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## Good Shepherd E-News (17 August 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: 20 August 2017



### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

## Upcoming Church Events

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, August 22, Lois Wagner

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 noon

OU Classes resume - Monday, August 28

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 30, 12:00 noon

Welcome Back Picnic - Sunday, Sept. 3, following 10:30 a.m. service

Gifford Doxsee memorial service - Saturday, Sept. 9, 2:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, September 12, Zelma Coleman

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

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## Back to 10:30, Sunday, September 3

As summer draws to a close, so does our summer worship schedule. Starting on Sunday, September 3, we will resume our regular service times of 8:00 am for Rite I and 10:30 am for Rite II with music.

### Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham and Hailey Luellhoff

**Altar Flowers:** Allyn and Marsha Reilly

**Coffee Hour:** Mike Wootton and Betty Larson

**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:** Earl Stump

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Allyn Reilly

**Ushers:** Lynn Graham and TBA

**First Cross:** Hailey Luellhoff

**Lessons:** for Pentecost 11 - Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133 (said), Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28.

<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. Peter's, Delaware; St. Patrick's, Dublin; St. Christopher's, Fairborn; and Holy Spirit, Forest Park.

### **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 for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for the ushers.

### **Those for whom our prayers are requested: \***

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Isaiah, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, Sister Elise, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Anniversaries:** Charles and Harolyn Brient (8/21), Terry and Betsy Wetmore (8/21), Allyn and Marsha Reilly (8/24), Chas and Alaina Pardee-Miller (8/25), Mark and Susan Enlow (8/26)

**Birthday:** Reid Sinclair (8/24), Cynthia Kaldis (8/26)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Floyd and Anita Derby, Donald and Madaleine C. Reilly, and Barbara Jeanne Sampson by Allyn and Marsha Reilly.

\* 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**

## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Matthew (10-20) 15:22-28**



[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without

understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Service for Celebration of Life for **Gifford Doxsee**

We are pleased to announce Gifford Doxsee's service will be Saturday, September 9, at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A reception in Nehls Hall hosted by the Marthas will follow.

## Exodus Convocation - Toward the Promised Land

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**  
**9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center**

Planning to attend? \*\*

To eliminate an early-morning drive before the convocation, the Diocese is offering free accommodations for the night of Friday, September 15, at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Jeffersonville, OH. To make a reservation, participants must call the hotel directly at (740) 948-2104 and refer to Diocese of Southern Ohio and use the check-in date of 9/15/2017 as the reference code.

\*\* For more information and to register please see the re-printed article toward the end of this newsletter.

## Singing priest invited to audition for the Met

For those who remember Ed Payne and Gail, before becoming a priest, the Rev. Ed

Payne made his debut singing for the Metropolitan Opera in a production of "Porgy and Bess. Now the Met is bringing back Porgy and Bess for its 2019 season, and Payne has been invited to audition for a role."

Read more -- [www.dsoconnections.org](http://www.dsoconnections.org)

## Prayer Books

Dear Good Shepherd Parishioners - About five years ago I observed that our devotion to worship, while commendable in itself, had caused such wear and tear to our Prayer Books that several of them were in very bad condition. At that time we undertook to buy some new Prayer Books and asked parishioners to help defray this expense by making individual donations toward the cost of a new book. As a result we were able to replace about a dozen old Prayer Books with new ones.

We are now in a situation where several more of our Prayer Books should be replaced. And once again we are (I am) asking that we help cover this expense by making a donation to pay for one book. I checked on Amazon and see that \$20 will easily cover the cost of a red pew-edition Prayer Book, along with shipping and a sticker for the inside cover to indicate a dedication should you wish to make one. Such a dedication in any book you donate would be most welcome.

If you feel able to do so, I urge you to make a donation to help cover the cost of this important project to enhance our worship life.

Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

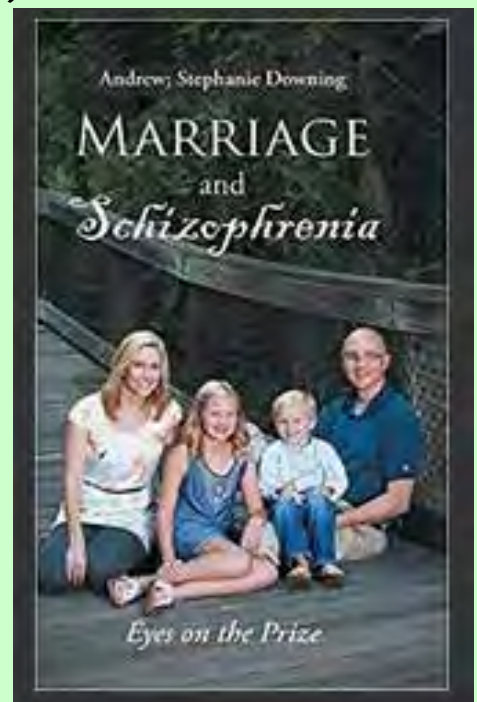
## NAMI Athens Speaker Series (Aug 31)

**At the Athens Public Library, August 31, 6:30-8:00**

**Marriage and Schizophrenia: "Eyes on the Prize"**

**Speakers: STEPHANIE AND ANDREW DOWNING**

Any mental illness, particularly one like schizophrenia, can have a devastating effect on family relationships. The co-authors of the book *Marriage and Schizophrenia: Eyes on the Prize*, Andrew and Stephanie Downing, chose to marry and have children in spite of a full awareness that he had already been diagnosed with schizophrenia. The Downings will discuss the challenge they faced and the tools they used in moving Andrew into recovery: spirituality, non-confrontational communication, fine-tuning of therapy and medication with specialists, the acceptance of



limitations, and work with NAMI. Books will be available for sale and signing. For a preview of their talk, listen to their NAMI interview at

<http://namiathensohio.org/radio-program/schizophrenia-and-schizoaffective-disorder/>

1.5 CEUs available for Social Workers and Counselors

Nurses can submit social work certificates to the nursing board for full credit.

.15 CEUs available for Athens Public School Teachers

## 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](mailto:fosterth@ohio.edu)).

Jack Flemming ([noblegasjf@yahoo.com](mailto: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, and that of family members as appropriate, with 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 August 16, Group III fed 32 people 47 servings.

The menu was beans and franks or beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. They also served veggie salad, fruit, and cakes.

The volunteers were Jeanne Larson, Lynn Graham, Lois Wagner, Kelsey Gerard, and Margo Metzmaier.

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.

At coffee time this past Sunday there was a quite a disturbance in the corner of the dining hall.

Apparently Lynn Graham and Julie Julie Nehls had chosen the same color to wear that Sunday and they were arguing who thought to wear yellow first and who's yellow was most yellow (and note yellow table cloth).



Since I was wandering around taking photos for the parish directory I snapped these photos.

Suddenly there was a remarkable reconciliation, and though all would agree these are two quite fine people, they both advised me I would be **hurt very badly** if these photos show up in the newsletter.

**Yet -- how could one not resist publishing these photos?**

So for now, I have vanished into the witness protection program until this blows over.

Bye!

Ted Foster



## Repeated Material Below

### Campus Ministry Grant Distribution

As Convener of the Campus Ministry Collaborative, Mother Deborah convened the members of the Campus Ministry Collaborative on July 18 in order to discuss the campus ministry grant applications and decide the amounts that will be disseminated to the individual campus ministries in the diocese who submitted grant requests for campus ministry. The funds for this grant comes from a line item in the Diocesan Budget.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has submitted requests for campus ministry grants many times in the past. Most recently, the campus ministry grant money has been designated to support Mother Deborah's salary. In order to receive campus grant money, parishes must participate in the Campus Ministry Collaborative. Since her arrival at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mother Deborah has been the person who has participated in the Collaborative, which requires attending gatherings with other clergy and lay people doing campus ministry in other parts of the diocese and participating in the campus ministry grant process. She has written the grant requests for the last three years.

The grants are issued at the start of the academic year, and parishes/ministries apply them to their 2018 budgets.

This year the Church of the Good Shepherd received \$10,000 from the Campus Ministry Grant.

If you have any questions about the campus ministry grant, please contact Mother Deborah. [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

### What Did You Do On Your Summer Vacation?

Growing up, I was never fortunate enough to have a teacher assign an essay about summer vacation on my first days of school, which I believe is too bad because the question of how a person chose to spend summer break can be an opportunity for reflection. Instead of being a recitation of the activities a person did, or a chance to brag about the exotic or exciting locales visited, the question of summer vacation can reflect back to us much about our lives, choices, relationships, struggles, and even our faith. A wise friend of mine reminds me that time for recreation can be more than distraction: it can be time for re-creation, to devote time to life-giving activities that help renew us.

Listening to my friend's reminder inspires me to reflect on my summer vacation,



and share with you a few of the insights what I did on my summer vacation gave to me.

Baptism: I am guilty of taking mine for granted. The first few days of vacation were not restful for me: they were full of the work that any and all baptisms require. While I am blessed to have many baptisms under my belt, this one was exceptional, and not just because I baptized my niece in the same parish where my siblings and I were all baptized. My niece is eight years old, and because her mother (my brother's ex-wife) does not believe in infant baptism, my niece was not baptized as a baby. Instead, we have all been waiting for my niece to decide for herself that she wanted to be baptized, as she started to do this past fall. Because my niece is being raised in two very different churches, she had a lot of options when it came to how she wanted to be baptized, and I was honored when she called me up and asked if I would do it. I had to explain what baptism looks like in the Episcopal Church, and to explain that because I am an Episcopal priest, I certainly could and joyfully would baptize her, but I had to adhere to the Book of Common Prayer. After I told her what that meant, she was okay with it. However, my niece and I spent a lot of time with her mother and her mother's family looking for ways to include their traditions in the day, so that everyone would feel welcome and accepted.

All the labor produced good fruit: it was a beautiful day. My niece was genuinely very excited to be baptized, so much so that she told me she had a hard time sleeping the night before. It was worse than Christmas! She picked out special outfits for her and her parents to wear. She wanted to impress upon her family how important and special the day was to her. As the water ran down her joyful, smiling face, I couldn't help but be full of joy myself. So was everyone in the church that day. That same look radiated on her face when she proudly held out her hands to receive Holy Communion. After the service I asked her how she felt. She gave me a sideways hug and said softly, "I feel so very good!"

My niece showed me that too often I take my faith for granted, not just because I didn't have to be asked to be baptized, as my family did it for me when I was three months old, but because I have never thanked my family or told them how much I appreciate that they wanted to make sure I was part of the joyful Body of Christ. I also realized I am too often guilty of repressing my joy when I fear it will offend or upset someone else, or of seeing my faith as only disciplines to be loyal to instead of something to be part of. Her delight reminds me to delight more in my faith, life of faith, and relationship with God.

Mostly, my niece showed me the importance and value of being part of the Body of Christ. It isn't just what she believes; it is being part of something larger than herself she feels called to belong to. That is an important part of our faith, being part of a larger whole.

This summer has been a busy one at Church of the Good Shepherd, even though many of us have been coming and going on vacations and trips. We've been invited to join the Diocese in a pilot project that is hoped to empower our ministry and the ministry of other parishes by providing a way to try and meet people where they

are. We've accepted invitation to form a friendly Episcopal parish in Mérida, Mexico. I see both of these endeavors as ways to continue to live into the Church of the Good Shepherd's impressive history and tradition of ministering to the OU campus and being part of meaningful international relationships with fellow Anglicans/Episcopalians in other countries. This summer we have also said goodbye to parishioners who have moved on to new work in a new place and to new life on the other side of death. All of these and the other events of this summer are part of our life together as the Body of Christ. I believe they all make up part of that glorious whole that is God's love here on earth.

In these last days of summer break, as we begin to prepare for the students to return to Athens and the academic year to begin once again, I hope you can find a few moments to reflect on what you did and, more important, where you saw God's love during your summer break.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

## Join Us In Reading The Book Of Exodus Together

**What does it mean:** to be a stranger in a strange land?  
to leave behind all the things we thought we knew?  
to see our communities change?



Together, as a diocese, we will have several opportunities to ponder the questions raised in the Book of Exodus and how they apply to us, here and now.

From August 27, 2017, until April 7, 2018, we are invited to come together to read the Book of Exodus. Follow this link to more information: <http://diosohio.org/exodus/>

## **One part of this program is a series of Adult Forums.**

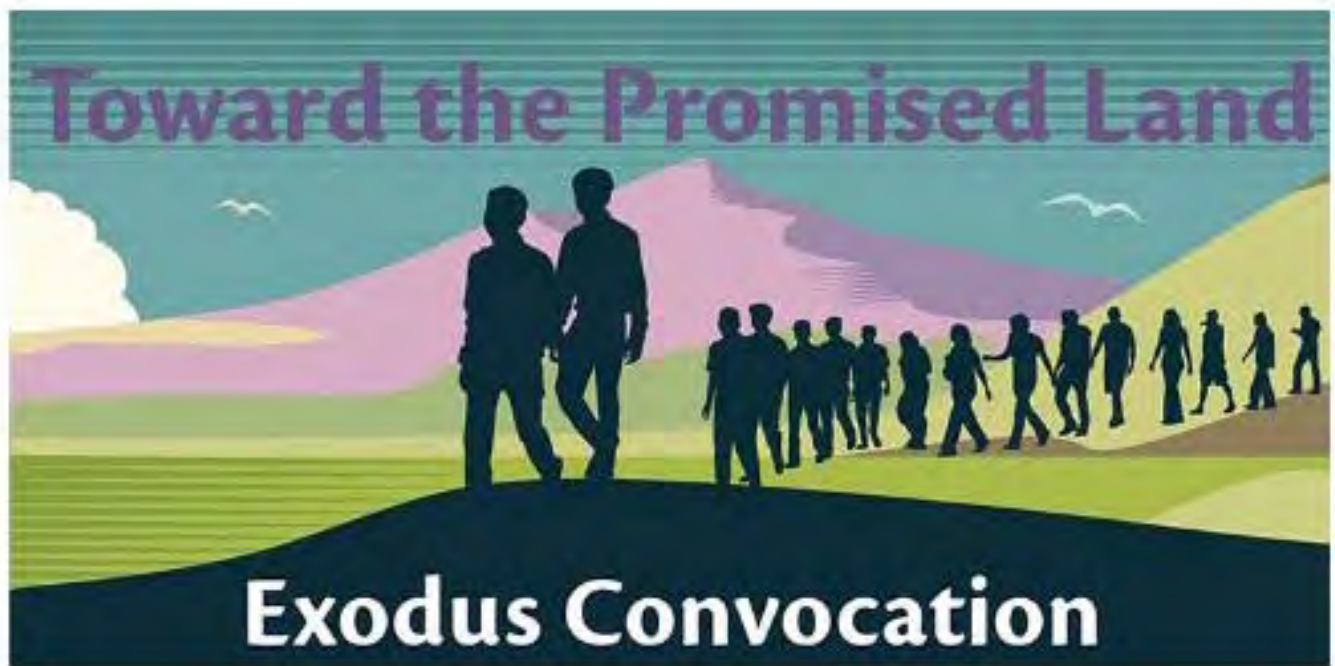
We are in the process of creating five video classes for adult forums. The first class is up and ready to use. You can see it by going to <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>. There you will also see working titles for the other four classes in the series. We suggest that you wait until after August 27th to begin using these classes.

The forum format for which these videos are designed is simple: watch the fifteen-minute video, then spend thirty to forty minutes talking about the three discussion questions. All that's needed to lead a forum like this is a computer, projector (unless your group is small enough to gather around the computer screen), and someone to hit play.

The videos are streamable through Youtube and are also downloadable. Links to both streaming video and download are available at <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>.

Visit [adsobigread.org](http://adsobigread.org) to explore resources we have available for individuals, for meetings, for adult forums, and for diocesan-wide events. And please don't hesitate to offer suggestions and helpful critiques by emailing me or using the forms available on the site. For questions or comments please contact the Rev. Karl Stevens,  
[kpbstevens@gmail.com](mailto:kpbstevens@gmail.com).

Registration now open for Exodus Convocation



**Toward the Promised Land  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center**

Join us for a unique day of dreaming and discernment. Help to shape the direction of the diocese as we learn to leave behind what holds us back and move out into our neighborhoods.

If you are passionate about making our church/the Gospel relevant to our neighborhoods and the world today, this is the day for you! Come together for a day of deep discussion and practical learning about identifying our "Egypt" and how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us out of our buildings and into connection with the people around us.

Several workshops will be offered by people who have already done it—gone into their neighborhoods and listened and engaged with both institutions and individuals. Talk with and learn from those who are already embracing connection with old people, young people, homeless people, people of different faiths and cultures. They will share wisdom and resources that will inspire and redefine our own ministries.

There is no cost to attend the Exodus Convocation, but registration is required by Sept. 1. <http://diosohio.org/convocation/>

## 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](mailto: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.



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](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 (<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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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