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Good Shepherd E-News (21 January 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: 24 January 2016 Third Sunday after the Epiphany



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

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

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, January 21, 7:00 p.m.
Lindley Inn Worship, Sunday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, Zelma Coleman
Free Lunch, Wednesday, January 27, noon
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 31, noon
Prayer Shawl Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, Doris Green
Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 9, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Prayers & Ashes, Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Epiphany 3 (24 January 2015)

Altar Guild: Doris Green, Hailey Luellhoff, Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Hosts: the Buckley family

Gospel



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of

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Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Zella Nisley

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

Ushers: Sharon Huge and Bruce Martin

First Cross: Amelia Dygas

Second Cross: Pely Brient

Gospel Book: Ana Martin

Lessons: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19 (sung), I Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

<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 Trinity, Newark.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, 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 David Burton, secretary of the vestry.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

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

Birthdays:

Sandi White (1/27), Ruth Clever (1/30)

sight to the blind,
to let the
oppressed go free,
to proclaim the
year of the Lord's
favor."

And he rolled up
the scroll, gave it
back to the
attendant, and sat
down. The eyes of
all in the
synagogue were
fixed on him. Then
he began to say to
them, "Today this
scripture has been
fulfilled in your
hearing."

Anniversary:

Don Frazier and Joanne Worstall (1/25)

* 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.

Adult Forum (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Jack Flemming continues to lead a discussion on the 39 Articles of Religion, historical statements of doctrine in the Church of England and, after 1801, in the Episcopal Church in the US. You can find them in the Book of Common Prayer, pp. 867-76 (in the Historical Documents section). This is an opportunity for us to consider our own understanding of historical Episcopal Church doctrine and, for example, how our doctrine today differs from what is set down in the 39 Articles. Do come: Hobson Lounge, 9-10. In February, Mother Deborah will lead a study of the lives and roles of women in the Bible.

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Upcoming Annual Meeting (Jan. 31)

**The Parish Annual Meeting will be held at
12:00 noon, following the 10:30 a.m. service,
in Nehls Hall on January 31.**

Nominating Committee Report

Departing Vestry members:

Gregory Proctor, Chris Eaton, Doug Dygas, Alex Vasel (student representative)

Executive Committee (term expires 2017):

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden

Ted Foster, Junior Warden

Gregory Proctor, Treasurer

David Burton, Secretary

New Vestry Members (term expires 2019):

Anne Braxton

Nancy Covington

Norman Fox

Student Representative (term expires 2017)

Alex Vasel (first half) and Nikhil Dhinagar (second half)

Delegates to Convention: Allyn Reilly, Ted Foster, Anne Braxton, Jack Flemming

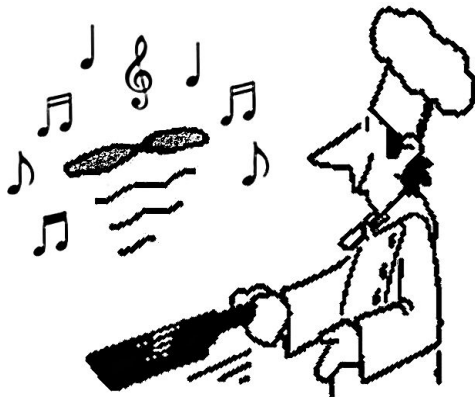
Alternate Delegates: Don Frazier and Joanne Worstall

Please note that additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.

The Rev. Karl Stevens' Visit (Feb. 7)

The Rev. Karl Stevens will be visiting us on Sunday, February 7 at the 10:30 a.m. service and will be available during coffee hour. Karl is the Canon Missioner for Campus Ministry for the Diocese, and we are delighted he'll be with us again.

Shrove-Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 9)



Mark your calendars ---

Tuesday, February 9th

Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes and fixins

Open Stage

Details TBA

Ash Wednesday's Ashes to Go (Feb. 10)

Prayer & Ashes

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Front of Church, inside/outside depending on weather.)

The Anglican Communion Decision and Response

What is the Anglican Communion? The Anglican Communion is a network of thirty-eight autonomous national and regional churches and six additional provincial churches and dioceses, all of which are in a working relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury. These churches are from all around the world and share a common history, liturgy, and expression of Christianity called Anglicanism. The Episcopal Church is one of the churches in the Anglican Communion. The purpose of the Anglican Communion is primarily

networking, as it has no authority of governance over its members.

What Decision? On January 14, 2016, the Primates (leaders of the churches in the Anglican Communion) released a statement informing the world that they had voted to restrict the activity of the Episcopal Church in a few of the Anglican Communion's activities for a period of three years. According to the document, the Episcopal Church is not invited to represent the Anglican Communion on any of the interfaith committees they are connected with and may not serve or vote on committees dealing with decisions of doctrine or piety.

What brought about this decision? Some members of the Anglican Communion are not supportive of the vote at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July 2015 to allow same-gender marriage and to change our Book of Common Prayer to reflect that change in the marriage ceremony.

What does this mean for the Church of the Good Shepherd? The short answer: nothing. The Anglican Communion does not have authority over us; our authority comes from General Convention, Diocesan Convention, our bishop, and parish by-laws. The statement does not change anything. The Church of the Good Shepherd will continue to be a parish that welcomes all people, whoever they are, recognizing that all human beings are created in God's image, including men and women who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, just as it includes men and women who are heterosexual, married, divorced, single, or remarried. We also welcome people of all races and nationalities, and we welcome children, teenagers, students, adults, and aging adults. At the Church of the Good Shepherd we strive to see Christ in all persons and to serve all persons in Christ, living our belief that "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Our Response: Let's Walk Together. It has been said that life is a journey. Not only is life a journey of ups and downs, but additionally, we get the opportunity to meet so many different people along the way. Some will be easy to get along with, and others will be challenging. It can be hurtful when we feel slighted, rejected, punished, or put down. A first response might be to fight back or lash out. But as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., reminds us, there is another way--a way where we walk together, especially with people who do not agree. Standing in love for all people may be the way genuine, authentic change can happen. Our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, has called us to live what we believe, to be the "Jesus Movement." You can hear more about his response by following the link below to a video where he responds to the decision of the Anglican Communion.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMq0R4X7lQU&sns=em>

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

On Wednesday, January 20, Wednesday Lunch Group III served 60 people 74 servings. The meat dish was beans and franks over rice,



and the vegetarian dish was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Salad, fresh fruit salad, beverages, and desserts were also available.

The volunteers this week were Geoff Buckley, 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).

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.



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 Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at 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).

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