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Good Shepherd E-News (10 May 2018)

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 May 2018



Seventh Sunday of Easter

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rite I**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rite II-B**

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Upcoming Church Events

Church Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday Brunch - May 13, 12:00 p.m.

Marthas' meeting - Monday, May 14, 1:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 16, noon

Lenten Leftovers: Wednesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Hallmarks of Emergence

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 20 (wear red)

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 23, noon

Cleanup Day this Saturday Morning

Come join us on Sat., May 12, 9-



Your Kroger Plus card can help the Church

12 am, for a parish workday to spruce things up around the church.



Some of the tasks outside are to weed the flower beds, weed around the columbarium, prune/trim dead branches from bushes in the yard, mulch the flower beds and under pine trees.

Inside opportunities include deep cleaning in the kitchen, choir back room, and janitor's closets and storage areas, as well as dusting of furniture and window sills throughout.

There'll be a sign-up sheet in Nehls Hall after church on Sunday, or you can call Jr. Warden Dana Carlson at 740-590-8800.

Many hands make light work!!!!!!

Altar Flowers
How to Order

From our friends in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico.

"José's Weekly Reflection"

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Participants scheduled for This Sunday, May 13, Easter 7

Altar Guild: Marsha Dutton, Lynn Graham and Hailey Luelloff

Altar Flowers: Lois Wagner

Coffee Hour: Second Sunday Brunch Set Up - Sharon Huge and Sally Spero

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Leslie Flemming
Lector: Joanne Larson
Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Allyn

Reilly

Ushers: Daniel Dygas and Norm Fox

First Crucifer: Lynn Graham

Lessons: for Easter 7 - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1 (sung); 1 John 5: 9-13, John 17: 6-19 <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 Congress.

In our diocese, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Trinity, Newark.

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. Leslie Flemming, 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 Alex Buckley, secretary of the Vestry.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Chic, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Pam, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Addison, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Daniel, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Mia, Sharon, Monya, Angie, Patricia, Brenda, Paul, Dan, David, Elizabeth and Adam, Mark, Robert, Don, Bob, Steve, John, Roland, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Joe, Beth and George and their daughters and families, and Arvin, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Steve Steward (5/13)

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Connie Gilkey, by Lois Wagner.

Gospel

Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17:6-19



Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not

asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Return of the Angels: Ascension Day May 10

When the apostles had come together with the risen Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus replied, "it is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking toward heaven? This

Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts of the Apostles 1:9-11

You've got to give the apostles credit, when they get an idea stuck in their heads, they don't let anything distract from it. After Jesus' resurrection and appearances to those same apostles for forty days, they were not changing their mind about the role of the Messiah. It was almost as if they were in the midst of God's loving redemption and instead of receiving the forgiveness of it, they were still wondering when they got to take over. When will the oppressive Roman Empire finally be defeated and those good ol' days of the past when King David made a name for them finally be restored?

Our modern selves can't really roll our eyes too much at the apostles, because we too can be guilty of insisting on the way we think things should be instead of letting God love and forgive us and guide us into doing the work God calls us to here and now. I've known many a good Episcopalian who looks longingly for the way they remember the church with such a hyper focus they can't see anything else, including when the Holy Spirit is with them. Like the apostles gazing up so that they missed when the angels, God's messengers showed up again.

Maybe that is why we need messengers, to help us redirect our focus. Theologians tell us angels show up when God is up to something new and wants to let us in on what the new thing is. Angels are pretty active in the New Testament: appearing to Mary and Joseph, showing up to the shepherds on the hillside to tell of Jesus' birth, they were at the tomb the risen Jesus left empty, and now they show up on what the Book of Common Prayer calls a Primary Feast Day, the Ascension. This time the message seems to call for reflection as they ask: Why are you stand looking up? Their question calls them out for actions that are opposite of Jesus' directions to stop trying to force their agenda and be more open to receiving the Holy Spirit and the new idea to go and witness, to tell about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and what this means.

Ascension Day still bears the angels' question to us followers of Jesus in this day and age and asks us to consider where our focus is. Are we focused on the past? On what we want things to be? Or are we open to the Holy Spirit's presence, on the direction God is calling us?

Ascension Day Blessings to you all, Mother Deborah

Athens Pride Fest Parade (June 9)

Invitation to March with Multifaith Group for Athens Pride Fest Parade
Church of the Church Shepherd has been invited to participate in this

year's Athens Pride Fest Parade on Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 pm. Lacey Rogers, the new Assistant Director of United Campus Ministry has invited us to march in the parade with members of other faiths and denominations as a way to both show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and our commitment to walk with other people of faith as partners in support of the LGBTQ+ community. If you are available and interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or Lacey Rogers at lr270306@ohio.edu

CrossRoads Café Update:

Who Wants to Learn How to Operate the New Espresso Machine?

The equipment for the coffee shop will be delivered sometime in the next two weeks. Deeper Roots Coffee, a coffee roasting and consulting company based in Cincinnati, will be delivering and setting up the equipment and teaching how to use it. Unless you have a commercial grade espresso machine in your kitchen, this equipment is different from what most of us have in our homes or at church, and special training is required in order to learn how to use this equipment.



If you would like to learn how to use the new espresso machine so you can

- * help train future employees & other volunteers
- * volunteer in the cafe making and serving coffee and coffee drinks
- * gain more understanding of how the equipment works,

please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com right away.

Here's to moving forward in making beautiful ministry together!

Lenten Leftovers: Embracing Emergence Christianity with Phyllis Tickle

Several of you were enjoying this year's Lenten program so much that you wanted to hear more from Phyllis Tickle. We'll take up where we left off on Wednesday evenings in May at 5:30 pm. Please bring a salad to share; we will provide beverages.



May 16 Hallmarks of Emergence

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



No lunch report available this week, will report two next week.

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.

Photos -- The church this fine Spring day and the huge wisteria vine.





Repeat Material Below

The Transition Process

On behalf of the Vestry, as Senior Warden, I am writing this to invite parishioners to participate in Mother Deborah's transition process. As you recall, in the fall we were to go through a "discernment" process following the three-year term of Mo. Deborah as Priest-in-charge. For whatever reasons, that process got postponed. Since January, Bishop Breidenthal has extended Mo. Deborah's Letter of Appointment on a month-by-month basis. The original process would have taken up to six months. But now, under the guidance of the Rev. Canon Jason Leo, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, the plan is to move Mo. Deborah from Priest-in-charge to Rector, completing the process by the third week of July. Canon Leo wishes that the process be quick, easy, and positive.

Over the next twelve weeks, I will be sending out three questions eliciting responses from the congregation that will help the Vestry make the decision to call Mo. Deborah as our Rector. The plan is that beginning

May 6, the congregation will receive a question directed at the spiritual life of Good Shepherd every three weeks. The period of three weeks between each question gives everyone time to consider prayerfully their response and to turn it in (explained below). The remaining two questions will be submitted to the congregation on May 27 and on June 17, respectively.

The responses will be treated as anonymous. You may put your response in the offering plates, or in a special basket so marked in the Narthex, or in my mail box in the lobby outside the church office, or you may mail them to the church office.

In my capacity as Sr. Warden, I will transcribe the responses received for each question into documents to share with the Vestry and with Canon Leo. Only the Vestry and Canon Leo will read those responses. The original responses will be destroyed once I put them into the documents. Once the responses for the three questions have been received and studied, Canon Leo will meet with the Vestry. His plan is that on Sunday, July 29, he will return to Athens to announce, and to celebrate in an all-parish meeting, the decision that the Vestry has made.

The first question for the congregation is

Where are we as a congregation now?

We would like to have your response to this first question on or before Sunday, May 27.

If you have questions, you may ask any Vestry member.

Sincerely,
David Burton, Sr. Warden (drabeja02@yahoo.com)

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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at drabeja@yahoo.com

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Senior 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.

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

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