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## Good Shepherd E-News (18 February 2016)

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: 21 February 2016 Second Sunday in Lent



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

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II-A

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**9:00 a.m. Adult Forum**

**Starting at 10:15 a.m. fully staffed nursery care is available.**

## Upcoming Church Events

Vestry Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. (early)

Soul Biscuits, Friday, February 19, 5:30 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Lenten Discussion, Sunday, February 21, home of the Rev.

Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luelloff

Prayer Shawl meeting, Tuesday, February 23, Lois Wagner

Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, February 24, 12:00 noon

Soup and Spiritual Practices, Wednesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Lindley Inn Worship Service, Sunday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.

Lenten Discussion, Sunday, February 28, home of the Rev.

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## Soul Biscuits (Feb. 19) (Tonight)



On February 19, Theresa Moran and Art Trece will report on and share pictures of their trip to Cuba in a talk titled "Food for the People: Policy and Practice in Cuba." Instructors in the A&S

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## Gospel



### Second Sunday in Lent

#### Luke 13: 31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children

Food Studies theme, Art and Theresa recently took their class on the road to explore the food culture of Cuba. We're excited that they are able to come and share their experiences with us.

Wine and cheese from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and the event from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Appetizers and wine provided; donations gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd, Corner of University Terrace and Park Place. In Hobson Lounge.

Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic/intellectual nurture. Please contact [elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com) for more information.

## Rediscovering Eve: Sunday Mornings, 9:00 am

In our second session we learned that some things we thought we knew about Eve from the book Genesis are contrary to what the actual scriptures say. And we began to learn about the way of life for ancient Israelites and how the context of their reality might be reflected in the creation story. We still have more to learn; please join us as we continue to explore what the scriptures say about Eve, the consequences she must live into, how the scriptures concerning Eve have been interpreted, and what that means especially when we use scripture to justify how we talk about roles of women and men in modern society.

### Sunday Discussion Group (Feb 14 - )



At 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in Lent you are invited to Mother Deborah and Michael's home for an hour's discussion on the Free Lenten Daily Reading Book *Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. All ages are welcome.

Begins Sunday February 14, 4:00 p.m.,  
8074 Rolling Hills Drive.

## Lent Opportunities

together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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## Enhancing Spiritual Practices

**Wed. Feb. 17** Prayerful Heart of Sacred Reading with Marsha Dutton

**Wed. Feb. 24** Praying with our Breath with Zela Nisley  
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**Wed. March 2** Praying without Words with Mother Deborah

**Wed. March 9** When Prayer gets Physical with Gregory Proctor

**Please Join Us 5:30 pm—6:30 pm Nehls Hall**  
**Light dinner, Prayer, & Presentation**

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**64 University Terrace, Athens [www.chogs.org](http://www.chogs.org)**

## Vestry Meeting, Feb 18, 6:30 (Tonight)



The Vestry Meeting TONIGHT is early so we can introduce the new Vestry folks and eat a little snack.

**Participants scheduled for**  
**This Sunday - Lent 2 (21 February 2016)**

**Altar Guild:** David Burton and Zelma Coleman

**Second Sunday:** Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector/Prayers:** Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** David Burton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gregory Proctor (Prayer leader) and Dana Carlson

**Ushers:** Anne Braxton and Norman Fox

**First Cross:** Peter Buckley

**Second Cross:** Pely Brient

**Lessons:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27 (sung), Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35. <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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, 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. Mark's, Upper Arlington; St. Andrew's, Washington Court House; and the Diocesan Council.

### In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, for 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 Marthas.

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

Catie, Lydia and her mother, Michael, Roger, Pam, Jim, Winston, Wanda, Louise, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Jan, Ruth, Pat, Ellen, Ray, Beverly, Janice, Bela, William, Rachel, Adam, Andy, Patricia and George, Douglas, Richard, Jennifer, Holly, Robert, Dorothy, the Schave family, the Shultz family, Pat, Earl, Nancy, the Rev. Tim, Arvin, Robert, Suzan, Loretta, and Bill and Karen, and we pray for all who care for them.

### Birthdays:

Jane Forrest Redfern (2/25), Ronald Isele (2/27)

\* 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



## Ash Wednesday: Ashes to Go Reflections by The Rev. Deborah Woolsey



Last Wednesday the outside temperature felt like 9 degrees at noon. Snowflakes fell gently most of the day. From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Elizabeth Thompson and the Rev. Katharin Foster braved the cold and snow with me as we stood in front of the steps of the church with ashes and hot apple cider. It was our expression of an emerging tradition in the Episcopal Church called "Ashes to Go." The idea of Ashes to Go started many years ago when two or three members of an Episcopal parish took

a container of ashes and went into the busy streets asking people if they wanted ashes on Ash Wednesday. The original intent was to remind an increasingly busy world that it was Ash Wednesday. Over the years other parishes across the country have taken to the streets on Ash Wednesday with containers of ashes. My Facebook news-feed is full every Ash Wednesday of colleagues who brave the elements to distribute ashes and remind the world what day it is for the Church.

When I arrived at Church of the Good Shepherd a year ago one of the first things I learned is that this parish has done Ashes to Go in the past, and since my previous parishes did not do Ashes to Go, I was eager to try it. My first year I learned that Ashes to Go is a unique opportunity, very different from our usual ministries where we invite people to join us in the building for a meal, event, worship, etc. It was not like eating lunch or having coffee in a coffee shop waiting to be noticed or approached. Ashes to Go is the opportunity to intentionally bring our faith to the people who pass us by every day.

This year Elizabeth Thompson offered a free cup of hot apple cider to passersby; they could get ashes and cider, just cider, or just ashes. This was a wonderful addition to the day because it represented one of the things I see Good Shepherd do exceptionally well: feed people. Together the three of us stood outside on bottom of the front steps, with a sign stating that it was Ash Wednesday, and asked all who walked by if they wanted ashes for Ash Wednesday and hot cider.

This is what I saw happen:

Most of the people did not stop. A lot of people crossed the street before they got to the church building in order to avoid us. Some ignored us completely. Many of the people who passed us by but did not accept the ashes or cider politely said, "No thank you." That was the majority. It would be easy to be discouraged because most people chose to avoid, ignore, or decline what we were giving.

**BUT:**

There were some incredibly meaningful encounters for me. One young man with earbuds firmly in his ears muttered, "Sorry, I don't have anything on me," as he rushed by. But we called out, "We're not asking, we're giving." He stopped, looked in my little container of

ashes and said, "It's Ash Wednesday, I should've known that! I used to usher in my church." He left us with ashes on his forehead, cider in his hand.

There were people who intentionally went out of their way to receive ashes. They were grateful to receive the ashes, and cider. I saw gratitude as cold fingers wrapped around the warmth of the cups of hot cider. One of my favorite encounters of the day was a young man who gratefully received ashes, turned and walked toward a group of his friends. One of his friends yelled, "What the hell is on your face?!" He didn't miss a beat, "Ashes. It's Ash Wednesday," he told his friend. When his friend asked what Ash Wednesday is, he told her, and then she came and asked for ashes for herself.

The most energizing encounters for me were the ones where someone walked past us, saw the sign or heard our offer of ashes, turned to me and asked, "What is Ash Wednesday?" Answering that question with the pressure to do so quickly and correctly (it was so cold I couldn't feel my face sometimes, and I knew they had to get somewhere) was a challenge I enjoyed. It was an opportunity to share what we believe as well as invite a stranger to join in observing a holy day. I'm not sure I gave the best answer, but most of the people who asked received ashes when I finished the explanation.

I believe Ashes to Go was a blessed experience, and those two hours were filled with the Holy Spirit for me. I saw a lot. I learned a lot. I really enjoyed the time spent with Elizabeth and Katharin engaging in this kind of ministry. And I was energized by the curiosity of those who didn't know what Ash Wednesday is and asked the question. We experienced the rejection of those who chose to avoid us and can only guess at the reason, but for me the rejection didn't discourage me. It reminded me of the reality I read about in Pew Research reports about the growing number of secular people. That is why I believe it was so important we were outside the building on a cold and snowy day intentionally sharing our faith in a way that is authentic to us. We were seen. The majority might have chosen to avoid us, but we were seen. It makes me wonder about other ways we might bring other holy days outside our doors as a way to share and teach our faith.

Since it was so cold, we packed up and went inside promptly at 1:00. No sooner were we inside (grateful for the warmth) when two young men came in looking for us. "Is it too late to get ashes?" they asked. No: it is never too late. They asked what kind of church we are; I told them we are an Episcopal Church. They asked if they could receive ashes if they aren't members, and I smiled and said of course, that is why we went outside. They respectfully removed their knit hats, bowed their heads, and said "Amen" after they received ashes and words about returning to dust. Then they smiled and thanked me. This was the only way they observed this holy day, and by the look on their faces I could tell it was meaningful, sacred, and holy.

Thank you Elizabeth and Katharin, and thank you Church of the Good Shepherd for being present on Ash Wednesday.

A Word about the Praxis website:

Recently Mother Deborah wrote Karl Stevens and told him about her experience with Ashes to Go this year. He wrote back asking permission to put what she wrote on the Praxis web page, and she gave permission. Karl Stevens is an Episcopal priest and an artist and writer. We know Karl, of course, as the Missioner for Campus Ministry with the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and he has visited (and preached) with us several times. Karl is one of the contributors to a website called Praxis, which is maintained and edited by the Fresh Expressions communities, campus ministry, of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.



The Good Earth Farm/Common Friars was part of this Diocese's cluster of ministries aimed toward young people and seekers, including providing a place, or space, for spiritual education and retreat for visitors. The Ohio University community is a place where the culture is growing more and more secular (as Mother Deborah experienced first hand in the above article). A dilemma for a church such as Good Shepherd is how we can approach these people. We have long sought offer a spiritual presence on the campus and it may be that "Ashes to Go" could be one way we can show our faith in a positive, non-intrusive, way, resulting in some meaningful interaction on a turf less doctrinaire than the way the traditional church is often viewed.

The word *praxis* is of ancient Greek origin; that in itself is a very long story. Many of us at Ohio University would equate *praxis* with academic skill assessment exams. The word refers to the process of how a theory or skill is realized, but it also refers to the act of engaging, gaining first-hand experience, or applying an idea in the philosophical or spiritual sense. Christians think of this process as expressing how the Gospel of Jesus is to be lived in the world, especially in the sense of community. This is not intrinsically opposed to living in the secular world; if anything, it is the other way around. (Ted Foster)

Click [HERE](#) for the "Ashes-to-Go" article. Above, which you may have already is an expanded article by Mother Deborah on her experience this year with Ashes-to-Go.

Click [HERE](#) for an article about "Soul Biscuits" published this past June. Click [HERE](#) for the Praxis home page and more information.

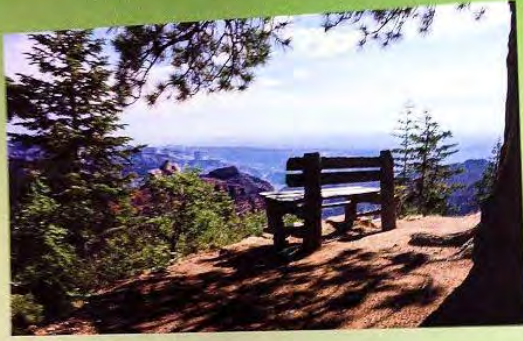
## Post Article

Madeleine Peck, a reporter for The Post, who walks past the Church of the Good Shepherd every day, became curious and decided to write an article about the church and why we are in the midst of the campus. It is a good article. Click [HERE](#) for a link to the article.



FREE Daily Lenten Resource

## LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2016



### *Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

Living Well Through Lent - Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

Designed to help us all engage more fully in the season of Lent. Traditionally Lent is a time when we examine our lives, especially our relationship with God. Many of you may be familiar with the tradition of giving up something for Lent. Others might take on a new or additional spiritual discipline for Lent. Either way, this book offers an opportunity to participate in the gift of the season, and we have one for you.

Please help yourself to a free copy. We hope you experience a holy Lent.

## BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

You have probably seen the deficit budget for 2016, which the Vestry has approved. This deficit will be covered in several different ways. One way is to increase our income by the sale on Amazon of books you no longer need and are kind enough to donate. But just as Jesus had to have water to make wine I have to have books to make gold. So please keep donating books you no longer need. I am in my sixth year of selling books for Good Shepherd, and I know that with a sufficient supply we can net \$1,000 of profit in 2016. Books I cannot sell will be donated to the Athens Public Library for its book sale.



Thank you for your support. Jack Flemming

## Parish Annual Reports

Click [HERE](#) for a link to this year's Parish Annual Meeting packet.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



This Wednesday, Feb. 17th, Wednesday Lunch Group III provided 78 guests with 83 servings. The meat dish was ham and beans over rice, and the vegetarian dish was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Tossed salad, fresh fruit, beverages, and dessert were also offered.



The helpers today were 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.

## Sermons on the Website:

Miss a sermon? Out of town? Or maybe you just want to read it yourself? Thanks to our technological team, the sermons from Sunday are posted on the Church of the Good Shepherd website a few days after they are preached. Check out the ones you missed, go over a favorite, or share. <http://www.chogs.org/sermons.htm>

## 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](mailto: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.

**A Fully Staffed Nursery:** Nursery care is provided downstairs for children age 5 and younger on Sundays beginning at 10:15 a.m. However, should parents prefer, children of all ages are of course always welcome throughout the entire service.



# 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](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 building and maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or call Ted Foster (Junior Warden) at 740-593-8615.

**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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