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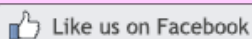
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## Good Shepherd E-News (10 November 2016)

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 November 2016 All Saints (26th Sunday after Pentecost)



**8:00 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II-C  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Jason Leo

## Second Sunday Brunch

## Upcoming Church Events

Flea market: Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 to 2, Nehls Hall

Second Sunday Brunch, Sunday, November 13, 12:00 noon

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, November 16, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday School: Sunday, November 20, 9:30 a.m.

In-Gathering, November 20 (pledge cards collected)

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thursday, Nov. 24, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day potluck: Thursday, Nov. 24, TBD

First Sunday of Advent: Sunday, Nov. 27

## Gospel



### Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will

Advent Festival/Holiday House: Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 13 - (Bob Evans)

## Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Nov. 13)

**Altar Guild:** Doris Green, Hailey Luelloff, Sally Spero

**Coffee Hour:** Second Sunday Brunch; Set up for brunch -- Dana and Richard Carlson

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector/Prayers:** Doris Green/Joanne Larson

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Preacher:** The Rev. Jason Leo

**Lector:** Don Frazier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Allyn Reilly (Prayer leader) and Lynn Graham

**Ushers:** Zelma Coleman and Chris Eaton

**First Cross:** Sharon Huge

**Second Cross:** Pely Brient

**Lessons:** Isaiah 65:17-25, Canticle 9, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19.

<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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of the Supreme Court, and the members of the U.S. Congress.

### In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop.

**In our parish,** we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for the Rev. Katharin Foster, for the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Allyn Reilly, our Senior Warden.

be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**Those for whom our prayers are requested: \***

Ed and Mary Lou; Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Sharon, Bill, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, Robert, Don, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Ingrid Buckley (11/14), David Burton (11/16), Tiffany Sherman (11/17), Mark Worstall (11/18), Jon Sinclair (11/19)

**The Altar Flowers** are given by David Burton to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings.

**For those who have died:** Richard Butrick

\* 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](mailto:grahammowery@aol.com).

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## Please Welcome the Rev. Jason Leo

We are thrilled to have the Rev. Jason Leo, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, join us this morning. Jason has a lot of experience serving in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and we are excited he could join us for the day.

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## Cookbooks

If you have not picked up your cookbook or want more, they will be available at coffee hour.

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## The Day After

The day before the election I heard a lot of people say they couldn't wait for the election to be over so things could get back to "normal". The day of the election I saw a lot of people express positive experiences casting their ballot. The day after the election felt quiet as I drove in to the church office. It didn't look like scenes from the television that either showed young women in tears or exuberantly cheering crowds. The day after the election there is not only both sadness and celebration, there is the honest truth that perhaps was easier to avoid before the election. The truth that there are deepening divisions between people in America that eat away at our common humanity and replace it with anger, fear, and distrust. While many have cheered the progress made in the past several years, each change has left others feeling alienated, unheard, and disenfranchised.

Perhaps this election shows us when we refuse to acknowledge the pain of others, we pay the price of neglecting to respect the dignity of another human being. Perhaps being "right" at the cost of honoring the loss another feels is contributing to this divide.

Believe it or not, there is good news for us, and these events seem very familiar to me; I've been here before. Many times. The day after the election those memories are surfacing like holy life rafts, reminding me God is in the midst of this, and there is a place for me in this, although it may not be a place that is to my liking.

One time I stood in the midst of the divide was when I was seminary and a group of dioceses voted to leave The Episcopal Church (TEC). These dioceses were very conservative; they disagreed with decisions like the ordination of women, the ordination of homosexual and transgender people, changing the name of The Episcopal Church of the USA to The Episcopal Church, among other progressive changes. Although these dioceses had the same voice and vote as all other dioceses, they grew frustrated and tired of losing. They were feeling like they were not heard, respected, or taken seriously, so they banded together and left TEC. The day the decision was made I was in class at seminary and a good number of my fellow classmates were from the dioceses that left. When these seminarians received the news they began to boisterously celebrate: cheering, shouting, running up and down the cloister expressing joy at being free from the rest of the church they felt was "wrong". As they celebrated, a friend of mine spoke up and reminded them that the cause of their celebration was the cause of other's grief as many of us saw that day as a sad one, a day the Episcopal Church lost something. I remember watching my classmates celebrate and feeling that sense of loss my friend spoke of. It was disheartening watching that divide open wider and challenge the belief that there is room for all in The Episcopal Church.

But my story is not over. On graduation day, I graduated with these same classmates and while they were no longer part of TEC, they had stayed at seminary and so had I. While we continued to disagree on many issues, there had been some significant, holy, and Kingdom of God changes that happened between the day the dioceses left and our class graduation. The biggest change was the classmates who left recognized and respected my ordination and I had grown more understanding of their theology and conservatism. In fact it was these classmates who gave me a great gift: they called me "Mother", honoring my priesthood. And they meant it. This touched me so deeply, I still prefer to be called Mother Deborah. It reminds me of their gift and the way we who were very different grew closer together and today we respect our differences and honor our what we have in common: our seminary, our friendship, our faith in God, and our priesthood

That is why I still have hope that the divides in our country can be healed. It can be done, and we can't let anyone else do it for us, even if we don't like it, we all have to be the ones to do it. We all have to learn to give up the necessity of being "right" in order to rediscover our common ground and shared humanity. We can learn to make room for those we disagree with. This does not mean we stop doing the work of the Kingdom of God, it means doing that work with respect for

everyone. It means recognizing such work is rich, complex, and full of holy opportunity, like the beatitudes we read in Luke's Gospel last Sunday.

I do not know if you are celebrating or grieving or feeling confused or shocked or afraid these days after the election. Whatever you are feeling, know that God is with you and remember someone else might be feeling differently, and respect that. Perhaps if you share your feelings, like I saw so many people of all walks of life doing during Wednesday Lunch this week, it might help process your feelings so you can face the truth this election showed us and then reflect on what you can do to help bring us all closer to our common humanity. Please remember in addition to God's Presence, you have each other, and you have me. Together we have everything we need to continue to live into God's Kingdom.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

## Adult Education

From now until Christmas, on Sunday mornings we will be exploring the brief hymns known as "O Antiphons," which celebrate the approaching incarnation of Christ, using such different names as Wisdom, Root of Jesse, and King. During the Advent Festival on Dec. 4, these antiphons will punctuate the longer hymns sung by the choir, so these Sunday morning discussions will allow us all to familiarize ourselves with them. On Nov. 20 Marsha Reilly will meet with us to discuss the idea of a 7-week Advent, which is partially defined by these antiphons. We meet from 9 to 10 on Sunday mornings in Hobson Lounge.

## Discretionary Sunday

Next Sunday (Nov. 20) the loose plate offering (non-designated cash and checks) will go into the Priest-in-Charge's discretionary fund. Thanks to your generosity, Mother Deborah has been able to help several people with energy bills, rent, and medical bills-to help people here in Athens feel a little less alone and find a little much-needed relief. Thank you for enabling and empowering your priest-in-charge to serve the community in this way and for making a difference together.

## A Day for Giving Thanks

Please join us on Thursday, November 24, at 10:00 am in the sanctuary for a service of Thanksgiving that will include Holy Communion. This service is a way to offer thanks and express gratitude to God.

Following the service, all are invited to join Mother Deborah, Michael, and Hailey in continuing to celebrate the day with a Thanksgiving dinner. As an expression of their gratitude for this parish, Mother Deborah and her family invite you to join them for their Thanksgiving meal. They will provide a turkey. Please sign up and



bring a dish to share so that together we can make a beautiful day. A sign-up sheet will be in Nehls Hall.

## Temporary Sunday-Morning Schedule Change (Nov 27)

There will be no 8:00 am service on Sunday November 27. The 8:00 am Rite I Service will resume on Sunday, December 4. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

## Photos

I guess a cliché in photographs is the sunrise, but no matter who or where you are its loveliness shines through. This past Sunday was a spectacular crisp Indian Summer day, beginning with a most beautiful sunrise and it was celebrated. First, our cat, Eleanor, watched the wild turkeys foraging in the field below. Later that morning I celebrated the sun's bright witness to the 10:30 Eucharist. (Ted)





Please pray for our parishioners and clergy who will be attending Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Nov. 11 & 12 in Columbus.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On November 10th, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group II provided 60 people 70 servings. The main dish today was a hearty tortilla soup, with or without chicken, and tortillas. Veggie salad, fresh fruit salad, dessert, and beverages rounded out the menu. The volunteers were Zelma Coleman, Anne Walker, Ester Hernandez, Helen

Chila, and Harold Smith.

We know that Wednesday Lunch works in many ways. Today the electric power was out, so the meal was served and eaten under candlelight. The stressful election is finally over, also a fact that may have been conducive to good feeling. There were several folks at our table from all over the world; they commented that though they were from of different places worldwide, of different religions or none, here at Good Shepherd lunch folks do share a meal together, talk, and enjoy each other's company as family. (Ted)



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.

## "Intersections"

Check out - -

["Intersections: Where the Holy Meets Us,"](#)

a blog through the Church of the Good Shepherd started by Mother Deborah.

It is still a work in progress in terms of functionality, but take a look: click the link above.



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## Repeated Information Below

### Young Adult Gathering 2016 (December 16-17)

**God's Glory Shines Through Us** "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone." - Marianne Williamson

**Location:** Procter Center

Join us for our annual young adult gathering--a space for reconnecting with God, friends, and your own story. This year, we will explore creativity as an expression of God's glory in our midst. We will have opportunities to engage in the art of improv, visual art, music making, poetry, and whatever creative gifts you have to share. We invite you to join us and bring your playful and creative spirit with you. We will be joined by artists, musicians, and improv actors who will lead us in a variety of workshops and help us explore our own creative gifts. We will also spend time in prayer and reflection on how God is made manifest in us. Come ready to play!

We begin on Friday night, December 16th at 5 pm, and will conclude on Saturday, December 17th, around 3 pm. This retreat is free for young adults ages 18-35. For more information and to register please click [HERE](#) .

### Many Ways to Give \*

There is a new addition to the [www.chogs.org](http://www.chogs.org) website and to the E-News. Like many other parishes, our website now has an option labeled DONATE, which allows anyone to make a financial donation to Church of the Good Shepherd. We added this feature to make it easier for anyone who wants to give financially to the parish to do so.



Here are a few good things to know about this feature:

**PayPal** - This feature uses the PayPal program, which is a safe and secure method to make a financial donation. However, as we also have to pay for PayPal's services, approximately 6% of each donation goes to PayPal.

**Tax benefit** - People who give via the PayPal option will receive a receipt so they can claim their donation on their taxes.

**Intention** - The real intention in setting up this option is to make it easier to give financially for people who may not attend regularly and are interested in one-time or infrequent financial giving to Good Shepherd. It is not intended to be a means of regular giving for active members.

**You Don't Have to Use It.** You can continue to pay your pledge or make your financial contribution in the way that works best for you: direct deposit through your bank or credit union, personal check (mailed to the church or put into the offertory plate on Sunday), or cash (placed in offertory plate on Sunday).

If you have any questions or want to learn more about on-line giving, please talk to our Treasurer, Gregory Proctor.

\* This announcement addresses financial giving only. We do not intend to diminish other types of giving, but we do want to bring attention to something new and explain it.

## Sermons on the Website:

Miss a sermon? Out of town? Or maybe you just want to read it yourself? Thanks to our technological team, the sermons from Sunday are posted on the Church of the Good Shepherd website a few days after they are preached. Check out the ones you missed, go over a favorite, or share. <http://www.chogs.org/sermons.htm>

## 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.

## Altar Flowers

To reserve flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please



Speak to or contact Sharon Huge (740-592-5178 or [huge@ohio.edu](mailto:huge@ohio.edu)).

Hyacinth Bean Florist provides our arrangements for the back altar on Sunday. A single arrangement in a triangular design is \$60 plus \$9 for delivery. Sharon Huge coordinates, providing our florist with the name and address of donors for

billing purposes. If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly 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.



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](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:reillya@ohio.edu).

**For building and maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or call Ted Foster (Junior Warden) at 740-593-8615.

**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).

The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or [barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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