

notes from

# the edge @ UC

a campus ministry gathering place

## alumni edition

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Happy Summer, friends!

As alumni, you have a special place in the collective hearts and heads of the Edge House. And we would love to hear your thoughts about your spiritual life these days and how we prepared you for it. Would you take a moment before June 30 to fill out this survey to help us help you?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/95PD88M>

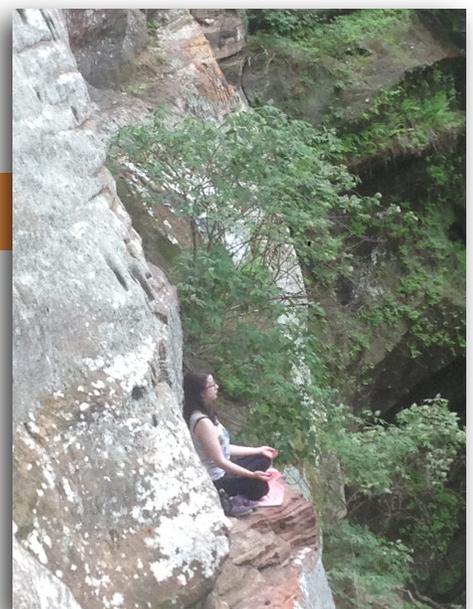
Since we last connected with you, we took 21 students to Staten Island to work on continuing Hurricane Sandy recovery and to explore New York City. We installed lots of insulation and drywall and “mudded” in three different houses in the freezing cold--spring had not quite yet sprung when we arrived! One evening we visited and celebrated Eucharist in St. Paul Chapel on the edge of Ground Zero; another evening, we trekked up to St. John the Divine, a gothic cathedral larger even than Chartres in France for an overnight retreat.

Just recently, a small group of us also spent several nights in a cabin in Hocking Hills, retreating from the busy-ness of campus life and experiencing the joy and peace of God’s creation. Maybe you can relate: it can be so hard to take a step back and breathe because it seems like everything is Important and Urgent. We found, briefly anyway, that other things were Important and Urgent, namely, rest and attention to the larger world. Turns out, the woods contains multitudes and God is always speaking.

Peace, **ALICE+**



*left:* Matthew R in New York City for the first time.



*right:* Carolyn L meditating on a ledge in Hocking Hills.

## a note from a student

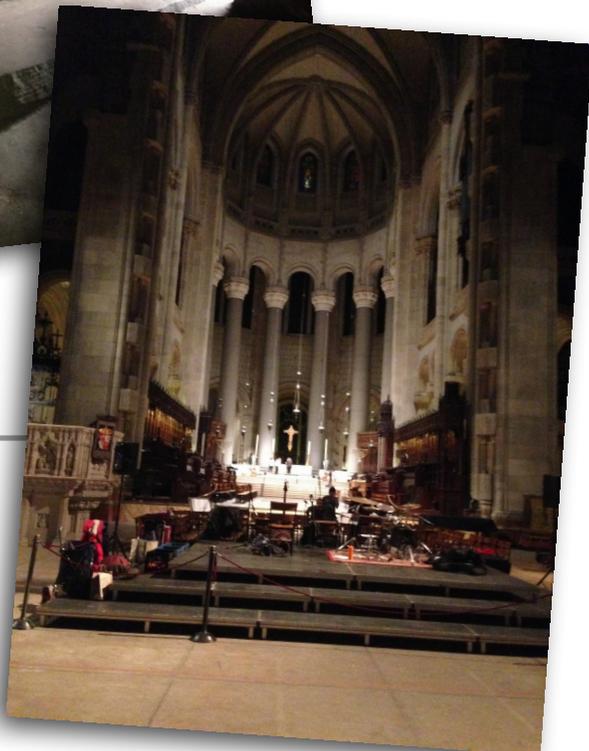
What most people forget is that school is really just a container to hold the thing we're actually there to do: to grow up, to be a real human, to learn what it means to live together on a great big blue ball from which there is no foreseeable escape. Existence is hard, guys, but it doesn't have to be so hard. So, we practice growing up and being human. And we get it wrong. And we practice some more. It's easier when we are surrounded by the grace and love of a community who is right there with us, getting excited about all the same uncertainty and fear and loneliness of existence. The Edge House is that community for me, as I know it is for countless others – maybe even some of you at one time or another. The Edge House is a space where folks come together to be (action verb) and in that be-ing we get the marvelous opportunity to know the creative, ingenious, beautiful, loving, grace-filled spirit of God as I believe we were intended to experience it: with and through the lives of the people who decorate our own lives so richly.

## Taylor Grooms - Van Wert, Ohio



*pictured above:*  
"Rock House" cave  
in Hocking Hills

*right:* St. John the  
Divine Cathedral in  
New York City



When you partner with us, you agree to keep the Edge House and our students in prayer as well as offer financial support.

Your partnership supports deepening relationships over lunch or coffee, free bibles and Anglican rosaries, 1-2 annual service trips and pilgrimages, defraying of Pastor Alice's salary, and, of course, upkeep of the Edge House itself and its vibrant, welcoming atmosphere.

If you're interested in committing financially to the Edge House, please make your check out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "campus ministry" in the memo line (they do our books). If you're interested in donating something in-kind, check out our "wish list" on the website under the "How to Donate" tab.

## The Art Garage

The rooms in the Edge House are in a constant state of revision. Pastor Alice's office moved from the orange one off the living room, to the front sun room, to a closet in the hall (she's very happy with it, don't worry!). The dining room was once the TV room.

And now the garage is transforming into an art studio, gallery, and hang-out space!

Student Gavin spent several hours grinding the concrete floor to prep for epoxy paint. Several other students and the Monday Work Crew from Good Shepherd built a wall of second-hand doors which will be painted turquoise. Student Andrew is building shipping-pallet furniture.

We are also developing a cart (think bright hot-dog-cart in terms of style) for our semesterly on-campus espresso give-aways. We will have a gallery opening in the Fall-- watch for an invitation!