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**Good Shepherd E-News**

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**The Episcopal Church of the  
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio**

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## This Upcoming Sunday

### THE HOLY NAME

**Holy Eucharist B**

1 January 2023, 10:30 a.m.

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**Service:** Holy Eucharist II-B

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Dana Carlson

**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte:** Lynn  
Graham

**Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:**  
David Burton

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham

**Cantor:** Benjamin South

**Coffee Hour Host:** Dana Carlson

### LESSONS for Holy Name

Old Testament – Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8 (Said)

New Testament – Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel – Luke 2: 15-21



<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

## – The Art of Making Room – Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas

Whenever I move into a new house or apartment, one of the first things I do is think about where I will put the Christmas tree. I grew up in a home that did Christmas well. Not just with presents and food between December 25 through January 6, but all year long. The decorations and gifts were symbolic of the ways my family manifested the Incarnation in the life of our family. Christmas had an important place in my family every day of the year.

When I taught Godly Play, we used to say Christmas was such a big Celebration you couldn't keep it all in one day, it had to be spread out over twelve days. This might make us ask the question: How do we celebrate something like Christmas after we've opened the presents, eaten all the rich, delicious, nostalgic food? Do we just take down all the decorations and call it over?

Sometimes I wonder if we confuse *celebration* with *consuming*. There is more to celebrating than eating and giving and receiving presents. To celebrate Christmas, we also need to Make Room. For example: when it is time to put up a Christmas tree, many people Make Room in their house by selecting where the tree will be put up. Perhaps they need to move some furniture to Make Room for the tree. That slight disruption is necessary, so the Christmas tree won't get in the way of household life and still be visible and accessible for everyone.

There is more to the line in Luke's Gospel that the reason Mary made Jesus' first bed in a manger because "there was no room in the inn" than an overcrowded city. Throughout Jesus' life and ministry there is mention of rejection in one form or another. From King Herod to Jesus' hometown attempting to throw him off a cliff, to the crowds who dispersed when his teachings sounded "too hard", to his death on a cross, it seemed there were plenty of people and institutions that did not want to or knew how to Make Room for Jesus.

Those who did Make Room for Jesus had a different way of perceiving the world. People like Mary Magdalene and Jesus' other disciples let go of trying to fit into certain social expectations and followed Jesus instead. They were the first to learn to see resurrection life where others saw only endings. And they are the people who started what we call The Church today.

The Church gives us modern followers of Jesus twelve days to reflect on how we Make Room for Christ in our lives. My family taught me what it looks like

to Make Room. Every time a new sibling came into the family, or a new pet, when my siblings or I got married, or when I was ordained, we all had to step back and make room for those changes. We also learned to Make Room for loses and the sadness and changes they brought with them. Making Room sometimes meant traditions had to be altered or accepting we will forever miss my great grandmother's baked beans or my grandmother's snickerdoodles. Or learning to change relationships like when my brother got divorced. All the discomfort or sadness or joy these changes caused are all part of what it looks like to love God and each other, which is what Making Room for the Incarnation is about: loving God and each other. Like the disruptions needed to put up a Christmas tree, these disruptions were essential for relationships. Whenever we Make Room for each other, we are Making Room for Christ.

The Incarnation is God disrupting our lives as we know them, and we can be pretty closed minded about disruptions. We need the full celebration of Christmas to remember and to learn Christ coming is the Holy Disruption we need to help us recognize there is more to life than what we make, there is God among us.

Let's not be in a hurry to end the celebration of Christmas. Instead, let's take this time to celebrate God becoming Flesh and Dwelling with Us by practicing Making Room. What was it like when someone Made Room for you? What is one thing you can do to Make Room for Christ right now?

Merry Christmas,

*Mother Deborah*

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## Coming up on the Calendar

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**Sunday, January 1, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, January 1, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, January 9, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)**

**Sunday, January 15, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

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## Events Looking Forward

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Information pending

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## Schedules

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### Coffee Hour Schedule

Jan. 1     Danna Carlson  
Jan. 8     David Burton  
Jan. 15    Anne Walker  
Jan. 22    Alex Buckley  
Jan. 29    Lynn Graham

**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**  
(to be determined)

[To Altar Flowers Procedure](#)

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## Notes & Announcements

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### Music This Sunday

This Sunday we are starting the New Year off with special music  
- a duet by our tenor choral scholar and a friend of his.

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**The Church Administrative Office will be closed  
on Monday, January 2.**

## Looking Ahead to New Year's Day

January 1 falls on a Sunday next year, which means we have the opportunity to observe a celebration in the church called Holy Name Day. This feast day is held eight days after Christmas Day to honor Luke 2:21 *After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

Please join us in person or online to celebrate this special day in the church and to remember the significance of his name.

**Sunday, January 1, 2023 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

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**Trinity, Capitol Square launches fundraiser for families made homeless on Christmas Day  
Bishop Smith pledges matching funds  
December 30, 2022**

Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square has launched a fundraising campaign to support more than a hundred families, former residents of the Latitude Five25 apartments in East Columbus, who were forced to evacuate their homes on Christmas Day without their belongings when pipes throughout the building burst.

Bishop Wayne Smith has pledged \$5,000 in matching funds from the diocese to kickstart the campaign, and Trinity has pledged \$2,500 from a designated outreach fund.

Donate now to support Trinity's ministry with [Latitude Five25 families](#) and your gift will be be doubled by matching funds contributed by Bishop Smith and Trinity, Capitol Square.

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**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas message:**

**"Love came down at Christmas. Love always, because love is the way."**

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**Repeats & More**

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**CrossRoads Café is closed** until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to [chogs@chogs.org](mailto:chogs@chogs.org) or [revedebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revedebwoolsey@gmail.com).

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at [michael.luelloff@hotmail.com](mailto:michael.luelloff@hotmail.com) if you want to purchase a bag.


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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. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.



Michael was inspired by Mother Deborah's Christmas Day sermon and made wood-cut this for her on the 5th day of Christmas.



The "Sharing Cabinet" is especially appreciated during the holidays when so many things are closed. The sheets of paper hanging by the sign are places of food and shelter in Athens. 



## Contacts & Information

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

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