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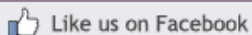
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Gospel



Good Shepherd E-News (14 July 2016)

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: 17 July 2016 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II-C
Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, July 20, 12:00 noon

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, July 27, 12:00 noon

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, August 3, 12:00 noon

Healing Service: Wednesday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (17 July 2016)

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham and Doris Green

Coffee Hour: Sharon Huge and Sally Spero

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I

Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Zella Nisley

Eucharistic Ministers: Marsha Dutton (Prayer leader)

Ushers: Norm Fox and Julie Nehls

First Cross: Sharon Huge



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Lessons: Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52 (said), Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42.

<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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of the Supreme Court, and the members of the U.S. Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Trinity, Hamilton and St. Mary's, Hillsboro.

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. We pray also for the United Campus Ministry, for Good Works, and for the Kairos prison ministry.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Ed and Mary Lou, Kristi, Pam, Erica, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Chris, Sally, George, Jan, Pat, Sharon, Ginnie, William, Amanda and family, Patricia, Richard, Robert, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, and Loretta, and we pray for all who care for them.

Those who have died:

The Rt. Rev. Edmond Lee Browning

* 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.



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Sunday, July 17, the loose plate offering (all cash and non-designated giving) will go into the priest-in-charge's discretionary fund. This fund is used to offer assistance to different needs in the community, such as utility and other bills. Anyone can contribute to the priest's discretionary fund at any time by writing "discretionary fund" on the memo line of a check or on the outside of an envelope with a contribution inside. Thanks to your generosity, Mother Deborah has been able to help the community one person at a time.

Music Notes (July 17 ...)



Volunteers for a choral ensemble for Sunday, July 24 are needed. Singers from 4th grade on up are welcome. We will meet after church this Sunday (17th) and at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 24 before the service.

Then on Sunday, July 31, we welcome Kelly Burns as our soloist.

Stay tuned for August musical happenings.

Marsha Reilly, Music director

Vestry Meeting (July 21)

The vestry will be meeting in Hobson Lounge, Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m.



More Than Just A Game

I recently discovered Church of the Good Shepherd is part of one of the most popular interactive games for smart phones to date. The game is called Pokemon GO and is the newest form of a franchise that started back in the 1990s that was popular with children of many ages. This version of the game can be downloaded onto smart phones; players then play the game by walking around their neighborhoods and towns looking to catch creatures called "Pokemon."



To catch these Pokemon, players need special tools, which is where Good Shepherd comes into the game. Players must travel to actual locations in their communities to "acquire" what they need to catch Pokemon, and one of those places is Good Shepherd. (No worries, all Pokemon characters and other parts of the game are in the game, not outside.)

Being what is called a "PokeStop" means that people of all ages will be coming to the church in order to play the game. So if you see people hanging around with their smartphones in hand, they might just be playing the game. Say hello and ask them how the game is going. It might be an interesting conversation. Some of our parishioners are playing, too. Pokemon Go is getting people to go outside and explore and is literally bringing people to our church doors. It's helping people of all ages learn that we are here. I don't know if that means these people will start coming to church on Sunday mornings or for free lunch on Wednesdays, but I do believe Pokemon Go has given us an opportunity to show awareness and be present. We don't have to play the game to welcome the people who are. I hope you join me in encouraging the people who stop by.

Editor's note - want to learn more?

To learn more about the game of Pokemon, visit: pokemongo.com or vox.com

This game has not gone unnoticed by the Diocese - see CONNECTIONS:
<http://www.dsoconnections.org/2016/07/12/pokemon-go-drawing-people-to-church/>

A TIME MAGAZINE article about the game can found at:
<http://time.com/4400791/pokemon-go-iphone-android-nintendo/?xid=newsletter-brief>

?Question: Why are some church doors red on Episcopal Churches?

Red doors on an Episcopal Church are more than just for standing out or looking good. The color red on church doors has deep symbolic meaning that can tell the world who we are, what we believe, and express a welcome invitation.

Think about the times you see the color red in liturgy. Good Friday and the Feast of Pentecost are two times red is the liturgical color because red symbolizes the blood of Christ. It is also the color that indicates the Presence of the Holy Spirit. In high church liturgies you also see red on days commemorating martyrs who died because of their faith, so red reminds us of Christian martyrs too.

Historically, red church doors were used to advertise a place of refuge from fleeing suspects (see King Ethelbert's law, circa 600 C.E.). The red doors alerted those in trouble that they could find sanctuary in a church. While times have changed, there is still a need for places of peace and safety where people can be free to heal. Churches have been called "hospitals for sinners," and as hospitals and relief groups like the Red Cross use red, we like to believe the red on our church doors signifies that the parish is a place that supports spiritual healing. We also believe Episcopal parishes are places where anyone can learn and ask questions; we "don't check our brains at the door." Questions are not always encouraged in all environments, which is another way Episcopal parishes offer safety and acceptance.

While there are churches that have a reputation for excluding people, the Episcopal Church has a reputation of welcome. Studies show the majority of Episcopalians have left other Christian denominations and have found a home here. In a world where there are uncertainties, anxieties, and fears, we believe there need to be places that are counter to such a culture, and any parish's red doors can stand out, signaling not only that this is a different kind of place but that it is also a healing place where the Body of Christ is present and welcomes all who enter.

Interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church? Check out *The Episcopal Handbook, The Essential Field Guide to all Things Episcopal*, copyright 2008, Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY, and

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Want to start a conversation about Good Shepherd's doors? Our Junior Warden Ted Foster is eager to listen and talk with you. Below gives one some idea of what a red door for Good Shepherd might look like from the sidewalk.



Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On July 13, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group II provided 34 people with 47 servings. The menu was cheese and egg sandwiches with rice or bean/tomato/corn salad, fruit, and cookies. The volunteers this week were Zelma Coleman, Harold Smith, Esther Hernandez, Betty Hollow, Hailey Luellow, and Anne Walker.

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.

Week in pictures



Top Left, Michael working in Hobson, center, a kneeler for the votive table, three neat ladies appear in the kitchen. Bottom left, because of recent events the chapel has been open during office hours. Lower center, note that the altar cross shows up first. Lower right, Ted thought there might be something interesting in the beverages at Wednesday lunch, but was disappointed that the Church was just Pokemon sight.

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>

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.

A Fully Staffed Nursery: Nursery care will not be available during the summer. However, children of all ages are always welcome throughout the entire service.



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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