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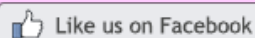
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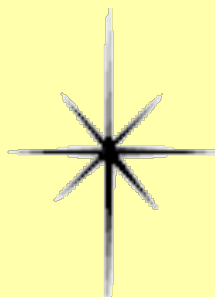
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Good Shepherd E-News (16 February 2017)

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: 19 February 2017 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



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

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist
Rite II-D
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:00 a.m.: Adult Forum, Hobson
Lounge

9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, Nehls Hall

Upcoming Church Events

Adult Education: Sunday, February 19, 9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

Sunday School: Sunday, February 19, 9:30 a.m., Nehls Hall

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, home of Julie Nehls

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Soul Biscuits: Friday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Adult Education: Sunday, February 26, 9:00 a.m., Hobson Lounge

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:

Tuesday, February 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

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Gospel



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Altar Guild: David Burton and Zelma Coleman

Coffee Hour: Dana and Richard Carlson

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Eucharistic Ministers: Marsha Dutton (Prayer leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Norm Fox

First Cross: Lynn Graham

Gospel Book: Ella Cottrill

Lessons: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40 (sung), I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48.

<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. Mary Magdalene's, Maineville; St. Luke's, Marietta; Ascension, Middletown; and St. Barnabas, Montgomery.

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 Athens County Food Pantry, our music ministry, and Lia Knox, our Junior Warden.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *
Ed and Mary, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Pam, Bill, Stephen, the

on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Ann, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Tom, Bill, Clif, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Bonnie, Don, Elliot, John, Jean, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith Scholl, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Jane Forrest Redfern (2/25)

For those who have died: Edward Covington

* 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.

Reminder - Vestry Meeting tonight

Adult Forum:

This Sunday, Gregory Proctor will lead us in our final discussion of *An Alphabet of Grace*, by Frederick Buechner. This is a book that addresses the way our daily lives open out to God's presence--if we listen. The link to the second chapter is below.

Marsha Dutton

[An Alphabet of Grace 2](#)

Episcopal Migration Ministries

If you are looking for ways to help support immigrants, check out the work the Episcopal Church is doing to help refugees find a welcoming home in America.

Visit episcopalmigrationministries.org for more information and learn about ways you can get involved.



SNATS Benefit Recital

February 17

February 17, 2017 at 7:00PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
64 University Terrace Athens, OH

SNATS Benefit Recital

Join us for an evening of art song and opera! All donations made will go toward travel expenses for the Ohio University SNATS (Student National Association of Teachers of Singing) members on their upcoming trip to Toronto, Canada to compete in the Great Lakes Regional Competition.

(Ohio University Student National Association of Teachers of Singing)

Free Legal Clinic Assistance to Transgender People (Feb 21)

Equitas Health is a community health organization based in Columbus and Dayton that has offices throughout the state. Currently, we are running free legal clinics to provide assistance to transgender people seeking to change their name and/or gender marker on identification documents.

We have held clinics in Columbus, Dayton, and Akron, and we are now taking our clinic on the road to Athens. We will be holding our sixth legal clinic on February 21st from 12-4pm at the United Campus Ministries, located at 18 North College Street.

To register, email legalclinic@equitashealth.com or call (614) 340-6744.



Name and Gender Change Legal Clinic

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 | 1-4 PM

United Campus Ministry

18 N. College St.

Athens, OH 45701

Free legal assistance to change your name and gender on your identification is now being offered at Equitas Health. Trained attorneys will provide one-on-one counseling to help navigate the process.

To register, email legalclinic@equitashealth.com or call (614) 340-6744. Walk-ins during clinic dates are also welcome.

EquitasHealth.com/legalclinic

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Burning of the Palm Branches Sunday, February 26



You are invited to bring your palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday service to church on the last Sunday in Epiphany and add them to the pile to be burned into ashes. This is an old tradition that not only signaled the end of a church season but was also how parishes provided ashes for Ash Wednesday services. After the 10:30 am service

we will gather outside on the front steps of the church, where we will have a small contained fire; after a special prayer we will add the palm branches to the fire and watch them become ashes. It's a good way for all of us, no matter our age, to prepare for Ash Wednesday's message of "From dust you came, and to dust you shall return." Even if you don't have palm branches, we hope you join us for this old tradition!

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 28)

Mark your calendars ---

Tuesday, February 28th.

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu is expanded this year to provide additional nutritional opportunities.

There will also be an open stage for anyone. Choir members may do a little song and dance. However, a good many families in our parish have family members (youngish and adultish) who play instruments, sing, or have other performance skills. Don't be shy; you will be among friends. The piano, along with a microphone or two, will be available.

As before, freewill donations will be accepted at the door, with proceeds going to the June Black Memorial Music Fund.



Church of the Good Shepherd invites you

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser

Feb 28th 4:30-6:30 PM
64 University Terrace
Suggested donation: \$5 per person

Scrumptious items include whole wheat and white flour pancakes with maple syrup, cheesy/veggie breakfast casserole, ham, fruit, veggies and dip, coffee, and juice



Ashes-To-Go Volunteers Needed Wednesday March 1, 11:00 am - 1:00pm



Help Mother Deborah and Mother Katharin distribute ashes in front of the church steps! Last year, in addition to ashes, we also gave away cups of hot apple cider. We discovered that this was a good addition and provided additional opportunity for conversation with our neighbors. If you would like to help, even if for only part of the time, please let Mother Deborah know at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and in Nehls Hall.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

On February 15, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group III

MEALS



provided 78 people 91 servings. The meat dish was beans and franks over rice, and the vegetarian dish was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Tossed salad, fresh fruit, stuffed celery sticks, cake, and beverages rounded out the menu.

The volunteers this week were Giovanni Esquivel, Don Frazier, Lynn Graham, Joanne Larson, Lois Wagner, and Joanne Worstall.

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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

Over the last several years, some of the folks who ordered altar flowers have left the area or prefer not to donate flowers as often. I hope that this new procedure will give you an opportunity to look at open dates on the calendar and give you a procedure to follow to order them.

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.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech, our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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

Sharon Huge

The Latest on the Book Sale

Since 2011, when we began selling books you have donated on Amazon, we have sold exactly 999 books. Along with our annual front



porch book sale, we have netted a profit of close to \$8,000 over this period.

This is not a trifling sum, even in an organization of our size. But like many parishes in our situation, we must continue to develop our income beyond the traditional sources of pledges, rentals, and endowments. Selling books on Amazon helps, and the fundraising work of the Marthas helps a whole lot. But to continue as a strong parish spiritually we must continue as a strong parish financially.

With all the smart people at Good Shepherd, I am sure there are additional fundraising ideas that can be implemented. Let's put on our thinking caps and see what we can come up with so we will be able to continue bringing the Gospel into our community. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation

The Episcopal Church Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation is accepting applications for grants (up to \$10,000) that focus on local faith-based projects for mitigating climate change and safeguarding the integrity of Creation.

Episcopal Church congregations, seminaries, schools, monastic communities, non-profits, dioceses, provinces, etc. are encouraged to develop projects that find and establish connections between eco- and social justice and engage the local community as partners and participants. The projects should seek to foster cooperation between communities of faith and civic, scientific, and educational organizations. Projects should have specific outcomes that create lasting impact, enhance faith formation and social understanding, and serve groups and/or regions that are vulnerable and/or underrepresented in the church. Projects that include intergenerational engagement, demonstrate innovation and creativity, and promote church-wide learning, understanding, and practical application are welcomed. Projects should not be solely focused on materials or capital expenses.

Application information is available here:

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/a030_grant_application

The deadline for applications is March 31.

Mark your calendars -- upcoming special events/services for the busy season ahead.

Sunday, February 26 Burning of the palm branches after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, March 1 Ashes-to-Go, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15 Soup & Salad Lenten Program 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 19 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 22 Soup & Salad Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 26 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 29 Soup & Salad Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 2 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 5 Evensong followed by soup & salad, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 9 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 11 Tenebrae, 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm Watch all night
Friday, April 14 Good Friday, 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 15 Great Vigil of Easter, 7:40 pm
Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday Breakfast & Flowering of the Cross 9:00 am;
service 10:30 am; 1:30 pm Easter Potluck at the Fosters

Civil Obedience

"I am commanded to summon you" My summons for jury duty did not begin politely or kindly or invitingly; it began with two words that are heavily formal: *commanded* and *summon*. These are words that leave no room for anything but obedience and compliance on my part and that of the sheriff, who issued the summons. Together we are commanded and summoned to an act of civil obedience: the sheriff to summon me and me to answer the summons to serve on jury duty.

This summons carries with it several inconveniences for me. The way this jury duty works here in Athens is I am "on call" during the month (yes, the whole month), and simply go about my life, BUT I could be called to serve at any time during the day. I am not just waiting for my phone to ring; I also have to explain why I have to check my phone when it rings, I also have to explain I might not be able to make events or meetings, and I have to stay in town. This means I can't participate in meetings, groups and events outside of Athens. And that is disappointing. It interferes with my life the way I want to live it, including serving God and the Church. And since the concept of civil disobedience seems fashionable right now, I am tempted to be disobedient, to fight this inconvenient summons. But as justified as I might feel, my inconvenience is not a good enough reason to refuse to participate in the community to which I live and serve and pray.

In his inauguration speech in 1961, President John F. Kennedy said, "Finally, whether you are citizens of America, or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you." As I stewed over my summons for jury duty, I remembered this speech and its tone of citizen involvement, and these words put my inconvenience in perspective. It also made me realize that if I have high expectations of the government, whether local, state, or national, then I have not an obligation but a role to play in the day-to-day activities of government, so that the government can accomplish that which I hope and expect it to accomplish. Even as a priest, my role as a citizen goes beyond casting a vote on election days and obeying laws. Being a citizen means I am part of something larger than myself, just as I am part of my own family and I am part

of the church.

While I might have had other plans for the month of February, the local government called me to a month of waiting to serve, sort of like the season of Advent, when we are reminded of our constant waiting for Christ to return and that our waiting is not in vain, for there are glimpses of Christ, if we are paying attention and notice. So I will give up a trip, I will give up a meeting, I will warn all the people I have appointments with, and I will wait. Perhaps I won't get the phone call, perhaps I will, perhaps the phone call to appear at the court house isn't even the point. Perhaps the point is that I am a citizen, and I have something to contribute, and I am willing to share what I have been given should it be required of me. Who knows what this waiting will bring? I've already had conversations with fellow potential jurors who are waiting too. Perhaps there might even be an opportunity to encounter the Holy in this waiting. Perhaps there is a gift in obedience that opens the way for the Holy to enter the places we are called to, even the places we might not want to be called to. Guess I'll keep waiting and see.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Photos



Left: A new unexpected form of campus ministry. The Church itself was not affected by the water line breakage today. **Right:** Soul Biscuits, this past Friday Lois Wagner discussed the latest trends in weaving with rigid heddle looms and pin looms. Here Lois is starting a demonstration with the assistance of Hailey Luelloff.

Repeated Information Below

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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 Hugel (740-592-5178 or hugel@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 Hugel 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.



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 Lia Knox (Junior Warden) at 484-868-2731 or by e-mail at knoxliam@gmail.com.

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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