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Good Shepherd E-News (10 August 2017)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

This Sunday: 13 August 2017



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 16, 12:00 noon

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

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, August 22, Lois Wagner

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 noon

OU Classes resume - Monday, August 28

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 30, 12:00 noon

Welcome Back Picnic - Sunday, Sept. 3, following 10:30 a.m. service

Gifford Doxsee memorial service - Saturday, Sept. 9, 2:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, September 12, Zelma Coleman

Tremendous Thanks

To the Rev. David McCoy and the Rev. Katharin Foster for supplying for me while I was on vacation. Your generosity made it possible for me to spend time with extended family and to relax in one of my favorite places on earth. Thank you! - Mother Deborah

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sharon Huge and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers: Jan Gault

Coffee Hour: Phyllis and Richard Dean

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Joanne Larson

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Gregory Proctor
Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham
Ushers: Norm Fox and Julie Nehls
First Cross: Peter Buckley
Gospel Book: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for Pentecost 10 - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (said), Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

In our world,

we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who

are suffering from war, especially all refugees. We pray for Donald, our President, and John, our Governor, the Supreme Court, and the members of the Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Margaret's, Trotwood; St. Mark's, Riverside; and St. Paul's, Oakwood.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, the Rev. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community.

We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for the ushers.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Isaiah, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, Mark, and Sister Elsie, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthday: Brian Coleman (8/15), Patrick Palmer (8/16), Hailey Luelloff (8/18)

Thanksgiving for the upcoming marriage of Ilona Carlson and Taylor Bond.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Howard and Josephine Gault by Jan Gault.

* Full names for this section are not published online but are in the Sunday bulletin and will be read at the 10:30 service.

If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at 740-593-5098 or grahammowery@aol.com.

Gospel

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 14:22-33



Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is

I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Service for Celebration of Life for **Gifford Doxsee**

We are pleased to announce Gifford Doxsee's service will be Saturday, September 9, at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. A reception in Nehls Hall hosted by the Marthas will follow.

Exodus Convocation - Toward the Promised Land

Saturday, September 16, 2017
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center

Planning to attend? **

To eliminate an early-morning drive before the convocation, the Diocese is offering free accommodations for the night of Friday, September 15, at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Jeffersonville, OH. To make a reservation, participants must call the hotel directly at (740) 948-2104 and refer to Diocese of Southern Ohio and use the check-in date of 9/15/2017 as the reference code.

** For more information see the re-printed article toward the end of this newsletter.

Campus Ministry Grant Distribution

As Convener of the Campus Ministry Collaborative, Mother Deborah convened the members of the Campus Ministry Collaborative on July 18 in order to discuss the campus ministry grant applications and decide the amounts that will be disseminated to the individual campus ministries in the diocese who submitted grant requests for campus ministry. The funds for this grant comes from a line item in the Diocesan Budget.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has submitted requests for campus ministry grants many times in the past. Most recently, the campus ministry grant money has been designated to support Mother Deborah's salary. In order to receive campus grant money, parishes must participate in the Campus Ministry Collaborative. Since her arrival at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mother Deborah has been the person who has participated in the Collaborative, which requires attending

gatherings with other clergy and lay people doing campus ministry in other parts of the diocese and participating in the campus ministry grant process. She has written the grant requests for the last three years.

The grants are issued at the start of the academic year, and parishes/ministries apply them to their 2018 budgets.

This year the Church of the Good Shepherd received \$10,000 from the Campus Ministry Grant.

If you have any questions about the campus ministry grant, please contact Mother Deborah. revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

What Did You Do On Your Summer Vacation?

Growing up, I was never fortunate enough to have a teacher assign an essay about summer vacation on my first days of school, which I believe is too bad because the question of how a person chose to spend summer break can be an opportunity for reflection. Instead of being a recitation of the activities a person did, or a chance to brag about the exotic or exciting locales visited, the question of summer vacation can reflect back to us much about our lives, choices, relationships, struggles, and even our faith. A wise friend of mine reminds me that time for recreation can be more than distraction: it can be time for re-creation, to devote time to life-giving activities that help renew us.

Listening to my friend's reminder inspires me to reflect on my summer vacation, and share with you a few of the insights what I did on my summer vacation gave to me.

Baptism: I am guilty of taking mine for granted. The first few days of vacation were not restful for me: they were full of the work that any and all baptisms require. While I am blessed to have many baptisms under my belt, this one was exceptional, and not just because I baptized my niece in the same parish where my siblings and I were all baptized. My niece is eight years old, and because her mother (my brother's ex-wife) does not believe in infant baptism, my niece was not baptized as a baby. Instead, we have all been waiting for my niece to decide for herself that she wanted to be baptized, as she started to do this past fall. Because my niece is being raised in two very different churches, she had a lot of options when it came to how she wanted to be baptized, and I was honored when she called me up and asked if I would do it. I had to explain what baptism looks like in the Episcopal Church, and to explain that because I am an Episcopal priest, I certainly could and joyfully would baptize her, but I had to adhere to the Book of Common Prayer. After I told her what that meant, she was okay with it. However, my niece and I spent a lot of time with her mother and her mother's family looking for ways to include their traditions in the day, so that everyone would feel welcome and accepted.

All the labor produced good fruit: it was a beautiful day. My niece was genuinely

very excited to be baptized, so much so that she told me she had a hard time sleeping the night before. It was worse than Christmas! She picked out special outfits for her and her parents to wear. She wanted to impress upon her family how important and special the day was to her. As the water ran down her joyful, smiling face, I couldn't help but be full of joy myself. So was everyone in the church that day. That same look radiated on her face when she proudly held out her hands to receive Holy Communion. After the service I asked her how she felt. She gave me a sideways hug and said softly, "I feel so very good!"

My niece showed me that too often I take my faith for granted, not just because I didn't have to be asked to be baptized, as my family did it for me when I was three months old, but because I have never thanked my family or told them how much I appreciate that they wanted to make sure I was part of the joyful Body of Christ. I also realized I am too often guilty of repressing my joy when I fear it will offend or upset someone else, or of seeing my faith as only disciplines to be loyal to instead of something to be part of. Her delight reminds me to delight more in my faith, life of faith, and relationship with God.

Mostly, my niece showed me the importance and value of being part of the Body of Christ. It isn't just what she believes; it is being part of something larger than herself she feels called to belong to. That is an important part of our faith, being part of a larger whole.

This summer has been a busy one at Church of the Good Shepherd, even though many of us have been coming and going on vacations and trips. We've been invited to join the Diocese in a pilot project that is hoped to empower our ministry and the ministry of other parishes by providing a way to try and meet people where they are. We've accepted invitation to form a friendship with a lively Episcopal parish in Mérida, Mexico. I see both of these endeavors as ways to continue to live into the Church of the Good Shepherd's impressive history and tradition of ministering to the OU campus and being part of meaningful international relationships with fellow Anglicans/Episcopalians in other countries. This summer we have also said goodbye to parishioners who have moved on to new work in a new place and to new life on the other side of death. All of these and the other events of this summer are part of our life together as the Body of Christ. I believe they all make up part of that glorious whole that is God's love here on earth.

In these last days of summer break, as we begin to prepare for the students to return to Athens and the academic year to begin once again, I hope you can find a few moments to reflect on what you did and, more important, where you saw God's love during your summer break.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Fall 2017 Parish Directory

We are in the process of updating the parish directory. For the next few Sundays

pages from the most recent edition will be spread out on a table at coffee hour for review. Please check your information. A good many of us are due for new photographs because of family additions and personal age. Ted Foster will be available for taking photographs or if you have digital copies you can send them to Ted. (fosterth@ohio.edu).

Jack Flemming (noblegasjf@yahoo.com) has contacted reachable parish alumni and friends listed in the current edition, but if you have not heard from Jack and wish to be included in the "Friends" section please contact Jack or Ted. If you wish, you can send a photo as well.

Entries include your name, and that of family members as appropriate, with mailing address. Phone and email addresses are optional. The Parish Directory is not published on-line but is made available to parishioners and friends.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On August 9, Group II fed 48 people 63 servings.

The menu was tuna salad sandwiches and cheese-egg sandwiches along with salad, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages.

The volunteers were Zelma Coleman, Anne Walker, Betty Hollow, Helen Chila, Hailey Luelloff, Immanuel Coleman, and Harold Smith.

Please remember the hungry in our community in your prayers. To become involved in one or more of the four lunch teams, please speak to Phyllis Dean, Zelma Coleman, Joanne Larson, or David Burton.

Repeated Material Below

Friendship- building trip to Mérida, Mexico

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico, has invited a group from Good Shepherd to visit them January 10-15. With



Vestry approval to move forward, we're looking for a diverse group of no more than 10 who would be interested in participating in this

encuentro (meeting) with fellow Episcopalians in Mérida who yearn for a relationship with like-minded Christians. This is a trip during which we have been invited to stay with families from St Luke's, to deepen our bonds of friendship, and to share in their remarkable journey in establishing a permanent Episcopal church in Mérida. We'll not build houses or churches but rather friendships.

The cost would be only airfare to Mérida and perhaps some extra spending money. We would like to have an idea of participants by August 31. If you are interested, talk either with David Burton or Mother Deborah. See pictures of St. Luke's new building (they moved on Pentecost, and there are pictures of Carolyn King with Fr. José and another of Carolyn and Crystal) on their Facebook page: St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Mérida. Make sure to "Like" it.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:



The number of teams available to host coffee hour is dwindling, and we are in need of new volunteers. Hosting coffee hour requires the team to set up for coffee hour, serve refreshments, and clean up. There is a guide sheet in the kitchen for set up and clean up. Refreshments may be store bought or homemade. Fruit, cheese, and crackers are also enjoyed by those being served. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Lois Wagner, Parish Life Committee, loiswgn@gmail.com.

Join Us In Reading The Book Of Exodus Together

**to be a stranger in a strange land?
What does it mean: to leave behind all the things we thought we knew?
to see our communities change?**



Together, as a diocese, we will have several opportunities to ponder the questions raised in the Book of Exodus and how they apply to us, here and now.

From August 27, 2017, until April 7, 2018, we are invited to come together to read the Book of Exodus. Follow this link to more information: <http://diosohio.org/exodus/>

One part of this program is a series of Adult Forums.

We are in the process of creating five video classes for adult forums. The first class is up and ready to use. You can see it by going to <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>. There you will also see working titles for the other four classes in the series. We suggest that you wait until after August 27th to begin using these classes.

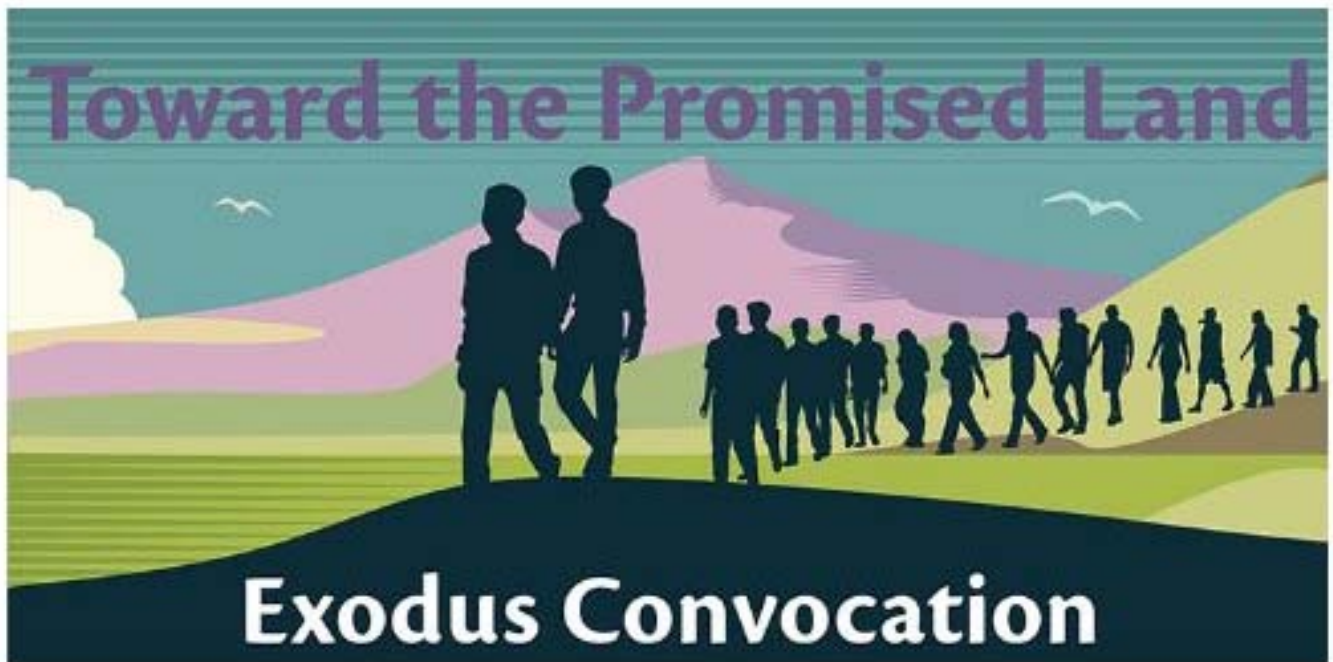
The forum format for which these videos are designed is simple: watch the fifteen-minute video, then spend thirty to forty minutes talking about the three discussion questions. All that's needed to lead a forum like this is a computer, projector (unless your group is small enough to gather around the computer screen), and someone to hit play.

The videos are streamable through Youtube and are also downloadable. Links to

both streaming video and download are available at <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>.

Visit adsobigread.org to explore resources we have available for individuals, for meetings, for adult forums, and for diocesan-wide events. And please don't hesitate to offer suggestions and helpful critiques by emailing me or using the forms available on the site. For questions or comments please contact the Rev. Karl Stevens, kpbstevens@gmail.com.

Registration now open for Exodus Convocation



**Toward the Promised Land
Saturday, September 16, 2017
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center**

Join us for a unique day of dreaming and discernment. Help to shape the direction of the diocese as we learn to leave behind what holds us back and move out into our neighborhoods.

If you are passionate about making our church/the Gospel relevant to our neighborhoods and the world today, this is the day for you! Come together for a day of deep discussion and practical learning about identifying our "Egypt" and how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us out of our buildings and into connection with the people around us.

Several workshops will be offered by people who have already done it-gone into their neighborhoods and listened and engaged with both

institutions and individuals. Talk with and learn from those who are already embracing connection with old people, young people, homeless people, people of different faiths and cultures. They will share wisdom and resources that will inspire and redefine our own ministries.

There is no cost to attend the Exodus Convocation, but registration is required by Sept. 1. <http://diosohio.org/convocation/>

Altar Flowers -- how to order



I have placed a calendar on the church bulletin board in the stairway across from Hobson Lounge. There is a pen on a string that you can use to add your name to an open Sunday of your choosing. I need at least one week in advance to get the flowers ordered and to make sure the wording of your dedication is as you choose.

The procedure:

- 1) Write your name on the calendar;
- 2) Email me (huge@ohio.edu) or phone me (740-592-5178) to give me your dedication.
- 3) I will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is \$60 for the arrangement; \$10 delivery fee; \$4.90 tax. Total: \$74.90.
- 4) I will relay your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

Thank you for your generous donations to keep our altar flowers coming.

Sharon Huge

If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly Creech, our florist, at Hyacinth Bean (740-594-9302) to discuss your wishes. If you want to go to the shop to discuss special arrangements, Hyacinth Bean Florist is located at 540 W. Union St. in Athens. There is ample free parking in the lot outside the shop. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

Pastoral Care

Because of health care privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to call your priest or parish when you are in the hospital. That means that if you want a visit from

Mother Deborah or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (a parish member who has some training) you need to call and ask for a visit. For emergencies please call Mother Deborah's cell phone 937-689-8895. If you would prefer prayers instead of a visit, just call and ask for prayers.



Mother Deborah's home phone is 740-249-4497, and her cell number is 937-689-8895, for emergencies.

Her personal email is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdebwoolsey@gmail.com>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdeborah@chogs.org>.

Mother Deborah has found that people like to communicate in many ways, so she is reachable on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>), and you can check out her blog at (<http://www.revvedupwoolsey.com/>).

Also, here is the link to the Church of Good Shepherd's **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Episcopal-Church-of-the-Good-Shepherd-45701/554345594588086?fref=ts>. Once you get on the page, just LIKE it if you are already a Facebook person. Otherwise you will need to create a Facebook account first.

And the Church of Good Shepherd's Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/CHOGSofAthens>.

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 740-249-4497 (H) or 937-689-8895 (C) 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 Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-818-5476 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

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

NOTE: NON-emergency messages can be left on the church answering machine (740-593-6877).

Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Friday and Saturday).
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