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**Good Shepherd E-News**

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## This Upcoming Sunday

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023, 10:30 a.m.

#### Order of Worship (Bulletin)

**Service:** Holy Eucharist B

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Jack Flemming

**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte:** David  
Burton

**Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:**  
Allyn Reilly

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham

**Coffee Hour Host:** Dana Carlson

**Cantor and Soloist:** Tyler Thress

## LESSONS for Sixth Sunday of Easter

New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 17: 22-31

Psalm – 66: 7-18 (Sung)

Epistle – I Peter 3: 13-22

Gospel – John 14: 15-21



<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

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## Reflection

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### How Are We To Be Together When One of Us is Leaving?

The experience of seminary is a little different from other forms of higher education. In the seminary I attended, Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, we didn't only receive an education. We experienced an intentional Benedictine style community. This means we did pretty much everything together: we ate two meals a day together (mandatory), we attended chapel services twice daily (mandatory), we attended our classes together, we did work crew/labor that helped keep the campus clean and safe together. And we played/rested together. It was an intense experience that helped us form some deep friendships.

Every spring, the graduating class would start getting ready to leave seminary and go to whatever parish in whatever diocese they were going to serve. It was a bittersweet time where I was happy for my friends who were going on to the next phase of their ordination processes and their lives as priests. But I was also sad because I knew I was going to miss them. Every time I saw them, I didn't feel good, I felt the sadness that came with knowing they were leaving. I felt so sad, my Junior Year (first year in seminary) I was tempted to ignore my friends who were graduating. My rational was I was preparing myself for the loneliness I was going to be feeling as soon as they moved away.

Then I realized, or perhaps the Holy Spirit presented me with, a difficult truth that perhaps all I really wanted to do was make my friends hurt like I was hurting. That, I realized, was not Christlike nor kind. Instead of ignoring them, I made an intentional effort to enjoy every moment I had left with my friends. This change of attitude turned out to be good for me and my friends, many of whom I am still in contact with today.

Since I announced my leaving Church of the Good Shepherd to go to another parish, we are all given the opportunity to discern how we are going to spend the time we have left together. It's okay to feel sad, but the sadness doesn't indicate anything bad. It is just a sign of love. It is also okay to enjoy our last four Sundays together and other events like helping with making steppingstones for the Covid Memorial after service on Sunday. I am looking forward to enjoying our time together.

Many Blessings,

*Mother Deborah*

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## Coming up on the Calendar

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Sunday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Group (Nehls)

Wednesday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. - - Julie Nehl's Service

Sunday, May 28, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

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## Looking Ahead

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Wednesday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. - - Julie Nehl's Service

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## Schedules

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### Coffee Hour Schedule

May 14 Dana Carlson

May 21 Alex Buckley

May 28 Anne Walker

### Open Dates for Altar Flowers

in June: 4th, 18th, 25th

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)

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## Notes & Announcements

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### Congratulations OU Graduates!

We want to join with the rest of Ohio University in celebrating graduates this weekend. We wish you Godspeed as you transition into the next phase of your education or careers.

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## Passing of Tom Walker

As noted last week we join with Anne Walker and her family as they grieve the loss of her husband Tom, a great friend of ours. Tom died on the morning of May 2. Our sympathies and prayers are with his family and many friends here in Athens. You can now view his obituary [HERE](#).

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### Making Beautiful Art Together Sunday May 14

You are invited to help make new steppingstones for the Covid Memorial on Sunday, May 14 after church. We will be repurposing the pieces of broken glass by putting them on cement steppingstones. After the cement dries, the steppingstones will be placed beneath the archways.

Throughout the last few years, the memorial has changed as we journeyed through the pandemic together. It has been a little bit of beauty and has offered comfort for many people in our community and we want to adapt it one final time for the people in our community who value it.

Please join one last time in making beautiful art together.

**\*\* The glass is sharp, please wear gardening gloves or equivalent when handling the glass.**



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### NAMI Memorial Day on the Ridges 1:00 p.m., May 29

Mother Deborah will be giving the prayer at NAMI's Memorial Day service. This is a lovely service that remembers the names of people who have been forgotten by the institution that cared for them. Like all good observances of Memorial Day, it also inspires us to care for each other.

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**CrossRoads Café Has New Manager  
with New Responsibilities**



We are excited to announce we have hired Malin Irwin as the new manager of CrossRoads Café. After several months observing the steady flow of people coming into the church throughout the day to visit the church Thrift Shop, Mother Deborah, Lois, both wardens, and the Vestry agreed to give the manager of CrossRoads Café the added responsibility of overseeing day to day operations of the thrift shop. Of course the manager will receive additional pay to reflect the additional

responsibilities.

Malin will be starting in May, and after she receives training on the coffee shop equipment CrossRoads Café will be reopening.

We are excited to be bringing CrossRoads Café back and to be adding to it.

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## Repeats & More

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If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by environmental 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.



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On the pathway from our house to the main buildings of the Glenwood Community campus is the occasional bench. This spot is a swing framed by a large Wisteria (I think) vine which is starting to bloom and after the leaves come out will provide a nice, shaded, contemplative spot this summer. (Ted Foster)





The rhododendrons at the church are also starting to bloom. Mother Deborah took these photos Thursday morning, note the little green/yellow critter and the ant.







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## Contacts & Information

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### 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

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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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