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Good Shepherd E-News (12 July 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: 15 July 2018



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Upcoming Events

Free lunch -- Wednesday, July 18, 12:00 noon

Music Soiree -- Wednesday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl group -- Tuesday, July 24, Betty Larson

Free lunch -- Wednesday, July 25, 12:00 noon

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Your Kroger

Summer Soiree Please join us for a delightful hour of chamber music on Wednesday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments following.

SUMMER MUSICAL SOIREE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Lucas Borges, trombone

Alex Bruno, voice

Brianna Corgel, oboe

Scott Ewing, voice and piano

Daniel Mullins, violin and piano

Marsha Reilly, piano and organ

Refreshments following

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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 Christ Church, Xenia, and St. James', Zanesville.

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.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Chic, Don, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Mary, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Bill, Clif, William, Gayle, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Paul, Dan, David, Mark, Robert, Don, Bob, Steve, John, Laura, Consuelo and family, Beth and George and their daughters and families, and Arvin, and we pray for all who care for them.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 15 July 2018, Pentecost 8

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham, Joanne Larson, and Hailey Luelloff

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Marsha Dutton and Martha Hansgen

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

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Allyn Reilly
Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham
Ushers: Chris Eaton and Julie Nehls
Crucifer: Hailey Luelloff

Lessons: for Pentecost 8 - 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 (sung); Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29. <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Gospel

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:14-29



King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,

because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Episcopal Presence

The 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church has had an exciting and impactful experience. In addition to voting on regulations, celebrating an opening Eucharist, and joining in an uplifting Revival service, on Sunday, July 8, over 1,000 people attending General Convention traveled to Hutto to an immigration detainment facility. This is one of those places you hear about on the news. This is where the things you hear about are actually happening. This is where they are: the immigrants seeking entrance into the United States and the staff who detain them.

It is to this place that members of the Episcopal Church came on a Sunday morning to do something very Episcopalian. Although many attendees held signs, the intention was not to gather in protest. The intention of this visit was to hold a prayer service with music, scripture readings, prayers, and a powerful sermon delivered by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, who said it best in his sermon: they came in love.

Love for all people regardless of political affiliation, race, gender, or nationality. Love for this country that calls for all the people to help make America the country its ideals have professed for generations: a land of hope for all people.

What I admire about this prayer service is the people at General Convention took the time to do more than pass a resolution saying the church is opposed to the separation of families at the border. Instead, the bishops and deputies of General Convention went to the border to be present, just as they are, with the people at the detainment facility. This presence was not an opportunity to spew anger or hate; it was an opportunity to stand in love. There might be some folks who are angry that the Episcopal Church did this because it didn't directly bring an injustice to an end, and there are others angry that the Episcopal Church was there at all, believing the church should keep its nose out of such things. To me, it is a powerful witness to presence, to stand before another place as we are, beloved of God reminding others they too, are God's children, and loved. I

read reports that the folks inside the detention center saw and heard the Episcopalians outside their walls. Maybe it made a difference, maybe it didn't, but the Episcopalians showed up anyway, to show our love for God, our neighbors, and our country. And it inspires me to see the importance of the ministry here at Church of the Good Shepherd even more. It makes me wonder if this will be remembered as one of the most important accomplishments of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Many Blessings,
Mother Deborah

Below is a link to the prayer service:

<http://www.dsoconnections.org/2018/07/09/prayer-service-at-hutto-immigration-detainment-facility/>

Gospel according to Dr. Who: Ministry with my favorite Time Lord

"You know, it seems to me that there is so much more to the world than the average eye is allowed to see. I believe if you look hard, there are more wonders than you could have dreamed of." - The Doctor

Many of you receive the Diocese of Southern Ohio's printed magazine *CONNECTIONS*. This month's issue is devoted to Pop Culture and is chock full of interesting stuff, including an article by Mother Deborah, which includes this photo of Mother Deborah with her friend, The Doctor (someone was having a little 'paint-shop' fun).

Click [HERE](#) for a link to Mother Deborah's article.

Click [HERE](#) for a link for other Pop Culture articles.



United Campus Ministry

You are invited to a

Send-off potluck for Peggy Gish

Before she leaves for her work in Northern Iraq

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 6-8 PM

United Campus Ministry, (Lower level) 18 N. College St., Athens, OH



(Peggy with children in N. Iraq border village in area of sporadic bombing)

☀ **Bring a dish or snack to share** ☀

Learn more about Peggy's work with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), an international peace and human rights organization—involving visiting villagers along the Turkish border and monitoring the ongoing bombing of their homes and villages, working alongside local human rights organizations as they counter injustice and violence, and accompanying local human rights workers being threatened with violence.

Join in the conversation and Q&A.

There will also be an opportunity, *for those who can*, to make a financial contribution to help with the expenses of this trip.



ALERT! Don't Believe Everything in Your In-Box

It can happen at any time of the year: an email that looks as though it is from someone you know and trust, a phone call that sounds as though it might be from your utility company, or a lawyer saying someone you know but haven't seen in a while is in jail and needs your help. These are examples of some of the scams I have

personally seen in the last year. These are mild compared to the computer hacker that was able to by-pass our firewalls and took over our laptop a few months ago. While they all might look different, they all ask for the same thing: money in some form.

In the last two weeks there has been a new scam prevalent in Southern Ohio. It looks like an email from the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, but the subject line and email address are a little off, and tthe email asks for a favor; and you respond to that email you get a response back asking to purchase iTunes cards or something like that. THIS IS NOT FROM MOTHER DEBORAH.

REPEAT!!!!!! THIS IS NOT FROM MOTHER DEBORAH.

Mother Deborah has no control over them and cannot stop them. These emails are NOT connected to Mother Deborah in any way.

It's a scam. It's a computer program that mimics Mother Deborah's real email account. Once you engage with the scam email, it will keep sending you requests, and could potentially plant a virus that could get into your computer and access your information.

What Can You Do?

Delete the email. Do NOT return or engage it in any way.

To be safe, change the password on your email account.

Report it to the police.

All real emails from Mother Deborah (**revdebwoolsey@gmail.com**) are completely safe to open. Her account was not compromised. If the address is in any way different than the above it is a scam.

According to recent report, there is a very high level of scam activity in our area right now. This same scam has mimicked the Bishop's email and those of other local pastors. The less you engage it, the sooner it will stop. The email mimicking Mother Deborah's account has been reported to the OU Police because it originated from an OU server.

I find these scams upsetting, because they can take time away from the work I need to be doing and people I care about. I try to pray for whoever is behind it. I always ask what the world would be like if the people behind such scams used their skills for good instead of for deception, for personal gain, or just to cause angst. I'll probably never know the answer to such a question, but we can't let these scams distract us from the good work we are doing. If you get any more emails claiming to be from me but are not from my real email account, please delete them and keep doing the good work we are doing together.

Many Blessings,
Mother Deborah

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On July 11th Group 2 served 35 people 40 servings. The main dish was black bean and corn salad. Tossed salad, fruit, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Anne Walker, Zelma Coleman, Thaddeus

Semsel, Hailey Luelloff, Betty Hollow, Harold Smith, Helen Chila, and Zelma's grandson, Emmanuel Coleman.

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.

Cool Cat -- What is nicer than a Bench in the Shade?



Parishioner Carey Busch supplied this photo. The cat's name is Hobo, according to our neighbors at the Alumni Center who feed Hobo.

Repeat Material Below

Listening Ministry: Another Volunteer Opportunity



Combing the practices of presence, listening, discernment, and prayer, listening ministry is the opportunity to be fully present to another human being in a way that is non-judgmental, loving, and kind. In a world where loneliness is often named as one of the major problems in society, a listening ministry seeks to counter the misconception that God is absent and doesn't care by offering to be fully present to someone, maybe even someone you don't know.

This ministry is one we'd like to offer once CrossRoads Café opens in the fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be asked to commit to being present during

café hours as you are able and to be available to anyone who comes into the café who might want someone to listen to them. This ministry will require some special training, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.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 (<https://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>).

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, Junior 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).

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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