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Good Shepherd E-News (22 March 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 March 2018



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite I

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II-A

Upcoming Church Events

Palm Sunday - March 25

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, March 27, Betty Larson

Tennebrae Service - Tuesday, March 27, 8:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

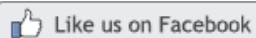
Maundy Thursday - March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday - March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil - March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 1
Early Easter Service - 8:00

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Breakfast and Flowering of the Cross - 9:00 a.m.
Easter Service - 10:30 a.m.
Potluck at the Fosters - 1:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday March 25



The 10:30 am Palm Sunday service will begin outside by the office entrance to the church. The outdoor portion of the service will be brief; it is part of

the liturgical tradition in the Episcopal Church. This tradition allows us to incorporate a procession into the church as a way to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and also marks the entrance into Holy Week. The services of Holy Week are some of the most powerful and dramatic in the Church Year, often incorporating all our senses and special music to highlight the importance and beauty that may draw us closer to the Holy Mystery at the heart of faith.

For those who participated in the Wednesdays in Lent: Soup & Bread Dinner Programs (or others interested in exploring "Emergence Christianity") Mother Deborah found this video on Phyllis Tickle and it was much more profound and powerful than she expected.

[Here is the link.](#)

March 25 Palm Sunday Coffee Hour
Great Vigil Alleluia Workshop

You are invited to join us during Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service, March 25th, for a workshop to help create the Great Vigil Alleluias. See what that will look like and learn a little something about the oldest-recorded church service.



In the Midst of Someone Else's Story

Last Friday, part of Good Shepherd's campus ministry was opening up our chapel to a second year graduate film student who had asked if she could film a scene there for a movie she is making. In our initial meeting, I learned a lot about her, how she is an international student from Guyana and that she visits our chapel daily to spend time there in prayer. Because our chapel is a place where she finds rest, she wanted to use it in her project. I also learned a lot about the movie she is making. She wrote the script for the movie from an original story of her own. The movie is called *Peanut* and is about an interracial teenage couple whose parents do not approve of their relationship. The couple gets pregnant, and something tragic happens to the baby, and this results in the parents of the couple coming together to support their children. Faith, it turns out, plays a part in what helps the characters come together, making the scene in the chapel one of the pivotal scenes in the movie.



When the student and her team showed up to film the scene, I was impressed by how professional they all were. As I always do, I offered to help out any way I could. I had anticipated that would mean I'd be asked to show them where outlets were, or things like that. Instead, I was asked to help by being an "extra" in the movie scene. Answering yes to this request meant I found myself simultaneously in the middle of making a movie and in someone else's story. Since one of my favorite

parts of movies is watching documentaries on how those movies are made, it was fun watching the movie being made, watching the process, and seeing what it looks like between "takes". The Assistant Director did a lovely job of answering my questions and explaining what was going on. I now understand even more than before that more work goes into making a movie than what the audience will ever see. The creative process is a joy to behold, for everyone involved worked well together, and showed respect for each other as well as a love of the story they were working so hard to tell.



As an "extra", I also got to sit a while in the story itself. In just the single scene I could see the sorrow of the two characters, two mothers, in the scene, and felt the desire of one to seek to move deeper into that sorrow by talking with the other, which made the scene no less painful, but somewhat less lonely. Being in the midst of someone else's story meant I could not jump in and participate, but could witness the story, and be present even as someone else was living it. It wasn't my story, but it could still affect me.

This made me think of the upcoming Holy Week services and liturgy here at Church of the Good Shepherd. Our Holy Week liturgy does more than ask us to be "extra"; it invites us into the events and story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, the agony of the garden, and the arrest, trial, and crucifixion not as a movie we watch, but as something

to enter into. Because part of our belief as followers of Jesus is that through our baptism Jesus' story is also our story, and we are invited into the midst of it so that we can claim it as our own and let it influence the ways we live our lives as part of Jesus.

I know we are all very busy. I know there is a lot going on. I know it can feel like every year there are more reasons not to attend the Holy Week services and it can be so much easier to not do so. But when we are feeling this way do we ever wonder about the loss we might experience by missing part of our own story? This year I invite you not to let Holy Week be a movie someone else worked hard to create for your entertainment, and instead invite you into each day and each hour of what is Jesus' and your story. As the two mothers learned how being together in the midst of their suffering alleviated loneliness and despair, who knows what we will discover by sharing our story with Jesus this Holy Week?

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday, Mar 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Altar Guild: Joanne Larson and Sally Spero

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour Hosts: Buckley family

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

Celebrant: The Rev. David McCoy

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Marsha Dutton (Prayer Leader) and Dana Carlson

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Peter Buckley

Second Crucifer: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for Palm Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16 (sung); Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

<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 Congress.

In our diocese, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Peter's, Delaware; St. Patrick's, Dublin; St. Christopher's, Fairborn; and Holy Spirit, Forest Park.

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. 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 Parish Life Committee.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Pam, Jane, Louise, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Addison, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Richard, Sharon, Monya, Angie, Patricia, Julie, Paul, David, Elizabeth and Adam, Mark, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Bob, John, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Joe, Arvin, Sandi, and Sister Faith Margaret, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Julie Nehls (3/17), Amy Larson Dinger (3/29)

Anniversary: Ben and Caitlin Schave (3/25)

Gospel

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)



To read these long passages please click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the Gospel.

Sharing Christ's Journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning

Of all the beautiful opportunities the church has for us, there nothing quite like Holy Week. We know you are busy, we know there are many demands on your time and energy every day. Holy Week is not intended to be yet another list of "to-do's" to add to an already long list. Instead, Holy Week is a pilgrimage: an opportunity to let go of some of those demands in order to spend time walking through Christ's final days in ways that can be renewing so that you will be able to return to your demands renewed in spirit and purpose.

March 25, Palm Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

This service begins with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm as we bless palm branches and commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but quickly turns as we find ourselves listening to Christ's Passion. Often we leave this day feeling uneasy. The gift of this day to ask ourselves the question of who is Jesus to us? And challenge ourselves to follow Jesus into places we may not want to go so that we can share in the tremendous joy of his Resurrection.

March 27, Tenebrae, 8:00 pm

A service of shadows. A touching liturgy heavily influenced by monastic prayer services that helps prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for the darkest time in the Church Year by emotionally recreating the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of Christ. A powerful worship service that can help us recognize God's Light in our darkest hours.

March 29, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm

This service shows us what Love is; not only what the Love of God looks like, but to experience it first hand during the washing of feet. One opportunity for us is to see how strong this Love is, because the service does not end with Jesus and his disciples sharing a meal, it ends with the stripping of the altar and then bare and desolate silence. This silence may feel empty, however it may be full of too. Full of a Love that does not abandon us when things are challenging or lonely or frightening, but is Present in ways we might not recognize.

March 29, The Watch Thursday, 9:00 pm - Friday noon

Those who participate in this meaningful Holy Week tradition often express having a feeling of peace. Coming into the sanctuary to pray one hour is an invitation to succeed where the disciples failed, it is our chance to pray with Christ.

March 30, Good Friday, 7:30 pm

It might seem inappropriate to use the word "good" to describe the day we are invited to journey to the foot of the cross once again and be present to Christ's suffering and death. It is a dark, disturbing day. But

we need this day, because all the events that proceed and follow depend on this day, while some might choose to skip this part, Jesus was not able to skip it. His death and resurrection are intertwined, we cannot separate them. Today is a chance to recognize that when the world does its worst, that doesn't mean God is absent, or doesn't care, or has lost. Instead it invites us to wait and see what God will do.

March 31, Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 pm

Of all the worship experiences in the Church, there is nothing like the Great Vigil, which might be why it is called "great". This service will dramatically bring into culmination the week's holy journey. With the lighting of the First Fire, hearing our salvation story, the joyful return of the Alleluia we discover that somehow in the darkness Jesus who died did not stay dead. He rose; and that amazing truth will shatter the darkness of fear. The Great Vigil is one of (if not the) oldest and unchanged worship services in the church. It is a powerful service that cannot be rushed to or through, but must be entered into with an open heart, mind, and soul so as to help immerse us into the amazing gift of redemption and grace.

Bring bells! And see what happened with the Alleluias we buried the Sunday before Lent.

School Shootings, Prayers to Actions

If you want to take some action, here are some starting points.

The Church of the Good Shepherd may be the starting location for the "March for Our Lives" rally in Athens (Saturday, March 24, 10AM - 1PM), but the route needs to be worked out with the University and Athens Police Departments. Peruse the comments on this [FACEBOOK](#) link for updates.

[HERE](#) is a very thoughtful **Sojourners** discussion about school shootings with a call to think about the connections between thoughts, prayers, and actions in relationship to gun violence.

If you wish to boycott the NRA by supporting companies' products and tell them you are doing so, [HERE](#) is an updated spreadsheet list of NRA supporting companies. Or, conversely, to support those who have renounced their relationship with the NRA, the spreadsheet includes the names of those companies as well.

Campus Ministry Compline Sat., March 24, 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to join the campus ministers in the Diocese of Southern

Ohio for a special Compline service as part of our support of the Walk for Our Lives events around the nation. We will gather for this service via Zoom (internet video conference service), making it easier for anyone from anywhere to participate in this end-of-the-day service in our Book of Common Prayer.

If you would like to accept our invitation, all you have to do use the appropriate link below:

Time: Mar 24, 2018 8:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://zoom.us/j/661114977>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +14086380968,,661114977# or +16468769923,,661114977#

Or Telephone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1-408-638-0968 or +1-646-876-9923 or +1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 661 114 977

International numbers available: https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=BRj1LZncdQLtdZe39_f0ms6QJZABgcPF

Please contact Mother Deborah (revdebwoolsey@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!

Flowering of the Cross



Flowers are needed for the flowering of the cross following the Easter breakfast. Flowers may be dropped off Saturday, March 31, at the church between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Decorating for Easter:

All are invited to come Saturday morning, March 31, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to help clean and decorate the church for Easter. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Huge (huge@ohio.edu), or Sally Spero (s_spero@hotmail.com).

Easter Breakfast:

Easter breakfast will be served Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. A sign up sheet is available in the kitchen. Help will be needed to cook, set-up, serve and clean up. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up and participate in our Easter breakfast. All are invited to attend.

Easter Parish Potluck (April 1)

The Fosters will again host the traditional Easter potluck at their home. The potluck will begin at about 1:30 on Easter Sunday afternoon. Ham and fried chicken will be provided. Those attending can bring beverages, side dishes, or a dessert. All are invited. Plan to come, because you'll have a great time. There is plenty of room inside if the weather is inclement and outside if the weather cooperates. Outside there are opportunities for hiking.

The Fosters' address is 7919 N. Coolville Ridge Road, Athens. For directions, please use your GPS or speak to Ted or Katharin (740-593-8615). Maps are available in Narthex.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On March 21 group 3 fed 74 people 89 servings. The menu was corn, tomato, and beans over noodles, and beans with franks over noodles, veggie salad, fresh fruit, cake, peanut-butter-stuffed celery, and juice.

The helpers were Don Frazier, Lynn Graham, Joanne Larson, Hailey Luelloff, 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.

NAMI Athens Speaker Series (March 29)

On Thursday, March 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Athens Public Library, 30 Home Street, Athens, Cecilia McGough will be giving a talk "I Am Not a Monster: Schizophrenia."

Approximately one percent of the U.S. population-including many students at universities such as OU-have schizophrenia. Terribly

stigmatized and misunderstood, the disorder can ruin one's life. However, increasingly many people today are standing up to the challenge and unfair stigma surrounding the disorder, accepting treatment, going into recovery, and living productive and fulfilling lives. This is certainly the case of Cecilia McGough, a Penn State student who, in good command of her schizophrenia, has founded a national organization: Students with Schizophrenia, which seeks to destigmatize schizophrenia and provide a safe venue in which students recovering from that disorder can organize. For a preview of her talk, listen to her NAMI interview at namiathensohio.org and follow the radio icon.

Free Medical Clinic

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Community Health Programs

Free Medical Clinic

Do you need medical care but can't afford it?

To be eligible for free clinical services, you must be 18-64 years old, be uninsured or underinsured, meet income guidelines, and live in southeastern Ohio. The Heritage Community Clinic is located at Ohio University in Athens and the Mobile Health Clinic travels throughout southeast Ohio providing free medical care at churches, community centers and schools.

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For a serious illness or accident, please seek immediate treatment at the nearest hospital or contact emergency services.
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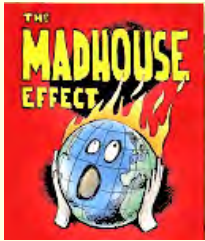


My name is Jessica Rutter, I am a nurse coordinator for Ohio University Community Health Programs. I am writing to let you know of a service that we provide for the community. We offer a free medical clinic for 18-64 year olds without insurance and to those who are under-insured. We

have a stationary site on the OU campus and a mobile unit that we take out into the communities. I have attached our flyer... (see above)

Thank you, Jessica Rutter

Madhouse Effect (March 28)



There will be a public reception with Dr. Michael Mann, an internationally renowned climate scientist, Wednesday, March 28th, 3:00-5:00, Baker Center Multicultural Center, Room 219.

At 7:30 pm, Dr. Mann will give a public lecture at Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. The title of his talk is, "A Return To The Madhouse: Climate Change Denial In the Age of Trump."

Dr. Michael E. Mann is a Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science at Penn State University and the director of the Penn State Earth System Science Center.

A large flyer with a background image of a landscape with a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid in white. On the left, a vertical red banner says 'Sustainability Studies Theme Presents'. On the right, a vertical white banner says 'College of Arts & Sciences'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the date and time. A small version of the 'The Madhouse Effect' graphic is in the bottom right corner.

Sustainability Studies Theme Presents

A RETURN TO THE
MADHOUSE
CLIMATE CHANGE DENIAL
IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

College of Arts & Sciences

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28TH
7:30 - 9:00 P.M. | Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium

THE MADHOUSE EFFECT

Second Day of Spring? (If you say so!)



Repeat Material Below

Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, episcopalrelief.org, to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at drabeja@yahoo.com

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Senior 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
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