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## Good Shepherd E-News (15 November 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: 18 November 2018



### Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II-D

**In-gathering of pledge cards  
(& Discretionary Sunday)**

## Upcoming Events

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, November 15,  
7:00 p.m.

Gospel According to Dr. Who - - Friday, November  
16, 5:30 p.m.

In-gathering of pledge cards - - Sunday, November  
18 (Discretionary Sunday)

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov. 21, 12:00 noon  
(No Choir Rehearsal)

Thanksgiving Day Service - - Thursday, November  
22, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving potluck - - Thursday, November 22,  
1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 12:00 noon

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

"José's Weekly  
Reflection"

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To this week's  
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Church

Choir rehearsal - - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Festival Dress Rehearsal - - Saturday,  
December 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - December 2

Advent Music Festival - - Sunday,  
December 2, 4:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Breakfast - - Tuesday, December 11,  
Bob Evans

## Bringing the Harvest Home In-Gathering Sunday:

This Sunday,  
November 18th, is  
the day we are  
giving our gifts of  
prayer, time, and  
money to the  
Church of the  
Good Shepherd.



Your pledge and every pledge are of vital  
importance to the ministries of this parish and we,  
the leadership, clergy, and staff of Church of the  
Good Shepherd, are deeply grateful for your  
generosity. Please bring your completed pledge  
card up to the altar during the offertory.

## Vestry Tonight 7:00 PM



## **Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 18 November 2018, Pentecost 26**

**Altar Guild:** David Burton, Zelma Coleman, and Julie Nehls

**Altar Flowers:** David Burton

**Coffee Hour:** Carlson family

**Eucharistic Visitor week of** November 18 - Lynn Graham

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Zella Nisley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Dana Carlson

**Ushers:** Chris Eaton and Norm Fox

**First Crucifer:** Lynn Graham

**Second Crucifer:** Pely Brient

**Lessons:** for Pentecost 26 - I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 2:1-10 (Sung); Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

<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 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 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry and David Burton, our Senior Warden.

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

**Birthdays:** Mark Worstall (11/18), Preston Denton (11/21) Penny Karageorge (11/23)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all God's blessings by David Burton.

\* 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](mailto:grahammowery@aol.com).

## Gospel

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 13:1-8



As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there

will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

## Stewardship Talk - Harvest at Good Shepherd (Junior Warden, Dana Carlson, Sunday, Nov. 11.)



In my vegetable garden, I do succession planting. Succession planting is a cycle of planting and harvest which is repeated over and over during a growing season. So I start a new bed of lettuce while a previous planting is just coming to maturity for harvest. Now as any lettuce grower around here knows, the summer heat will very quickly make your lettuce plants bolt and start to produce seed. In recent years, I've been planting a fall crop of lettuce from the seed from the first plants to bolt. Last year, I grew a type of French salad endive which produced well, so I thought it would be interesting to see how it might fare if we planted it in our hoop house (greenhouse) over the winter. Fortunately, the plants didn't die (they didn't grow much either over the winter) but by April we had nice, big heads of endive which we and our chickens ate-until the plants bolted in

June and went to seed. And now this month, I'm starting plants from that seed to overwinter in the hoop house again. This cycle of planting and harvest and spring rebirth is one that we hear about often in the Bible: from 2nd Corinthians: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

A healthy and productive garden takes constant stewardship. The gardener puts plenty of time, energy, (and prayer!) into maintaining the garden environment and soil so that healthy plants can root and thrive. And it takes money. For most gardeners, there are expenses: the bales of straw for mulch, the new plastic cover for that hoop house, a replacement wheelbarrow when the old one rusts out, and seed-always new seed. Without good seed, the garden is barren.

Likewise, the ministries of this parish need seeds of time, energy, prayer, and money. Each autumn, members of Good Shepherd commit to financial pledges for the coming year to support salaries for our ministerial, music, and clerical staff, to pay for electricity, gas, water, and phone service, to buy insurance for our buildings, to keep our fire extinguishers inspected and up to code; and to maintain our church and rectory buildings (and especially in this church, the plumbing!). These financial pledges ensure that we can provide the underpinnings of our ministries of Wednesday free lunch and the food pantry, providing meeting space for those whose lives are afflicted by addiction, helping people apply for assistance through the benefit bank, building a coffee house listening ministry, supporting our Kairos prison ministry, supporting young boys through the Boy Scouts, and sharing the spiritual riches of Sunday worship, to name a few.

Like the garden, our ministries need more than money. They need people who will also solidly commit to volunteering time, energy, and prayer, without which our ministries wither and die. This year, our stewardship committee has added a veritable cornucopia of volunteer possibilities on the back of the pledge card. We urge each of you to prayerfully consider your pledge of time and energy, prayer and money -helping us to seed, root, grow, harvest, and then reseed-and ensuring that Good Shepherd's succession planting produces a continual harvest.



## Exciting Times at Good Shepherd (pt. 2)

In October I wrote a long piece for the E-News under this same title. It bears repeating that we are indeed living in exciting times here at 64 University Terrace. This is only the first of several major projects that

will happen during 2019. As our facilities age, it is becoming evident that we need to make some important capital improvements to the space where we gather as a community of faith and that we share with the greater community that surrounds us.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary Anne and Roland Swardson who wanted to give a gift to Good Shepherd. Because of their interest and participation in our Wednesday Free Lunch program, they wanted to make improvements to the kitchen a possibility. Several other parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous, joined them and stepped forward to make the renovation possible. Thanks to this generosity, we will welcome 2019 with a newly remodeled kitchen.

At a cost of \$62,000, there will be energy-efficient ceiling lights; new floors; new cabinets; energy-saving range, ovens, refrigerator, and freezer; a new disposal to replace the very cantankerous one. The kitchen will have plenty of storage so that each and every one of the utensils necessary for the functioning of our busy kitchen will have a space they can call home.

Over the next few weeks and months we will be talking more about these capital improvements. Since these expenditures fall outside the general operating costs of the parish, we must ask everyone, present and former parishioners, as well as friends of the parish, to help with a financial gift. No gift is too small as we move forward, guided as we are by the Holy Spirit, in our service to the community that surrounds us. Thank you for your generous dedication to Good Shepherd.

## The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO: This Friday at 5:30 p.m.



Please join us for the final episode in the Gospel According to Doctor Who fall series. Due to a technical complication, we will be watching a different episode from what was originally advertised. Our apologies to any fans looking forward to seeing the character River Song.

We will be watching **Asylum of the Daleks**, an episode that is a parable about hate and love. In this episode the characters take us on a fast paced adventure that gives us the opportunity to explore how to resist hate, how love can conquer hate, and the terrible cost of holding on to hate. We'll hear what our Presiding Bishop says as well exploring the theology of love and hate. We hope you leave with plenty of food for thought about how to live when feeling pressured to respond to the events in the world with anger and hate. A delicious and simple dinner is included. Please join us! (If you don't know what a **Dalek** is, don't worry, we'll explain.)

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

## Luke/Acts Big Read kick-off

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 am 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. 16 Luke 7-9.  
Dec. 26 Luke 10-11.  
Dec. 31 Luke 12-14

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

Feb. 4 Acts 2-4  
Feb. 11. Acts 4-6  
Feb. 18 Acts 7-9  
Feb. 28 Acts 10-12

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

## A Day of Giving Thanks

November 22

**What are YOU  
Thankful For?**

Please join us in gathering to give and express our thanksgiving and gratitude to God for all of life's gifts and blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Worship service with Holy Communion  
10:00 am  
Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00 pm

Come for part or all of Thanksgiving Day at Church of the Good



Shepherd.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

As an expression of their gratitude for being at Church of the Good Shepherd, and especially this year when the vestry unanimously voted Mother Deborah as Rector, Mother Deborah and her family invite you to join them in sharing Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, in Nehls Hall. Mother Deborah and Michael will provide the turkey and invite you to bring a dish to share.



## Cookie Bakers Needed

Following the December 2 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be hosting a reception. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Saturday morning, December 1. If enough cookies are received, some will be available for sale. Also on Sunday, December 2, help will be needed to set up tables and prepare for the reception. This will be done right after coffee hour.



Please contact Julie Nehls, [jnehls16@gmail.com](mailto:jnehls16@gmail.com), 593-7354, if you want to donate cookies or assist with set up.

## Christmas Coffee Sales



With the coffee orders in hand so far Good Shepherd will earn a profit of \$75. It is my goal to double the amount of profit we earn. Order forms are in your bulletin, and the order deadline will be November 25. It is my plan to deliver the coffee the following Sunday. With your order you will be able to drink excellent coffee while supporting a local Ohio business

and helping to fund our Outreach program in the community.

Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

## Introducing "Ask Sebastian"

The "Ask Sebastian" column, which will answer questions about our historic Aeolian-skinner pipe organ debuts this week.

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

So here goes:

**Question:** How old is the organ?

**Answer:** The organ was under contract in 1952 when the current church building was under construction. Due to various delays, completion of the organ installation was not until 1954. That makes it 64 years old.



## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On November 14, Group 2 served 70 people 76 servings.

The menu was rice and veggie chili along with fresh salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages.

The setup, cooking, and serving volunteers were Zelma Coleman, Thaddeus Semsel, Betty Hollow, Ester Hernandez, and Phyllis Dean.

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.



# Advent Festival

Sunday, December 2,

4:30 p.m.

## All Creation Waits

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd presents its annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Restoration Fund.

A reception follows the program.

Featured are Carols, hymns and anthems from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

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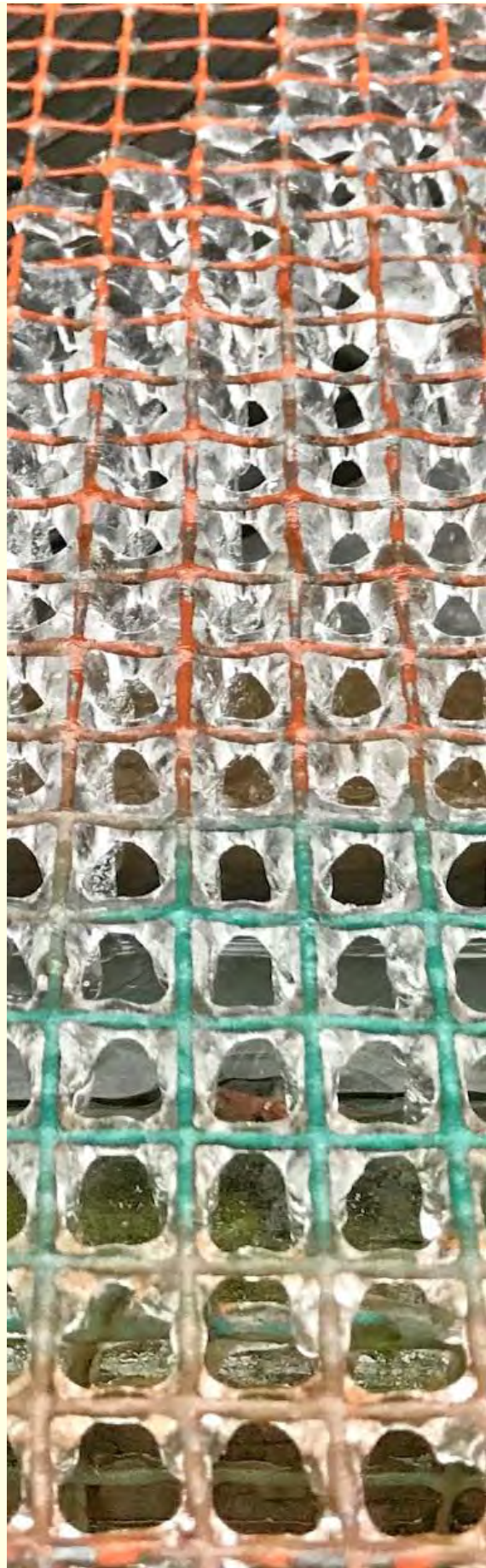
**Editor's Note:** The reception specifics are still evolving but we can be assured the reception will be replete with homemade cookies and opportunity to purchase Deeper Roots Coffee Gift sets and perhaps more.

This satellite image of the church and environs is interesting. Note we are directly above the steeple. Concrete pad for the food truck is not there as yet. Bobcat Store under a bush? Remember E Mulberry St?



Freezing this morning on Foster's heat pump. Has a screen cage to keep leaves out. The whole thing is brown but the ice seems to bring out additional colors.





## Repeat Material Below

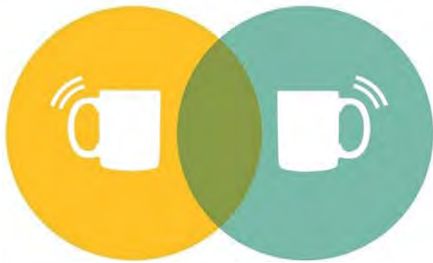
### Episcopal Shield Stickers Are Back!

For just \$1 you can get a new Episcopal Shield sticker for your car, house, computer, tablet, anywhere at all you want to display our denomination.

This year we have two styles: window cling for clear windows and the same sticker style we had in the past. Get 'em while they last! Proceeds will go toward campus ministry. Thank you!



### Listening Ministry - A Volunteer Opportunity



We Are Here  
To Listen.

Combining the practices of presence, listening, discernment, and prayer, listening ministry is the opportunity to be fully present to another human being in a way that is non-judgmental, loving, and kind. In a world where loneliness is often named as one of the major problems in society, a listening ministry seeks to counter the misconception that God is absent and doesn't care by offering to be fully present to someone, maybe even someone you don't know.

This ministry is one we'd like to offer at our CrossRoads Café this fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be asked to commit to being present during café hours as they are able and to be available to anyone who comes into the café who might want someone to listen to them. This ministry will require some special training, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).



CrossRoads Café Is Open: Help us spread the word! Invite your friends for a cup of Deeper Roots coffee or a nice cup of tea. Stop in and meet our café staff - Eleanor, Dylan, and Naomi. The café hours are 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Sundays, it is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The café is closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Follow the above link for the story behind the cafe.



## Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has met to discuss the possibilities for the following ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd:

- Vestry (3-year term)
- Student Representative to Vestry (1 year)
- Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention
- Leadership roles: Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary of Vestry

Every year these positions are discussed so that they can be brought to our parish's annual meeting, which is usually in January. Some positions, like Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, can be continued by the persons currently serving, if they choose. Others, like vestry members, will need new people to fill those roles because the positions are for a limited amount of time.

To learn more, or if you are interested in participating in a ministry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah (chair), Anne Braxton, Nancy Covington, and Norm Fox, with Senior Warden David Burton serving ex officio.

## 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 cell number is 937-689-8895.

Her personal email is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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 (C) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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