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Good Shepherd E-News (13 July 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: 16 July 2017 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



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

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, July 19, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, July 25, Julie Nehls

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, July 26, 12:00 noon

Vacation

Mother Deborah and her family will be on vacation Thursday, July 20 - Friday, August 4. While she is vacationing, the Rev. Katharin Foster will be on call for all pastoral emergencies. Please pray for safe travels for Mother Deborah and her family.

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Participants scheduled for
This Sunday - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Coffee Hour: Anne Braxton and Lynn Graham

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

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Earl Stump
Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham
Ushers: Terrie Sherman and Curt Sherman
First Cross: Sharon Huges

Lessons: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112 (said), Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. <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 Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Philip's, Northside and for prison chaplains.

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. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We also pray for our friends at St. Luke's Anglican Mission in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for Marsha Reilly, our music director.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Jeff, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Chris, Sally, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Aletta, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Bonnie, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

For those have died: Mary Stahl

In Thanksgiving: for the marriage of Kathryn Coccia and Trent McDonald and for

Aaralyn Woolsey who is to be baptized.

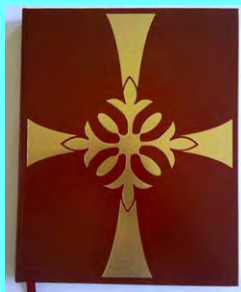
* Full names for this section are not published online but are in the Sunday bulletin and will be read at the 10:30 service.

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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23



Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered

away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Campus Ministry Grant

Tuesday, July 18, Mother Deborah will participate in the Campus Ministry Grant Distribution Meeting. Church of the Good Shepherd has once again requested grant money from the Campus Ministry Grant, and once again the money received will go to support Mother Deborah's salary. This year Mother Deborah has the added role of convening and hosting the meeting (via web conference) as part of her Convener of Campus Ministry Collaborative responsibilities. Please keep the campus ministry grant process in your prayers.

Choral Ensemble

July 30



Special music on Sunday, July 30, will be by a Good Shepherd Choral Ensemble

But - singers are needed!!! All ages welcome

Only one rehearsal - Sunday morning July 30 at 8:45. However, music will be available earlier in the week if you want to get a copy.

Please let Marsha Reilly know if you are able to participate. Email her at mareilly1@columbus.rr.com or text her at 740-818-6475

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On July 12, Group II fed 46 people 64 servings.

The menu was black bean and corn salad, egg salad sandwiches along with salad, fruit, dessert, and beverages.

The helpers were Zelma Coleman, Anne Walker, Betty Hollow, Helen Chila, Hailey Luelloff, Immanuel Coleman, and Carol Cross.

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.

Exodus in our Time -- a note from the Diocese

Adult Forums & The Exodus Big Read

Together, as a diocese, we will have several opportunities to ponder the questions raised in the Book of Exodus and how they apply to us, here and now.

Beginning August 27, 2017, and running to April 7, 2018, we are

invited to come together to read the Book of Exodus. Follow this link to more information: <http://diosohio.org/exodus/>

One part of this a series of Adult Forums

We are in the process of creating five video classes for adult forums. The first class is up and ready to use. You can see it by going to <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>. There you will also see working titles for the other four classes in the series. We suggest that you wait until after August 27th to begin using these classes.

The forum format that these videos are designed for is simple: watch the fifteen minute video, then spend thirty to forty minutes talking about the three discussion questions. All that's needed to lead a forum like this is a computer, projector (unless your group is small enough to gather around the computer screen), and someone to hit play.

The videos are streamable through Youtube and are also downloadable. Links to both streaming video and download are available at <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>.

Visit adsobigread.org to explore resources we have available for individuals, for meetings, for adult forums, and for diocesan-wide events. And please don't hesitate to offer suggestions and helpful critiques by emailing me or using the forms available on the site. For questions or comments please contact Rev. Karl Stevens
kpbstevens@gmail.com.

Another part is the Exodus Convocation

**Toward the Promised Land
Saturday, September 16, 2017
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center**

Join us for a unique day of dreaming and discernment. Help to shape the direction of the diocese as we learn to leave behind what holds us back and move out into our neighborhoods.

If you are passionate about making our Church/the Gospel relevant to our neighborhoods and the world today, this is the day for you! Come together for a day of deep discussion and practical learning about identifying our "Egypt" and how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us out of our buildings and into connection with the people around us.

Several workshops will be offered by people who have already done it-gone into their neighborhoods and listened and engaged with both institutions and individuals.

Talk with and learn from those who are already embracing connection with old people, young people, homeless people, people of different faiths and cultures. They will share wisdom and resources that will inspire and redefine our own ministries.

There is no cost to attend the Exodus Convocation, but registration is required. Registration will open July 17. <http://diosohio.org/convocation/>

Do you know what this is?

The storm Tuesday blew over a large dead pine tree and this view is looking down at part of the remaining stump.

Hint -- You are probably familiar with knotty pine paneling -- and how hard knots are to saw through.

Here the softer wood broke away exposing the remnants of a former branch which was surrounded by new wood as the tree grew and eventually covered up.



Repeated Material Below

Altar Flowers -- how to order



I have placed a calendar on the church bulletin board in the stairway across from Hobson Lounge. There is a pen on a string that you can use to add your name to an open Sunday of your choosing. I need at least one week in advance to get the flowers ordered and to make sure the wording of your dedication is as you choose.

The procedure:

- 1) Write your name on the calendar;

2) Email me (huge@ohio.edu) or phone me (740-592-5178) to give me your dedication.

3) I will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is \$60 for the arrangement; \$10 delivery fee; \$4.90 tax. Total: \$74.90.

4) I will relay your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

Thank you for your generous donations to keep our altar flowers coming.

Sharon Huge

If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly Creech, our florist, 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. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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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