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## Good Shepherd E-News (22 December 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 Saturday: 24 December 2016 Christmas Eve



**Family Service:** 4:00 p.m.

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Music Recital:** 10:00 p.m.

**"Midnight" Service:** 10:30 pm.

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

A **reception** in Nehls Hall will follow the 10:30 p.m. service

## This Sunday: 25 December 2016 Christmas Day



**Christmas Day Service:** 11:00 a.m.

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

## Sunday School and Adult Education:

The Adult Forum will resume on Jan. 8 in Hobson Lounge, as will Sunday School at 9:30.

## Special Choir Rehearsal Times

There will be a Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) rehearsal at 9:15 p.m. in the chapel. Choir in the pews Christmas Day.

## Mother Deborah on Vacation (Dec. 27-29)

Mother Deborah will be on vacation December 27-29. For pastoral emergencies please contact the Rev. Katharin Foster.

### Participants scheduled for

This Saturday - Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)

#### 4:00 p.m. Service:

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

**Lector:** Sandi White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Graham (Prayer Leader) (Special Prayers)

**Ushers:** Norm Fox and Lynn Graham

**First Cross:** Sharon Huge

**Gospel Book:** Ella Cottrill

#### 10:30 p.m. Service: (Music begins at 10:00 p.m.)

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

**Lector:** Alex Buckley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham

**Ushers:** Terrie and Curt Sherman

**Thurifer:** Peter Buckley

**First Cross:** Bella Martin

**Second Cross:** Owen Buckley

**Gospel Book:** Ana Martin

**Lessons:** Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97 (sung), Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

### Participants scheduled for Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

#### 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service:

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

**Lector:** Sandi White

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gregory Proctor (special prayers-sent by separate email)

**Ushers:** Daniel Dygas and Julie Nehls

**First Cross:** Hailey Luellhoff

**Lessons:** Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98 (said), Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12), John 1:1-14

[www.lectionarypage.net](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 refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, Donald, our President-elect, the Supreme Court, and the members of the Congress.

### **In our diocese,**

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop.

**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.

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

Ed and Mary, Kris, Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Sharon, Bill, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Don, Elliot. John, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Shawn Parsons (12/25), B. J. Cottrill (12/28), George Karageorge (12/30)

\* 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](mailto:grahammowery@aol.com).

## Upcoming Church Events

Greening of the Church: Friday, Dec. 23, 9:00 a.m.

Family Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 9:15 p.m., Chapel.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service: Sunday, Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 12:00 noon

No Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, December 28

New Year's Day Services: Sunday, January 1, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting, Tuesday, January 10, home of Betty Larson

# Greening of the Church



Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild for the cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas, from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 23. There is plenty of work for all ability levels. Come join the fun and make our building shine for the celebration of Christmas.

If you have questions please speak to Sharon Huge ([huge@ohio.edu](mailto:huge@ohio.edu)) or Sally Spero ([s\\_spero@hotmail.com](mailto:s_spero@hotmail.com)).

## Upcoming Annual Meeting Reports

A reminder for those doing annual reports: The Parish Annual Meeting will be held in Nehls Hall on January 22, 2017, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Committee Chairs and Wardens should have their **reports to the Parish office no later than Monday, January 9**. In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the alternate meeting date is Jan. 29.



## Christmas Services at Church of the Good Shepherd -- Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

### Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

**4:00 p.m.** A favorite service that welcomes families of all sizes and walks of life to celebrate Jesus' birth. Features Holy Communion, an interactive Christmas Gospel that children of all ages are invited to help proclaim (no experience necessary), a special sermon, and favorite Christmas hymns.

**10:00 p.m - 10:30 p.m.**  
Christmas Music Recital;

# Church of the Good Shepherd Comfort and Joy



## Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2015

Traditional Family Service 4:00pm	Christmas Music Recital 10:00pm-10:30pm	Traditional "Midnight" Service 10:30pm
Favorite Christmas hymns everyone can sing.	Relax and enjoy the music of Christmas.	Traditional Christmas hymns and music.
All children will be invited to participate in an interactive telling of the Story of Jesus's birth.	Where tradition and beauty meet to bring comfort and joy to all.	Holy Communion
A special Christmas sermon for all ages.		Candlelight singing of "Silent Night"
Holy Communion		

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**10:30 p.m.** A traditional midnight mass with all the glory of Holy Communion, sermon, candlelight singing of Silent Night, and traditional Christmas hymns.

## Christmas Day Service, December 25, 2016;

**11:00 a.m.** Having Christmas Day fall on a Sunday gives us the special opportunity to hear the Christmas Day readings and experience a traditional liturgy complete with Holy Communion, special Christmas hymns, and a unique sermon that brings us closer to the Mystery of the Incarnation in a comforting way.

Each Christmas service strives to bring an aspect of Christmas a little closer. Whichever service or combination of services you choose to come to, we are looking forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you.

## New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. There is no change to the 8:00 a.m. service.

11:00 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service will be at 11:00 a.m. on January 1, 2017.

Having New Year's Day on a Sunday gives us the opportunity to honor what the Church calls Holy Name Day. It is the day on which we not only commemorate Jesus' circumcision but also reflect on his name, not just its meaning but what his name means to you and me.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On December 21st, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group III provided 28 people 37 servings. The menu included beans & franks over rice, and beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Veggie salad, fresh fruit, stuffed celery, cake, and beverages rounded out the menu. The helpers 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.

## Nominating Committee Report for 2017 \*\*

Executive Committee (term expires 2018):

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden  
Gregory Proctor, Treasurer  
Lia Knox, Junior Warden  
Ted Foster, Secretary

New Vestry Members (term expires 2020):

Steve Steward  
Chris Eaton  
Alex Buckley

Student Representative (term expires 2018)

Alex Vasel (first half, second half TBD)

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Wardens: Allyn Reilly, Lia Knox  
Lay Delegates: Joanne Worstall & Don Frazier  
Alternates: Jack Flemming & Bruce Martin

\*\* A full report is posted on the bulletin boards. Please note that additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, will be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.

## Gospel, Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Luke 2: 1-14(15-20)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

## Gospel, Christmas Eve, 10:30 p.m. Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20

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## Gospel, Christmas Day, 11:00 a.m. John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## Plate Glass in South Doors







These glass panels will help us maintain the "open-door" access to the chapel this winter by keeping the heat in (or hot air out as season dictates) and should cut down on collisions as well. When the weather improves these doors will also be painted red.

**Repeated Information Below**

## Dog Day in Advent

Last Friday I had a great day doing Campus Ministry as I welcomed the OU Police Department into our building. When I started serving here at Church of the Good Shepherd almost two years ago, I thought the term "campus ministry" only applied to college or university students. Two years later I am still learning how inclusive and diverse that term really is, as diverse and inclusive as the many components and people who all together comprise the community that is Ohio University. Perhaps my



misconceptions come from being a graduate of a small college and even smaller seminary. One of the aspects of campus ministry I enjoy is learning more about who and what makes a university. One aspect of Ohio University I had the opportunity to get to know better (and vice versa) is the OU Police Dept.

Here is how it happened:

On Wednesday, one of the volunteers helping with Wednesday Lunch brought OU Police Officer Timothy Woodward to my office. He had seen the open door in front of the chapel, and that open door inspired him to ask if he could use our building to help train a few police dogs who are bomb-sniffing dogs. After he assured me that this exercise would cause no harm to the building or people, I wholeheartedly agreed.

On Friday morning, Officer Tim showed up on time. He was cheerful and easy to talk to. He taught me how they hid substances that are often found in bombs so the dogs can practice finding them. I learned many things that day about the dogs and the importance of the dogs familiarizing themselves with buildings before there is a problem. I also got to meet two dogs: Opie, who works with Homeland Security as a bomb dog, and Alex, who is OU Police Department's bomb dog. Alex is a black lab mix who is also a rescue dog. I enjoyed watching the dogs work (they loved it!) and seeing their relationship with their officers. Mostly, I enjoyed getting to know the officers better; one even freely talked about his religious life and the shared struggles both our denominations (he is a Baptist) have. It was obvious at the end of the training that we have a lot in common and that the officers have a respect for Church of the Good Shepherd, not as a building but as the Body of Christ in this place. The Officer even asked if he could send students he finds in need of help our way, which I of course agreed to. I invited him and the other officers to join us for

lunch on Wednesdays, as Wednesday Lunch is a great coming together of the whole community.

One of the things I am taking away from this encounter is how it started: with an open door. Through the open door the officer not only saw our activity; he felt invited. When I started here as your priest-in-charge, I remember that the leadership told me one of the main ways Church of the Good Shepherd lives into its calling to campus ministry is by being present to the community. Seeing a member of the community come into our building through the open doors shows that that simple action has served as not only an invitation but as a strengthening of community when that invitation is accepted.

The open doors led to a day with the dogs, which led to a strengthening of our presence here on 64 University Terrace and a strengthening of our connection with members of the OU community. Such growth is the stuff of ministry, campus and otherwise, and is the work of those of us living and sharing the Love of God in Christ. Thank you for allowing me to share in being present and in your campus ministry, and keep up the good work!

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah



(Editor's Note: given the harsh light I tweaked this a bit so we could see details of both the two-legged critters and the four-legged critters.)

**Advent Processional on YouTube. Check this out if you have not!**

Below is a YouTube link to part of last week's Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, with the processional hymn, "Come thou Redeemer of the Earth"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jllzAjlpIRQ>

The Church of the Good Shepherd now has a YouTube "channel"; this is our first item. We

will probably upload some audio files shortly, but this is it regarding videos for the time being.



## "Intersections"

Check out - -

["Intersections: Where the Holy Meets Us,"](#)

a blog through the Church of the Good Shepherd started by Mother Deborah.

It is still a work in progress in terms of functionality, but take a look: click the link above.



## 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.



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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