



# THE WAYFARER

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*A monthly journal for Christians who worship at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea, Ohio*  
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## *Rector's Musings...*

The other day, Carl, our sexton, was chatting with Stephanie and me in the office and in his very wry way he asked, "When exactly does it calm down around here? When do things slow down??" Stephanie and I just started to laugh and said, "Well...probably never." Things have been happening here at St. Thomas. People are using the building, we have many wonderful events and projects, the outside is just blooming so beautifully. In the almost 6 years I have been here, you have transformed St. Thomas into a place that is well known in Berea. No longer do people ask me where the church is. Now they say, "Oh, St. Thomas, I was there for...What a great place!"

We are known for our generosity. We are known for our creativity. We are known for our energy. We are known in Berea, and we are known in the diocese. The latest issue of Church Life has two articles that include the work St. Thomas is doing on evangelism and growth. The latest edition of the Congregational Development and Christian Formation newsletter from the diocese lists us as one of the growing parishes to watch. I cannot say how proud I am to be a part of this incredible community.

So what do we do to keep this going? First of all, come to church. We have 4 services that meet every need for worship, and we need to be sure that we are attending them. The way that our growth is measured is in how many people show up on Sunday. I turn that statistic in to the national church every year. Don't think you are dispensable. You are missed every Sunday you are not here.

Also, be sure you are involved in whatever best uses your gifts. We cannot spare anyone in the work of bringing people to Jesus Christ. If you are homebound, we need you. If you are a young person, we need you. There is work for all of us that will fit your time and talent!

Finally, spread the word. Tell people about this church and why you come here. Tell people about the 500 boxes of cereal we are collecting. Invite people to our activities. We need everyone to talk about how great this church is.

What you are doing is working!!! Thank you!!! Now let's keep our focus, especially during the summer months. God is blessing us, and we have to offer our thanks and praise and our lives to all that God has given us to do. Wow!!!

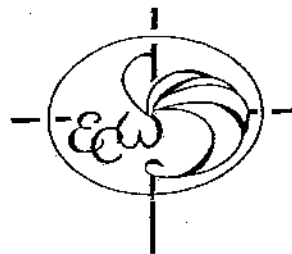
Love and Gratitude, Gayle+



## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN...

Roughly two years ago I sat at Olive Garden to have lunch with Gayle. At the time, we didn't know each other...due to my "sporadic" attendance at church. I knew that I wanted more, needed more. I was stumbling on my faith journey rather than marching forward. We talked, we laughed, we ate. Mostly, Gayle listened. It was the beginning of what would be a life-altering experience for me. You see, that Gayle – she's crafty. She knew I wanted to get involved, but I wasn't sure where to begin. Not long after, I found myself on the Parish Health Team and entrenched in Natural Church Development. The work this team has done has been nothing short of phenomenal. Soon you will see the specifics of the survey results. Until then, let me just say this....Thank you. Thank you on behalf of the PHT for listening and responding. Our results show that our parish is beyond healthy and I'm so excited for you to learn the specifics. I am so proud to serve in this role for such a wonderful and spiritual congregation. I'll leave you with this.... If you are "stumbling" on your journey, do two things: 1) make reservations for you and Gayle at Olive Garden; 2) get ready to work. Your PHT worked incredibly hard. We were dedicated. It required a commitment that many won't make. But let me say this – I've never done such good work in my life. This work changed my life. Thank God for that!

Helen Downie, Sr. Warden



## Episcopal Church Women

All women of St. Thomas are members of the Episcopal Church Women. We operate through our local congregations then through the Diocesan ECW Boards, Provincial ECW and the National Board of ECW. Our Mission is to support all women in their Mission and Ministry in the world. Additionally our goals are to strengthen lines of communication through the Communiqué (which is the three-time annually published newsletter), website, and diocesan and provincial visitation. These tools of communication keep us in touch with the ECW in our province, Province V, and the other United States provinces. Please join us when we meet in September to learn more about this organization in your church.

During the course of the year we have held events i.e. the Devonshire Tea and the Annual Rummage Sale. Therefore, the ECW takes this opportunity to thank all members of St. Thomas for their wonderful support. These events help fund the various needs of this church.

This will be my last article. My term in office ends in May and I will not run for re-election. I want to take this opportunity to thank all Church members for their support through the years I was President of the ECW.

Sonia Miller, President



## A Springtime Prayer

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

**The Los Amigos Episcopales  
Spaghetti Dinner –  
a smashing success!**



Many thanks to all the St. Thomas parishioners who so enthusiastically supported our dinner - - those who worked so hard during the entire Saturday (both youth and older), those who donated desserts and other gifts, and those who purchased tickets and attended. We hope you all had a fine dinner and an enjoyable evening.

The next meeting of Los Amigos will be Friday, May 14 at 7:00pm in Harkess Hall. We will be reviewing our dinner, and we welcome all who worked on the dinner (whether they are Los Amigos members or not) to give us any suggestions for future events/dinners. Thank you again.

- Ruth F. Ihde, President



**Unsung Hero**

**Tim Cooper**

Our gift card program has provided some much needed extra cash to our music program. And the person you see every Sunday willing to help you be a part of this is Tim Cooper. Tim starts selling cards after the 8:00 service and stays usually until after the 11:30 service is over. Some days he sells a lot of cards, and it makes it worth it. But regardless of the day's proceeds, Tim greets everyone, chats with anyone and provides a gracious presence for a thankless task. Please buy gift cards from him. Make his day! And please thank him for his dedication to establishing a means of supporting this parish that doesn't cost anyone anything extra, but makes a big difference in supporting our programs. Tim is also on the vestry, BBQs whenever he is asked for campus ministry or other events and helps the Treasurer as needed. Thank you, Tim!!!

**Attention Lay  
Weeders!!!**

We need you! Please sign up for a garden to work on this season. A sign-up sheet is posted on the office window.

If we divide the work, it will be easier for everyone. Please, we need you!!!

**Keep St. Thomas looking  
beautiful.**



**ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS AND  
STITCHERS!**

The stitching fellowship group,  
KNIT, PURL, STITCH, & PRAISE  
is underway!

- ✚ Do you have unfinished knitting or stitching projects?
- ✚ A project you'd like to start?
- ✚ Don't knit, but would like to learn?
- ✚ Any skill level welcome!

This is a time to stitch, laugh, share, and most especially to give thanks and praise.

Meetings are Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.

May 4 – at the home of Rosemarie Brokenshire,  
2731 Woodfield Ct., Avon (440) 934-0394

May 11 – at the home of Marlene Carlsen,  
10020 Maple Branch Trail, Strongsville  
(440)572-0345

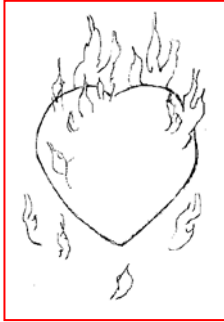
(There are no meetings on May 18 or May 25)

Saturday, May 15 - Knit Purl & Praise Potluck  
Lunch 11:00 am in Harkess Hall. Please RSVP  
to Rosemarie Brokenshire at  
[rabrokenshire@roadrunner.com](mailto:rabrokenshire@roadrunner.com)  
(440) 934-0394

## From the Heart of the Parish...

❖ Prayers for John Linville. He is in Northwest Care Center, regaining his strength. The family needs our prayers during this trying time.

❖ Prayers for Jacquie Lamberton. She is home, but is weak and needs our continued prayers.



❖ Prayers for Myrtle Smith as she learns to deal with dragging around an oxygen tank.

❖ Carl Scheu, Jr. is on the Midpark track team...Good work, Carl!

❖ Ross Cline submitted his recipe for Asian Salmon to the International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh's "Best Teen Chef" competition. Having passed the first stage of the competition, he was invited to demonstrate his cooking skills before a panel of culinary faculty and industry professionals at the regional cook-off on April 17. The judges informed him he did quite well, and although he did not win the grand prize of a scholarship, he has been accepted to AIP's Culinary Program. Ross graduates from Berea High School this year and will be heading off to Pittsburgh in the fall.

❖ As you already know, the Los Amigos dinner was a roaring success! Our two cooks, Carl Scheu, Sr. and Mike Doyle (chef hat and jacket included) added a definite note of professionalism to an already fabulous evening!

❖ Congratulations to Ian Carmichael. On April 29 he is off to New York and Boston as a member of the Westlake High School Men's Choir. They will be gone for five days. He was also chosen to be in the school show choir next year. Ian is also starting defense (I hope I got that right!) on the high school lacrosse team. A very busy young man!

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❖ A great big thanks to Tim Cooper for the hours he has spent sitting in the hall, all by himself, selling gift cards. Tim arranged for the program through Great Lakes Scrip Center, and it's been a big success!

❖ Congratulations to Mary Jane White, who was named Employee of the Month at the Eddie Bauer store at Crocker Park. Way to go, Mary Jane!

Dody Sandt



## CALLING ALL ST. THOMAS TEENS!



Now is the time to plan for the Lotts Creek (Kentucky) adventure, set for July 31 to August 7, 2010.

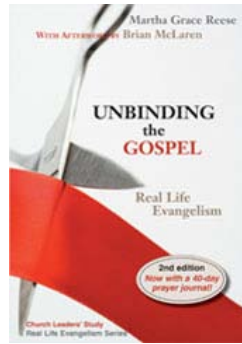
This is a time for good times and meeting new friends from around Northeast Ohio and the great people from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Talk to those who have gone over the past several years from St. Thomas: Ascia, Katie, Martin, and Phil. For more information, please contact Bart Hancock at 440-243-9123

We need you all to carry on the tradition!

## Unbinding The Gospel: Update

Our evangelism committee is working on praying with one of the Unbinding books and planning the e-event that we are holding for everyone in the parish this fall. Please keep praying for our parish and this project. Please practice talking about your faith to others. And get ready to be a part of something life changing for this parish!!!



Thank you!



## Volunteer Position Needed!!!

Please pray about this. We have many people who are using our church these days. We are offering our space for meetings, recitals, concerts, AP testing, and parties. Most of these events do not occur during office hours, and many times we are forced to give a key to the church to someone we do not really know. So far, this has worked. But as the number of people who use the building increases, we are more and more at risk of something going awry. What we need is a few people to take turns being a host at these events.

A committee of event coordinators would: open the church before the event, make sure that when the event is over the lights are off and the doors are locked, and provide a friendly face to solve problems in the event of a need our renters might have. If you have time, and would be willing to help, please let Gayle know. Some of these events have been a helpful source of income for our church in these financially challenged times. Help!

## We are turning the alley into a GARDEN!!!

For years, I have been working with the city of Berea to tear out the alley next to the church. It is loud, crumbling and ugly. Our church grounds have so little green space. And BW is more than willing to have that happen as well.

The current administration has been so helpful in making this dream a reality. The city is going to pay to remove the alley and put in new dirt. We are going to pay to have a new survey done of the area. We will also put in raised beds for a community garden and green space. We are planning that all of our expenses will be covered by grants, fundraising and memorial funds. We will also expand the project each year, starting modestly and growing!

The community garden will raise vegetables to share with the local food banks and the community meal. Many parishes, including Trinity Cathedral and Christ Church, Shaker Heights, have community garden space. Three parishioners have volunteered to coordinate this garden. Thank you to Linda Kerbusch, Marcie Molmen and Theresa Skalsky. If you are interested in helping, let them know.

We are hoping that this garden will be an opportunity to connect with biology students from BW, kindergarten classes, gardening clubs and outreach projects. The possibilities are exciting. Please pray that this will be a ministry that will glorify God, bring people into the church and be lovely!!!

If you have any questions, please ask Gayle+.



## STAR

Wednesday, May 5 at 12:15 pm. The BW Ovation Award Participant will be performing for you at our church. You won't want to miss this one! Lunch will be Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, and lots of mouth-watering desserts!

Please RSVP the number of people attending and staying for lunch. You can call the church office at 440-234-5241, or email [stec1@sbclglobal.net](mailto:stec1@sbclglobal.net)

# Operation: Medicine Cabinet

**Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 2**

Various locations throughout Cuyahoga, Holmes, Lorain, Medina and Wayne counties

Operation: Medicine Cabinet is an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted or expired *prescription* medicines. The medicine will be collected by law enforcement officers and held until it can be incinerated at a later date. By turning in your old medicines, you are preventing the possibility of abuse or accidental poisonings by children, teenagers, and seniors. You are also keeping the medicine out of the water supply and away from wildlife.

There will be a collection site at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. If that location is not convenient for you, please visit this website: <http://www.drugawarenessandprevention.com/> or call 440-250-9916 to find a nearer collection location.



## OUTREACH

**Five Hundred boxes of cereal!** What an ambitious goal and thanks to you we are well on our way to reaching it. During the month of April, our outreach focus was not just to bring in boxes of cereal but to provide TONS of cereal. Someone asked Gayle what 500 boxes of cereal would look like, and Gayle replied "I'd like to find out!" Well, we may all find out in just a couple weeks. At this writing we have 191 boxes with still 2 weeks to go! Thank you for getting in the spirit and making Outreach fun as well as effective.

**New Ideas** - The crisis with unemployment, loss of benefits, and loss of income is worsening. This may require new ways of reaching out to those in need. If you have ideas that you would like to suggest for St. Thomas to pursue, please let us know. We welcome everyone's input as we reach out into the community. - Pat Wielinski

# GOING FOR THE GREEN

**The spring *Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up* will be held Saturday, May 8 from 9 till 4 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea.** County residents are invited to dispose of their unwanted oil-based paint, pesticides, and other household hazardous wastes.

## Examples of **HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS ACCEPTED**

Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers  
Pesticides & fungicides  
Motor oil & car batteries  
Roof tar & driveway sealer  
Kerosene, gasoline & lighter fluid  
CFL light bulbs

## **MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED**

Latex paint  
Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares  
Medical waste, sharps  
Smoke detectors  
Tires  
Electronics and appliances

Mark your calendars now: The next *Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up* will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea.



## United Thank Offering (UTO)

“Ingathering” ~ MAY 23, 2010

St. Thomas Episcopal Church 11:00 a.m.,

Harkess Hall

The **United Thank Offering** is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with prayers and offerings of Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world providing much needed grants for churches.



The **United Thank Offering** is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessing in our everyday lives – for good weather, happy times, job opportunity and unexpected visits – there are so many things for which we can be thankful. At the very least, we can be thankful to God for blessings and take action by putting coins in the Blue Box. Twice a year you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving for the Ingathering, where it is combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of other Episcopalians to become the United Thank Offering. The UTO then provides much-needed grants to local churches and around the world. The next Ingathering for St. Thomas is May 23, 2010. **Please wear something Blue to enjoy Fellowship, Blueberry muffins and Blue punch. We will be collecting filled Blue Boxes on this day.**

You can also turn in your Blue Box anytime before May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the office.

All checks should be made out to United Thank Offering.

## DISPATCHES FROM THE CONTINENTAL DRIFTER...

Greetings from the “Left Coast” to all my St. Thomas compadres (notice how Spanish works its way into one's speech out here?)...the *Warburtonistas* have had a turbulent and rather unpleasant 2010 so far...Bonnie's padre was in an auto accidente in Florida on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> and Bonnie flew down to help him...nothing broken – a few stitches for Papa...much anguish over what to do with him, resulting in moving him out here to the Santa Clarita Valley about six weeks later...Bonnie went back-and-forth several times to FLA to pack him up...monumental job (he is a pack-rat like you see on TV news sometimes...not to mention about as cantankerous as an 94-year-old coot can possibly be)...she is still trying to get him settled in and settled *down* out here in his new mobile home with limited success (it really takes both of us every day to handle him)...stress levels off the charts, etc....and then in the midst of that, Madre Warburton decides to fall, get pneumonia and die on us. So, Bonnie is in FLA, Dave is here with Ma who is getting worse by the day, and everyone is going crazy...yikes!...eventually Pa got moved (kicking and screaming – literally) most

of the way; Ma got buried properly (Episcopal here and Episcopal at St. Thomas, too), and she wasn't kicking and screaming as far as I could tell, and we're trying to re-establish some normalcy in our life (whatever that looks like; I've sorta forgotten)...but the California poppies are blooming in all their glory, our son Matt is moving into his first house (in the Hollywood Hills) mid-April, and best of all, *Christ is risen !* (and we made it to St. Stephen's on Easter Sunday -- lotsa smoky incense there (cough, cough) -- so we join our Ohio *amigos* in saying "*Alleluia!!*" and in wishing a great spring season to you all.



**St. Thomas Vestry**

**Rev. Gayle Catinella, Rector**

**Helen Downie - Sr. Warden**

**Joe Ferline - Jr. Warden**

**Alice Amos**

**Tim Cooper**

**Carole Pozek**

**Marion Sewell**

**Rich Stowell**

**Peggy Zambounis**

**Sue Griffith - Clerk**

**Tom Halliday - Treasurer**

# MAY

MAY 2  
1:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS

MAY 3  
8:00 AM – NOON  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 4  
1:30 PM KNIT, PURL, STITCH & PRAISE  
AVON

MAY 5  
8:00 AM – NOON  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL  
12:15 PM STAR CONCERT & LUNCHEON

MAY 6  
8:00 AM – NOON  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 7  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 9  
MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 10  
NOON – 4:00 PM  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 11  
8:00 AM – NOON  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL  
1:30 PM KNIT, PURL, STITCH & PRAISE  
STRONGSVILLE

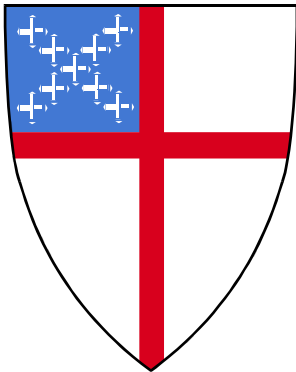
MAY 12  
8:00 AM – NOON  
BEREA HIGH AP TESTING IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 14  
7:00 PM LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES MEETING

MAY 15  
11:00 AM KNIT, PURL, STITCH & PRAISE  
POTLUCK LUNCH IN HARKESS HALL

MAY 23  
11:00 AM UTO INGATHERING

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
50 EAST BAGLEY RD.  
BEREA, OHIO 44017



*St. Thomas Episcopal Church Calendar – May 2010*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8:00 Rite I 9:00 Parish Breakfast 10:00 Rite II 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:30 Contemporary Service 1:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Campus Ministry	<b>3</b> 8:00 am – noon Berea High AP Testing  1:00 Bridge  7:00 Closed AA	<b>4</b> 7:30 Staff Meeting  1:30 Knit, Purl, Stitch & Praise – Avon  Gayle attends Clergy Conference	<b>5</b> 8:00 am – noon Berea High AP Testing  12:15 STAR Concert and Luncheon  7:30 Bible Study  8:00 Women’s AA  Gayle attends Clergy Conference	<b>6</b> 8:00 am – noon Berea High AP Testing  10:00 Midweek Eucharist 10:30 Lectionary Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 AI-Anon  Gayle attends Clergy Conference	<b>7</b> 8:00 am– 3:00 pm Berea High AP Testing	<b>1</b> 5:30 Contemporary Worship Service <hr/> <b>8</b> 5:30 Contemporary Worship Service
<b>9</b> Mother’s Day  8:00 Rite I 10:00 Rite II 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:30 Contemporary Service	<b>10</b> Noon – 3:00 pm Berea High AP Testing in the Chapel  1:00 Bridge  7:00 Closed AA	<b>11</b> 8:00 am – noon Berea High AP Testing in the Chapel  1:30 – Knit, Purl, Stitch & Praise - Strongsville	<b>12</b> 8:00 am – noon Berea High AP Testing in the Chapel  7:30 Bible Study  8:00 Women’s AA	<b>13</b> 10:00 Midweek Eucharist 10:30 Lectionary Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 AI-Anon	<b>14</b> 7:00 Los Amigos Episcopales Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00 Knit, Purl, Stitch & Praise Potluck Lunch  5:30 Contemporary Worship Service
<b>16</b> 8:00 Rite I 10:00 Rite II 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:30 Contemporary Service 2:00 Nursing Home Service	<b>17</b> 1:00 Bridge  7:00 Closed AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:00 Women’s AA	<b>20</b> 10:00 Midweek Eucharist 10:30 Lectionary Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 AI-Anon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30 Contemporary Worship Service
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