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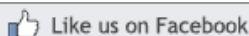
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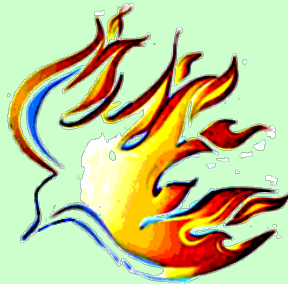
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Good Shepherd E-News (21 November 2018)

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: 25 November 2018



Last Sunday after Pentecost
(Christ the King)

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

Upcoming Events

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov. 21, 12:00 noon
(No Choir Rehearsal)

Thanksgiving Day Service - - Thursday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving potluck - - Thursday, November 22, 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 12:00 noon

Choir rehearsal - - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Cookies for Advent Festival due - - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.

Advent Festival Dress Rehearsal - - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - December 2

Advent Music Festival - - Sunday,

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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December 2, 4:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12:00 noon

Second Sunday brunch - - Sunday, December 9,
12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Breakfast - - Tuesday, December 11,
Bob Evans

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 12, 12:00 noon

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Dec 13, 7:00 p.m.

To this week's
United Campus
Ministry
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help the
Church](#)



CrossRoads
Cafe will be
closed over
Thanksgiving
weekend.
Open Monday.

SCAM EMAIL ALERT!



There is a SCAM email going around that mimics Mother Deborah's email address. It will usually have the word "Hello" and your name in the subject line. The email will ask for help in the form of iTunes cards (or something similar). If you get an email that fits this description, DO NOT OPEN IT. DO NOT REPLY TO IT. DO DELETE IT. If you do engage it, expect more emails to come.

The mimic is NOT connected to Mother Deborah's account, so it will not help to contact her. If you want to report it, please contact the Athens Police.

God has two dwellings, one in heaven, and the other in a meek in thankful heart." - Izaak Walton

I recently read an opinion piece that went on and on, about how awful and terrible it is to tell another person to be thankful. The opinion holder was of the belief that life is hard enough with all the already unattainable demands made on us human beings that giving us the demand to be thankful is just giving us another reason to fail to live up to another's expectations. It was an explanation of an opinion that was pretty devoid of hope. Until the last paragraph that said we don't need to be thankful because God has forgiven us, so all we need to do is receive that forgiveness.

While I can empathize with the sense of being overwhelmed by the world and all its demands and expectations, fear of failure, and worry about "not being good enough," I found the conclusion empty. Especially because I don't believe God's forgiveness implies passivity on our part. The opinion implies forgiveness is a gift we receive then put on a shelf to give us comfort when we feel inadequate. Instead I believe forgiveness is received by living, practicing, and reciprocating. Because God does forgive us, that means we have the means to forgive others and ourselves. Even when we feel we have failed, or missed the mark, or feel "not good enough."

For me, practicing forgiveness is one way we followers of Jesus can help show the tremendous Love of God in Christ to the world. And this opinion reminded me there are plenty of people in the world feeling burdened by their humanity. One way that burden has been lifted from me is forgiveness; being reminded of God's forgiveness keeps me from dwelling on the things I am powerless to change and helps me recognize what I can do. One thing I can do is practice being thankful. Practicing thankfulness has helped me feel connected to God and my friends and family in even the worst of times.

Of course this practice is for more than one day. It is a way of life. Not just the life of errands, jobs, family, bills, ups and downs, loneliness and pain, disappointment and beauty. It is the very Presence of the Giver of Life present in our lives.

So, my prayers for you this Thanksgiving Day is for such a life of thankfulness everyday. One of the things I am very thankful for is being called to be the Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, for the opportunity to serve our neighbors with all of you, and for all of you and the gift and blessing you are.

May you and yours have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day,

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 25 November 2018, Christ the King

Altar Guild: Sharon Huge and Hailey Luelloff

Altar Flowers: Richard and Phyllis Dean

Coffee Hour: Bonnie Savage and Lois Wagner

Eucharistic Visitor week of November 25 - Rev. Deborah Woolsey

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Preston Denton and Chris Eaton

First Crucifer: Sharon Huge

Lessons: for Christ the King Sunday - 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-13, (14-19) (Sung); Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37.

<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. Mary Magdalene's, Maineville; St. Luke's, Marietta and St. Barnabas, Montgomery.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector, 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 music ministry and choir and for Dana Carlson, our Junior Warden.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: * Chic, Don,

Jennifer, Jodi, Jonas, Karen and Rayna, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Linda, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Mary, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, Alejandro, Candace, Sharon, Lalena, Bill, Miriam, Wayne, William, Patty, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, Don, Jim, Laura, and Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Allyn Reilly (11/26), Terrie Sherman (11/26)

Anniversary: Curt and Terrie Sherman (11/29)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the birth of Liam Roberts Zirker, great grandson of Richard and Phyllis Dean.

* 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

Last Sunday after Pentecost

John 18:33-37



Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Big Read with the Diocese of Southern Ohio: Luke and Acts

Luke/Acts Big Read kick-off

Starting the first of the new Church Year, we have been invited to join our diocese in the new Big Read. It is the hope of

our bishop that by everyone in the diocese reading the same books of the Bible together we will grow as a diocese and be part of the Beloved Community initiative that focuses on reconciliation. This is also part of the Presiding Bishop's challenge to Practice the Way of Love by devoting time to Learn, Turn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Rest, Go.

This year, the Big Read will be on Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. We will participate in the Big Read by publishing the weekly schedule that breaks each book down into sections. On each Sunday, Mother Deborah will facilitate a conversation on the weekly reading after the 10:30 am service. All are welcome to read along and participate in the weekly conversations.

Big Read Schedule Week of:

Dec. 3 Luke 1-3.

Dec. 10 Luke 4-6.

Dec. 17 Luke 7-9.

Dec. 24 Luke 10-11.

Dec. 31 Luke 12-14

Feb. 4 Acts 2-4

Feb. 11. Acts 4-6

Feb. 18 Acts 7-9

Feb. 28 Acts 10-12

March 4 Acts 12-14

March 11 Acts 15-17

March 18 Acts 18-21

March 25 Acts 22-27

Jan. 7 Luke 14-17.

Jan. 14 Luke 17-20.

Jan. 21 Luke 21-23.

Jan. 28 Luke 23-Acts 1

A Day of Giving Thanks

November 22

**What are YOU
Thankful For?**

Please join us in gathering to give and express our thanksgiving and gratitude to God for all of life's gifts and blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Worship service with Holy Communion

10:00 am

Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00 pm

Come for part or all of Thanksgiving Day at Church of the Good

Shepherd.

Thanksgiving Dinner

As an expression of their gratitude for being at Church of the Good Shepherd, and especially this year when the vestry unanimously voted Mother Deborah as Rector, Mother Deborah and her family invite you to join them in sharing Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, in Nehls Hall. Mother Deborah and Michael will provide the turkey and invite you to bring a dish to share.



Cookie Bakers Needed

Following the December 2 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be hosting a reception. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Saturday morning, December 1. If enough cookies are received, some will be available for sale. Also on Sunday, December 2, help will be needed to set up tables and prepare for the reception. This will be done right after coffee hour.



Please contact Julie Nehls, jnehls16@gmail.com, 593-7354, if you want to donate cookies or assist with set up.

Thank You and Well Done!



"This truth that God can be found within the secular world, and it is the task of the Christian Church not only to bring the Gospel of Christ to the secular world as from beyond it but also to be learning from the secular world about the presence and activity of God within it." - former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey, *The Sacred and the Secular*.

Thank you to every one who came to one or more of the sessions of *The Gospel According to Doctor Who* this fall. It has been wonderful to share the program with you and practice seeing the sacred in the secular. Whenever you see something that reminds you of God in the world, you are practicing the discipline of theology. And based on your observations and comments during the discussions at *The Gospel According to Doctor Who*, you are all becoming fantastic theologians! Well done and keep it up!

A special thank you to David Burton, Lynn Graham, and Julie Nehls for their support in providing, preparing, serving and cleaning up after dinner. Each meal was delicious! We could not have had a successful series without you.

Coffee Sale Report

As of this writing we have orders in hand for thirty-two bags of Christmas coffee. This will yield a profit of



ninety-six dollars. My goal is to take orders for fifty bags and earn a profit of \$150 for Good Shepherd. A gift of Silver Bridge coffee at Christmas is an excellent way to remember our friends and family. And we are also supporting a local business while helping to fund our Outreach ministry in the local community. The order deadline will be Sunday, November 25 and I plan to deliver the coffee on Sunday, December 2.

Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd. (Jack Flemming)

Introducing "Ask Sebastian"

The "Ask Sebastian" column, which will answer questions about our historic Aeolian-skinner pipe organ debuts this week.

Anyone with questions may submit them to "Johann Sebastian's Question Box" There will two boxes-one in Nehls Hall and one in the narthex.

So here goes:

Question: How old is the organ?

Answer: The organ was under contract in 1952 when the current church building was under construction. Because of various delays, completion of the organ installation was not until 1954. That makes it 64 years old.



The TARDIS

"I want to tell you that seeing the TARDIS on my way to class everyday has been what's kept me going this semester." - Student at Ohio University

The TARDIS has proved to be an impactful, positive, and effective tool in campus ministry - please read Mother Deborah's short article in the enews for more information - so Mother Deborah has decided to leave it up for the rest of the semester, and the vestry agreed. But who knows, it may return some time in the future.



Last Week



This Week

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On November 21, Group 3 served 21 people 32 servings.

The menu was Sloppy Joes, veggie Sloppy Joes over rice if desired along with fresh salad, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages.

The setup, cooking, and serving volunteers were Lois Wagner, Zella Nisley, Halley Luelloff, Thaddeus Semsel, Lynn Graham, and also Martha Hansgen for cleanup.

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.



Advent Festival

Sunday, December 2,

4:30 p.m.

All Creation Waits

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd presents its annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Restoration Fund.

A reception follows the program.

Featured are Carols, hymns and anthems from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

Church of the Good Shepherd

64 University Terrace

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www.chogs.org

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Editor's Note: The reception specifics are still evolving, but we can be assured the reception will be replete with homemade cookies and opportunity to purchase Deeper Roots Coffee Gift sets and perhaps more.



Renovation of the kitchen, facilities, and appliances will be starting soon. The first project (a trial before starting the kitchen) is pulling the rug and a laborious scraping up three previous layers of tile down to the bare concrete in the classrooms and replacing all this with a special durable tile that will also be used in the kitchen. Pictured -- partly scraped and nearly finished floor.

The 10:30 service this past Sunday could be called a 'sunshine' service.



Repeat Material Below



Exciting Times at Good Shepherd (pt. 2)

In October I wrote a long piece for the E-News under this same title. It bears repeating that we are indeed living in exciting times here at 64 University Terrace. This is only the first of several major projects that

will happen during 2019. As our facilities age, it is becoming evident that we need to make some important capital improvements to the space where we gather as a community of faith and that we share with the greater community that surrounds us.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary Anne and Roland Swardson

who wanted to give a gift to Good Shepherd. Because of their interest and participation in our Wednesday Free Lunch program, they wanted to make improvements to the kitchen a possibility. Several other parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous, joined them and stepped forward to make the renovation possible. Thanks to this generosity, we will welcome 2019 with a newly remodeled kitchen.

At a cost of \$62,000, there will be energy-efficient ceiling lights; new floors; new cabinets; energy-saving range, ovens, refrigerator, and freezer; a new disposal to replace the very cantankerous one. The kitchen will have plenty of storage so that each and every one of the utensils necessary for the functioning of our busy kitchen will have a space they can call home.

Over the next few weeks and months we will be talking more about these capital improvements. Since these expenditures fall outside the general operating costs of the parish, we must ask everyone, present and former parishioners, as well as friends of the parish, to help with a financial gift. No gift is too small as we move forward, guided as we are by the Holy Spirit, in our service to the community that surrounds us. Thank you for your generous dedication to Good Shepherd.

Episcopal Shield Stickers Are Back!

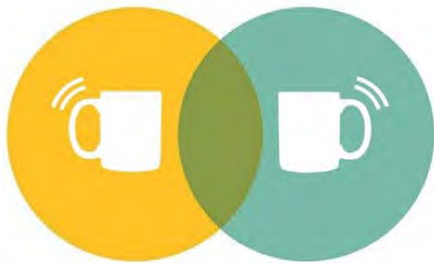
For just \$1 you can get a new Episcopal Shield sticker for your car, house, computer, tablet, anywhere at all you want to display our denomination.

This year we have two styles: window cling for clear windows and the same sticker style we had in the past. Get 'em while they last! Proceeds will go toward campus ministry. Thank you!



Listening Ministry - A Volunteer Opportunity

Combining the practices of presence, listening, discernment, and prayer, listening ministry is the opportunity to be fully present to another human being in a way that is non-judgmental, loving, and



We Are Here
To Listen.

kind. In a world where loneliness is often named as one of the major problems in society, a listening ministry seeks to counter the misconception that God is absent and doesn't care by offering to be fully present to someone, maybe even someone you don't know.

This ministry is one we'd like to offer at our CrossRoads Café this fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be asked to commit to being present during café hours as they are able and to be available to anyone who comes into the café who might want someone to listen to them. This ministry will require some special training, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

CrossRoads Café <http://www.chogs.org/crossroads.htm>

CrossRoads Café Is Open: Help us spread the word! Invite your friends for a cup of Deeper Roots coffee or a nice cup of tea. Stop in and meet our café staff - Eleanor, Dylan, and Naomi. The café hours are 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Sundays, it is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The café is closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Follow the above link for the story behind the cafe.



Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has met to discuss the possibilities for the following ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd:

Vestry (3-year term)
Student Representative to Vestry (1 year)
Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention
Leadership roles: Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary of Vestry

Every year these positions are discussed so that they can be brought

to our parish's annual meeting, which is usually in January. Some positions, like Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, can be continued by the persons currently serving, if they choose. Others, like vestry members, will need new people to fill those roles because the positions are for a limited amount of time.

To learn more, or if you are interested in participating in a ministry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah (chair), Anne Braxton, Nancy Covington, and Norm Fox, with Senior Warden David Burton serving ex officio.

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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