



Friday Bulletin

Good Shepherd E-News
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This Upcoming Sunday

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

28 August 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

OUTSIDE THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Musician: Marsha Reilly

Lector: Michael Wootton

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Tyrone Carr

Prayer Leader: Dana Carlson

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: David Burton

LESSONS for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17-Tract 1):

Old Testament – Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 (SAID)

New Testament – Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Volunteers Needed

Sunday August 28

To help us set up for the outdoor service. We are grateful for anyone who can arrive 15-30 minutes early to help:

- Set up chairs and books
- Set up speakers
- Set up Clavinova

Likewise, anyone who can stay late and help us take it all back inside is also deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your help!

Reflections . . .



First Day of Classes and What We Look Forward To

Gratitude: I am grateful for the folks who showed up on Monday to help me bless our neighbors on their first day of classes by being with them. Special thanks to David Burton for getting us

the donuts, to Eleanor for making the coffee, to Michael Luelloff for sharing his open tent to protect the donuts from any threat of rain, and to the Rev. David McCoy, Alex Buckley, and Malin Irwin for helping with set up, clean up, greeting passersby and sharing the morning with me.

Observations: This year we gave out over half the donuts and coffee in the first hour and had some nice conversations with students who are both new and returning. One student was happy to see we are a parish in the Episcopal Church, others did know what the Episcopal Church is. Several of the returning students stopped by to say hi because they are familiar with us through CrossRoads Café, the free masks, and Covid Memorial. They recognized us as welcoming and were eager to connect.

Overall, the amount of foot traffic is still less than it was say five or six years ago, but we noticed that less foot traffic meant we were able to connect with a

higher percentage of passersby, which was nice.

Reflection: Over the years, I have observed that many organizations show up on campus to pester the students as they walk around. These organizations are handing out information, usually in the form of fliers, sometimes with a piece of candy attached to it. I have also observed some organizations setting up elaborate displays that promote a political, social, or religious issue. I have also observed after a while many students appear fatigued of walking through all those advertisers when they are just trying to get to class or work. This has made me wonder about how we as a community recognize students. Do we understand these are human beings who have come to Ohio University and Athens to do the work of earning a degree, who have many needs? Or do we think of them as potential ways of making money or a work force for our benefit? Of course, I support student jobs, but I wonder if we forget the students are not here for us, they are here to learn, grow, and transform into who they are becoming. It's a remarkable journey that will be unique to each of them, and if we are fortunate, some of them may choose to include us as part of their journey.

For me, that is why we are outside on the sidewalk on the first day of class. We aren't trying to solicit anything. It's our way of introducing ourselves by showing we are here. We are part of the neighborhood. Because we are a church, and an Episcopal parish, we are different from those around us, but we are still showing we want to share their journey by meeting them where they are on the first day of school. For us, that is what good neighbors do.



Part of introducing ourselves to our neighbors was we put up the mirror sign with the question *What are you looking forward to this year?* After a few days there were many answers on the sign; some academic, some relational, some immature. For me, the answer is I look forward to being present to this year's unique configuration of students, professors, administrators, and staff. I can't know what the year will bring, but I do look forward to whatever comes our way, to being present to our neighbors that is uniquely Episcopalian. This is the mission Bishop Hobson gave this parish so many years ago. How wonderful it is that all these years later we are still a uniquely

Episcopal presence to OU and we can look forward to another year with our neighbors.

I am looking forward to sharing it with all of you.

Many Blessings,

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Outdoor Service & Blessing New Landscaping) (Also following the service invitation to restart choir meeting.)

Sunday, September 4, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 4, 3:00 p.m. - - Funeral service for Virginia (Jody) Smith

Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. - - Outdoor Service with special remembrance for 9/11

Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

CrossRoads Café is open 9:30-11:00 weekdays & Sundays after church.

Coffee Hour Schedule

August 28 David Burton

Events Looking Forward

Oct. 7-10 (Friday – Monday) College Student Retreat in the Hocking Hills

Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)

Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm

Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm

Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am

Notes & Announcements



An invitation to help restart our choir program

Following the outdoor service on Sunday, Aug. 28, bring your snack and chair to the area under the trees near the Covid memorial to help me brainstorm ways to restart our choir program. Anyone – whether or not you have previously been part of the choir - is welcome to participate. We might even sing a bit.

We also are hoping to restart the Choral Scholar program. To that end I am in the process of contacting the OU voice faculty.

So please put your creative hats on and join the discussion.

In case of inclement weather we will move inside to the nave.

So, as we read in the first verse of Psalm 96:

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Marsha Reilly
Music Director

**Outdoor Service & Blessing
New Landscaping Sunday,
August 28 10:30 a.m.**



Please join us as we celebrate the start of OU's new school year and the completion of the new landscaping by having our worship service outside on the front porch. This service will include Holy Communion and a special blessing for the new landscaping that makes the church's front yard safer for volunteers to mow and has a positive impact on our environmental footprint with less grass to mow. Now it's time to celebrate all the work volunteers have contributed and generous donations with a blessing as part

of our worship service.

Looking for Ushers

We are looking for volunteers willing to serve as ushers.

- Arrive early for services to greet people, especially visitors.
- Assist with passing of the collection plate at the offering.
- Bring up elements for Holy Eucharist.
- Remain after the service to dispose of unused and returned bulletins and assist the Treasurer with counting offering.

Never ushered before? No problem. It's not hard and we can give you some training. If you are interested in serving, please let Mother Deborah know revedebwoolsey@gmail.com .

Mother Deborah Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings.

Look for Mother Deborah at CrossRoads Café which will be open on the front porch for the fall.

Mother Deborah is also available by appointment, phone call, and text messages.



CrossRoads Café Hours
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Weekdays



Stop by and enjoy a cup. Remember, we are proud to partner with Deeper Roots Coffee who roasts coffee beans they purchase directly from farmers. Purchasing a cup of coffee from CrossRoads Café helps not only our local economy, it helps support coffee farmers and their communities. Which is why purchasing coffee from CrossRoads Café makes a difference. Who know making a difference could taste and feel so good?

Part Time Position Available: Digital Worship Assistant

We are looking for someone who can help us record portions of the church service and upload them to church YouTube channel and help us improve our on-line content. The position pays \$10,000 a year, requires some experience, and we will purchase equipment needed. If you know of someone who might be interested and qualified, please share the job description with them.

[Follow this link to the full job description.](#) (Printable pdf file.)

The Good Shepherd Thrift Shop Needs Household Goods (& coats later)



With the student move-in time upon us, the Thrift Shop could use household items. Dishes, glasses, flatware, cooking utensils, pots and pans, linens, towels, small appliances, etc..

Right now we have an overabundance of clothing. We will need coats and cold weather items when the weather gets cold so we can do the coat give-away

again. So save up your donations of these things till then.

Please place your donations in the Church School room. They will be sorted, priced, and shelved from there.

Thanks,

Lois Wagner

The Prayer Shawl group is expanding its products from knitted or crochet items. Check out these below. They are easy and fun. September meetings are Wednesdays the 14th and 28th, 9:30 a.m., at Julie Nehls'. (Lois Wagner)





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Preventive Health Screening

Life Line Screening will be at Richland United Methodist Church in Athens on Thursday, September 22, 2022, offering area residents safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered not normally part of a routine checkup. These 5 screenings are offered for only \$149, take 60-90 minutes to complete and do not require you to disrobe. To learn more and to schedule your appointment call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979 or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://llsa.social/HS>.

Diocese of Southern Ohio 80th General Convention

Saturday, November 19. Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom. For more see the [DSO E-Connections newsletter](#). Keep up with the latest [Convention information HERE](#).

[Follow this link](#) if you want **HELP WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF** directly vis the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

[Follow this link](#) to support Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine via ERD.

Alternatively if you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war **anywhere** in the world please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Mother Deborah spotted this delicate little mushroom appearing out amongst the landscaping rocks.



Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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