



Good Shepherd E-News Extra (18 February 2017)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio, is a diverse, welcoming, growing congregation, committed to seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

Junior Warden Position

At Thursday's Vestry meeting Lia Knox submitted her resignation as Junior Warden. She had signed on as Junior Warden in good faith but her situation has changed. Lia's extremely important work with Trans Lifeline and the LGBT center is coming along well and she has also been named Vice Chair of the board for the upcoming Southeast Ohio LGBTQ+ Center. Her situation has come to the point of her not being able to fulfill both missions with the degree of good feeling and living in to responsibilities as she would like. The Vestry reminded Lia that her work with LGBT issues is also 'church' in our view. We appreciate the junior warden work she has done for us this past month, and we are deeply grateful for her candor in being able to come to this conclusion quickly, giving us a chance to address the fact that the junior warden position, as currently practiced, has become overwhelming for one individual to handle.

After discussion, the vestry felt we need to organize a group of parishioners to handle property maintenance, with the junior warden's role as a coordinator position to ask parish volunteers to work on projects, and call appropriate professionals when necessary. According to our bylaws the Vestry selects a successor for this position when it is vacated. As a very temporary measure Allyn Reilly will coordinate maintenance and he will take calls regarding maintenance issues (740-818-5476) and Mother Deborah is the person to call for emergencies (937-689-8895).

As now defined, the position of Junior Warden as coordinator needs to be filled as soon as possible. We would like to select someone by February 28th. The position is open to anyone in the parish and we are asking for volunteers. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Allyn Reilly at 740-592-2596 (home) or at 740-818-5476 (cell) or by email at reillya@ohio.edu.

Please give this a thought, and thank you,
Ted Foster, Secretary to the Vestry

