plan to retire last December. At the same time, she publicly revealed that she had recently been diagnosed with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD), a progressive form of dementia that affects personality, language, behavior, and mobility. Although in the early stages of the disease, Lind, who has spent nearly 44 years working as a community organizer, city planner, or priest, decided the time was right to step down from ministry and begin her life's next chapter.

"I am very grateful to the Diocese," said Lind as she reflected on Trinity's many accomplishments over the past 17 years. "It has been an honor and the privilege of a lifetime to serve as the eleventh dean of Trinity Cathedral."

Lind arrived at the cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio on April 1, 2000, taking on the wide-ranging functions of serving as rector and dean. It was a homecoming, of sorts. Lind grew up in a mixed religious household in Columbus, Ohio. Her father was a reformed Jew and her mother was Protestant. "I knew at an early age that I wanted to be either a rabbi or priest, a religious leader who would change the world," acknowledged Lind.

Prepared for a life of Christian service with a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, along with undergraduate and graduate degrees in community and urban planning, Lind was destined for inner-city ministry. She began her career in ordained ministry as associate rector of Christ Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey, before landing at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Paterson, New Jersey. There she built a diverse congregation and spearheaded the establishment of St. Paul's Community Development Corporation, which provides an array of much needed programs and services to the underserved.

Under Lind's leadership, Trinity has defied the odds. During a time of declining local population and waning membership in the Episcopal Church, attendance and youth participation more than doubled. Today, Trinity's membership stands at 1,000. Over the past 17 years, Trinity celebrated 175 baptisms, confirmed 300 new communicants, blessed 115 marriages, and provided 94 funeral services. In addition, Trinity sponsored more than a dozen adults for ordained ministry.

"She has been an inspirational mentor," recounted the Rev. Rosalind Hughes when describing the important role Lind has played in her life. Hughes began attending Trinity in 2004, after relocating to Cleveland from the United Kingdom with her husband and three children. "Her open and insightful approach helped me to discern God's call to ordination. She helped me find my own voice." Hughes, who has a theology degree from Oxford, completed seminary at Bexley Hall and was ordained in 2012. She now serves as priest-in-charge at Church of the Epiphany in Euclid.

During Lind's ministry, Trinity Cathedral moved beyond being just a sacred place for worship. In 2002, Trinity Commons was completed. The 2-year project to renovate and connect the Cathedral and Diocesan offices brought to life Lind's vision of a modern, urban cathedral as a piazza. Trinity's campus became a crossroads, a friendly gathering place and center of hospitality on Euclid Avenue. With its offices, meeting rooms, classrooms, art gallery, and coffee shop, the shared space is a destination and a thriving hub of spiritual and cultural activity that welcomes more than 200,000 visitors annually.

"Thanks to Tracey the Cathedral is even more so recognized across the city as a place of radical hospitality to all who come through its door," said Bishop Arthur B. Williams, Jr. "Trinity is the spiritual home of diverse parishioners who attend its varied services. It meets the challenge of serving those who are Sunday worshippers, including guests who are fed a hot meal through the Sunday lunch program, and those who are there Monday through Saturday. Tracey's vision has truly enhanced the role of the cathedral in the Diocese and the wider community of Cleveland."

Lind has also played a prominent role representing the Episcopal Church in public life, contributing regularly through thoughtful discourse and engaging in advocacy work in the city and the wider community. In 2010, she helped establish Greater Cleveland Congregations, a social justice coalition of faith-based communities and partner organizations working in the areas of jobs, education, health care, criminal justice, food accessibility, and gun violence.

"Tracey Lind has been a bright light in the Diocese of Ohio," remarked the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church. "During her 17 years as Dean of Trinity Cathedral, she has never shied away from



reminding us that the gospel calls us to work for social justice. Her work on behalf of LGBT people, her leadership of Greater Cleveland Congregations, and her willingness to champion women's reproductive health care have all helped the church reach those whom Jesus taught us to serve. Her legacy will continue to guide many of us in this diocese who believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ commands us to work for justice."

Lind's passion and compassion have impacted those not only in the congregation and the Diocese, but in the larger community. Countless individuals have been supported and emboldened by Tracey's companionship. At the Community Celebration honoring her work, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. shared in his remarks, "There is nothing subtle or timid about the leadership and companionship she has so generously offered for seventeen years to this congregation, this community, this Diocese, and the wider church. In the boldness of her ministry and person, Tracey has encouraged, included, challenged, empowered, and inspired each of us and countless others to do more and to be more than we expected we were able... The foundation of everything Tracey has done throughout her tenure as Dean of Trinity Cathedral has been her presence as priest

and pastor, not just to the members of this congregation and denomination, but to anyone with whom she has come in contact. Episcopalians and non-Episcopalians alike have told me stories of how, when they were facing a painful loss, had received a frightening diagnosis, were left with a failure of nerve or an absence of hope or a loss of direction, there was Tracey. To a person, each described how she had appeared, seemingly by grace, with her remarkable pastoral gifts and her endless willingness to stay in there and face together whatever lay ahead with an unwavering faith in the goodness of God and in the healing power of love. Above all else, Tracey has been, to friend and stranger, the very essence of a priest and pastor."

While Lind will remain in Cleveland, the city on the lake that she loves, the specifics of her future have yet to be determined. "You can't fill up a cup that is full unless you empty it," reasoned Lind. Her immediate plans include traveling with her wife, Emily, tending garden, and enjoying time with her friends and family. She also intends to practice what she preaches by living gracefully and in the present. "I'm now a priest without a pulpit and congregation," adds Lind. "I plan to keep my mind active and my body strong."





We Share A Call To Be Disciples

by the Rev. Margaret D'Anieri

On January 26, at St. John's Cathedral in Belize City, Bishops Mark Hollingsworth and Philip Wright signed an agreement continuing the relationship, which began in 2011, between the Diocese of Ohio and the Diocese of Belize. The agreement includes these words: We share common concerns and goals, for example, in encouraging vocations to ministry, in ministering to and engaging with young people, and in actively carrying forward ministry and mission in our respective settings.

As we work locally, we will also seek to share with our Companion Diocese the resources that we develop and the skills we acquire in Christian ministry and mission. These resources may be best practices we have acquired and tested, materials such as Lent and Advent devotions, and programs for areas such as laity training and Bible study.

The agreement was the expression of continuing the relationship of our two Dioceses and the culmination of a week of joint mission and conversation. The Commission for Global and Domestic Mission (CGDM) coordinates the activities for mission and ministry outside the Diocese and has been intentional about engaging in true partnership. In addition

to the Bishop, participants from Ohio were: the Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, St. Paul, Mount Vernon and Chair of the Belize Subcommittee of CGDM; Barbara Jones, St. James, Boardman and President of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW); Linda Heitger, New Life, Uniontown and Lay Staff of Happening; and the Rev. Beth Frank, St. Andrew, Toldeo and Chair of CGDM. This trip overlapped with a visit by Dr. Matthew Teare (St. Luke's, Chardon) and David Marcum (Belize Professional Pen Pal) to do follow-up training and evaluation of teachers in Project Science Success and to plan a pilot summer science camp.

The trip was framed by worship and fellowship. There was nightly compline, Eucharist Tuesday morning and Thursday evening, dinners together, and visits to various ministries. Both Dioceses assisted in the feeding program at the Cathedral, serving 200 bowls of soup with bread or rice to those in need. "This was not a cold assembly line, rather a spirited collaboration; bowls were filled with love and prayers as well as soup, rice, and bread," said the Rev. Beth Frank.

The delegation visited Clothesline, modeled on the one at St.

Timothy's, Perrysburg. The shop and storage area were hit hard by Hurricane Earl in August, claiming most of the inventory. A shipment from the ECW in December has helped restock the racks and provide footwear. Everyone has been overwhelmed by the participation in the medicine bottle collection spearheaded by the ECW. (Rural clinics have medicine to distribute but a shortage of containers to keep it safe and dry.)

The visit included planning of new youth initiatives. Two people from Belize will come to Happening at St. Paul's, Medina in March. The next step is to develop Happening in Belize in 2018. Two young people from Belize will also join two young people from Tanga as part of our delegation to the Episcopal Youth Event in July in Edmond, Oklahoma. These youth programs build on relationships established by a joint delegation at the Global Episcopal Mission Network conference in May of 2016.

Commenting on his experience of the trip, Bishop Hollingsworth said, "It was evident to Bishop Wright and to me that the participants on this planning trip worked effectively and productively in setting new goals for our companion relationship and devising strategies to meet them. The concluding worship service at St. John's Cathedral was marked by a spirit of collaboration, expectation and gratitude."

One of the guiding principles of our work together is "linear mission," which emphasizes building deep relationships, sustaining one another in prayer, working in small flexible teams, and launching streams of mission which allow for collaborative development of projects through Spirit-guided steps. This approach helps us remember that God and our Dioceses send us to cross boundaries of difference to live out our baptismal vow to "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ." Through linear mission, all participants are transformed. They see themselves and their companions in new light and participate in the Church's mission of reconciliation "restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

For more information about the Belize partnership, contact the Rev. David Kendall-Sperry at FrDavid.Episcopal@gmail.com or 614.290.9132.



Clergy Changes

- The Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Bond has retired as rector of St. Paul's in Canton
- The Rev. Ronald (RJ) A. Johnson has resigned as rector of Advent Church in Westlake
- The Very Rev. Tracey Lind has retired as dean of Trinity Cathedral
- The Rev. Lisa E. O'Rear has accepted a call as rector of St. Andrew in Mentor
- The Rev. Marie Phillips has resigned as interim rector of St. Andrew in Mentor
- The Rev. David R. Radzik has accepted a call as rector of St. Thomas in Berea
- The Rev. Susan J. Tiffany has accepted a call to serve as interim rector at Church of the Redeemer in Lorain
- The Rev. Matthew D. Wahlgren was ordained to the order of deacons and has accepted a call to serve as deacon-in-charge at St. Paul's in Fremont

Happening in the Community



Nancy Rose Foye-Cox, a member of Church of Our Saviour, Akron and Co-chair of the Diocese's Commission on Racial Understanding, received the Humanitarian Award for Social Action on

March 10, 2017 at the 27th Harold K. Stubbs Awards Dinner.

The award recognizes local community leaders who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of others.

A graduate of Florida State University, Foye-Cox retired in 2013 with more than 40 years of public service.

Snapshots: Stories of Inspiration &



Youth members from **St. Peter's, Lakewood** joined youth from Lakewood Congregational Church for a Homeless Awareness Sleep Out. The fundraiser raised more than \$2,000. Thirty teenagers spent the night outside in 30-degree weather, sleeping in cardboard boxes and huddled around fires for warmth. They also created various cardboard signs. The signs read, in part, "Please Help!" and "Help the Homeless." The participants also used the hashtag #Youth4Homeless to raise awareness on social media. Some participants even offered to play a song on the piano for visitors. The money raised by St. Peter's during the event went to 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter, Laura's Home, and the Wade Park Domicile.



A group of women from **St. Hubert's, Kirtland Hills** creates blankets to donate to transplant patients at the Cleveland Clinic. The group currently has nine members. Since the the project began, parishioners have donated three additional sewing machines and 12 boxes full of fabric. When sewing machines are unavailable, members of the group make polar fleece bow blankets. They have made 14 bow blankets and have personally delivered them to transplant patients at the Cleveland Clinic. The group has also grown into offering a "sewing club" for members of the Mobile Food Pantry at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland.



Church of the Redeemer, Lorain works with Lorain Co-Op Ministry and helps with Front Door Ministry. Front Door Ministry provides assistance to individuals in the community seeking financial aid and/or resources. The most common requests are for gasoline, bus tickets, prescriptions, utilities, rent deposits, and food. The ministry is held every Tuesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. A large number of people need assistance. Due to budget constraints, the program attempts to limit the aid to \$25.00 per person each month. The members of the ministry will often refer participants to other agencies, programs, or charities in the area for additional assistance. The ministry helped 1,142 people in 2016. The program has grown from seeing four to eight people a week to about 25 people weekly.

Ministry From Around the Diocese

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst began working with ServLife in 2009 after the Reflections Women's Book Group read Dangerous Faith by Joel Vestal, the founder of ServLife. In 2010, the parish supported the village of Thingan in Nepal with a microloan through ServLife's Hope Fund Program. 36 of the 42 eligible families in Thingan received loans and 100% of those loans have been paid back. Kalyan, the second village Good Shepherd supported through ServLife's microloan program in 2013, is on track to do equally well. In October 2016, members of the parish were enthusiastic to help another village, Chauphal, in the district of Saptari, which is located in East Nepal. In the village of Chauphal, there are currently ten families holding loans from the Hope Fund. This includes three families which have been provided pigs, four with goats, one with chickens, one with a water buffalo, and one family is harvesting vegetables.



St. Michael's in the Hills, Toledo participated in an event on January 22 with the Sew Hope organization. The event supported Sew Hope's program, Kids Against Hunger. Volunteers packaged ingredients of soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamin powder. These packets will provide 14,000 meals for people living in impoverished villages in Peten, Guatemala. A parishioner of St. Michael's in the Hills who has made numerous trips to Peten noted that the daily meal provided by Kids Against Hunger may often be the only meal many of the children have each day. She also reflected on the gratitude the children in Guatemala have for the food and education provided. St. Michael's in the Hills has also contributed financial support by sponsoring two children's education programs in Guatemala in the past year.



Christ Church, Hudson works with Knitting4Peace, an international organization that provides handmade items to those in need. The group makes various items such as caps, scarves, mittens, booties, peace pals, and afghans. The group meets once a month. The items they make are distributed both locally and internationally. They have donated to battered women's shelters, elementary schools, and various facilities locally. Internationally, they have donated quilted sleeping mats and peace pals, which are dolls that are given to refugee children. The sleeping mats go to Swaziland AIDS orphans. When the group sends items to the Knitting4Peace headquarters to be distributed internationally, they also attach a monetary contribution to help pay for shipping. Both the local and international work helps Knitting4Peace gain grants.



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2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of so many, the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal raised more than \$265,000 for ministries across the Diocese. The appeal was supported by 559 households in the Diocese.

This support is a living testament to our call: to Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World. Funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal help sponsor mission trips, leadership development, and formation activities for our youth. These funds also help to ensure the future of the church by supporting seminarians, newly ordained clergy, and those going through the discernment process.

Each year, \$100,000 goes directly to Episcopal Community Services (ECS) to support parish-based ministries serving local communities. The programs include help for those who are hungry, people who are homeless, individuals without adequate healthcare, or those who are struggling in other ways.

In the coming months, you will receive a request to support the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consider making a gift. For more information, please contact, Laura Hnat, Chief Development Officer, at 216.774.0463.

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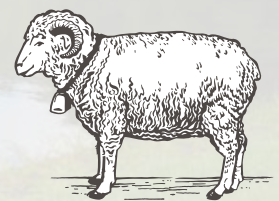
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Spring is in the air! Soon the bee hives will be buzzing and the buds will be opening at Bellwether Farm. You can help plant the fields, fill the barns, furnish the buildings, and even send a child to camp by selecting items from our giving catalog and making a gift to help equip and outfit Bellwether Farm.

Construction is underway and there are many opportunities to give and to make a lasting difference in the lives of the people of our Diocese. Please visit dohio.org/outfitting-bellwether-farm to view a catalog of items that you can sponsor. The opportunities vary from goats and sheep to ladder back chairs to solar panels that will generate renewable electricity for the farm.

A gift from the catalog is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize someone. Simply select the items you would like to sponsor and make a gift to help underwrite the cost. We will notify the person of your choosing that you have purchased an item in their name.

Your generosity will help further Bellwether Farm's mission to equip leaders for a sustainable future. For more information, please contact Laura Hnat, Chief Development Officer, at lhnat@dohio.org or 216.774.0463.



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Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Profiles and Testimonies from the People in the Pews

Joan Hargate Van Wormer

St. Andrew's, Elyria



“They who sing, pray twice.” St. Augustine

Music has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. I began piano lessons at age 4 and organ lessons when I was in the 8th grade. This led to opportunities for singing and playing in the church and community. I earned a degree in Music Education from Oberlin College. While a student, I sang in the Oberlin College Choir where I was exposed to a vast repertoire of choral music. As a music teacher in Elyria, Sandusky and Cuyahoga Falls, it was my joy to share music with eager students. During the summers, I became involved with the Diocesan Kenyon Conferences. As Music Director, I played the organ for the worship services, directed the Conference Chorale, accompanied the Annual Hymn Sing and made

many lifelong friends. In 1984, I agreed to “help out” at St. Andrew’s in Elyria until a permanent musician could be found. Little did I know that three and a half decades later I would still be “on the bench” there. In 1990, while on a special family trip to London, England with my mother, aunt, and sister, I had the thrill of a lifetime, the privilege of playing the organ at Westminster Abbey. It was a foretaste of heaven! In addition to being Music Director at St. Andrew’s, I also find it rewarding to serve as a Eucharistic Visitor, sharing communion and offering prayers with those unable to come to church. I am so very grateful for the blessings of four generations of my family who are active at St. Andrew’s. It is my hope and prayer that through all the music I have shared God has been glorified. Alleluia!

Steven Simpkins

Old Trinity, Tiffin



Being the son of an atheist and a hard-line evangelical Pentecostal, the Episcopal Church was certainly not where either of my parents expected me to land. Due to an overwhelmingly negative experience with Christianity in adolescence, I anticipated ending up agnostic. A family at Old Trinity invited me to attend an Episcopal service and I was immediately struck by how warm and welcoming the entire congregation was. I was 16, and felt true belonging for the first time.

Old Trinity supported me in my college search and throughout my education. While at Denison University, I studied Religion and Economics. I developed a love for liberation theology, which deepened and widened my faith. Old Trinity showed love and compassion when my dad died

of lung cancer in June 2014. They interred his ashes at no cost. The theology I ingested at school gave me the strength to trust God through the suffering.

I graduated in the spring of 2016 and am now in the Episcopal Service Corps, spending a year of service dedicated to justice, community, and discernment in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus. I encounter God in never-ending ways in my conversations and relationships with people who are homeless and individuals in the neighborhood who are lacking resources. Old Trinity continues to support me as I grow into Christ’s love and commitment to justice. Old Trinity helped me understand that I am a deserving vessel of God’s overflowing love. For that I am grateful.

Do you or someone you know have a testimony to share? Email: jrocha@dohio.org. Subject: Getting to Know Your Neighbors.

ECW News *and* Notes



by Elaine Willis and Hilary Nerby

Belize Outreach Project December 2016

A very large thank you to all who took the time to root through closets and medicine cabinets to find clothing, shoes, and medicine bottles for our friends in the Diocese of Belize. And thank you to the people who made sure that the donations arrived in the right place at the right time. Your generosity filled three large containers. Two held clothes and shoes and the third held the medicine bottles. These containers are made of strong but lightweight material; the majority of the 925 lbs. we shipped was comprised of your generous donations.



Many thanks are also due to our generous benefactors who not only cover the cost of the transportation of our goods to the Port Everglades but have again provided us with materials, manpower, and organizational expertise to make it all possible. Several of the employees even asked if they could add items to the shipment. Let's add these generous individuals to our Prayers of Thanksgiving for this successful outreach. The members of the ECW and the Commission on Domestic and Global Mission thank you for your willingness to support our programs and look forward to a successful future in meeting the needs of others.

140th ECW Annual Meeting

The 140th Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Ohio Episcopal Church Women will be held on Saturday, April 22, at Grace, Mansfield. The featured speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, rector of Christ Church, Oberlin and Archivist for the Diocese of Ohio. Fr. Brian will present a lively program on the history of our Diocese. In addition, we will hear about the Grace Parish Food Pantry, which began in 2001 and now serves hundreds of families every week.

Following the annual business meeting, Bishop Hollingsworth will be with us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist and installation of officers. Knitted items for the Christmas at Sea program will be brought forward and blessed. Whether you

are a cradle Episcopalian or are new to the Episcopal Church, please join us as we commemorate the 200th anniversary of our Diocese and look to the future of the Episcopal Church Women. Details and registration information will be mailed to parishes and are also available at: <http://www.dohio.org/episcopal-church-women-0>.

ECW Province V Conference and Annual Meeting

The ECW Province V Conference and Annual Meeting will take place at St. David's Episcopal Church, Lansing, Michigan, April 28-30. The keynote speaker and leader for the weekend is Lelanda Lee. Her presentation, "Exploring the Meaning of Being My Sister's Keeper," will utilize prayer, storytelling, reflection, and practical exercises. Registration is available at <http://www.dohio.org/episcopal-church-women-0>.

UTO Update

Thank you to the 26 parishes (so far) that have contributed to UTO through the Fall ingathering! If your parish still has UTO ingathering monies to send in or is planning a Spring ingathering, checks should be sent to Diocesan UTO Chair Linda Smith at 9209 Darrow Road, Apt. 200, Twinsburg, OH 44087-1868.

Carlotta East Scholarship Reminder

The deadline for applications for the Carlotta East Scholarship is March 31. If you're an Episcopal woman who needs financial assistance to further your education, to upgrade your skills before returning to the work force, or to complete religious training, and will hold at least junior undergraduate status by August 2017, you're eligible to apply.

Mission Area Updates

The Cuyahoga Mission Area is once again providing Easter flower trays for patients at the Hospice of the Western Reserve, the VA Hospital, Metro General Skilled Nursing Center and the Shaker Gardens Nursing Home. ECW members and their families are invited to help assemble them on Saturday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Christ Church, Shaker Heights. Patients greatly appreciate being remembered on Easter, so please consider helping out with this annual ministry. All you need to bring is a pair of scissors and a smile! Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please call Cathy Wolford at 440.543.1286 if you have any questions.

The Summit Mission Area gave more than 100 baby blankets to Akron Children's Hospital last year. Due to the generosity of Mission Area parishes it has been determined that the Mission Area needs to find other local agencies to donate the blankets to as well.

Diocesan Calendar

March

- 8 Diocesan Council Executive Committee, Trinity Commons
- 15 Fresh Start, Trinity Commons
- 16 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons
- 17-19 Deacon Formation Retreat, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 20 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons
- 23-25 Commission on Ministry Gathering with Seminarians, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 31-Apr 2 Happening, St. Paul's, Medina

April

- 10 Renewal of Vows-West, TBD
- 11 Renewal of Vows-East, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
- 14 Diocesan Offices Closed - Good Friday
- 17 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons
- 26 Fresh Start, Trinity Commons
- 27 Planned Giving Seminar, St. Paul's, Akron

May

- 2-4 Clergy Conference, Geneva-on-the-Lake State Park Lodge
- 5-7 Deacon Formation Retreat, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 6 Youth and Family Work Day, Wakeman
- 10 Diocesan Council Executive Committee, Trinity Commons
- 15 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons
- 18 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons
- 19-21 Cathedral Pilgrimage, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
- 20 Congregational Leadership Conference, TBD
- 26-29 Pilgrimage of Trust, Young Adult Taize Trip (18-35), St. Louis, Missouri
- 29 Diocesan Offices Closed - Memorial Day

June

- 7 Diocesan Council Executive Committee, Trinity Commons
- 7 Fresh Start, Trinity Commons
- 15 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons
- 19 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons
- 24 Youth and Family Work Day, Wakeman

Bishops' Visitations

March

- 5 Church of the Epiphany, Euclid - Hollingsworth
- 19 St. Thomas' Church, Berea - Williams
- 19 St. Paul's Church, Mount Vernon - Hollingsworth
- 26 St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls - Persell
- 26 Christ Church, Huron - Williams
- 26 New Life Church, Uniontown - Hollingsworth

April

- 2 St. Andrew's Church, Akron - Persell
- 2 Trinity Church, Coshocton - Hollingsworth
- 9 St. Paul's Church, Marion - Hollingsworth
- 23 Christ Church, Kent - Persell
- 23 Harcourt Parish, Gambier - Hollingsworth
- 23 Trinity Church, Toledo - Williams
- 30 All Saints Church, Parma - Hollingsworth
- 30 St. Andrew's Church, Toledo - Persell
- 30 All Saints Church, Toledo - Williams

May

- 7 Christ Church, Oberlin - Hollingsworth
- 7 St. John's Church, Youngstown - Persell
- 14 Christ Church, Hudson - Williams
- 14 St. James' Church, Wooster - Hollingsworth
- 21 Church of Our Saviour, Akron - Persell
- 28 St. James' Church, Boardman - Hollingsworth

June

- 4 St. Andrew's Church, Cleveland - Williams
- 4 Christ Church, Shaker Heights - Hollingsworth
- 2 St. Luke's Church, Cleveland - Hollingsworth
- 11 St. Paul's Church, Oregon - Williams
- 18 St. Timothy's Church, Massillon - Hollingsworth
- 25 St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville - Hollingsworth

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Saturday, May 6

Saturday, June 24

10 am – 2 pm