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Good Shepherd E-News (16 November 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 November 2017



24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. David McCoy

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

12:30 p.m. - Advent Festival Rehearsal

Upcoming Church Events

Advent Festival Rehearsal - Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov. 22, 12:00 noon

Thanksgiving Day Service - Thurs, Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Potluck - Thursday, Nov. 23, 1:30 p.m.

Christ the King Sunday - Sunday, November 26

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov. 29, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.;
Advent Festival Rehearsal, 8:05-8:40 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent and In-Gathering - Dec. 3

Advent Festival & Holiday House - Sunday, Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m.

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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This week Father
José's Weekly
reflection will not
be published in its
regular spot, but
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Healing Thanksgiving

For some, Thanksgiving is a harvest festival marked by food and thanking the Earth and God for the gifts of food, shelter, and family. For others, Thanksgiving is a day for parades, football, and one big meal with friends and family. Others think of pilgrims and their dependence on the native peoples for their survival. Still others see Thanksgiving Day as a transition into the Christmas shopping season and are either on-line shopping or waiting impatiently for those Black Friday deals. And there are those who simply see Thanksgiving Day as a day for practicing gratitude, for being mindful and appreciative of the gifts and blessings of life.

Then there is Sarah Josepha Hale, who thought a national day of Thanksgiving was so important that she campaigned for it for 36 years. It was President Abraham Lincoln, who in 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, saw wisdom in her campaign and designated the last Thursday of November as a day for the nation to pause and give thanks. But President Lincoln did not believe Thanksgiving Day was going to be an opportunity to help give the economy a much needed boost, nor did he envision parades or football games or other ways to entertain hungry family members waiting for the food to be done. Abraham Lincoln believed that a day where everyone stopped to practice gratitude would help to "heal the wounds of the nation."

Practicing gratitude can have a positive, healing affect on our lives. And it isn't only experts in psychology who tell us this. In his lifetime, Jesus often gave thanks to God, even in stressful times. Likewise, when we read the letters from Paul, we can see he too gave thanks to God, sometimes for the very challenges and trials he faced. I believe that when we live our lives being grateful it helps us be a little less entitled, a little less selfish, a little less bitter, and a little more forgiving, a little more aware of God's Presence, and a little more understanding and generous, all of which can bring healing. It's interesting to note that hundreds of years later, we are still a nation seeking healing, and that perhaps can be our invitation to practice gratitude.

Special Services

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

10:00 am Church Service
1:30 pm Dinner



Advent Festival December 3

4:30 pm (Readings and Music)



Messiah Sing December 15

6:00 pm (Reception following)

Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 pm Family Service
10:30 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 am Peaceful Celebration

For more info visit chogs.org

This Thanksgiving Day, and every day, my family and I am deeply grateful for all God has given us, most especially for all of you who are part of the life and ministries of Church of the Good Shepherd and for the healing Presence of God with us. Wherever and however you honor the day, we will be thanking God for you and our life and ministry together.

Many Blessings, and Thanks be to God,
Mother Deborah



Reminder - Vestry Meeting tonight (7:00 p.m.)

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Martin family

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-D

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Lynn Graham and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for Pentecost 24 - Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 (sung), I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30. <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. We pray also for St. Mary's, Waynesville.

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 Altar Guild.

Those Whom our Prayers are Requested: Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Pam, Annette, Jill and family, Jane, David, Louise, Dot, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Ernst, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Reid, Ann, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Preston Denton (11/21), Jason Hillard (11/23), Penny Karageorge (11/23), Molly Dickelman (11/24)



Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts

with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Cookie Bakers Needed for HOLIDAY HOUSE



Following the December 3 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be selling cookies at the Holiday House, as a fundraiser for the Marthas. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Sunday morning or early afternoon on December 3. Also on Sunday, December 3, 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, 593-7354, if you want to donate cookies or assist with set up.

Sale of Christmas Coffee Update

Our annual sale of Christmas coffee roasted by Silver Bridge Coffee has left the starting gate and is heading into the clubhouse turn. The price is \$11.00/bag, and I have introduced four new flavors. I am also extending the order deadline to **Sunday, December 3**. This coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift, and the profits earned will go into our Outreach program. All the coffee being offered is Fair Trade coffee. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)



Public Library System Brings Back Home Delivery

The Athens County Public Libraries (ACPL) now offer free, at-home delivery to county residents unable to visit a library branch because of illness, disability, caregiver responsibilities, or an ongoing lack of transportation.

"We are thrilled to re-introduce this service after an eight-year hiatus," said Laura O'Neil, Outreach Services Manager for ACPL. "We know that people have missed it."



Home delivery was discontinued in 2009 when the Ohio legislature reduced funding for public libraries. The passage of a tax levy in 2014 by Athens County voters made it possible to bring back the popular service.

With the exception of bicycles, any item within the libraries' collection is eligible for delivery, O'Neil said. Deliveries will occur at least once per month, and patrons can either request their own items or have items chosen for them by library staff, based on things like the patron's favorite authors and genres.

Applications are available at all seven ACPL branches or by contacting Laura O'Neil at home@myacpl.org or (740) 805-0385. Library branches are located in Albany, Athens, Chauncey, Coolville, Glouster, The Plains, and Nelsonville, Ohio.

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

Let us give thanks together.

Please join us in pausing from the routines and demands of life to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, including the gift of each each other. Our Thanksgiving Day celebrations include

10:00 am Church Service with sermon and Holy Communion



Part of what it means to worship is giving thanks or expressing gratitude to God through prayer, music, scripture readings, and receiving Holy Communion. All are welcome, including families.

1:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner in Nehls Hall

Everyone is welcome to join Mother Deborah and her family for Thanksgiving Dinner. She'll provide the turkey; bring a side dish or dessert to pass.


Sign-up sheet for dishes is located in Nehls Hall.

You are welcome to participate in one or both opportunities to gather together and give thanks to God.

You are Invited

As an expression of their gratitude for being here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mother Deborah and her family will continue the practice of hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, at 1:30 pm in Nehls Hall. This has become such a joyful way to celebrate Thanksgiving by coming together to share a meal we all contribute to, just as we all contribute to creating a Christ-centered ministry of presence here at Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is welcome! Mother Deborah's family will provide the turkey and ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in Nehls Hall.

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Disaster Relief (via ERD)

There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. 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 disaster 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.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On November 15 Group III fed 62 people 72 servings.

Beans and franks over rice, and beans, tomatoes, & corn over rice were the main dishes. Veggie salad, fresh fruit, stuffed celery, beverages, and desserts were also served.

The volunteers were Don Frazier, Lynn Graham, Joanne Larson, Zella Nisley, Lois Wagner, Rhonda Clark, Rosemary Stephens, Carol Stephens, Amora Albano, and Aquaria Albano.

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.

Advent Festival of Readings and Music (Dec. 3)



Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd
presents

Advent Festival of Readings and Music

Sunday, December 3, 2017

4:30pm

Director - Marsha Reilly

Organ - Jan Robison

Trumpet - Alex Herrera

A reception and Holiday House with
handmade seasonal items will be for sale
following the program.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit
the June Black Music Fund.

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Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Dec 15

Handel's Messiah

Sing-Along

December 15, 2017

6:00 pm

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Come and Sing or Come and Listen!



DESCRIPTION

Come and celebrate the Holiday season with an audience favorite, a Messiah Sing-Along. The community of Athens, students and faculty are all encouraged to be part of this choral event. Soloists from Ohio University School of Music will join the community in a sing-along of the choral numbers in Part 1 of Handel's Messiah. No singing experience is required. All voices and ages are welcome!

REHEARSAL

Recommended but NOT REQUIRED. Interested singers are encouraged to attend a choral rehearsal. This will give everyone an opportunity to sing through the choruses in Part 1 of the Messiah before the concert.

Rehearsals

- November 28th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- December 5th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- All rehearsals will take place in OU School of music, room 561

Sing-Along Concert

- December 15th, 6:00pm

Scores will be supplied or you may bring your own.

For more information contact Kyle Berkley, berkleyk@ohio.edu

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Repeat Material Below

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

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