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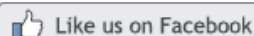
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Good Shepherd E-News (14 June 2018)

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: 17 June 2018



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

The Transition Process #3

With question #3 we near the end of the process to transition Mother Deborah from Priest-in-charge to Rector of Good Shepherd. The last question:

What do we need from ourselves and from Mother Deborah to move us towards the best future into which we believe God is calling us?

We will have three weeks to consider prayerfully our answers. You may place your comments either in the baskets in the Narthex, on the piano in Nehls Hall, or in my mail box in the lobby outside the office. Other options are that you may give them to Barbara, or you may email them to me at drabeja02@yahoo.com.

If you have not responded to the previous two questions, you may still do so until July 9. Indicate question 1, 2 or 3 on those responses.



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Thank you again for prayerfully considering these questions and your responses. These comments, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit will help the Vestry as it makes its decision in early August.

David Burton
Sr. Warden

[Altar Flowers How to Order](#)

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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CrossRoads Café June Hours: Please Stop In



Tuesday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(Closed Friday June 15)

Orientation Special:
All Drinks \$1

CrossRoads Café - Some Feedback from those who stopped in so far

We've just started the phase of our new coffee shop ministry by being open a few hours weekly during the month of June in order to practice coffee making and serving skills, to learn new routines for opening and closing, and to get used to this new ministry in our midst. Here are some of the comments made by folks who stopped in and took advantage of our "Orientation Special" where all drinks are only \$1:

- * "I think it is wonderful that you are starting this ministry."
- * "I like knowing that buying this coffee helps someone, that it makes a difference."
- * "This coffee is better than any I've had before."
- * "I work next door, maybe we can work together on a project."
- * "This is great, I'll tell people at work."

As you can see, we are generating positive feedback.

There are still ways you can help:

- * sign up to volunteer for a day
- * donate cold drinks like lemonade and iced tea
- * invite your friends and neighbors to stop in for a drink
- * stop in for a cup of refreshment
- * pray for this new ministry

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 17 June, Pentecost 4

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Zella Nisley and Mike Wootton

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

Celebrant: The Rev. David McCoy

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Norm Fox

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Allyn Reilly

First Crucifer: Hailey Luellhoff

Lessons: for Pentecost 4 - I Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20 (sung); 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

<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 Congress.

In our diocese, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop.

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. We pray also for the Eucharistic Visitors, Eucharistic Ministers and lectors.

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

Birthdays: Pely Brient (6/19), Todd Bastin (6/22), Bruce Martin (6/22)

Anniversary: Pat and Karen Smith (6/21)

Confrontation Training: (Tomorrow, June 15)

While very few instances of confrontation occur in our parish, nevertheless a few mild instances have popped up in recent months. Since we are embarking on our new Café, and our Wednesday Lunch continues to attract numbers of people, and since there is always the possibility of confrontation in every gathering, we have asked David Malawista, who is a retired clinical psychologist with the Athens Mental Health Center and now employed by the Athens City Police, to conduct a training session for those interested in knowing how to defuse volatile situations if and when they occur.

This class is scheduled for **Friday, June 15, at 5:15 PM**, in either Hobson Room or in Nehls Hall, depending on turnout. Members of the **Vestry**, those who serve at **Wednesday Lunch**, and those who wish to be active in the **Café** are especially urged to attend.

Upcoming Events

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 20, noon

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., College green

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, June 26, at the CrossRoads Café (Julie Nehls hosts)

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 27, noon

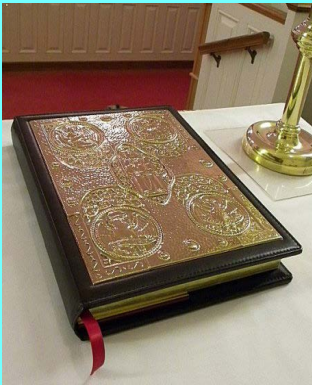
Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m., College green

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, July 4, 7:00 p.m., College green

Gospel

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 4:26-34



Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

"Under the Elms" concert series:

The "Under the Elms" Summer Band Concert Series will be with us again this summer as part of the Ohio University Summer Band Clinic-Workshop. The concerts are

Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on the College Green beside the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium; the rain location will be inside the Auditorium. Below is a quick summary of dates. Bring your lawn chairs.



Dates left:

Wednesday, June 20: Concert - with OHIO Summer Music Campers.

Wednesday, June 27: Concert - "Music of the Night": Music from stage and screen with John Schlabach and Josh Nightingale, trumpet.

Wednesday, July 4: Concert - "Celebrate America!"

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On June 13 Group 2 served 35 people and 60 servings. The menu dish was pasta salad. Fresh fruit, dessert, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Brad Handlin, Emmanuel Coleman, Tado Stemple, Hailey Luelloff, and Zelma 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.

Ground-Cover Vine: Parking Lot above Scott Quad.



Check out the flower's center (below). It is like a classroom chart from high school biology class days -- I would guess the five hotdog-bun-looking yellow things are "anthers," and the green speckled spokes are "filaments," and the whole assembly is the "stamen" (male portions of flower, five total). The peace symbol portion is the "pistil" (female portion) with the "stigma" (outer end portion, of each of the three branches), then tube "style" leading in toward center, and then the one "ovary & ovule" in the center.

Anyone know what kind of vine this is?



Repeat Material Below

New Ministries and Growth

This month we are continuing to move forward with the new coffee shop ministry named CrossRoads. This is an exciting time, as we'll have CrossRoads open and operating for limited hours to coincide with new-student orientation at Ohio University. It is also a good time to reflect on how this ministry started, its intention, and how creating and starting a ministry like this will require prayer, reflection, and the need to adapt as we learn.

History

CrossRoads began about one year ago when the Rev. Jason Leo invited us to partner with Bishop Breidenthal on a new kind of ministry that seeks to make a positive impact on the economy of local communities. Fr. Leo recommended starting a café/coffee shop because of our campus location, our facilities, and our good reputation. The bishop would give us funding, and we would provide some vision, work, and location. The hope is that what we create together can become a model for other parishes in the diocese. We were chosen by the Bishop and Fr. Leo because of our location, our ministry to our community, and our relationship as priest and parish.

Time to Grow

When Mother Deborah visited other coffee shops, including one attached to a church, she saw a ministry that looked a lot like Wednesday Free Lunch in that many if not most people who come for Wednesday Lunch aren't just there for the food; they are also there for community and conversation. The need for such safe, good places is more than one hour a week. Mother Deborah added to the Bishop and Fr. Leo's idea the vision of growing the Church of the Good Shepherd's ministry of hospitality. Such a change seemed the natural next step for a parish that generously opens its doors to invite its neighbors in.

Intention

CrossRoads is a multi-layered ministry. On one level it is a collaborative ministry with the bishop and his staff. On another level it is a way to create what sociologists call a "third good place" where people can come in and rest from the stresses of life. On another level it is also a ministry that provides the opportunity for people unfamiliar with church to engage church people-if they want to. We know that fewer people come to church than to coffee shops. On yet another level, by hiring staff we are providing employment opportunities in a community where finding a job is hard. While we are not at a stage of providing full-time employment

with full benefits, we can be a stepping stone for employees to get a start in that direction. On another level, we are partnering with Deeper Roots Coffee not only to provide delicious coffee, but also by purchasing coffee purchased directly from farmers to help contribute to a better way of life for their families and communities.

Learning

CrossRoads is a different kind of ministry. As a parish it gives us the opportunity to participate in our community in a way that can reflect the love of God while we learn more about the world and how our lives as individuals and parish can have a positive impact. This is also an opportunity to do what many families do when a new family member becomes part of a family by birth, adoption, or marriage: everyone in the family steps back to make room for the new person. Undoubtedly as we move forward we will have moments where we will have to step back to make room for CrossRoads in the building, in scheduling, in our prayers. This is how CrossRoads will become part of the Church of the Good Shepherd and we all become part of it.

Participate

There are lots of ways we can all be part of this ministry, whether by donating items like mugs, cold drinks, volunteering to serve, learning to use the espresso machine, coming in and buying a cup of coffee or tea, or telling your friends and neighbors to stop by for a cup of coffee.

Prayer

Mother Deborah believes there is another collaborator involved in this new ministry. It isn't just a bishop, a parish, and coffee roasters. God is in the midst of this, calling the Church in new ways that are not separate from the present or the past, but deeply rooted in them. One of Mother Deborah's favorite prayers talks about things that were cast down being raised up and things that have grown old being made new. This prayer is found in both the Good Friday service and the Ordination services. It's a powerful reminder that new is not separate from what came before, and that in God's kingdom nothing that came before is forgotten, discarded, or thrown away. God does not see things as disposable. This is good news, because sometimes when something new happens, some people might feel they are not included because of age or involvement with other ministries. We don't want that to be the case with CrossRoads. CrossRoads would not be possible without all the people and all the ministry that has come before. One important way to be part of CrossRoads is

to pray for the ministry. Mother Deborah has invited the bishop and his staff to pray for CrossRoads and invites you to pray too. Prayer is an essential part of this ministry as it invites God into it, even though God started it and reminds us we aren't alone. God is with us, and the work we are doing may be multi-layered, but it is still holy work.

Please pray:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably on your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your Providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; bless the new café ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd. By our working together and through your grace, let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things are made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

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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