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Good Shepherd E-News (22 June 2017)

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 June 2017 Third Sunday After Pentecost



8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Upcoming Church Events

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, June 27, Zelma Coleman

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, June 28, 12:00 noon

Adam Marsh Interment: Sunday, July 2, following the 9:30 a.m. service

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, July 5, 12:00 noon

Thank You!

To everyone who helped make last Saturday a beautiful day for our new Confirmands, newly Received, and the one who was Welcomed back to the parish, and who also made it a beautiful day for the family and friends of Ruth Cox who gathered later in the day to celebrate her life. Altar guild, ushers, LEMs, Readers, Choir Members, Acolytes, Marthas, parishioners, and friends all came together and worked well together. It was a joy to be part of the day with you all. -- Mother Deborah

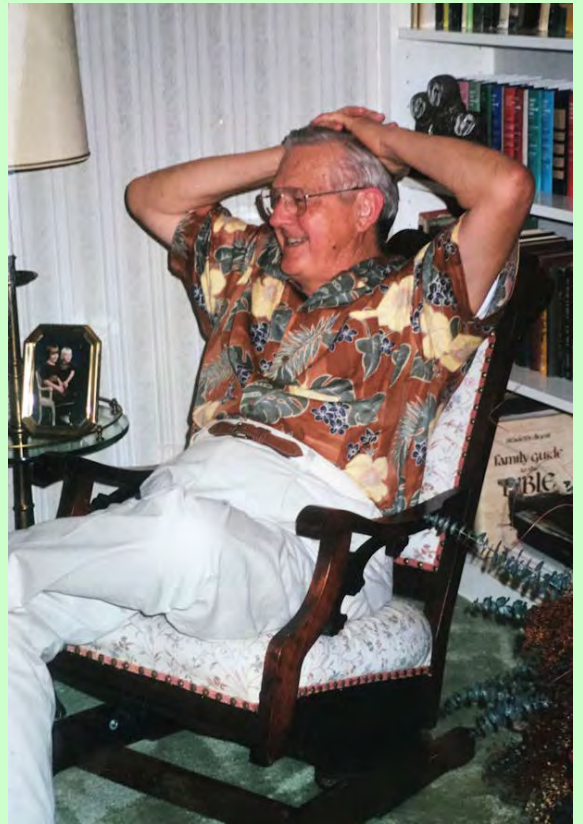
Celebration of Life Service

Adam Marsh

Sunday, July 2, 11:00 a.m.

On July 2, 11:00 a.m., please join us for the Celebration of the life of Adam Marsh.

A luncheon will follow the Celebration.



Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Third Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Guild:

Hailey Luelloff and Sally Spero

Altar Flowers:

Sarah Vogele-Hake

Coffee Hour: Lynn Graham and Lois Wagner

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Joanne Larson

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Gregory Proctor

Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Norman Fox

First Cross: Hailey Luellott
Second Cross: Lynn Graham

Lessons: Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (sung), Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39.
<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 Donald, our President, and John, our Governor, the Supreme Court, and the members of the Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for the Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati; Grace, College Hill; and Holy Trinity, Kenwood.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, 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 Anglican Mission in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for Ted Foster, secretary of the Vestry.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Aletta, Chris, Jody, Sally, Sally, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Bonnie, Arvin, Sandi, Suzan, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Shannon Parsons (6/28)

Anniversary: Pat and Karen Smith (6/21)

The Altar Flowers are given: The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the abundant love and support of the Good Shepherd community by Sarah Vogele-Hake.

* 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.



Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Helping Welcome New Students

This week was the last week for New Student Orientation ("Bobcat Student Orientation" BSO) at Ohio University, and Wednesday was my last day helping out at the Interfaith Table in the Check-in room. For those who haven't had this experience: new students

and their families go through a two-day orientation program every year. Their first step is check in, which happens in a large room in Baker Center. At check in, new students get their student ID and overnight accommodation information and have a chance to explore some optional activities. Each activity represented has a person or two standing or sitting at a table full of information for the student and his or her parent to take.



For several years now, the Interfaith Association (of which Good Shepherd is an active member) has been invited by OU to staff a table in the same room as check in during BSO. All members of the Interfaith Association take turns staffing the table, and each morning from 7:15 am till 9:45 am, two of us help greet new students and help them connect to religious and/or spiritual groups on campus.

As representatives of the Interfaith Association, we don't promote our own church or group over others. I'm not there trying to convince people they need to go to our church or be Episcopalian. Instead, we are representing each other, and our main purpose is to let new students and their families know there are religious and spiritual communities in the area they can participate in if they choose.

This was my third year staffing the Interfaith table. I loved it, just as I have the past two years, although, I do have to say, that to the best of my knowledge, my time at BSO has not translated into more students in our pews on Sundays or more money in our collection plate. And, just like Ashes to Go, most of the people who go through BSO bypass the table. Yet, I have come to enjoy this time among students and their families and my Interfaith colleagues.

While it doesn't seem to effectively turn around the growing church

decline of which the survey reporters constantly remind us, BSO is one of the very few times OU invites us religious types into the room and to participate in their event. So accepting their invitation shows that we are good neighbors, happy to see the next generation of Bobcats begin their academic pursuits. It is also an opportunity to be present, to watch and learn, and to show whoever is watching us religious people who may look very different from what they see in TV or social media. In other words, it is an opportunity for me and my colleagues to be ourselves and represent a side to religion many people don't get to see. We are real-life ministers working together instead of putting each other down, and sometimes we are people with different religious beliefs getting along and getting to know each other instead of fighting. The longer I am here at Church of the Good Shepherd, the more I am becoming convinced that such opportunities are incredibly important.

This year I also accepted BSO's invitation to join its social media conversation, which they posted on a sign at the door to check in that listed Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat as options to be part of their conversation. So each day at BSO I posted on Facebook, I Tweeted and tried to figure out Instagram (I'm new to it). Parishioners and friends liked my Facebook posts, and I discovered some old friends who had left Facebook happily engaging on Instagram, but my Twitter feed will never be the same. It was Twitter that got the most action, and interestingly, over the last few weeks more names I don't recognize are showing up liking my old Facebook posts and visiting Church of the Good Shepherd's social media sites. In other words, by accepting BSO's invitation to join its social media conversation about our shared BSO experiences, there was more connection with new students and their families. I also noticed many of the students who work at BSO started to recognize me and talk with me when we ran into each other outside of BSO. While I can't say for certain all that connection was because I accepted the invitation to meet the participants of BSO where they are on social media, I believe it helped to be a way to walk with the students and their parents and to be fully present in their time of transition.

Thank you all for your prayers and support during BSO, and for being such wonderful partners in our ministry to OU.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Out of the Office

Mother Deborah will be out of the office Tuesday, June 27. She will be home recovering from an oral surgical procedure she'll be undergoing on Monday, June 26. Please keep her in your prayers.

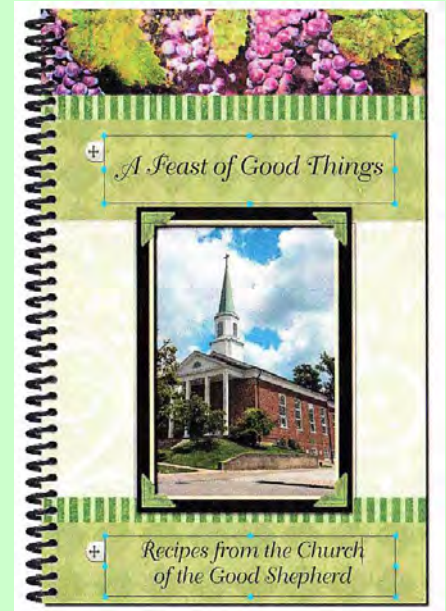
Cookbook

The Good Shepherd Cookbook, **A taste of Good Things**, is still available for purchase.

Please see David Burton or stop by the church office for your copy. They are \$12.00 per copy.

The books can also be mailed for \$15.00 per copy.

Please contact Barbara Martin at barbara@chogs.org.



"Under the Elms" Summer Concert Series

Remaining date: June 28



This year marks the 70th anniversary of the series' beginning, in June of 1947, as part of the Ohio University "Summer Band Clinic-Workshop." The concerts are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the College Green. Rain location is Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Below is a quick summary of date, theme, and guests.

June 28 -- CELEBRATE AMERICA! | Annual Independence Day Observation Concert

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS 

On June 21, Group 3 fed 28 people 35 servings.

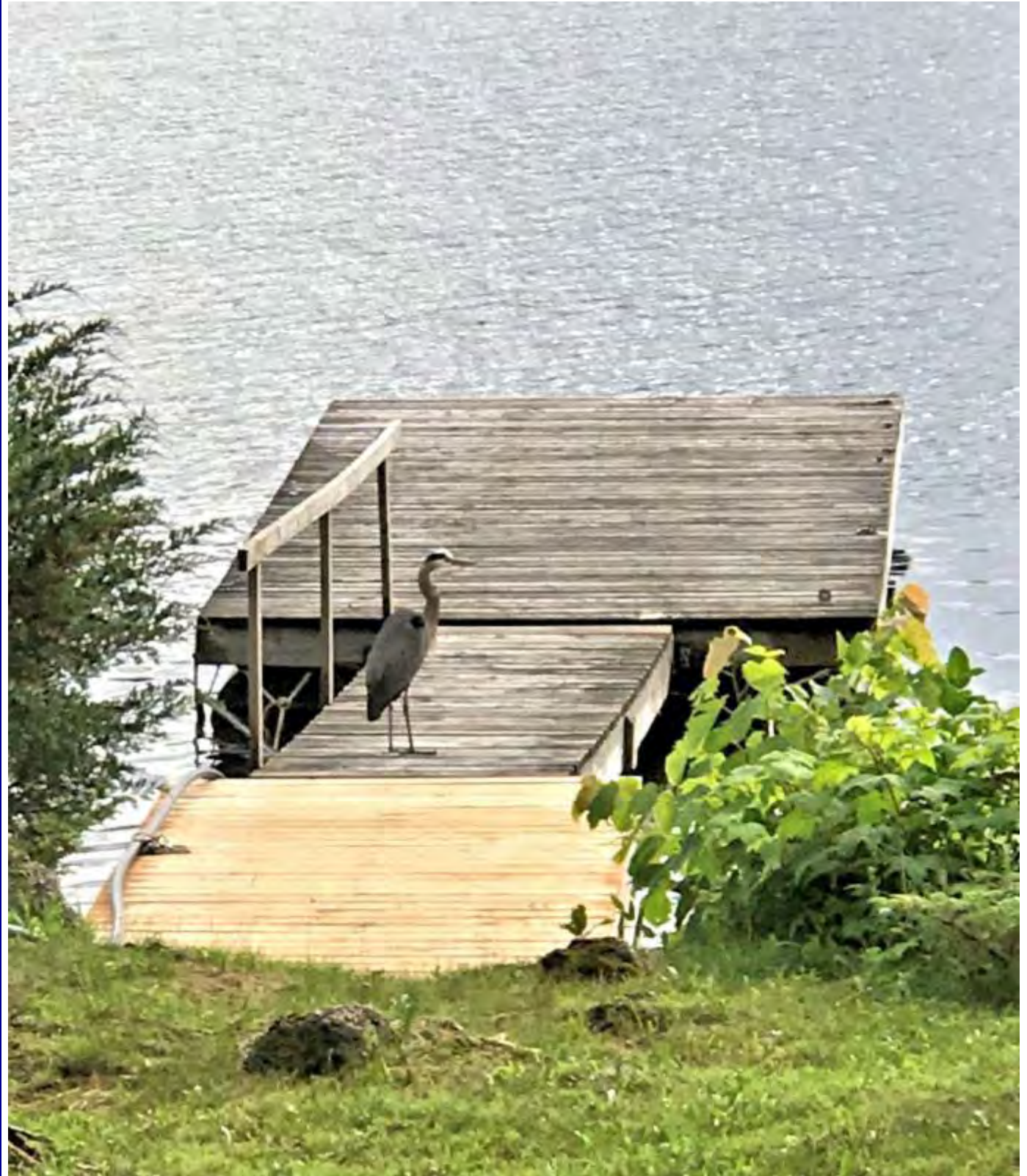
The menu was veggie salad, potato salad, celery stuffed with peanut butter, fresh fruit, and cakes for dessert. The veggie option was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice.

The helpers this week were Lynn Graham, Giovanni Esquivel, Hailey Luellhoff, Joanne Larson, and Lois Wagner.

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 Deah, Zelma Coleman, Joanne Larson, or David Burton.

Critter



This week Katharin and I are staying at some friends' cabin on Lake Charles in Canada. I asked Katharin if she wanted to go down to the dock for some fishing, but for some reason she declined this fine opportunity and said "you go instead."

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Repeated Material Below

Summary of Vestry Meeting (11 June 2017)

This was a special meeting to have a conversation with The Rev. Jason Leo (Missioner for Congregational Vitality) regarding the Rohs Street Cafe.



One of Rev. Jason's tasks for the Diocese is to address Bishop Breidenthal's hope is to add social enterprise to the mission of the Diocese. The Rohs Street Café, which has been discussed by the vestry, is not just a gourmet coffee shop, but is rooted in ministry that reflects the mission of Jesus to make the world a better place, to empower individuals, and to give congregations opportunities to see they are making a real impact.

Impressed by the evolution of the Rohs Street Café, the Diocese of Southern Ohio talked about its own parishes in which this model might work and concluded the Church of the Good Shepherd is the best place to start a similar mission. The Diocese has had inspiring talk about this and believes it is time to translate the idea to a realistic business plan for equipment, staffing, scheduling, and hard work to get something started. The Diocese invited Mother Deborah to Cincinnati to see for herself and then to introduce this opportunity to the parish.

The bishop is eager to partner with us in a significant way and use our experiences and ultimate success as a model for others in the Diocese. This will be a several-year process. Initial investment will be high, and it might take five years before the café is self-sustaining financially, but throughout the startup phase there should be a good sharing of knowledge and experience. Success is more than finance, but is measured by the many enhancements to our connections with the university, being a community hub, and preparing people for living-wage jobs. After a good wide-ranging discussion the Vestry unanimously decided to ask a few dedicated individuals, including Mother Deborah, Rev. Leo himself, David Dreisbach (the Director of Communications), and other Diocesan resource people who have been involved to submit a genuine business proposal for Bishop Breidenthal's consideration.

(Ted Foster, Vestry Secretary)

Altar Flowers -- how to order

I have placed a calendar on the church bulletin board in the stairway across from Hobson Lounge. There is a pen on a string that you can use to add your name



to an open Sunday of your choosing. I need at least one week in advance to get the flowers ordered and to make sure the wording of your dedication is as you choose.

The procedure:

- 1) Write your name on the calendar;
- 2) Email me (huge@ohio.edu) or phone me (740-592-5178) to give me your dedication.
- 3) I will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is \$60 for the arrangement; \$10 delivery fee; \$4.90 tax. Total: \$74.90.
- 4) I will relay your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

Thank you for your generous donations to keep our altar flowers coming.

Sharon Huge

If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly Creech, our florist, 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. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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 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 maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-818-5476 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

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).
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