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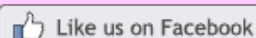
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Good Shepherd E-News (16 March 2017)

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 March 2017 Lent 3



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

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

Upcoming Church Events

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 22, 12:00 noon

Soup & Bread Lenten program: Wed, March 22, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 28, Doris Green

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 29, 12:00 noon

Soup & Bread Lenten program: Wed, March 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Third Sunday in Lent

Donate

By popular request
the **DAY OF CHANGE** bucket will be in the Narthex this week for those who forgot their spare change last Sunday.

Vestry Meeting tonight, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Fund

This Sunday's undesignated offering (cash) will go into Mother Deborah's discretionary fund. This fund enables her to offer assistance to a variety of people with different needs. In the past month, your generosity has allowed her to help people pay their rent and utility bills, to support a OU student program, and to provide aid for residents of Carriage Hills Apartments who lost

Altar Guild: David Burton and Zelma Coleman
Coffee Hour: Joanne Worstall and Don Frazier

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-A
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Bella Martin
Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor and David Burton
Ushers: Zelma Coleman and Bruce Martin
First Cross: Lynn Graham
Second Cross: Ana Martin

Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95 (sung), Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.

<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 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 Grace, Pomeroy; All Saints', Portsmouth; and St. Francis, Springboro.

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. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for Barbara Martin, our Parish Administrator.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Mary Lou, Pam, Bill, Stephen, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Chris, Sally, Ann, Jan, Pat, Doris, Tom, Sharon, Bill, Cliff, William, Roxie, Patricia, Paul, David, Mitchell, Don, Holly, Robert, Bonnie, Don, Pat, Elliot, John, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan,

clothing and possessions in a fire. Mother Deborah is deeply grateful to all of you who help make it possible to help people in the community. You can give to the discretionary fund anytime by writing "priest's discretionary fund" on the memo line of a check or on an envelope with your gift inside. This is just another way we can work together to make a difference in our community.

Bill, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Philip Ortman (3/20)

Anniversaries: Sirlei and Bruce Martin (3/23), Ben and Caitlin Schave (3/25)

For Those Who have Died: Richard Nisley, Sr. Edith Scholl

* 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.

Adult Forum

To encourage participation in the two special Lenten study groups--the Wednesday evening program with soup and salad, and the Sunday afternoon small group discussion--the Adult Forum will NOT MEET during Lent but will begin again after Easter. So **NO** Adult Forum for the weeks ahead.

Wednesday Soup & Reflection Series



5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Nehls Hall

First one is Wed. March 15

Join us for Soup at 5:30, Program at 6:00 pm. Come for all or part of the evening.

A **sign-up sheet** is available in Nehls Hall for people to sign up to bring soup or bread to the Wednesday Lenten series. Two people are needed for soup and one person for bread.

The series begins Wednesday March 15 and continues on March 22, 29, and April 5. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Life Committee (Lois Wagner and Joanne Worstall).

Lenten Programs

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm

Join us for a weekly discussion of the Lenten devotional, *Living Well Through Lent*



Starts Sunday, March 19th, at Mother Deborah's house.

Easter Lilies

Please complete a request form (located in the Narthex) to order Easter lilies. They are \$16 per plant. Make checks payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," putting Easter lilies in the memo line. Return forms and checks to Sharon Huges or put in Barb Martin's mailbox. The deadline for ordering is March 24.



Spring Break



Serving a parish on a university campus is a gift in many ways. It is very different from the suburban and rural parishes I have served in. There is an energy that I find engaging, and a diversity that keeps me learning about people and places and ideas. It also comes with the university's calendar, one that sometimes conflicts (but not always) with the liturgical/church calendar. One of the gifts of the university calendar is the scheduled time off.

That time off is a gift because it reminds me that the energy I enjoy being in the midst of is sustained by times of rest, and the scheduled times of rest are good reminders and sometimes opportunities to take some rest myself. This year's spring break worked out for my family and me to take some vacation time and rest. At first it seemed counter-intuitive for a priest to take vacation the first week in Lent; but Lent can be a busy time as far as church calendars go, so starting the season with a restful abstention from busyness seemed right this year. My family and I are grateful for the opportunity to rest and are glad to be back from break feeling renewed and blessed to have you and this community to come home to.

Gospel

The Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42



Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He

told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Lent Soup Line last night ...



Good crowd, good soup, and a good talk about 'attention and continuum'.

Wednesday Lent Soup & Reflection Series



2017 WEDNESDAY LENT SOUP & REFLECTION SERIES

SPIRITUAL & PRACTICAL ART OF RESILIENCY

WED. MARCH 15 *ATTENTION*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE PAY ATTENTION TO CHANGES IN LIFE.

WED. MARCH 22 *OPPORTUNITY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW CHANGE CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.

WED. MARCH 29 *JOURNEY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE RESPOND TO CHANGE CAN BE A LIBERATING JOURNEY.

WED. APRIL 5 *WORSHIP*

JOIN US FOR THE LOVELY SERVICE OF EVENSONG AT 5:50 PM

5:30 PM SOUP & BREAD 6:00 PM PROGRAM
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WWW.CHOGS.ORG

Music Lovers

Upcoming music programs at Christ Lutheran Church, Mill Street.

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 A Celebration of Reformation music with members of the Choral Union.

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 An organ recital by Rod Gorby.

Sunday April 23, 4:00 A voice recital by Nick Nesbitt.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On March 17, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group III provided 73 people 78 servings. The main dishes were beans & franks over rice and/or beans, corn, & tomatoes over rice. Veggie salad, peanut butter-stuffed celery, fresh fruit, cake or cookies, and beverages rounded out the menu.

The volunteers were April Almond, Don Frazier, Lynn Graham, Lia Knox, 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

Arvin Wells' Birthday



Last Sunday we celebrated Arvin's birthday with the Good Shepherd cake tradition, and below Arvin is trying to convince his daughter, Leslie, that the cake should be eaten BEFORE finishing the regular food.



FREE Lenten Devotional



Please accept a free copy of the Lenten Devotional *Living Well Through Lent 2017, Listening With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.*

This devotional features daily readings and opportunities for deeper reflection and is one way to observe the season of Lent every day.

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

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

Sunday, March 19 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22 Soup & Bread Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 26 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29 Soup & Bread Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5 Evensong 5:30 p.m. followed by soup & bread

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

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

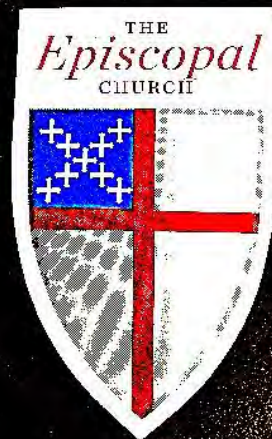


To reserve flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please speak to or contact Sharon Huge (740-592-5178 or huge@ohio.edu).

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.

Episcopal Shield Stickers

Episcopal Shield Stickers are available again. Apply one to your car, device, front door, desk, or any place you want to display your church. Stickers are only \$1 each, proceeds benefit campus ministry.



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 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).

The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or barbara@chogs.org).

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