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Good Shepherd E-News (23 August 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: 26 August 2018



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

Upcoming Events

Classes resume - - Monday, August 27

Doughnuts and Coffee for Students -- August 27 and 28 - 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tuesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m., home of June Wieman

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, August 29, 12:00 noon

Labor Day - - Monday, September 3

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 5, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 5, 7:00 p.m.

International Peace Walk - - Tuesday, September 11

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 12, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 12, 7:00 p.m.

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

"José's Weekly Reflection"

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Bishop's Visit - - Sunday, September 16 and Potluck

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 19, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 19, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Sept 20, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 26, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Gospel According to Doctor Who - - Friday, September 28, 5:30 p.m. Nehls Hall

Arvin Wells



Arvin Wells died peacefully at Lindley last week, Wednesday, August 15. Both Leslie and Doug were with him. The tentative date for the funeral service is Saturday, October 6, followed by the committal service at the columbarium, where Arvin's cremains will be interred in the same niche as Jeanne's.

Interested in Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church?

Confirmation: the rite where we express a mature commitment to Christ.

Reception into the Episcopal Church: the rite where we acknowledge membership in the Episcopal Church after participating in a different denomination.

The Bishop will be making his regular visitation to Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, September 16. Since only bishops can confirm or receive, please let Mother Deborah know if you are interested or want to learn more about this sacrament at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com. Some instruction is part of the process, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah before August 26.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 26 August 2018, Pentecost 14

Altar Guild: Marsha Dutton and Sally Spero

Altar Flowers: Marsha and Allyn Reilly

Coffee Hour: Anne Braxton and Lynn Graham

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-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Norm Fox

Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Gospel Book: Ana Martin

Lessons: for Pentecost 14 - I Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 (SAID); Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.

<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 Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati: Grace, College Hill; and Holy Trinity, Kenwood.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Elect, 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 Alex Buckley, Vestry Secretary and for Johnathen Sweeny who is about to be received into the Episcopal Church.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Chic, Don, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, Alejandro, Candace, Bill, Miriam, Clif, William, Patty, Sharon, Hank, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, Don, John, Roland, Laura, Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

Anniversary: Anne and Tom Walker (8/28)

Birthdays: Cynthia Kaldis (8/26), Thaddeus Semsel (8/27), Sarah Parker-Clever (8/28), Pat Grean (8/29), Richard Dean (8/31)

Those who have died: Arvin Wells

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by Marsha and Allyn Reilly.

Gospel

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live



forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Road Closure



Beginning on Aug. 27 and continuing, construction at the bottom of University Terrace, from South Green Dr. to Race St., will limit access to the church from the south. The easiest way to get to the church will be Richland Ave. to W. Mulberry to Court St. and then Park Place to the church.

**The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO:
Finding God in All of Time and Space**



If you are a life-long Whovian, a fan new to the series, or have never seen the show, please join Mother Deborah for a series of adventures with Doctor Who, as she explores the Christian themes she sees in this popular television series.

All sessions will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Nehls Hall with a light meal Included.

Sept. 28 Rings of Akhaten/Sing to the Lord a New Song

Where the Doctor and Clara meet a remarkable young girl named Merry Galel whose song brings to mind that of another young woman named Mary whose remarkable song we still sing. We'll explore similarities to Mary of Galilee in Luke's Gospel and learn more about her magnificent song.

Oct. 12 A Town Called Mercy/God's Judgement

This time it's the Doctor with Amy and Rory who visit a town in the Old West that lives by its name of Mercy. We'll explore the theological definition of mercy and justice as we consider what those terms mean to us and how we do or do not live into them as we watch how the Doctor and his companions do the same.

Nov. 16 The Husbands of River Song/Believing God Loves You

A rollicking good Doctor Who Christmas special that features River Song, a character who loves The Doctor but does she believe someone like The Doctor can love be vulnerable enough to love her back? Our conversation will at scriptures and parts of the episode to help us ask the same of God. Jesus says God loves us, but is that an easy thing to believe?

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On August 22nd Group 4 served 34 people 55 servings.

The menu was chicken pasta salad and Greek Mediterranean salad along with tossed salad, fruit, drinks, and cake.

The helpers were Alex Buckley, Ester Hernandez, Jean Thomas, Hailey Luelloff, Thaddeus Semsel, and David Burton.

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.

Upcoming Changes to the 8:00 a.m. Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd

One of the tasks of clergy and laypeople that is often challenging is paying attention to changes in programs, worship services, and the neighborhood in which our parish located and attempting to discern connections. There have been several changes in all three in the last three and a half years, and Mother Deborah and the lay leaders have been paying attention.

One of these changes has been the Sunday morning Rite I Eucharist service held in the chapel at 8:00 am. Three and a half years ago, this service had an average Sunday attendance of 6 (excluding the priest). Now this same service boasts an average Sunday attendance of 2 (excluding the priest), occasionally 3. The reasons for the decline include two of the people who attended this service have passed away, two are no longer physically able to get to the service. In conversation about this decline Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and Vestry decided to try changing the celebrant/preacher for that service, to see if that would make a significant impact on the service. Thanks to our retired priests in the parish, The Rev. Katharin Foster, The Rev. David McCoy and The Rev. Leslie Flemming, we were able to try it and gain their insight on this service. However, after 8 months of trying different priests at the 8:00 am service, very little has changed.

At the August Vestry meeting, Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry revisited their conversation about the concerns with this service. The conversation included moments of thoughtful silences and observations, such as:

- * the practical reason for providing more than one Sunday morning worship service is the size of the congregation is too large for the building's worship space. This is not the case here at Church of the Good Shepherd. We are fortunate to have ample space in our nave for members and still have room to make visitors feel welcome.

- * therefore the reason for offering a secondary service seems to be convenience of time of day the service is offered and providing a different style of worship.

- * following this reasoning, it appears that the secondary service is perhaps no longer as convenient as it once was and/or that particular

style of worship is not as desired.

* observing behavior in the neighborhood, it is regularly observed there are not many people awake and outside at 8:00 am on a Sunday morning, with the exception of people doing early morning exercise. It was again noted that several elderly members cannot make it to church in the early morning, some cannot make it to the 10:30 service.

* the comment was made that Sunday afternoons, there are more people walking around the neighborhood, and when the church building was open in the afternoon, there have been folks who stopped in the church building for prayer.

* a comment was made that several mainline denominations, like the Roman Catholic Church, have started offering worship services on Sundays in the late afternoon or evening, which has been appealing to both the elderly who struggle in the early morning, and families who often have sports and other events on Sunday mornings.

Together, Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry came to the point in this conversation where no one wanted to cancel or discontinue to offer two services. They feel offering two services does fit with our mission to serve our community and neighborhood. They all wonder if perhaps the way forward is to make other changes to the secondary service, such as moving it from early in the morning to later in the afternoon or early evening. This change seems to better reflect the activity in the congregation and the neighborhood. They also wonder about changing the style of the service.

Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry want to try these changes and see what happens. These changes are a bit more complicated than changing clergy, so there will be a period of transition as we move toward that change. Starting in September, the secondary service will continue to be Rite I Eucharist at 8:00 am but will only be once per month. This will continue through December. During this time, Mother Deborah will be working with leaders and volunteers on planning the details of the changes such as deciding the time and style. Then, starting in January, the secondary service will be at its new time in the late afternoon. We will try this for a while and see how it goes.

If you are interested in helping with the changes in the secondary service, please let Mother Deborah know. If this change is a shock or surprise to you, please know the leadership does not want to hurt anyone. Instead they are trying to offer what we as a parish are and what we have to a changing neighborhood and changing congregation so that we all can participate in the Body of Christ. We hope to try and see what happens. As always, questions, concerns, support, etc. can be brought to Mother Deborah.

CrossRoads Cafe Now Hiring
-- see ad below, spread the word.



64 University Terrace
Athens, Ohio 45701-2913
Phone: 740-593-6877
E-Mail: chogs@chogs.org
Website: www.chogs.org

August 2018

Now Hiring Part-Time

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio is excited to hire individuals to work as partners with our priest and parish liaison in our new coffee shop endeavor. Our ideal partners are expected to help us create and grow a coffee shop where customers experience a kind welcome, a delicious cup of coffee, tea or coffee drink served with care, and an atmosphere conducive to study, conversation, and time alone.

Responsibilities include:

MANAGER:

- Ordering/monitoring supplies
- Making and serving drinks
- Training, overseeing baristas and volunteers
- Creating work schedule for baristas, self, and volunteers
- Opening and Closing
- Reporting to Priest at Church of the Good Shepherd and Parish Liaison
- Balancing cash register and reporting sales
- Cleaning of equipment and facilities
- Pay: \$9.50 per hour
- Training is provided

BARISTA:

- Making and serving coffee tea, and coffee drinks
- Opening and Closing
- Balancing cash register and reporting sales
- Cleaning equipment and facilities as needed
- Pay: \$8.50 per hour
- Training is provided

Interested in joining us?

Contact the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, Rector Elect,
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64 University Terrace, Athens, OH 45701
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The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you." Romans 15:7

NAMI Speaker (Aug 30)



“I don’t sleep for months and feel extreme elation. I could drive away and disappear for days and spend like there’s no tomorrow.”

Singer, author, actress, wife, and mother, Yvonne Crist shares the inspiring story of her journey with the most serious form of bipolar disorder.

Yvonne Crist will speak about her journey with the most serious form of a bipolar disorder as part of the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) speaker series this Thursday, August 30, at the Athens Public Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For a preview, listen to her NAMI interview at namiathensohio.org.



Some Blessings this past Sunday



For an acolyte who has served for ten years, students starting college and an 18th birthday

Repeat Material Below

Save These Dates !!

The Opening Choir rehearsal of the 2018-2019 season will be Wednesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. A hearty welcome to all those who like to sing. The Good Shepherd choir is open to all. No auditions are required.



Preparations will begin at this rehearsal for the Bishop's visitation on September 16. It has become our tradition to conclude this rehearsal with the singing of Compline. I look forward to making music with all of you.

And looking ahead - The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday, December 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Marsha Reilly, Music Director

Attention Volunteers!

The first days of class for OU are August 27 and 28. We will once again be giving away free coffee and doughnuts from 7:30 am - 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed to: make coffee, order and pick up doughnuts, pick up "To-Go" coffee cups, set up a table outside, clean up, and give away the coffee and doughnuts and talk with the students. In the past this has been a very enjoyable experience; if you would like to help again, or for the first time, please let Mother Deborah know at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet in Nehls Hall or the church office.

Listening Ministry: Another 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 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 once CrossRoads Café opens in the fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be

asked to commit to being present during café hours as you 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.

The Parish Directory



Ted Foster and I are about to begin the process of providing the next edition of the Parish Directory. It will not be published until September in order to allow newcomers arriving next month to be included. But there is work that needs to be done beforehand.

For the next few Sundays a copy of the current Directory will be set out at the coffee hour. We would like you to review your information and either change it as needed or **initial the information if it is correct**. If you were not listed in the last edition and would like to be listed in the next one, please

provide your current information, including e-mail address(es). After August 12th Ted will be available for taking photos.

Our Directory is an important way for us to strengthen our community by maintaining our mutual contact, and it is essential that we all keep our listing information current.

Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd.
Jack Flemming

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.



Make the Connection

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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