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Good Shepherd E-News (20 September 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: 23 September 2018



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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Upcoming Events

Father José, St. Luke's, Mérida Potluck - - Saturday, September 24, 12:00 noon

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Sept 20, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tuesday, September 25, Doris Green, 6:00 for pizza

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 26, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 26, 7:00 p.m.

Kairos Cookies due - - Friday, September 28, 12:00 noon

The Gospel According to Doctor Who - - Friday, September 28, 5:30 p.m. Nehls Hall

Kairos Weekend - - October 4 - 7

Holy Spirit Associates meeting with Sister Faith Margaret - - Friday, October 5, 5:30 p.m., home of Julie Nehls



**Your Kroger
Plus card can
help the
Church**

**Altar Flowers
How to Order**

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

**"José's Weekly
Reflection"**

ENGLISH

SPANISH

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - October 7

Baptism - Ingrid Ortman - - Sunday, October 14

Upcoming 8:00 a.m. Services - - November 4;
December 2

Meet and Greet With Fr. José

Everyone in the parish will have a chance to meet and greet Fr. José over a meal -- a potluck will take this Saturday, Sept. 22, at noon in Nehls Hall. Visit with Fr. José and hear about St. Luke's growth and special ministry in Mérida, Mexico. Please bring a dish to share.

Violence, Remembering 9/11, Numbers, and the Kingdom of God

As I prepared to welcome people to Church of the Good Shepherd for the 8th Annual Interfaith Peace Walk, I have to admit I was not really "into" remembering the events of seventeen years ago on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, partly because of the bad news I have been reading in the papers about the growing number of reported rapes and acts of sexual assault at OU since the start of the fall semester. What has been troubling me on a deeper level is the unspoken acceptance of violence in the responses to the reports of sexual assault and rape.

When I see responses to these reported acts of violence casting a negative focus on the survivor or envisions all men as potential threats and all women as potential victims either by offering to teach self defense classes, or telling women to "be safe", I do not see a better day ahead. I see people accept that men will behave violently against women, that they somehow are entitled or have the right to do so,

that such behavior is part of their natural way of being, they therefore cannot be stopped; and that is what I feel is wrong. I believe such a mindset is dehumanizing of both men and women. We were not created and given life by God to live in such a way that fosters fear of each other. We were created to live into our Baptismal Vow that we "will respect the dignity of every human being."

This was at the forefront of my thoughts as I worked on preparing my opening remarks for the 8th Annual Interfaith Peace Walk on Tuesday, September 11, which started on the steps of Church of the Good Shepherd. Since I thought my head wasn't where it should be, I worked on remembering the day the world as we knew it changed when terrorists high jacked airplanes in order to create fear, terror, anger, and pain. I remembered it was a beautiful day, a sky so clear and blue over me, and how terror uses beauty to destroy. It was perhaps Divine Guidance that helped me find words I had not read in a very long time. Words from former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' book *Writing in the Dust* about his experience being in New York on September 11, 2001. Although his words were his reflection on experiencing that terrible day seventeen years ago, I found them biting relevant today: "Violence is a communication of hatred, fear, or contempt, and I have a choice about the language I am going to use to respond. If I decide to answer in the same terms, that is how the conversation will continue."

I spoke those words to the crowd that gathered in front of our church Tuesday evening, along with Evan Young, Executive Director of United Campus Ministry and President Nellis of Ohio University for the Peace Walk. As I spoke, I couldn't help but notice that the numbers of the crowds for the Peace Walk seem smaller than past years, and that contrasted with the rising number of reported acts of violence. It made me wonder again about our society's falling short of the goodness God created us for, and seems to be a sign of our acceptance of violence.

Seventeen years after 9/11, it seems there is quite a lot of violence in our lives, locally, in our state, the country, and the world. While such observations can lead down a hopeless path that believes peace is not attainable, for me they serve as a reminder of what peace can be. When Jesus wished his disciples peace be with you, he had risen from a death caused by violence intended to terrorize anyone who dared to stand against the powers of the Roman government. His message of peace is resurrection life breathed into a culture that accepted violence as their language. While we might want such a message of peace to be an eradication of violence, perhaps instead it was a message about how to live as followers of the Risen Jesus in a violent world.

That is where the words of former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams describing violence as a language, a form of communication comes in. His words inspire me to respond to the violence around me with the language of peace. Peace the Risen Jesus showed by forgiveness, healing, and new life. That is the language of peace, for all of us followers of the Risen Christ to practice. Such actions might not eradicate violence, but they can show there is not only another way to live, there is another way to view human beings: with dignity and respect.

The anniversary of 9/11 has come and gone once again, regardless of the number of people who walked in the Interfaith Peace Walk. And efforts are underway on OU's campus to call attention to survivors of rape and sexual assault support, which are good. Perhaps, as the one church located in the heart of the campus, we all might reflect on ways we can be present to our neighbors that speak of peace. And then put those reflective thoughts into action, for that is how the Kingdom of God can be made real in a world that still accepts violence.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 16 September 2018, Pentecost 17

Altar Guild: Sharon Huge

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Martin Family

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Julie Nehls

First Crucifer: Sharon Huge

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for Pentecost 18 - Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1 (Sung); James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37.

<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 asylum seekers, immigrants, and 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. Philip's, Circleville; St. Edward's, Whitehall; St. James', Clintonville and St. John's, Columbus.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector-Elect, 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 upcoming Kairos weekend and for Ingrid Ortman's upcoming baptism.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: * Chic, Don, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Linda, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Mary, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Lalena, Bill, Miriam, William, William, Patty, Sharon, Hank, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, Don, John, Roland, Jeanne, Laura, and Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Sally Spero (9/23), Cita Strauss (9/24), Isabella Martin (9/29)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and for a happy birthday to Julie Maria from Chris Eaton.

For the deceased: Jeanne Traino

* 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.

Gospel

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9: 30-37



Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

CROPwalk (October 7)



Good Shepherd needs four (4) volunteers to walk in the CROPwalk on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2 pm. We'll walk part or all of the bike path beginning at Peden Stadium. Parishioners will be asked to support our walkers with a financial contribution. Funds raised by CROPwalk go to Church World Service which has staff people all over the

world. When disaster strikes or need emerges, we can't be there, but Church World Service IS there to help. Among the projects that CWS helps with are such as improved access to clean water to improve sanitation and water small gardens, giving agricultural knowledge and skills to grow more nutritious vegetables, buying farm animals (chickens, pigs, cattle). If you'd like to walk or contribute, see David Burton on Sunday.

Make a Joyful Noise

SING, LEARN, SHARE

Come share your favorite hymns, learn new and accessible hymns in our tradition, and experience different forms of worship!

This FREE event is being held in 5 locations in the diocese. Lunch will be provided.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER: bit.ly/DSOJoyfulNoise

St. James, Clintonville.....Sep 29

Trinity, Newark.....Oct 06

St. Paul's, Dayton.....Oct 20

Indian Hill Church, Cincinnati.....Oct 27

St. Peter's, Gallipolis.....Oct 27

Events will run

10 AM to 2 PM

make a joyful noise

Celebrate the music of the Episcopal Church

DIocese of Southern Ohio
COMMISSION ON LITURGY & MUSIC

SING, LEARN, SHARE

Please contact Marsha Reilly (mareilly1@columbus.rr.com) to register. Note the session in Gallipolis, October 29.

It's Official! We Have a Rector!

After the Vestry unanimously voted to call Mother Deborah as our next rector, David Burton, the Treasurer, and Mother Deborah worked together to sign a new letter of agreement. Once the letter was signed by Mother Deborah, the Senior Warden, the Rev. Jason Leo the new Transition Minister for the diocese, and the Bishop, Mother Deborah officially became the Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd. The Bishop informed the vestry he signed the letter of agreement on September 11, 2018. Which means Mother Deborah is now officially our rector!

Holy Hike - a Student Retreat Oct. 6-7 in Columbus

All University students are invited to join with other students in Southern Ohio for a retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The retreat will feature a hike through the city of Columbus, stopping at places like the science museum to learn and the Capitol to pray for justice. The retreat also includes opportunities to listen to some of the homeless in the city, and worship with a street church. This retreat is free, including meals and accommodations.

Please contact Mother Deborah if you are interested revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

Worship Planning

As we move forward with the changes in our secondary service, Mother Deborah is looking for folks who would like to help her envision what that service could be like once it is moved to the late afternoon. If you would like to be part of that envisioning and planning, please contact Mother Deborah.
revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On September 19 Group 3 served 61 people 70 servings.

The meat dish was hot dogs, and the vegetarian dish was vegie chili over rice. Salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Sally Spero, Zella Nisley, Lois Wagner, April and Lia Knox, 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, or David Burton.

The Free Lunch Program bids a 'fond farewell' to Joann Larson - the retiring, longtime, leader of Group III. Her leaving necessitates the restructuring of that group, and a call for a few additional volunteers. In fact, the whole program could do with a few extra volunteers. Almost all of our Free Lunch volunteers are retirees -- and after standing on their feet from 9:30 am to 1 pm -- most are more ready to collapse into the nearest chair than to face a dirty kitchen. A few loyal volunteers -- willing to come in as a "second shift clean-up crew" -- would be heartily welcomed by all!

With the opening of our "Crossroads Cafe" it is imperative that the church kitchen be kept spotless, so if cooking is not "your thing" -- but you'd be willing to contribute to our Free Lunch Program as part of a "second shift clean-up crew" -- please contact Phyllis Dean at 740-591-1591 or at phyllis.d.dean@gmail.com.

Kairos SCC-I #1 set for October 4-7, 2018.

Some of you may recall that the state prison at Nelsonville, Hocking Correctional Facility, later known as Southeast Ohio Correctional Complex-Hocking, was closed last winter. However, volunteers comprising Kairos of Ohio HCF have regrouped and are initiating a first Kairos weekend at SCC-Lancaster, beginning Thursday October 4 and extending through the weekend.

Since SCC-L is larger than the Nelsonville facility, the need for Agape in the form of prayer, cookies, and monetary donations is even greater than before. We are asking you, therefore, to contribute what you can toward the goal of making Kairos SCC-L #1 an even more joyful and productive weekend than the previous 20 weekends at Nelsonville!

Norman Fox, Gregory Proctor, and I will be downstairs at Coffee Hour for the next two Sundays, until the 30th of September. Please prayerfully consider making a donation of prayer, and/or baking cookies, or making a monetary donation, checks payable to Kairos of Ohio, with "SCC-L #1" in the memo line.

The prisoners at Lancaster will be grateful for your generous donation!

Allyn Reilly

Coming Up Soon -- The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO
All sessions will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Nehls Hall with a light meal included.

Sept. 28 *Rings of Akhaten/Sing to the Lord a New Song*



Where the Doctor and Clara meet a remarkable young girl named Merry Galel whose song brings to mind that of another young woman named Mary whose remarkable song we still sing. We'll explore similarities to Mary of Galilee in Luke's Gospel and learn more about her magnificent song.

NAMI Speakers Series (Sep 27 at 6:30 p.m.)

Athens Public Library, 30 Home Street

Topic: Going Beyond Schizoaffective Disorder to a Career and Work with Peers

Speaker: Katie Feick

Schizoaffective disorder - a combination of schizophrenia and a mood disorder - is a particularly mean affliction. Many sufferers have anosognosia - the sincere delusion that they are not sick. Katie Feick suffers from schizoaffective disorder. She once hung herself before being cut down just in time. Now, in solid recovery, she is a mental health advocate with NAMI Franklin County, NAMI Ohio, ADAMH Franklin County, Mental Health America Franklin County, and both the Columbus and the Athens Police Crisis Intervention Team training. She is a living example that recovery is possible even for those with the most severe disorders. She'll be talking about her experience before recovery, her recovery, and her very productive life thereafter. For a preview of her lecture, listen to her radio interview at namiathensohio.org (click on the radio icon).

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

.15 CEUs available for Athens Public Schools Teachers

1.5 CEUs available for Social Workers

MONEY



Senior Warden David Burton and Mother Deborah are looking for someone to join them in planning and executing this year's stewardship program. The opportunity this year is we don't have to do it the way it's been done before. This ministry is important because it is how we fund the other ministries we are engaged in and can continue to grow.

Please contact David Burton drabeja02@yahoo.com or Mother Deborah revdebwoolsey@gmail.com if interested.

Photos this week



Bishop's visitation -- confirmation and dedication of the Cafe;
Mother Deborah's small painting helper.

Repeat Material Below

Rhododendron Relief

If you've noticed, the once beautiful rhododendrons along the north side of the church have been suffering for the last few years. They are in great need of some love and care. If you're interested in caring for them, or, if their time has come to replace them, talk either to



Dana Carlson, Jr. Warden, or
David Burton, Sr. Warden.

Pictured are the rhododendron as
they looked in their glory days
(Spring 2002)

The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO: Finding God in All of Time and Space



If you are a life-long Whovian, a fan new to the series, or have never seen the show, please join Mother Deborah for a series of adventures with Doctor Who, as she explores the Christian themes she sees in this popular television series.

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included.

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Oct. 12 A Town Called Mercy/God's Judgement

This time it's the Doctor with Amy and Rory who visit a town in the Old West that lives by its name of Mercy. We'll explore the theological definition of mercy and justice as we consider what those terms mean to us and how we do or do not live into them as

we watch how the Doctor and his companions do the same.

Nov. 16 **The Husbands of River Song/Believing God Loves You**

A rollicking good Doctor Who Christmas special that features River Song, a character who loves The Doctor but does she believe someone like The Doctor can love be vulnerable enough to love her back? Our conversation will look at scripture and parts of the episode to help us ask the same of God. Jesus says God loves us, but is that an easy thing to believe?

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 cell number is 937-689-8895.

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 (<https://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>).

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 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 drabeja02@yahoo.com

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior 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). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or barbara@chogs.org).

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