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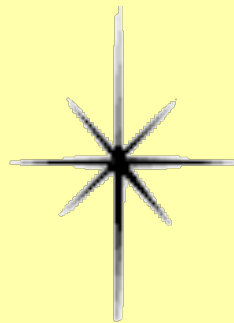
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Good Shepherd E-News (12 January 2017)

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: 15 January 2017 Second Sunday after Epiphany



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

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-D

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Discretionary Sunday

Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, January 18, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Annual Meeting: Sun., Jan. 22, following 10:30 a.m. service

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, home of June Wieman

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, January 25, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School: Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:30-10, Nehls Hall

Adult Education resumes: Sunday, January 29, 9:00 a.m.

Alternative Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 29, following

Gospel



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard

10:30 a.m. service

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Second Sunday After Epiphany

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Hailey Luellhoff

Coffee Hour: Phyllis and Richard Dean

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 II-B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

First Cross: Sharon Huge

Second Cross: Pely Brient

Lessons: Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 40: 1-12 (sung), I Corinthians 1: 1-9, John 1: 29-42.

<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 Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, Donald our President-elect, the Supreme Court, and the members of the 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.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Ed and Mary, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Bill, William, Betty, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Don, Elliot, John, Jean, Nancy, Arvin,

him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called ephas" (which is translated Peter).

Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: The Rev. Hank Millhorn (1/15), Coira Cottrill (1/17), Anne Chagnot (1/20) Phyllis Dean (1/21)

* 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.

Sunday School:

Sunday School will meet again week after next, on Jan. 22. We will talking about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his calling of the disciples while continuing to create individual liturgical-year calendars.

The class meets every other Sunday in Nehls Hall from 9:30 to 10:15. All children are invited! Marsha Dutton

Upcoming Annual Meeting

A reminder that the Parish Annual Meeting will be held in Nehls Hall on January 22, 2017, following the 10:30 a.m. service.



In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the alternative date for the Parish Annual Meeting is Jan. 29.

Adult Forum:

We are taking a few weeks' break this month but will start up again on Jan. 29, beginning discussion of a chapter of *An Alphabet of Grace*, by Frederick Buechner (pronounced Beekner, if you care). This is a book that addresses the way our daily lives open out to God's presence-if we listen. A paragraph from the book appears below, and I'll be scanning in the first chapter. I hope you'll join us on Jan 29 at 9 in Hobson Lounge. Marsha Dutton

Life itself can be thought of as an alphabet by which God graciously makes known his presence and purpose and power among us. Like the Hebrew alphabet, the alphabet of grace has no vowels, and in that sense his words to us are always veiled, subtle, cryptic, so that it is left to us to delve their meaning, to fill in the vowels, for ourselves by means of all the faith and

imagination we can muster. God speaks to us in such a way, presumably, not because he chooses to be obscure but because, unlike a dictionary word whose meaning is fixed, the meaning of an incarnate word is the meaning it has for the one it is spoken to, the meaning that becomes clear and effective in our lives only when we ferret it out for ourselves.

Frederick Buechner, *An Alphabet of Grace*

Nominating Committee Report for 2017 **

Executive Committee (term expires 2018):

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden
Gregory Proctor, Treasurer
Lia Knox, Junior Warden
Ted Foster, Secretary

New Vestry Members (term expires 2020):

Steve Steward
Chris Eaton
Alex Buckley
Student Representative (term expires 2018) Alex Vasel

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Wardens: Allyn Reilly, Lia Knox
Lay Delegates: Joanne Worstall & Don Frazier
Alternates: Jack Flemming & Bruce Martin

** The full report is posted on the bulletin boards. Please note that additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, will be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On January 11th, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group II provided 70 people 84 servings. The main dish was a meatless enchilada casserole. Veggie salad, fresh fruit, dessert, and beverages rounded out the menu. The volunteers were Zelma Coleman, Helen Chila, Harold Smith, Esther Hernandez, Anne Walker, and Betty

Hollow.

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.

Martin Luther King Week Speaker (Jan. 14)

Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year!

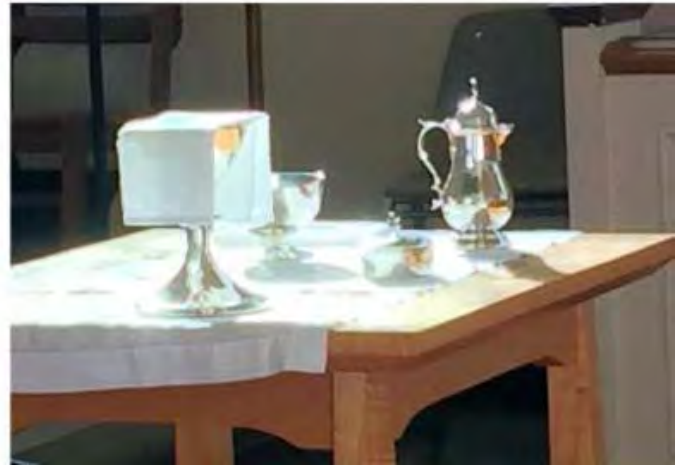
I'm writing on behalf of Ohio University's Martin Luther King Week Planning Committee to invite you, members of your faith community, and especially those involved in your community's social justice work to an event that is part of our community-wide celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King.

On Saturday, January 14, we are pleased to be able to welcome Judge Terri B. Jamison to speak on the topic of "Prophetic Faith in the Age of #BlackLivesMatter." A Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Judge Jamison also serves as pastor of Divine Kingdom Builders in Columbus. She was recognized in July 2013 as a Columbus State College History Maker and was a keynote speaker at the Tristate Conference of Diversity and Inclusion in September 2016. Her unique perspective as a faith leader who also works in the criminal justice system, combined with her passion for civil rights and social action, economic empowerment, education, and human rights, make her a powerful voice with a compelling story to share at this pivotal moment in our nation's social and cultural life.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, in the Multipurpose Room of the Multicultural Center, on the second floor of Ohio University's Baker University Center. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you will be able to attend, and we encourage you to share this invitation with your faith community, especially those in your community with a heart for social justice work.

With thanks and best wishes from all at the MLK Week Planning Committee-

Sincerely, Rev. Evan Young



Above: There was quite a crowd for Wednesday Lunch Yesterday.

Top and top right: After a very cold grey week Sunday morning started out full of bright sunshine. Mother Deborah in her office before the 10:30 Service. Marsha Dutton teaching Sunday School in Nehls. The elements waiting the service.

Below: The Sunday School project: pages from three liturgical calendars underway, and a small adobe image of the visit of the Magi (note that the shepherds seem already to have left, though the Holy Family is still in the stable-- not entirely Biblically accurate, but on its way).



Repeated Information Below

"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.



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>

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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).

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.



Make the Connection

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 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).

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