



# Friday Bulletin

**Good Shepherd E-News**

**11 November 2022**

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

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## This Upcoming Sunday

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**6 November 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

**Order of Worship (Bulletin)**

**Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Musician:** Marsha Reilly

**Lector:** Jack Flemming

**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte:** Lynn  
Graham

**Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:**  
Gregory Proctor

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham

**Coffee Hour Host:** Lois Wagner

**LESSONS** for Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28, Track 2):

Old Testament – Malachi 4: 1-2a

Psalm 98 (SUNG)

New Testament – 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel – Luke 21: 5-19

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

### **Apples, Water, Pledges: A Reflection on Systems of Honor, Trust, and God**

**Apples** : Somewhere in Wisconsin (I am sure there are places like this in Ohio too), on the side of Hwy 22, five miles north of a little town called Wild Rose, you will find a bright red apple cart. This cart only appears for about forty-five days a year, after the apples have been harvested. A variety of apples from Patrick Holland's small orchard sit, neatly bagged, waiting to be enjoyed. But Patrick himself is nowhere to be found. Just his apples, and a small metal box where a person can leave \$4 or whatever they can pay for a bag of apples. This apple farmer operates on the Honor System, and he trusts people will pay. Some days the cash box might be short, but the next day the same cash box is over. Patrick says he trusts his customers because someone has to; and that trust is the most important part of the transactions. Writing about why she purchases apples from this cart on the side of the road, Ruth Ann Leard says, "When we believe in trust, honesty, love, and kindness – God's attributes – we share part of Him (God). (See *A Cart Full of Trust*, page 6 October/November issue of Our Wisconsin Magazine – Vol. 10 No. 6)

**Water** : Ages ago, before I was ordained, I heard an analogy that best explained pledging or giving to the church. Once there was an old-fashioned hand pump in the middle of the woods. The pump was the only place to get water and travelers and hikers appreciated the good, cold, clear water it produced. On the pump was a sign and a bucket that said the only way the pump worked is if after a person enjoyed some refreshing water, they had to fill the bucket with water and pour it into part of the pump. This was the only way the next person could get water. If someone failed to prime the pump, then the pump would not work. This, the storyteller said, is how giving to the church works. Our financial donations and pledges are the equivalent of priming the pump, ensuring the church continues for the next generations.

**Pledging** : These two examples of giving money out of trust speak to me about the practice of pledging to a church. Too often we mistake pledging or giving money to a church as a form of consumerism, like buying a ticket to an event or membership to a club. But the church is not a form of entertainment nor is it a club only the elite belong to. The church is the Body of Christ in this place, and money is used to help continue our unique presence and to our community.

That makes giving to the church a lot like paying it forward. Another word to use for the pay it forward model is trust. When we pledge it is an expression

of trust that the church will be in this place for years to come. Pledging is not about what we like or dislike about a church, it is committing to participate in something older than we are so that it will exist long after we are gone. We prime the pump so that others can continue to share part of God with our community.

A letter recently went out from the Senior Warden inviting us to pledge, to give, because she trusts we will continue to support the church and share a part of God through our spirit of generosity. However you can afford to give, please know the money you give both helps keep the lights on (in more ways than one!), and is the trust that helps prime the pump to keep the church present to our neighbors for generations to come. We hope to collect pledge commitments by the end of November.

Thank you for sharing a part of God through trust, kindness, love, honesty, and generosity. You are a blessing to the church, the community, to me, and to God.

“Do not neglect to do good and share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”  
Hebrews 13:15,16

Many Blessings,

*Mother Deborah*

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## Coming up on the Calendar

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**Sunday, November 13, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, November 13, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting**

**Saturday, November 19, 1:00 p.m. - - Jan Gault Memorial Service**

**Sunday, November 20, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, November 20, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)**

**Thursday, November 24 10:30 a.m. - - Thanksgiving Day service**

**Thursday, November 24 1:30 p.m. - - Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners**

Sunday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

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## Events Looking Forward

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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

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## Schedules

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### Coffee Hour Schedule

November 13 -- Lois Wagner

November 20 -- Dana Carlson

November 27 -- David Burton

### Open Dates for Altar Flowers

[To Altar Flowers Procedure](#)

December 4, 11, 18

**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.

## Notes & Announcements

### Thanksgiving Day at Church of the Good Shepherd

*Thou that has given so much to me,  
Give one thing more – a grateful heart;  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
As if they blessings had spare days,  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be  
Thy praise.*

*George Herbert*

Please join us in expressing gratitude to God for our blessings on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022. We have a full day of events; you are welcome to attend one or both.

#### **Worship Service 10:30 am**

*Please join us for a lovely, quiet service of gratitude. Includes Holy Eucharist.*

#### **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner 1:30 pm**

*In gratitude for this parish, Mother Deborah and Michael invite anyone who does not have family or friends coming for dinner or are not visiting family or friends this year to join them for a Thanksgiving celebration meal. They will provide the turkey and drinks. They ask anyone coming to please bring a side or desert to share.*

Those who plan to attend the dinner, please email either Mother Deborah [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com) or Michael [michael.luelloff@hotmail.com](mailto:michael.luelloff@hotmail.com) with your names and what dish you are bringing. Or you can sign up in person by writing your name and what you are bringing on the signup sheets at church.



## Janice Ann Gault

Jan's memorial service will be in the church,  
Saturday, November 19 at 1:00pm.

For those wishing to send a note or card to Jan Gault's family expressing your sympathy, Jan's family asks they all be sent to her home address:  
6292 US Route 50  
Albany, OH 45710

For more information see [Jan Gault's obituary](#).

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## Pastoral Announcement about Julie Nehls

Long-time parishioner Julie Nehls is at the Laurels here in Athens and is eager to receive visitors, phone calls, notes, cards, flowers, and all manner of well wishes. She is in Room 104. The phone number you can reach her at is: 740-592-3088.

Address:

Julie Nehls  
The Laurels – Room 104  
10 Columbus Circle  
Athens, OH 45701

In person visitors are asked by the Laurels to wear a face mask and sign in at the table in the lobby.

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# Calling any and all singers !!!!!

Extra singers are needed for December services - especially Dec. 19 and Christmas



Eve (service at 7:00) Rehearsals are Sunday morning at 9:15. There will be an extra rehearsal between Dec. 19 and Dec. 24.

Contact Marsha Reilly at [mareilly1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mareilly1@columbus.rr.com) or [mareilly57@gmail.com](mailto:mareilly57@gmail.com) or 740-818-6475.

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**As promised here are the names of the Choral Scholars (L-R).**

Kearsten Miller, alto,  
Benjamin South, tenor  
Douglass Grimm, bass,  
Sydney Windham, soprano.

## **Advent Lessons and Carols Returns**

After a long pandemic-caused hiatus, our service of Advent lessons and carols returns. We will celebrate a modified form of the liturgy as part of the Liturgy of the Word, and Eucharist on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10:30

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## **Stewardship Pledge Season**

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

What is a pledge? A pledge is a promise. A stewardship pledge is a promise we make to the ongoing spiritual life of Good Shepherd. We promise to make a financial donation in order that the church may continue to exist in our lives and in our community as the place we find spiritual fulfillment, fellowship, guidance, and ministry.

I pledge each year to Good Shepherd because I am connected to the place, the people, and the liturgy. My pledge matters to the church, it matters to me, and I hope that your pledge matters to you.

Parishioners and friends have generously contributed financially to special infrastructure projects such as the organ refurbishment/rebuilding and the kitchen renovation. Yet it is through our pledge donations that we pay our daily bills, afford four staff members, and keep the doors open and welcoming to all.

We should be so proud of the work we do, given our limited resources. Our parish is never short of creativity, energy, love, compassion, and curiosity. Let us continue to be there for one another, for our beloved Church of the Good Shepherd, and for God as faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

Please join me and my family in making a pledge of financial support in this coming new year. You can download a pledge card pdf using this link; <https://www.chogs.org/chogarchives/PledgeCard2023.pdf> and mail it back to Parish Administrator, Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio 45701. You are also encouraged to bring it in person to a Sunday service or drop off in the church office during the week. We hope to have all pledges turned in by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Alex Buckley, Senior Warden

Editor's Note: Many of you have, or will, also receive information by mail.

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## Nominating Committee at Work

Every fall, the members leaving Vestry work with the Rector and Senior Warden to prayerfully invite members to serve the parish by serving on Vestry, Representing the parish at Diocesan Convention (as delegates or as alternates), and if their term is up, Wardens or Treasurer.

If you are interested in or want to learn more about these opportunities to serve the parish, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah, Anne Braxton, Doug Dygas, Sharon Huges, and Alex Buckley.

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## Giving Peace of Mind

As a priest, I have been invited into many people's final days and spent quite a bit of time with families and friends after a loved one has died helping them discern how to grieve and plan their loved one's funeral service.

Many times, family and friends tell me they don't know how to plan a funeral, and they don't know what Bible readings or music their loved one would want. Their feelings of inadequacy add a burden to their grief.

One of the things **YOU** can do to help your loved ones with what will be a time of grief for them is to give them the information they will need to grieve and give you the kind of funeral service you want. When I talk with family members who are sitting with a loved one who is dying, if I can tell them their loved one has already planned their funeral service, and I know what they wanted, the family feels instant relief and it gives them peace. It also helps build trust between me as your priest and family members that may not be as engaged in the church.

As we draw near to a season that focuses on family, please consider giving your family the gift of peace of mind by planning your funeral. You can do this with a local funeral home, you can do this with me, or through the church office. You can request forms from the church office. All you have to do is fill them out and return them; we will keep them on file. It is easy, and like all expressions of generosity, it might give you the same peace of mind too.

Many Blessings,

## Diocesan Convention Saturday Nov. 19

This year's Diocesan Convention will be hybrid, both in person in Cincinnati and online. Please pray for our delegates and alternates and clergy who will be attending: Mother Deborah, Dana Carlson, Jack Flemming, Allyn Reilly, and Anne Walker (alternate for Alex Buckley). And please pray for all the people in the Diocese working to put the convention together and who will be running convention. This is part of how the work of the whole Church is done, and whether or not you participate, you are still represented and are part of this work.

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From the Bishop Nominating  
Committee:

## Focus Groups Begin

For more information follow this Link: [Register to attend in-person and online focus groups.](#)

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For Bishop Transition News and Updates

-- [Follow this link](#) --

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## 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](#).

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**The Newly Refurnished Organ Celebration**



Below are some photos that attendees have sent in.



# 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 at [carlsondana@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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