

Calvary Chronicles



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Dear Friends,

As many of you know already, our new Assistant Rector, The Rev. Ethan Cole began his ministry with us on Sunday, October 14. I am delighted to welcome him to the Calvary community and commend him to you as a thoughtful, faithful and approachable partner with us in ministry. I know you had not known much about his coming to join us and want to say a couple of things about how he finds himself here among us.

When the bishop made his visit to us in June, I made a point of asking him about how we might find some clergy assistance here at Calvary, either a deacon or a priest. Since Gay Walser had retired, I had no ordained colleague to assist in ministries appropriate for clergy. I had, however, found many wonderful colleagues among us, Chalice Bearers, our Congregational Care Committee, along with our vestry and other committed Christians. For their ministry, I give tremendous thanks and know that they will continue their work to further the work of Christ. However, a clergy colleague is an important part of the life here at Calvary, as we have many more people and programs than can be supported by one priest.

So, the bishop suggested a couple of people, deacons, who might find a parish home here and I had approached a retired priest myself. Those people had their reasons for declining my invitation and I certainly understand that. However, I had to continue to pursue someone to assist us and I asked Michael again in late September. He said that Ethan Cole was now back in WNY and available and I suggested that the bishop might call him and ask him, if he were interested in meeting with me, to give me a call. He did and after two meetings with him, it became clear to me that Ethan would make a great assistant and I asked the wardens to meet with him and give me their opinion. Again, it was an overwhelming report of confidence that Ethan had much of what we would be looking for in a priest. Many of you know already that he is easy to talk to, has had a wide variety of experiences which he draws upon in his work, and has had sufficient experience in large church ministry at the Cathedral to make a transition to Calvary smooth and straightforward. Of course there's lots more to say about him, but I know you'll find all that out. Vestry, wardens and I were quick to agree that I should issue a call to Ethan, since there are many congregations out there and I didn't want to find myself wishing I had done something and didn't. I asked him to join us on October 3.

Ethan will be working part-time for a bit, maybe up to 6 months, while we get our finances in place. Our expense side of the budget appears to have room for this position for the balance of 2007 and into 2008. Our budget process is in gear and we intend to be able to organize to fund the Assistant Rector full time in 2008. Father Cole's ministry will be focused for the moment on New Member Ministry, Adult Education and Acolyte training and support, while assisting in the pastoral, worship, and leadership ministry we claim as ordained clergy.

I intend to give him my full support and attention and trust you will help him get to know you and us better while working with him in ministry as those opportunities arise. Welcome Ethan Cole; we have a rich and fruitful ministry together ahead of us.

Faithfully,

Steven+

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All are welcome to forward articles of interest relative to events, missions, committee work, and relevant opinion along. We have plenty of space, and love to hear from you.

The monthly deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication issue, for example: December 15th for the January issue; January 15th for the February issue. If you would like a deadline reminder emailed to you, and do not currently get one, please send your request by email to: chicks-cooks@verizon.net and I'll add your name/address to my monthly reminder list. If you change e-addresses, please don't forget to let me – and the church office – know! Reminders are also posted in the Sunday service leaflet one and two weeks in advance.

Submissions are best sent electronically, either as an MS Word file or in the body of your emailed message. If possible, use Book Antiqua font size 11, though I will make those changes if that's not possible.

Call if you have questions, need help, or are unsure of anything: 689-4526 or (cell) 868-7738.

Cris Hicks-Usta, Editor
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Oktoberfest

The first Calvary Episcopal Church Oktoberfest is behind us. We had approximately 130 revelers that night, enjoying a dose of traditional German gemütlichkeit and dinner fare. Judging by the lusty consumption of the Spaten keg, the event was a complete success!

Many thanks especially to these individuals who brought the idea to life, with the help of the Parish Life Committee and its helpers:

Johanna Fischer – event doyenne, coordinator, head chef and authenticity coach

Posy Dayton and Carolyn Russell – Right and left hands of Johanna, coordinating purchasing, decorating and general cheer-leading.

Karen Davidson and Bonnie Hellreigel – decorative artistes, set up and general coordinators

Plus this cast of helpers...please forgive any lapses and absences.

THANK YOU...

Bruce Davidson...Sam Alessi...Dave Nuzzo...Patty Ringger...Brad Archdeacon...Julie Preston...Dick Welte...Sabina Fischer...Becky Welte...Nancy Nuzzo...Bernie Ruof...Nancy Knablecamp...Margi Butenschoen...Lou Butenschoen...Lindamae Braun...Karen Sandburg...Doug Sandburg...Dave Fiegel...Rob Thompson...Kim Alexander Thompson

And to all those who brought dishes appropriate to the event, THANK YOU!! They were delicious!! We hope you have reunited with your cookware. If not, check in the kitchen pantry!

It's our hope to bring this fun, seasonal event back next year. Join us!!

Ein Prosit!



The Wardens' Corner

As we enter the Fall season of the year, planning for the coming calendar year begins. Part of the planning process will be the nomination of individuals for the Vestry Class of 2008 - 2011 and a Jr. Warden. The following have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Connie Bommer, Cris Hicks-Usta, Stephen Munschauer, Jack Newall, Jean Peterson, and Jim Waack. As the present Jr. Warden I will serve as the Chair of the Committee.

The position of Vestry member is that of a three-year term. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) attendance at monthly Vestry meetings, becoming the liaison to a number of ministries or committees dependent upon the Program Quadrant assignment, participating in the decision-making process for the administrative and planning support for Calvary Church, and ongoing participation in the life of Calvary Church.

The position of Warden is that of a two-year term. The first year is typically referred to as that of the Junior Warden and the second as that of the Senior Warden. In addition to the responsibilities of the Vestry per-

sons, the Wardens provide administrative consultation to the Rector, provide administrative responsibility when the Rector is not available, and provide support for the work of all the members of Calvary Church as we sustain our momentum for continuity and growth in the present and for the future.

Being elected by the Congregation to the position of Vestry (Class of 2004-2007) and presently as a Warden has been a highlight in my life as a member of the Episcopal Church. It is truly a wonderful opportunity to observe democracy at work, an opportunity to get to know and work with others within the Church family, and opportunity to watch and feel my faith grow and strengthen over time.

I invite you to spend more than just a few moments thinking about the people with whom you share your faith and think about persons who would fill the role of Vestry and Warden. You can contact any of the Nominating Committee members or fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin to place someone's (or your own) name for consideration on the slate of candidates to be presented to the current Vestry on November 12, 2007 and ultimately for election by the congregation in January 2008.

In faith,
Cari Evans
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The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, chaired by Cari Evans, is in the process of forming in order to finalize a slate of candidates for 3 vestry positions and 1 warden position to be voted upon in January. Candidate recommendations of willing, eager, and committed members of the Calvary family are most welcome.

According to the Calvary Church By-Laws:

active members of Calvary Church 18 years of age and older shall be eligible to be elected or appointed vestry person.

confirmed active members of Calvary Church 21 years of age and older and having served for at least one year as vestry person of Calvary Church shall be eligible to be elected or appointed Warden.

active members are defined as follows: "All communicants of the Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are considered communicants in good standing".

If you know of such a person, or are interested yourself in being considered for the slate of candidates, please fill in the nominating slip below or in the Sunday service leaflet and drop it in the nominating box outside the Reception Room. The committee will thoroughly consider all recommendations when finalizing the slate of candidates for election.

CALVARY CHURCH VESTRY AND WARDEN NOMINATIONS

I recommend _____ be considered as a possible candidate for **Vestry Person.**

I recommend _____ be considered as a possible candidate for **Warden.**

Recommendation submitted by _____.

About Evensong... and "First Sunday Liturgies"

The Service of Evensong is one of the treasures of the Episcopal tradition. It comes from the service devised by Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer, the 16th century English cleric who was the principal liturgist for the original (1549) Book of Common Prayer. The term "Evensong" is most commonly used to refer to the choral manifestation of Evening Prayer where the musicians and choir are the principal leaders of worship. Key elements of the service are glorious musical settings of the New Testament canticles, psalms and prayers, as well as anthems. Beauty and integrity of the music and text are emphasized. Through this, the choir represents the congregation, offering the gift of music to carry our praise and worship through the heights and depths of human and spiritual emotion. Because we are able to join inwardly and more deeply into the meaning of these musical offerings, many find that they become **more** involved in worship and prayer, not less. Active worship comes from participation in the singing of hymns and responding to prayers.



On **November 4 at 5:00 p.m.**, we will offer an Evensong for the Feast of All Saints. One of the principal feast days of the liturgical year, our Evensong service for this feast day is one not to be missed. The evening canticles will be *The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D* by George Herbert Dyson, and featured anthems will be "And I saw the Holy City" by Craig Phillips, "Song to Athene" by John Tavener, and *Lux Aeterna* - music by Edward Elgar ("Nimrod" from the "Enigma Variations"), arr. by John Cameron.

The evening is certain to provide an opportunity for peace, the sense of God's beauty and love, and the resolve to humanity's highest aspirations which are best lived out in our lives in the world. Plan now to join us as daylight settles into evening for the opportunity for recollection and stillness before God.

Peace.
...debi

Sunday Coffee/Social Hour

Wow, the position of Coffee Hour Coordinator is Calvary's best kept secret! When asked to take on this duty, no one ever mentioned how easy it would be. All but three slots to host between 9/23/07 and 1/13/08 were taken at the Welcome Back Sunday Ministries' Fair!



A huge thank you to the following who have hosted or who are scheduled to host: the Church Yard Committee, Amy & Paul Steimle, Peg & Tom Brunton, Helen & Ray Slominski with Patty Ringger, Rick & Marie Hopkins, Therese & Charlie Russell, the Junior & Senior Youth Groups, Pat Burt, the Planned Giving Committee, the Archdeacon Family, the Bommer & Day Families, the Banach Family, the Barker/Williams team, the Cornell/Sityar Family and, finally, Jim & Mary Ellen Donathen.

We still need hosts for 12/23, 12/30 and 1/13. The sign-up sheet is posted on the board just inside the entrance to the Scaife Room. Please keep an eye out for the second half of the year sign-up sheet to be posted in December.

If you are a "single" and would like to host with another "single", please contact me. I can add you to my list and pair you with another. Call Carol Merrill at 631-0091 or e-mail at merr51068@msn.com.



Thanks again for making my job so easy. Let's keep this momentum going!

Carol Merrill
Coffee Hour Coordinator



Strategic Planning at Calvary

The Strategic Planning Committee was formed in response to a request from the Vestry to the Budget Committee to present a five-year financial plan. After considerable discussion, it was determined that any such plan must consider change. Calvary Church is a living, changing entity, and to plan using only historical data would not take the future into consideration.

The committee has met several times in the past months, discussing methods and procedures for producing a meaningful long range plan that will involve all parish ministries and committees, and have input from all interested parishioners. We have also read literature written by authors with congregational planning experience.

Our conclusion is that we need to seek additional help. As a first step, three members of the committee were designated to attend a seminar sponsored by the Episcopal Church Center Office of Congregational Development. The meeting agenda includes sessions covering church life-cycle, demographics, group decision making and orientation for growth. We feel that the information gained from these sessions, as well as discussion with members of other parishes similar to ours, will be of great value as we implement the project. In addition to Rev. Steven, Bob Preston, Cris Hicks-Usta and I (Tom Brunton) will attend.

Upon return, the committee will prepare an initial plan to submit to the Vestry and Parish. This will be an exciting project involving every interested parishioner as we move to fortify our current strengths and determine new directions for Calvary Church. We welcome input and help from all church members.

Tom Brunton,
Chair



**I've learned....
That we should
be glad God
doesn't
give us every-
thing
we ask for.**

WHAT ARE THE GREEN DOTS?

Have you noticed green dots appearing on certain name tags?
Do you know what they stand for?
Have you asked the name tag wearer what it means?

Come to the Coffee Hour after the 10am service on November 11 to find out.

Sponsored by our
Planned Giving Committee

CYM

I'm going to devote our space in this issue to the topic of coffee hour, Kids Korner style.

As parents and adults, coffee hour is an important part of the church experience. For parents, it's a time to reconnect with our church friends and to allow our children time to reconnect (or go wild, as the case may be) with theirs.

Last year, we instituted a Kids Korner in an effort to channel our kids' energy during coffee hour in a productive and non-destructive fashion. Because we all get busy doing other things, those boxes of cherished items are rarely put out these days. To resurrect this "program", Alexis Miller has graciously volunteered to set up the toys, crafts and games that our congregation has helped us assemble over the last year or so. Unfortunately, she is only available to do this every other week.

If we want to keep this program alive, **we need your help** both in terms of setting up the items as well as putting them safely away. Many people, parishioners and non-parishioners, regularly use the Scaife Room so we do not have the luxury of keeping our items out from Sunday to Sunday. Your help in keeping the Kids Korner tradition alive is greatly appreciated. (Please feel free to add games, or other items you feel our kids might enjoy!)

Thanks!
Lisa Maxwell
Co-Chair, CYM



MISSION NEWS

by Sharon I. Jackson, Chairperson

ERIE COUNTY HOME

The Erie County Home provides Christmas gifts for the 586 residents who reside there. Since many of the residents have no family, the staff presents each resident with their own bag containing small gifts. Especially needed are donations of bath gel, diet candy, liquid soap, make-up, powder, air freshener, toothpaste, women and men's cologne and aftershave. A complete list of supplies needed are posted on the bulletin board. Donations should not be wrapped. Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated. Our ECH collection will continue through November 30th.

SCHOOL #30 MITTEN TREE

Again this year, we will be cooperating with School #30 to provide gifts for the Pre-K and 4th grades. You will find the mitten tree shining brightly with colorful mittens in the reception room beginning Sunday, November 18th. PRE-K gifts should be limited to a TOP, BOTTOM, AND BOOK. 4th GRADE gifts will again consist of A SCARF, HAT, AND MITTENS. We ask that you sign your name next to the child's name when you take it from the mitten tree. This was very effective last year. Everyone returned their gifts. PLEASE ATTACH THE MITTEN TO YOUR GIFT. Hopefully, all mittens will be claimed by Sunday, December 2nd. GIFTS ARE TO BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 9th. I can't tell you how much the children appreciate these gifts. Their facial expressions just tell it all.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Over 1,000 volunteers have worked WNY Kairos weekends for the past 25 years. A celebration of thanks to these volunteers was held on Saturday, September 29th. It takes a special person to be involved in this ministry. Connie Bommer is one of those special people. We are lucky to have her in our church family and appreciate all the time and effort she donates to this mission. Congratulations to all Kairos volunteers, especially Connie.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES SALE

Looking for a special gift for someone (or even yourself)? Something truly unique? Take a look at the African Team Ministries Sale, to be held before and after the 8 am and 10 am services November 11th and 25th. Jewelry, scarves, purses, totes, wooden sculptures, manger scenes are among the many items available for purchase. You are sure to find something that you like at this very special sale whose proceeds go directly to the needy African countries. Cash, checks, and charge cards are accepted.

WANTED

Volunteers are needed to spend 2-3 hours per/week at School #30 in grades Pre-K

through 4th (your choice). This a worthwhile experience—just ask Judy Frazer, who spends 3 or 4 mornings per a week at the school. Once you start, you're hooked. Please contact Sharon Jackson (877-4866) for more info or a tour of the school.

BINS

We will be sorting the items in the bins on Wednesday, November 13th. Help us by observing the signs on the bins!!

SCHOOL #30 THEMES—

October and November

Themes for October and November will be 2 pocket folders (no prongs in middle), gallon size Ziploc bags, rulers, and protractors. Backpacks are always welcome. A special thanks to Cornerhouse Nursery for their donations of supplies and to all of you who donated supplies and backpacks. We received 20 back packs, which will be greatly appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Meals on Wheels - weekly on Friday mornings—10:30AM from the Senior Center on Audubon Pkwy. Contact person is Jeanne Eaton at 626-5066.

Food Giving Sunday to benefit Hearts for the Homeless and their Mobile Soup Kitchen—**Sunday, November 11th. Large containers of needed canned goods and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.**

Friends of the Night People—Sunday, December 16th—4PM from their facility at Wadsworth and Hudson Streets. Contact person is Joan Fischer at 688-7647.

Mission Meeting
Wednesday, November 14th—10AM
in the Conference Room.

WE NEED HELP!!

Contact person is Sharon Jackson
at 877-4866.





THANKSGIVING HOMECOMING



Return thanks for God's abundant generosity.

**Support the ministry of Calvary Church
with a planned gift.**

**The Planned Giving Committee can provide you a menu
of choices.**

Please call 716-839-0410 for more information.

Advocacy Update: Episcopal Public Policy Network

Episcopal Public Policy Network is the manner through which faithful Episcopalians, like yourselves can work to influence the public policy of our federal government in all areas and in particular the Millennium Developmental Goals.

Through the auspices of the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, the Network monitors the activities of Congress and lets you voice your concerns to your senators and representatives. It also sponsors the ONE Episcopalian Campaign.

Here's what the Public Policy Network is working on now: The Episcopal Church, in coalition with many other faith groups, has spent a lot of time working on reform of the **Farm Bill**. Why? The legislation governs many important policy areas, including key investments in rural communities, critical nutrition programs for those in need, conservation of our natural resources, and clean and renewable energy. Globally, the farm bill's impact is felt in developing countries where the success of small-scale farmers is key to the eradica-

tion of poverty - a primary Millennium Development Goal. Earlier this summer, the House passed its version of the bill with little in the way of reform. While this is a disappointment, the faith community is well positioned to continue aggressive advocacy as the Senate begins its consideration this fall. In fact, the Senate is now expected to have its "mark-up" of the Farm Bill around the 18th of October. Now is the time to talk to our Senators. Let them know we are committed to Farm Bill that:

- Ensures that commodity payments go to those who need them most rather than the large-scale producers that receive more than 75% of current payments;
- Reduces the harm of U.S. agricultural policies to farmers and families living in deadly poverty around the world; and
- Strengthens nutrition, conservation, rural development programs and food aid.

Are you a member of EPPN? If not why not sign up today? It is easy and it only takes a few minutes. Please visit <http://episcopal.grassroots.com> to join the Public Policy Network.

Submitted by: Betsy Greno

RETIREMENT: THE BEST MEDICINE!

Retirement is certainly the best medicine for what ailed this stressed and aging body. I've been able to spend more time reading, relaxing and gardening and it shows in my face and attitude. I miss seeing you all as you stop in the church office but the good part is I can still see you in church and at church functions. I will always have fond memories of my retirement party; I have some great pictures taken by my daughter, Jenna, who I failed to introduce to all in attendance. I think of all of you often and especially when I use my iPod (which is frequently), when I check the time on my beautiful glass clock, and, when I eventually use my gift cards on AirTran (destination still unknown), you'll be with me on the flight.

Training of our new administrative assistant ended the latter part of July. Right after that I left for three weeks in southeast New Brunswick with dear friends and their kids and grandkids (ages 7 yrs, 4 yrs. and 10 mos.). I spent my time picking blueberries, watching for bald eagles, taking long walks to the shore and through the woods, making ice cream several times with an old-fashioned crank machine, playing dominoes, reading a lot!, and immersing myself in hummingbirds. I actually had two of them checking me out at less than 18" from my face. Thrilling! Since then I have been playing in my garden and doing research on my kitchen rehab.

I've taken on a couple of volunteer projects. I continue to read for the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service that broadcasts readings of newspapers, magazines and books for the visually impaired. I've also agreed to be treasurer of the WNY Gluten Free Diet Support Group. I'm active in the group and recently had the opportunity to go to a three-day national conference on Celiac Disease in Tucson. Very, very educational.

Again my thanks to all of you who made my years in the Calvary office so enjoyable – and, on occasion, bearable! Bernie is doing a wonderful job and has added her own uniqueness to the staff. I know you'll extend the same warmth and love to her as you afforded me. She'll return it ten-fold.

Best wishes to all of you,
Pat Burt

Claudi-Update

Life at St. John's and St. Andrew's continues to change as the seasons do – in a very literal sense! The local snowbirds left near Labor Day, taking our visiting southerners, who'd fled the heat of Florida or some similarly located permanent residence, with them. One congregation has thanked a retiring parish secretary for her 18 years of service and welcomed her replacement, who brings new technology skills to the position. The other parish finished renovation work in the meeting hall – all labor provided by "handy" church members; no contractors needed! I'm continually impressed by parishioners' concern for one another; perhaps it is a by-product of a "small church" model; the members view their congregants as extended family who are in it for the long haul.

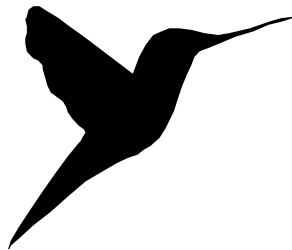
After much work, I helped St. Andrew's education team begin an evening adult study program. Its membership is almost evenly divided between the two congregations – a bit unexpected but very welcome! Sometimes I struggle finding the balance needed to help members pursue their *own* goals, while reining in the urge to run with *my* agenda.

I assist at the monthly prayer service at the nursing home in Newfane where I have been called to give last-minute "off the cuff" sermons; the residents who are still awake at that point are very appreciative! I also continue home visits to elderly parishioners, and outside of my internship, I'm volunteering with the Pastoral Care department at Roswell Park. Toss in a class through the diocese's Bishop Brent School for Ministry, my part-time job, Greek class on Wednesdays and eventually seeing Kevin, Cecelia, and Quincy a couple of times a week, and you have some idea of my schedule! It's richly blessed with plenty of new challenges and experiences; and with many new friends and teachers (in addition to my Calvary family) supporting me.

My next sermon (perhaps my last during this internship) will be Sunday, November 18 at St. John's in Wilson at 8:30 A.M. and at St. Andrew's in Burt at 10:30. My goal is to finish writing it BEFORE 2:00 A.M. that same morning!

I thank everyone for their prayers; you are all in my prayers as well.

Peace,
Claudia



PRAYERS FROM THE PEW
BY: GEORGE MAYER

Isn't it reassuring to know that God's love will continue to cover our sins? We do not have to be afraid that we will fail again! That is amazing grace! We are assured that God is never surprised by human failure, for it is inevitable. That is why Jesus came to save us. As a human, as one of us, He has experienced it first hand!

Long ago, God made provision for our evil. Before we were born, before we did anything good or bad, our Lord paid for all our sins 0 those that were, those that are, and those that shall be. His love "covers a multitude of sins," even sin and guilt not yet acquired.

And in the e despite false starts and failures, God is at work conforming some small part of all of us to His likeness, making us His portrait, His reproduction, His work of fine art. We can be confident of this: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6) God will finish the work as soon as He can.

Will we receive God's gift of grace or not? If we do not want purity, we will not have it, for God does not force anything on those who do not want it. That would be neither kind nor wise.

But if we hate our sins, if our love of truth is pure and simple, if we are willing to turn toward the light, even if we've fallen into utter ruin, we can be thoroughly saved. IT is not what we are, or what we have been that matters, but what we long to be!

Even if we struggle with besetting sin for a season, it cannot dominate us forever. We will learn humility, we will progress in holiness, and though always in-process, we will know the relief of full and final forgiveness. All sins are covered by Jesus on the cross of Calvary. Guilt, fear and pain are transmuted into happiness – when we receive Jesus' perfect, atoning sacrifice as God's gift to us. He becomes our personal Lord and Savior. We become His own forever!

To save a soul from death, to turn another to righteousness, to help someone rise above sin and shame to become better, wiser, more like God – who could ask for anything more?

And now that we have explored God's Grace, it is time to think about faith.

WATCH FOR
INFORMATION ON
ADVENT EVENTS
IN THE SUNDAY
SERVICE LEAFLET !!

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From time
to time, Calvary
Chronicles re-
ceives unsolicited
opinions from
parishioners. In an effort to better charac-
terize the nature of these submissions, an
Opinions section has been created, where
all such material will be found in future
issues.

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V. o^opined, o^ooin^oing, o^opines
V. tr.
To state as an opinion.
V. intr.
To express an opinion: opined on
the defendant's testimony

[Middle English opinen, from
Old French opiner, from Latine
opinārī, to suppose.]

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