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Good Shepherd E-News (14 September 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: 17 September 2017



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

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Upcoming Church Events

Exodus Convocation; Toward the Promised Land - Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Proctor Center

Adult Forum: The Big Read, Sunday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, Sept 20, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, Sept 20, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Adult Forum: The Big Read, Sunday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, Sept 27, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, Sept 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adult Forum, Exodus Convocation, this Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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from parishioners who attended the Exodus
Convocation on Saturday.

Parish Meeting Summary

First, we are grateful to the Rev. Jason Leo, who preached the sermon last Sunday and spoke at the parish meeting about the proposed café and taking questions about it. This cafe is envisioned as a social enterprise; it will be a real partnership with the Diocese to improve the lives of people socially and economically -- giving barista staff and students working in the coffee shop opportunities for living-wage jobs and/or continuing education. The main take-aways from the meeting were general support and enthusiasm from parishioners for this coffee-shop ministry and assurance that our on-going ministries, especially Wednesday lunch, will not be adversely affected, but probably enhanced. We are still early in the process, exploring possibilities; it will be some time before we actually start.



T. Foster

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sharon Huge and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers: Lois Wagner

Coffee Hour: the Martin family

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: Alex Buckley
Eucharistic Ministers: Marsha Dutton (Prayer Leader) and Allyn Reilly
Ushers: Chris Eaton and Bruce Martin
First Crucifer: Sharon Huge
Second Crucifer: Pely Brient

Lessons: for Pentecost 15 - Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114 (sung), Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35.

<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 Sts. Simon and Cyrene, Lincoln Heights; St. Paul's, Logan; and Trinity, London.

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 Prayer Shawl Ministry and Allyn Reilly, our Senior Warden.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, David, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Sharon, Bill, 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: Ilona Carlson Bond (9/18), Sally Spero (9/23)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my daughter, Mary Harmison, by Lois Wagner.

* 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of



the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reading Exodus Together: Sunday, September 17

E X O D U S

We've been invited on a journey, a journey that will simultaneously take place in parishes around the diocese in the present day and that is the remembrance of one that happened long ago. No one really knows for sure what will be discovered on any journey, even if you've taken the same journey before, and there really aren't any shortcuts. Journeys are to be taken, one step at a time; it is up to you if you will accept the invitation and journey through Exodus. No one can force you to do it. Will you join us?

This Sunday's reading: **Crossing the Red Sea**

The dramatic parting of the Red Sea so the Israelites could be free from the Egyptian empire once and for all can be seen and interpreted in many different ways. Some see it as a point of no return. Egypt and all it represented is now behind the people, and there is only one way to go: forward to the Promised Land, where the people will be

free to worship God.

What part of this story do you enjoy? Why?

What part do you find troubling? Why?

Describe a time when you felt you were leaving something behind—a relationship, position, time in your life, etc. Did you feel liberated, free to do something you weren't able to before? If so, what was it?



You are invited to share your reflection on the special pages found in your pew. These reflections are just for you; you do not have to share them. If you choose to share your reflection, please put it in the box near the door marked "Exodus." Thank you for being part of the journey.

The reflections will be posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell by the office.

Here are reflections from the Diocese -- Wisdom of the diocese: [Articles, podcasts and reflections on Exodus from the week of Sept. 3rd.](#)

Leaders Needed for the Journey

We will all be 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!

Doxsee Celebration



Good Shepherd is active in the Kairos Prison Ministry. Kairos is an ecumenical ministry that operates in prisons throughout the United States and in several other countries. In Ohio the organization is active in about ten prisons. For many years Gifford Doxsee was the leader in Good Shepherd's sharing the love of Christ in this regard; he is still fondly remembered by both prisoners and volunteers. Kairos volunteers from around the state came to Gifford's Celebration-of-life service; here they are singing "*Surely The Presence Of The Lord*," which was certainly felt that day.

September 11, 2017 InterFaith Peace Walk



Save These Dates



Saturday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. A Choral Celebration Choir: Members of the downtown churches will gather at 3:00 p.m. for a time of making music together with the new OU Director of Choral Activities, Bradley Naylor. At 5:00 there will be a brief public program.

Each choir is invited to sing a favorite anthem as well as to participate in the combined choir. The event will take place at First United Methodist Church.

Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Hymn Festival at the First Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, WV. Singers who wish to participate in a combined choir should arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Hurricane Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of Hurricane Harvey. 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 natural disasters; it is able to provide immediate rescue and relief 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.

Fall 2017 Parish Directory

We are in the process of updating the parish directory. For the next few Sundays, pages from the most recent edition will be spread out on a table at coffee hour for review. Please check your information. A good many of us are due for new photographs because of family additions and personal age. Ted Foster will be available for taking photographs, or if you have digital copies you can send them to Ted. (fosterth@ohio.edu).

Jack Flemming (noblegasjf@yahoo.com) has contacted reachable parish alumni and friends listed in the current edition, but if you have not heard from Jack and wish to be included in the "Friends" section, please contact Jack or Ted. If you wish, you can send a photo as well.

Entries include your name, that of family members as appropriate, and a mailing address. Phone and email addresses are optional. The Parish Directory is not published on-line but is made available to parishioners and friends.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On September 13, Group II fed 60 people 77 servings.

The main dish was pasta. Also served were egg salad sandwiches, salad, fresh fruit, beverages, chips, and dessert.

The volunteers were Ann Walker, Harold Smith, Esther Hernandez, Zelma Coleman, and Lia Knox.

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.

Planning Your Celebration-of-Life Service

We want to make every Celebration-of-life service beautiful. It can be a tremendous help to your family if you take the time to plan your celebration-of-life (funeral) service. Such thoughtful planning, no matter your age, helps your family know your wishes, favorite readings or hymns, the type of service you want, even where you would like the service held. Planning the church service is different from plans you make with a funeral home. To help you with this process, we have worksheets

available for you to fill out. Both Mother Deborah and Marsha Reilly are willing and available to meet with you and go over the worksheets together, or you can fill them out on your own. Please email Barb Martin, our Parish Administrator, at barbara@chogs.org for the worksheets or call the church office at 740-593-6877. Please return a copy of completed worksheets to the church office so we can keep them on file; you may want to keep a copy for your own files. Thank you for prayerfully considering making these plans now; God willing, it will be a long time before another funeral and when the time for another does come, having something like these plans in place can be a help.

Also, please remember the church in your will. Thank you.

Mérida Church Trip:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico, has invited a group from Good Shepherd to visit them January 10-15. With Vestry approval to move forward, we're looking for a diverse group of no more than 10 who would be interested in participating in this encuentro (meeting) with fellow Episcopalians in Mérida who yearn for a relationship with like-minded Christians. This is a trip where we have been invited to stay with families from St Luke's, to deepen our bonds of friendship, and to share in their remarkable journey in establishing a permanent Episcopal church in Mérida. We'll not build houses or churches but rather friendships. The cost would be only airfare to Mérida and perhaps some extra spending money.



St. Luke's Anglican mission in Mérida, Yucatán

If you are interested, talk with either David Burton or Mother Deborah. See pictures of St Luke's new building (they moved on Pentecost, and there are pictures of Carolyn King with Fr. José and another of Carolyn and Crystal) on their Facebook page: St Luke's Episcopal Church of Mérida. Make sure to "Like" it.

Two weeks ago several interested people met with Carolyn and Crystal to discuss this proposed trip.



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.



Make the Connection

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).
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