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Good Shepherd E-News (12 October 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 October 2017



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-D
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster

Upcoming Church Events

Adult Forum - The Big Read, Sunday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, October 18, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, Oct 18, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Festival Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 18, 8:05-8:40 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Forum - The Big Read, Sunday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.

Advent Festival Rehearsal - Sunday, October 22, 12:15 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, October 24, Betty Larson

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, October 25, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Festival Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 25, 8:05-

8: 40 p.m.

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Adult Forum - The Big Read, Sunday, October 29, 9:00 a.m.

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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Adult Forum, Exodus, The Big Read this Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Hobson Room.

We are all able to participate in the Big Read on Sunday mornings in the Adult Forum, from 9 to 10, in sessions led by a variety of leaders. We invite you to volunteer to take your turn in leading for three weeks each, using the resources provided by the diocese. If leaders are interested, we could schedule an opportunity for group planning. Please speak to Mother Deborah, Allyn Reilly, or Marsha Dutton if you are willing to lead!

Thank You Mother Katharin

We are grateful for Mother Katharin Foster being our celebrant and preacher this Sunday while Mother Deborah is at the Campus Ministry Student Retreat in the Hocking Hills. Please keep the Campus Ministers in the diocese and the students attending this retreat in your prayers. Mother Deborah will be back in the office on Tuesday.

East-area Pre-Convention Hearing

When -- October 15th, 2017 **From** -- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Where** -- St. Peter's, 541 2nd Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631

All delegates to convention are expected to attend an area pre-convention hearing. The bishop presides at each one of these meetings, and this is the only opportunity to have casual conversation or ask questions about resolutions and the budget.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Zella Nisley and Lois Wagner

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-D
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster
Lector: Richard Carlson
Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham
Ushers: Anne Braxton and Norm Fox
First Crucifer: Sharon Huges

Lessons: for Pentecost 19 - Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (sung);
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14. <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 US Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Holy Trinity, Oxford; St. Andrew's, Pickerington; and St. James's, Piqua.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Priest Associates, 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 the Vestry.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, David, Jackie, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, and Sister Elise, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Daniel Dygas (10/15), April Almond Knox (10/17), Carl Ortman (10/19), Dana Carlson (10/20)

For those who have died: Nancy Adams

* 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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:1-14



Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent

his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Recital (Oct. 14)

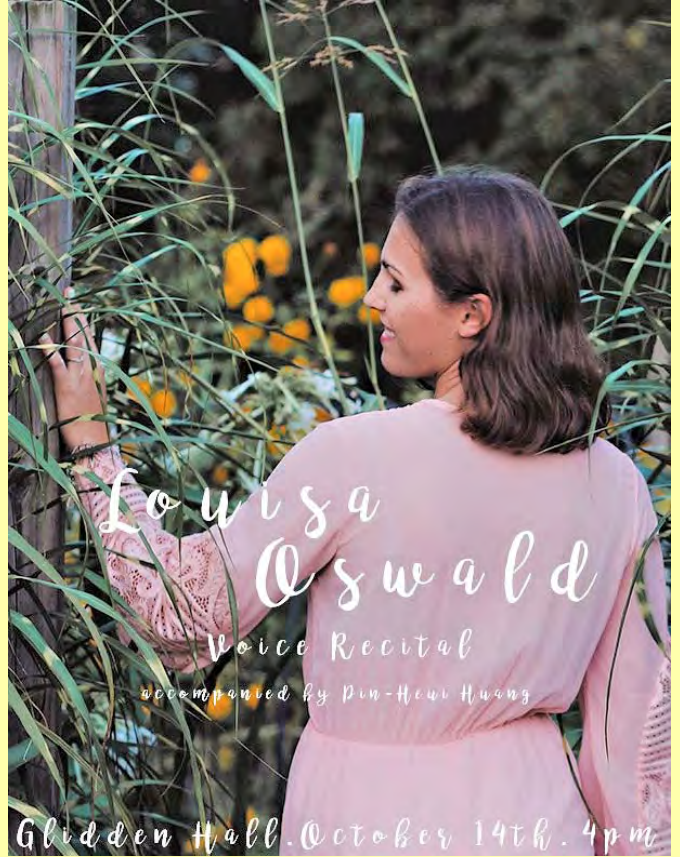
Please join Louisa Oswald, our Alto Choral Scholar, for her voice recital.

It will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the

Glidden Recital Hall.

Accompanist: Pin-Heui Huang

Pin-Heui and Louisa will perform an eclectic mixture of songs including those by Grandos, Debussy, and Wolf, and two musical-theater pieces!



All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5)

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, November 5, 2017. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one added to the All Saints' Roll to be read during the service, please notify our Parish Secretary, Barbara Martin, no later than 2:00 Wednesday afternoon, November 1, for inclusion in this year's Necrology. The Church Office telephone number is 740-593-6877, or you can submit names by email at barbara@chogs.org.



Starts at Athens Co. Ct. House. Lunch to follow walk.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14
11 am

**Starts At The Athens
County Courthouse
Steps. Lunch to
follow the walk**

Donations appreciated.
Proceeds benefit NAMI
Athens Ohio, and a
donation will be made
to The Gathering Place.
For more information,
contact Lori at
740-593-7424 or
namiathens@gmail.com



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THE WALK
For
Mental Health
Awareness

NAMI Athens, 100 Hospital Dr., Athens, OH 45701

Homecoming and Campus Ministry

Besides the parade, football game, and other special events of Homecoming Weekend for Ohio University, for some visiting alumni, attending Sunday service at Church of the Good Shepherd is part of their Homecoming traditions. This past Sunday I had the honor of visiting with several alumni in town for Homecoming, and they shared with me how much they look forward to making attending our church service as part of their Homecoming experience. One alumnus said it like the "cherry on the cake," meaning the best part of an already wonderful weekend for him. I also met an alumna who has so many good memories not only of Ohio University, but of Good Shepherd, especially her time singing in the choir.

Upon reflecting on these enthusiastic conversations, I thought once again how much wider and bigger campus ministry is and how these individuals continue to be positively affected by the welcome they continue to receive here at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Perhaps no one ever really outgrows our ministry; perhaps they are still growing because of their time with us. What a beautiful reflection of

our ministry and God's abiding love these conversations and people are. It's another reason why I feel grateful and proud to be your priest-in-charge. Let's keep it up!

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Book Sale Report

I am glad to report that our first "off the porch" book sale earned \$242.00, which is a bit more than I had indicated on Sunday. And there were about 100 books at my house which I didn't even put out. Along with the books we still have remaining, I am hopeful that we can do as well on our next sale on October 18-20.



But I can't do it all by myself. Please let me know if you can assist me in a morning or afternoon shift on any of those days. Meanwhile, thanks to everyone who has assisted me, and thank you all for your generous donation of books. (Jack Flemming)

Café Crew



Mother Deborah is looking for interested volunteers to help with some initial planning and implementing of plans with the café project. If you want to help, please contact her via email at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, episcopalrelief.org, to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

If you prefer you can give through the Diocese <http://diosohio.org>



Hurricane

Relief



We've started a diocesan-wide fundraiser to raise \$50,000 for hurricane victims by the start of our annual convention. All funds raised will be forwarded to Episcopal Relief and Development to aid victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

HELP US: raise \$50,000
for hurricane victims

<http://diosohio.org>

A letter from the House of Bishops meeting

Recently the Diocese's ***e-connections*** featured a report from Bishop Tom Breidenthal regarding a meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska. The bishop's report is incredibly descriptive and reflective, and it calls us to action well. He writes, "Why are we here? Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wanted us bishops to get a first-hand look at a diocese that has been shaped by the challenges and blessings of racial and ethnic reconciliation. The Diocese of Alaska comprises the entire state--a vast area which is largely, though sparsely, populated by indigenous peoples who have lived off its land for thousands of years. Many of them are Episcopalian, owing to the early work of missionaries like Bishop Gordon, the famous 'flying bishop,' who from the Forties to the Seventies piloted his plane to remote villages all over Alaska, providing food, medicine, access to medical care, advocacy and, above all, recognition and respect for the rich cultural heritage of the native communities. The hope was that our immersion in the history and present struggles of this diocese would help us reflect together on the challenges and blessings of diversity back home." Here is a link to the report:

<http://diosohio.org/blog/writings/letter-house-bishops-meeting-fairbanks-alaska/>

Nominating Committee Slate

The time has arrived to select new vestry members and the officers. At this point all positions are up for grabs--three vestry members and potentially the Senior

Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and lay delegates to Convention. The Nominating Committee consists of departing Vestry members Ted Foster, Lynn Graham, and Lois Wagner plus Mother Deborah. You may be hearing from these folks, but in the meantime if you are interested in any of these opportunities for yourself, or have suggestions, any one of us would like to hear from you.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



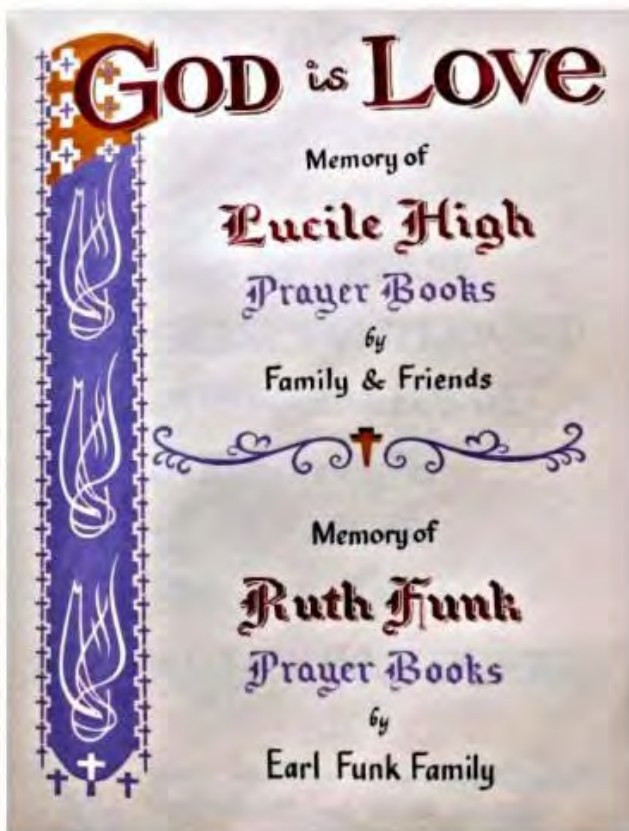
On October 11, Group II fed 62 people 80 servings.

The main dishes were tuna casserole and vegetarian casserole and egg salad sandwiches. Salad, fresh fruit salad, beverages, and desserts were also served.

The volunteers were Ann Walker, Harold Smith, Esther Hernandez, Zelma Coleman, Helen Chila, and Jessica Knotts.

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.

Two pages out of the Memory Book



The display case in the narthex contains the Church of the Good Shepherd's

"Memory Book." Beyond memories, this book has some truly outstanding calligraphy. On occasion we will reproduce pages in the newsletter. Ted Foster

Repeat Material Below

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

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