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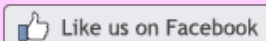
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Good Shepherd E-News (22 November 2017)

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.

Thanksgiving Day Service

**What are YOU
Thankful For?**

**10:00 a.m.
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II - A**

Celebrant -- The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector -- David Burton

Eucharistic Minister -- David Burton (Prayer Leader)

First Crucifer -- Hailey Luelloff

The Altar Guild -- David Burton and Hailey Luelloff

Ushers -- Curt and Terrie Sherman

The altar flowers for this service are given in loving memory of Jeanne Wells, who is spending her second anniversary in heaven, helping everyone who needs that extra nudge and assistance for the common good of all mankind!! We miss you very much! We are very thankful for the time we were able to spend with such a wonderful, giving lady as Jeanne. From your loving family, husband Arvin, daughter Leslie, son Douglas, and grandchildren, Katie, Eric, Ben and Chris.

This Sunday: 26 November 2017

**Last Sunday
after Pentecost
(Christ the King)**

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



Celebrant: The Rev.
Deborah Woolsey

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-D
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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Remembering Reid Sinclair



Parishioners -- as most of you know, we have learned from his daughter, Liz Sinclair, that her father, long-time parishioner Reid Sinclair passed away this past Monday.

This is another hard loss for our parish and Reid's family.

Service plans will be announced.

Reid's wit and interest in so many things and places will always be cherished. Reid was particularly proud of his

Special Services

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

10:00 am Church Service
1:30 pm Dinner



Advent Festival December 3

4:30 pm (Readings and Music)



Messiah Sing December 15

6:00 pm (Reception following)

Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 pm Family Service
10:30 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 am Peaceful Celebration

For more info visit chogs.org

Appalachian heritage and made this one of his main ministries, having served on Diocesan and National organizations to the betterment of the Appalachian region.

The above photo is from a parish picnic a few years ago.

Upcoming Church Events

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov. 22, 12:00 noon

Thanksgiving Day Service - Thurs, Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Potluck - Thursday, Nov. 23, 1:30 p.m.

Christ the King Sunday - Sunday, Nov. 26

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov. 29, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.;

Advent Festival Rehearsal, 8:05-8:40 p.m.

Advent Conversations: Practicing Wonder, Dec. 3 - 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent and In-Gathering - Sunday, Dec. 3

Advent Festival & Holiday House - Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 6, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Brunch - December 10, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12, Bob Evans

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 13, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 20, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. service)

Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24, 4:00 and 10:30 p.m.

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

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 27, 12:00 noon

Upcoming Community Events

November 28-30 - The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, Forum Theater-RTV Building, 8:00 p.m.; December 1, 7:00 p.m. Free admission.

December 8 - Readings and Carols, University Singers, First United Methodist Church, 8:00 p.m.

December 10 - Holiday Concert to Benefit the Athens County Food Pantry, Arts West, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

December 15 - Messiah Sing-along, Good Shepherd, 6:00 p.m.

December 17 - Communiversy Band Holiday Concert and ACMS Children's Chorus, Memorial Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Convention Recap

If you still want to get an idea of what happened at the Convention, here is a link: <https://dsoconvention.org/143rd-convention-recap/>

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Lynn Graham

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Earl Stump

Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Marsha Dutton

Ushers: Daniel Dygas and Norm Fox

First Crucifer: Peter Buckley

Gospel Book: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for Christ the King Sunday - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100 (sung), Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46. <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. Anne's, Westchester; St. Matthew's, Westerville; and St. John's, Worthington.

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 ushers.

Those Whom our Prayers are Requested: Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Pam, Annette, Jill and family, Jane, David, Louise, Dot, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Ernst, Patricia, Paul, David, Joanne, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Ann, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Allyn Reilly (11/26), Terrie Sherman (11/26), Paul Clever (11/30)

Anniversaries: Curt and Terrie Sherman (11/29)

For the deceased: William Manney, Jennifer Pearson, and Reid Sinclair

Gospel

Last Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 25:31-46



Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to

drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did

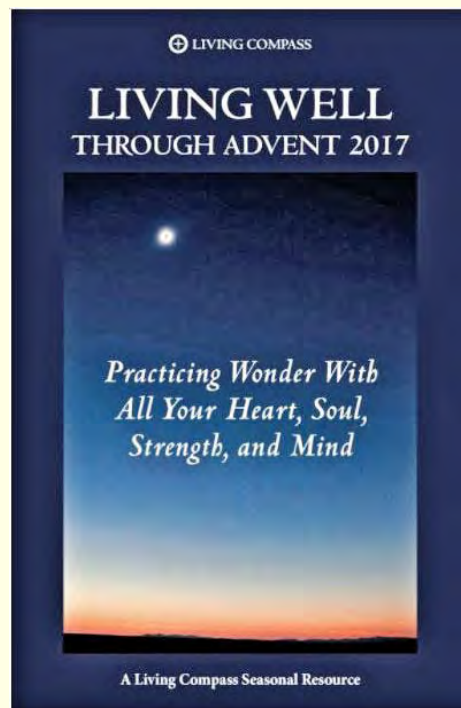
not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Advent Conversations: Practicing Wonder 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to join Mother Deborah Sunday mornings this Advent at 9:00 a.m. in the Hobson Room to discuss and share reflections inspired the new Advent resource, ***Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength and Mind.***

Sunday, Dec. 3, features a reflection by the Rev. Scott Gunn of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Scott is the Executive Director of Forward Movement, based in Cincinnati.

No prep work necessary. Please come and share what wonders you are seeing this season of Advent.



FREE Advent Resource Now Available (see above)

Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

You are invited to join contributing authors The Rev. Scott Gunn (Executive Director of Forward Movement), Wendy Claire Barrie, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, and the Rev. Scott Stoner to consider and practice the spiritual art of wonder during the Advent season with a new daily devotional resource from Living Compass. This free devotional is a gift from a growing ministry in the Episcopal Church that Mother Deborah used to work for. Its brief daily readings are intended to give you the opportunity to set aside daily distractions in order to focus on the wonders around you. This can be a helpful way to practice resiliency and prepare to once again receive the wondrous gift of Jesus we celebrate at Christmas.

Cookie Bakers Needed for HOLIDAY HOUSE



Following the December 3 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be selling cookies at the Holiday House, as a fundraiser for the Marthas. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Sunday morning or early afternoon on December 3. Also on Sunday, December 3, 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.

Sale of Christmas Coffee Update

Our annual sale of Christmas coffee roasted by Silver Bridge Coffee has left the starting gate and is heading into the clubhouse turn. The price is \$11.00/bag, and I have introduced four new flavors. I am also extending the order deadline to **Sunday, December 3**. This coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift, and the profits earned will go into our Outreach program. All the coffee being offered is Fair Trade coffee. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)



Public Library System Brings Back Home Delivery

The Athens County Public Libraries (ACPL) now offer free, at-home delivery to county residents unable to visit a library branch because of illness, disability, caregiver responsibilities, or an ongoing lack of transportation.

"We are thrilled to re-introduce this service after an eight-year hiatus," said Laura O'Neil, Outreach Services Manager for ACPL. "We know that people have missed it."

Home delivery was discontinued in 2009 when the Ohio legislature reduced funding for public libraries. The passage of a tax levy in 2014 by Athens County voters made it possible to bring back the popular service.

With the exception of bicycles, any item within the libraries' collection is eligible for delivery, O'Neil said. Deliveries will occur at least once per month, and patrons can either request their own items or have items chosen for them by library staff, based on things like the patron's favorite authors and genres.

Applications are available at all seven ACPL branches or by contacting Laura O'Neil at home@myacpl.org or (740) 805-0385. Library branches are located in Albany, Athens, Chauncey, Coolville, Glouster, The Plains, and Nelsonville, Ohio.



Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

Let us give thanks together.

Please join us in pausing from the routines and demands of life to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, including the gift of each each

other. Our Thanksgiving Day celebrations include

10:00 am Church Service with sermon and Holy Communion

Part of what it means to worship is giving thanks or expressing gratitude to God through prayer, music, scripture readings, and receiving Holy Communion. All are welcome, including families.

1:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner in Nehls Hall

Everyone is welcome to join Mother Deborah and her family for Thanksgiving Dinner. She'll provide the turkey; bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Sign-up sheet for dishes is located in Nehls Hall.

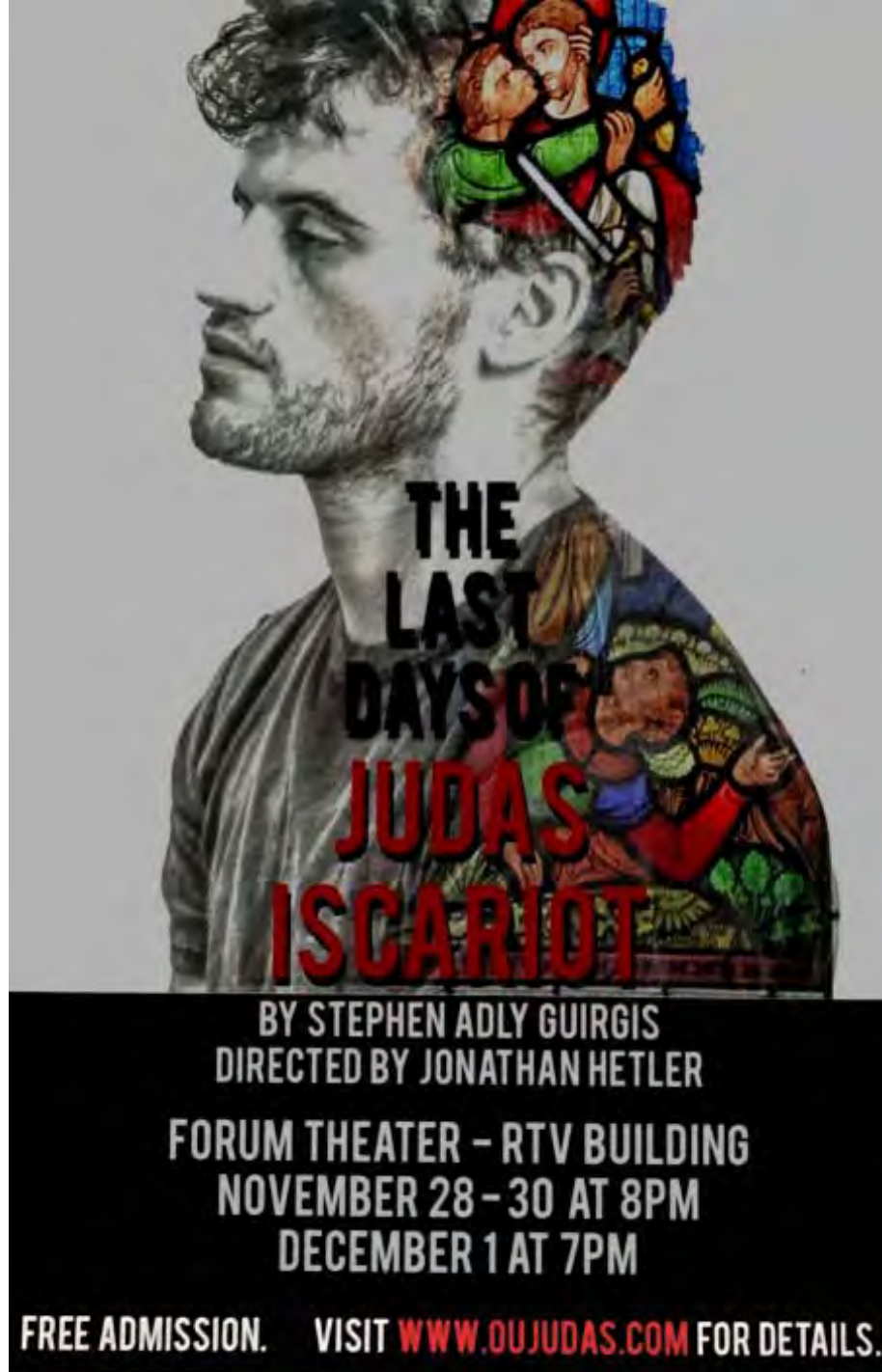
You are welcome to participate in one or both opportunities to gather together and give thanks to God.

You are Invited

As an expression of their gratitude for being here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mother Deborah and her family will continue the practice of hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, at 1:30 pm in Nehls Hall. This has become such a joyful way to celebrate Thanksgiving by coming together to share a meal we all contribute to, just as we all contribute to creating a Christ-centered ministry of presence here at Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is welcome! Mother Deborah's family will provide the turkey and ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in Nehls Hall.



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ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NOW THROUGH DEC. 11

Anyone wishing to order a poinsettia to decorate Good Shepherd for the Christmas season may do so by completing an order form along with a check or cash. Checks should be payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and needs to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions,



please contact Sharon Huge at huge@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178. The deadline for orders is December 11.

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.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



Since this week's ENEWS is early, we will report on two weeks next time.

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.

Advent Festival of Readings and Music (Dec. 3)



Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd
presents

Advent Festival of Readings and Music

Sunday, December 3, 2017

4:30pm

Director - Marsha Reilly

Organ - Jan Robison

Trumpet - Alex Herrera

A reception and Holiday House with
handmade seasonal items will be for sale
following the program.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit
the June Black Music Fund.

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For more information contact:

www.chogs.org

740-593-6877

Soul Biscuits

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Dec 15

Handel's Messiah

Sing-Along

December 15, 2017

6:00 pm

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Come and Sing or Come and Listen!



DESCRIPTION

Come and celebrate the Holiday season with an audience favorite, a Messiah Sing-Along. The community of Athens, students and faculty are all encouraged to be part of this choral event. Soloists from Ohio University School of Music will join the community in a sing-along of the choral numbers in Part 1 of Handel's Messiah. No singing experience is required. All voices and ages are welcome!

REHEARSAL

Recommended but NOT REQUIRED. Interested singers are encouraged to attend a choral rehearsal. This will give everyone an opportunity to sing through the choruses in Part 1 of the Messiah before the concert.

Rehearsals

- November 28th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- December 5th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- All rehearsals will take place in OU School of music, room 561

Sing-Along Concert

- December 15th, 6:00pm

Scores will be supplied or you may bring your own.

For more information contact Kyle Berkley, berkleyk@ohio.edu

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Soul Biscuits and the Church of the Good Shepherd invite you to participate in--or just come and listen to--a community Messiah Sing-Along. There will be two optional rehearsals. Please see above poster. Join us after the Dec 15 performance for a reception with cookies and punch.

This event is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at the corner of University Terrace and Park Place.

Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic and intellectual nurture. Please contact Elizabeth Thompson at elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com for more information.

Repeat Material Below

Healing Thanksgiving

For some, Thanksgiving is a harvest festival marked by food and thanking the Earth and God for the gifts of food, shelter, and family. For others, Thanksgiving is a day for parades, football, and one big meal with friends and family. Others think of pilgrims and their dependence on the native peoples for their survival. Still others see Thanksgiving Day as a transition into the Christmas shopping season and are either on-line shopping or waiting impatiently for those Black Friday deals. And there are those who simply see Thanksgiving Day as a day for practicing gratitude, for being mindful and appreciative of the gifts and blessings of life.

Then there is Sarah Josepha Hale, who thought a national day of Thanksgiving was so important that she campaigned for it for 36 years. It was President Abraham Lincoln who in 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, saw wisdom in her campaign and designated the last Thursday of November as a day for the nation to pause and give thanks. But President Lincoln did not believe Thanksgiving Day was going to be an opportunity to help give the economy a much needed boost, nor did he envision parades or football games or other ways to entertain hungry family members waiting for the food to be done. Abraham Lincoln believed that a day where everyone stopped to practice gratitude would help to "heal the wounds of the nation."

Practicing gratitude can have a positive, healing affect on our lives. And it isn't only experts in psychology who tell us this. In his lifetime, Jesus often gave thanks to God, even in stressful times. Likewise, when we read the letters from Paul, we can see he too gave thanks to God, sometimes for the very challenges and trials he faced. I believe that when we live our lives being grateful it helps us be a little less

entitled, a little less selfish, a little less bitter, and a little more forgiving, a little more aware of God's presence, and a little more understanding and generous, all of which can bring healing. It's interesting to note that hundreds of years later, we are still a nation seeking healing, and that perhaps can be our invitation to practice gratitude.

This Thanksgiving Day, and every day, my family and I am deeply grateful for all God has given us, most especially for all of you who are part of the life and ministries of Church of the Good Shepherd and for the healing presence of God with us. Wherever and however you honor the day, we will be thanking God for you and our life and ministry together.

Many Blessings, and Thanks be to God,
Mother Deborah

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).
The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877
or barbara@chogs.org).

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