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Good Shepherd E-News (17 May 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: 20 May 2018

Day of Pentecost



8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

Why Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday?

On Sunday the church will be wearing red to symbolize the Holy Spirit, which we heard descended on Jesus' followers like "tongues of fire." Many Episcopal parishes invite everyone to wear red on Pentecost Sunday because it is a good time to remember that the church is not a building: it is the people. When the Holy Spirit descended, it didn't light on a building, but on all the people in the room, not just the twelve disciples. We wear red on Pentecost to symbolize that the Holy Spirit touches all of us, and together we are the church. So if you've got something red, please wear it to church on Sunday.



Participants scheduled for This Sunday, May 20, Day of Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers: the Karageorge family



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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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Coffee Hour: Dana and Richard Carlson

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster
Lector: Joanne Larson
Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Norm Fox
Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Marsha Dutton
Ushers: Chris Eaton and Bruce Martin
First Crucifer: Sharon Huge
Second Crucifer: Pely Brient

Lessons: for Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 (sung); Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 <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 Holy Trinity, Oxford; St. Andrew's, Pickerington; and St. James, Piqua.

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 Vestry.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Chic, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Pam, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Mary, Addison, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Daniel, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Mia, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Brenda, Paul, Dan, David, Elizabeth and Adam, Mark, Robert, Don, Bob, Steve, John, Roland, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Beth and George and their daughters and families, and Arvin, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Bonnie Savage (5/24), June Wieman (5/25)

Anniversaries: Kelli and Jesse Pyle (5/24), Christy and John Ortman (5/25)

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gus and Kosta (Alex) Karageorge by Sophia Karageorge and children, Penny, Jim, George and Susan, and granddaughter, Sophia.

Gospel

Day of Pentecost

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about

judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Upcoming Church Events

Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 20 **(wear red)**

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 23, noon

Trinity Sunday - May 27

Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 30, noon

Conversations from the Lenten Leftovers Series and the Sanctus Bells

This May we have continued viewing the sessions started in Lent hosted by the late Phyllis Tickle on Emergence Christianity. The conversations following the sessions have been lively and positive and exemplify embracing the concepts presented. One session called "Gifts from Other Times" highlighted an aspect of Emergence Christianity that can be so easily overlooked: Emergence Christianity delves deep into Christian history to rediscover connections, traditions, and practices that have gotten lost over many years and often revives them.

One such practice/tradition is the concept of "incarnational worship," which is defined as worship that in-corporates or in-carnates all the human senses, not only human intellect. Emergence Christianity wonders what worship sounds like (music and silence for example), feels like (standing, sitting, kneeling at the appropriate times), looks like (liturgical colors, flowers, vestments), smells like (incense, fresh flowers), even tastes like (the type of communion wafer and wine).

We had an excellent conversation about how worship here at Church of the Good Shepherd is incarnational. During that conversation, it was mentioned that this parish had a past practice of using special bells called "Sanctus bells." The reason why they were discontinued, the liturgical history of the bells, and how they contribute to incarnational

worship helped us understand why many people in the group missed them and asked if we could bring them back.



Liturgical history: Sanctus bells are used in Anglican (Episcopal), Roman, and Orthodox churches. They are a set of small bells that are rung at certain times during the Eucharistic prayer. The practice of using the sanctus bells dates back to the fifteenth century. It is often mentioned that the reason the bells were used is that it was during the time when the Eucharist/Mass was said in Latin, which very few people (especially the uneducated) spoke or understood. The bells were a way of communicating the moments in the Eucharistic Prayer when everyone should be paying attention, because those were moments when the consecration of the elements was

about to happen, had happened, or was being presented. Today, since we celebrate the Eucharist in the language everyone speaks, it is often believed that the bells are no longer necessary, because everyone can follow along.

We talked about this last point a fair amount. We thought about the many visitors who we see during Sunday worship who may not understand the significance of certain parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, even though they speak the language. And we all humbly admitted that it is easy to let our thoughts drift and how the sound of the bells calling our attention back could be a positive thing for us spiritually.

The result of this conversation was that Good Shepherd's sanctus bells were removed from their storage space and cleaned up, and they will be used in the worship service again for a while. We all hope they add to the beauty of the service, that they do draw our attention together, and that those who missed them are glad of their return. We do not wish to offend or upset anyone. We are simply putting into practice what we are learning and sharing it with everyone who wasn't there.

It can be renewing to see how the Holy Spirit can be active through something as simple as a late afternoon program leftover from Lent. And I am grateful to have been a part of it.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Editor's note: Pictured are the sanctus bells removed from storage which were given to the parish by Arthur and Bonnie Savage.

Emergence Christianity: A Brief Reading List

Want to learn more about Emergence Christianity? The evening series is over, and we've just skimmed the surface of this fascinating time.

So here is a short reading list of books you might find helpful in learning more about Emergence Christianity:

Two Books By Phyllis Tickle:

The Great Emergence How Christianity is Changing and Why

Emergence Christianity: What It Is, Where It Is Going, and Why It Matters

By Diana Butler Bass:

Christianity after Religion: The End of the Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening

By Brian McLaren:

A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith

By C. Christopher Smith & John Pattison

Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus

The Royal Wedding

It's pretty exciting news that Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the US Episcopal church has been invited to preach at the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Here are a few links: (check for live broadcast times)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-44094502>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/article/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-preach-wedding-prince-harry-and-meghan-markle>

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/12/europe/royal-wedding-episcopal-bishop-curry-address/index.html>



"Under the Elms" concert series:

The "Under the Elms" Summer Band Concert Series will be with us again this summer as part of the Ohio University Summer Band Clinic-Workshop. The concerts are Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on the College Green beside the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium; the rain location will probably be inside the Auditorium. Below is a quick summary of dates. Details forthcoming.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Wednesday, June 6: Concert

Wednesday, June 13: Concert

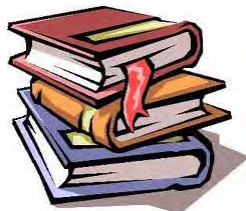
Wednesday, June 20: Concert (with OHIO Summer Music Campers)

Wednesday, June 27: Concert

Wednesday, July 4: Concert



Outreach Fundraising



As of this writing we are on pace to sell 194 books this year on Amazon at a profit of around \$5.00 per book. I hope to earn \$500 selling books "off the porch" in the Fall, and I hope for \$200 through our "Days of Change" donations in October and for \$150 through the sale of Silver Bridge Coffee at Christmas. If realized, this income will be vital to the support of our Outreach to the community.

But just as Jesus needs water to make wine, I need books to make gold, so keep those books a-comin', folks. Books I cannot list on Amazon or sell off the front porch are donated to the Athens Public Library for their monthly book sale.

Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

**Memorial Day on The Ridges
(May 28)**



Memorial Day on The Ridges

Every year, the Athens Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness holds a Memorial Day ceremony at the cemeteries on The Ridges as a way to fight the stigma against mental illness.

Ceremony will include:

Rocking the hills with song.

Sharell Arocho

Introduction

Mayor Steve Patterson

Prayer And Invocation

Reverend Deborah Woolsey

Wreaths will be laid for

John Spencer and WWI Veteran John Martin

Eulogies

Dr. Andrea Frohne and 317 CEO Earl Cecil

Veterans' Honor Guard and Taps

Caroline Cade

1:00pm

Monday, May 28th

At Cemetery Two

Directions: Cemetery Two is located on the hill opposite the Dairy Barn. From Richland Avenue, next to the OU Inn, turn onto Dairy Lane. Go past the Dairy Barn, and follow the curve to the right, then up the Cemetery Driveway on the right. Cemetery Two is at the top of the hill, on the left.

Athens Pride Fest Parade (June 9)

Invitation to March with Multifaith Group for Athens Pride Fest Parade: The Church of the Good Shepherd has been invited to participate in this year's Athens Pride Fest Parade on Saturday, June 9, at 2:00 pm. Lacey Rogers,



the new Assistant Director of United Campus Ministry, has invited us to march in the parade with members of other faiths and denominations as a way to both show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and our commitment to walk with other people of faith as partners in support of the LGBTQ+ community. If you are available and interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or Lacey Rogers at lr270306@ohio.edu.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On **May 9** group 2 fed 28 people 38 servings. The main dish was Spanish rice, along with fruit, salad, dessert, and beverages.

The volunteers this week were Zelma Coleman, Anne Walker, Betty Hollow, Esther Hernandez, Thaddeus Semsel, and Harold Smith.

On **May 15** group 3 fed 36 people 48 servings. The main dishes were hot dogs and/or vegetarian chili. Fruit, salad, chips, dessert and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Andrea Wright, Thaddeus Semsel, Lois Wagner, Zella Nisley, Joanne Worstall, Don Frazier, and Lynn Graham.

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.

Yesterday's Wednesday lunch featured some "food art".



Equipment for the CrossRoads Café arrived Today!





The "innards" of the espresso machine look like the inside of a jet engine!

Repeat Material Below

The Transition Process

On behalf of the Vestry, as Senior Warden, I am writing this to invite parishioners to participate in Mother Deborah's transition process. As you recall, in the fall we were to go through a "discernment" process following the three-year term of Mo. Deborah as Priest-in-charge. For whatever reasons, that process got postponed. Since January, Bishop Breidenthal has extended Mo. Deborah's Letter of Appointment on a month-by-month basis. The original process would have taken up to six months. But now, under the guidance of the Rev. Canon Jason Leo, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, the plan is to move Mo. Deborah from Priest-in-charge to Rector, completing the process by the third week of July. Canon Leo wishes that the process be quick, easy, and positive.

Over the next twelve weeks, I will be sending out three questions eliciting responses from the congregation that will help the Vestry make the decision to call Mo. Deborah as our Rector. The plan is that beginning May 6, the congregation will receive a question directed at the spiritual life of Good Shepherd every three weeks. The period of three weeks between each question gives everyone time to consider prayerfully their response and to turn it in (explained below). The remaining two questions will be submitted to the congregation on May 27 and on June 17, respectively.

The responses will be treated as anonymous. You may put your response in the offering plates, or in a special basket so marked in the Narthex, or in my mail box in the lobby outside the church office, or you may mail them to the church office.

In my capacity as Sr. Warden, I will transcribe the responses received for each question into documents to share with the Vestry and with Canon Leo. Only the Vestry and Canon Leo will read those responses. The original responses will be destroyed once I put them into the documents. Once the responses for the three questions have been received and studied, Canon Leo will meet with the Vestry. His plan is that on Sunday, July 29, he will return to Athens to announce, and to celebrate in an all-parish meeting, the decision that the Vestry has made.

The first question for the congregation is

Where are we as a congregation now?

We would like to have your response to this first question on or before Sunday, May 27.

If you have questions, you may ask any Vestry member.

Sincerely,

David Burton, Sr. Warden (drabeja02@yahoo.com)

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.



Make the Connection

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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at drabeja@yahoo.com

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Senior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at 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).

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