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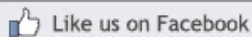
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From our friends
in St. Luke's
Episcopal Church
in Mérida,
Mexico.

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GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd E-News (13 December 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, 16 December 2018



Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

(Discretionary Sunday)

Upcoming Events

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Sunday - - Sunday, December 16

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Preparation for Christmas services - - Sunday,
December 23, 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Family service - - Monday, December 24,
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve service - - Monday, December 24,
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day service - - Tuesday, December 25,
11:00 a.m.

"José's Weekly Reflection"

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CrossRoads Cafe



Closed for Winter Break,
Reopens
January 14

Big Read Schedule

To this week's
United Campus
Ministry
Happenings

Donate



Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 26, 12:00 noon

No Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, December 26

No Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 2

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 6, 9:30 a.m.

Area Holiday Concerts

Local Girls, Historical Society - - Sunday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Communiversity Concert - - Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m., Mem. Aud.

SATB Concert - - Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., Arts West

Pre-Order Christmas Poinsettias Now Through Dec .16



Anyone wishing to pre-order a poinsettia to decorate Good Shepherd for the Christmas season may do so by completing an order form along with a check or cash. Checks should be payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and needs to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Huge at huge@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178.

Note: the donate button will take you to the church's PayPal account. The first step will ask you how **much** you want to pay. The second step ask **how** you want to pay. The third step allows **instructions**, and here if you wish to designate "organ restoration fund," or whatever, the contribution will be used for that purpose. For regularly scheduled donations, arranging for electronic checks directly thru your bank is the best option.

FREE DEEPER ROOTS COFFEE THIS SUNDAY

As an expression for our tremendous gratitude to each and everyone of you at Church of the Good Shepherd for your support of our new coffee shop CrossRoads Cafe in its first semester, we will be serving Deeper Roots Coffee at coffee hour after the 10:30 am service this Sunday, December 16 .

FREE Cappuccinos and Lattes and Espresso too! There will be tea also. Donations for a card reading system and pay it forward will be accepted. Thank you for your amazing generosity! We are looking forward to a new semester with new hours and new Deeper Roots Coffees starting January 14!



Also as an expression of his tremendous gratitude for being part of our parish and choir for the past six years Nikhil Dhinagar will be supplying **FREE CAKE!!** Nikhil has finished his PhD and graduates this weekend.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 16 December 2018, Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

Eucharistic Visitor week of December 16 - Jack Flemming

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Zella Nisley

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Preston Denton and Chris Eaton

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for the Third Sunday of Advent - Zephaniah 3:14-20; Cantic 9 (sung); Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

<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 asylum seekers, immigrants, and 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 Holy Trinity, Oxford; St. Andrew's, Pickerington; and St. James, Piqua.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector, 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 the Vestry.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: * Chic, Don, Jennifer, Jody, Jonas, Karen and Rayna, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Linda, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Tom, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Carolyn, Lalena, Bill, Miriam, Wayne, William, Patty, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, R.S., Don, Jim, Laura, Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Alex Buckley (12/18), Norm Fox (12/18), Marsha Dutton (12/19)

For Those who have died: Mary Forsgren

* 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

Third Sunday of Advent Luke 3:7-18



John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

"Ask Sebastian"

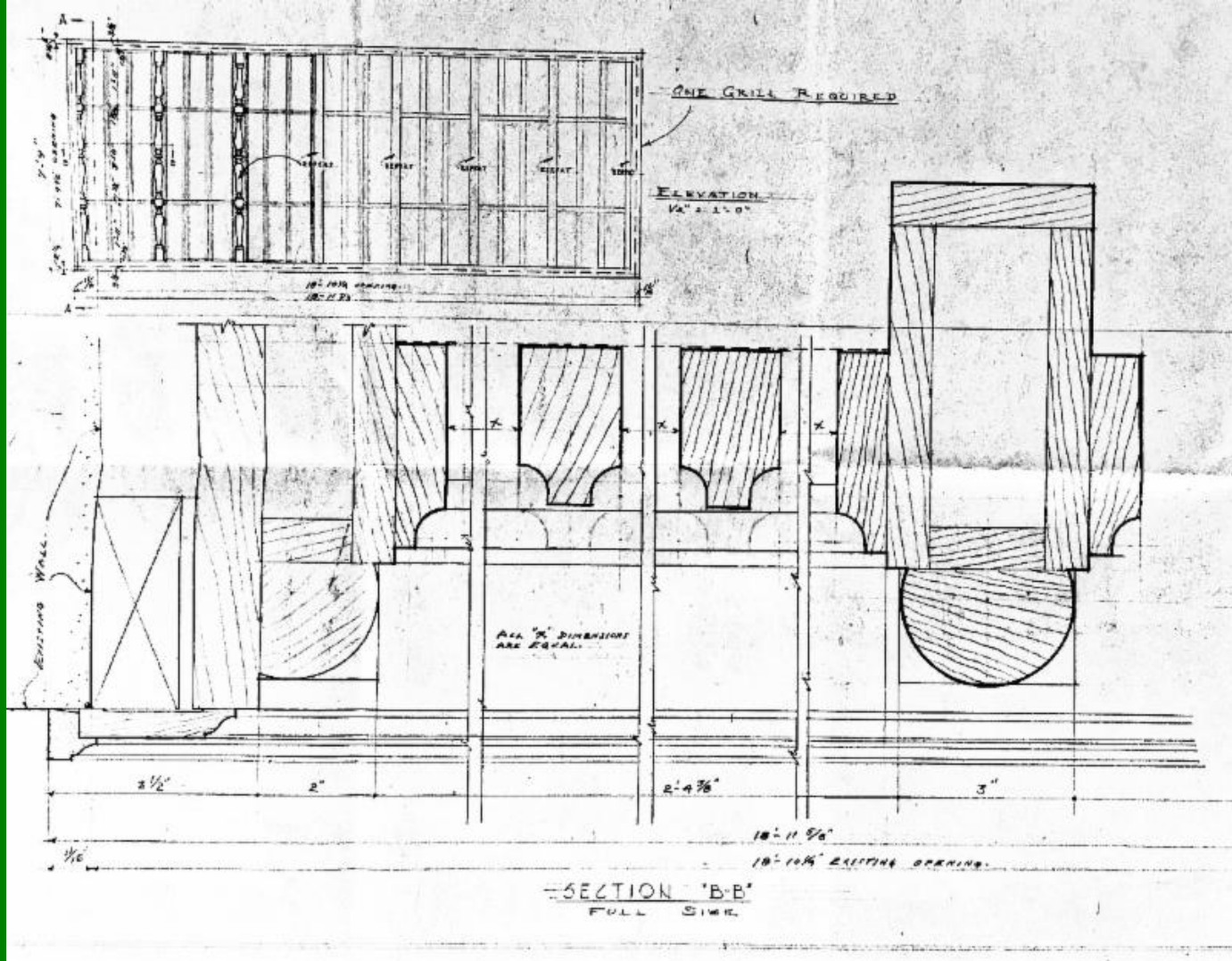
The "Ask Sebastian" column answers questions about our historic Aeolian-skinner pipe organ.

Anyone with questions may submit them to "Johann Sebastian's Question Box." There are two boxes--one in Nehls Hall and one in the narthex.

Question: This time Sebastian has a question for you. He was searching under the organ console hunting for his reading spectacles and found a rolled up paper. He wants to know what it is and whether we should save it. See the print below.

Answer: Sebastion will check his question boxes in January to see if anyone come up with an answer. Over the Christmas holidays Sebastio is off to Leipzig.





Big Read with the Diocese of Southern Ohio: Luke and Acts



Starting the first of the new Church Year, we have been invited to join our diocese in the new Big Read. It is the hope of our bishop that by everyone in the diocese reading the same books of the Bible together we will grow as a diocese and be part of the Beloved Community initiative that focuses on reconciliation. This is also part of the Presiding Bishop's challenge to Practice the Way of Love by devoting time to Learn, Turn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Rest, Go.

This year, the Big Read will be on Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. We will participate in the Big Read by publishing the weekly schedule that breaks each book down into sections. On each Sunday, Mother Deborah will facilitate a conversation on the weekly reading after the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to read along and participate in

the weekly conversations.

Big Read Schedule Week of:

Dec. 3 Luke 1-3
Dec. 10 Luke 4-6
Dec. 17 Luke 7-9
Dec. 24 Luke 10-11
Dec. 31 Luke 12-14

Feb. 4 Acts 2-4
Feb. 11. Acts 4-6
Feb. 18 Acts 7-9
Feb. 25 Acts 10-12

Jan. 7 Luke 14-17
Jan. 14 Luke 17-20
Jan. 21 Luke 21-23
Jan. 28 Luke 23-Acts 1

March 4 Acts 12-14
March 11 Acts 15-17
March 18 Acts 18-21
March 25 Acts 22-27

Christmas Services at Church of the Good Shepherd

There will be three opportunities to attend worship services celebrating Christmas at Church of the Good Shepherd this year. Each is a different and unique service that celebrates the joy and wonder of Jesus' birth.

Please note that Mother Deborah and Marsha Reilly have heard the feedback that the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service is too long. In response, they are working together to change that service to make it shorter and still retain a sense of joyful wonder that they hope is accessible to people of all ages.

Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 p.m. Early Service

Abbreviated service that still celebrates the joy of the day features favorite carols and Holy Eucharist.

10:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Service

Beautiful Christmas hymns, candlelight, sermon, Holy Eucharist. A glorious celebration of Christ's birth.

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 a.m. Said Service

A quiet Holy Communion service.

Whichever service or services you attend, each offers an opportunity to come close to the Mystery of the Incarnation, and we hope you will join us this Christmas.

Comfort & Joy

Please join us for Christmas!

Christmas Eve,

Dec. 24

4:00 p.m.

**Shorter Service
for all ages**



Christmas Eve,

Dec. 24

10:30 p.m.

**Traditional Christmas
Service**



Christmas Day,

Dec. 25

11:00 a.m.

**Quiet
Service**



Christmas Services at Church of the Good Shepherd

64 University Terrace | 740-593-6877 | www.chogs.org

Need a Gold Coin??

Mother Deborah's father sent her this Advent present. She thought it would be fun to post this picture in the ENews and ask anyone if they can find where in the Bible the miracle of the fish with money in its mouth is. Mother Deborah will give them a (one!) "gold" coin if they can do

it!



Many Thanks!

To everyone who supported our new coffee shop ministry CrossRoads Cafe this semester! The first semester has been a good one as we continue to learn and grow into this ministry. CrossRoads will be closed during Winter Break, but will be open at start of classes next semester.

Meet Kaia McKenney who will start working at CrossRoads this January.



Wednesday Free Lunch Report

On December 12, Group 2 served 34 people 40 servings. There were 48 people and 63 servings.

The menu was chili and vegetarian chili along with fresh salad, fresh



fruit, desserts,
and beverages.

The volunteers
were Helen Chila,
Harold Smith, Ann

Walker, Esther Hernandez, Zelma Coleman, Lynn Graham, Thad Semsel, and Betty Holland. (This photo is perhaps from about 2002.)

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, or David Burton.

Dishes

If you have left any dishes in the kitchen and have not collected them, please do so by Sunday, Dec. 16. Since the kitchen will be undergoing a major remodeling in December and January, anything left on the window ledge above the chest freezer or any other place in the kitchen will find a new home.



Classroom repainting continues -- Michael gets to do the high parts.



And cleaning out the kitchen is moving along.

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.



Make the Connection

Mother Deborah's cell number is 937-689-8895.

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 937-689-8895 (cell) 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 drabeja02@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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