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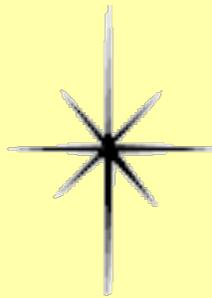
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Good Shepherd E-News (23 February 2017)

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: 26 February 2017 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday)



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

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-D; Burying the Alleluia and Burning of the Palms.

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:00 a.m.: Adult Forum

Upcoming Church Events

Burning of the palm branches: Sunday, February 26, after 10:30 a.m. service

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, February 28, Julie Nehls

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, February 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, March 1, 12:00 noon

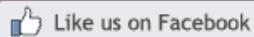
Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday Brunch: Sunday, March 12, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 14, Lois Wagner

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Gospel



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one

Soup and Salad Lenten program: Wednesday, March 15,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m.

Soup & Salad Lenten program: Wed, March 22,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 28, Doris Green

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Last Sunday After Epiphany

Altar Guild: Julie Nehls and Sally Spero
Coffee Hour: Bruce, Sirlei, Bella and Ana Martin

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-D
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Lector: Alex Buckley
Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer leader) and Allyn Reilly
Ushers: Lynn Graham and Bruce Martin
First Cross: Bella Martin
Second Cross: Ana Martin

Lessons: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99 (sung), 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Matthew 17:1-9.

<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 Epiphany, Nelsonville; and All Saints,

for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

New Albany.

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. We pray also for the acolytes, the free Wednesday lunch, and for Gregory Proctor, our treasurer.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

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

Birthdays: Chris Coleman (2/28), Sandy Oney (2/28), Ted Foster (3/1), Zelma Coleman (3/2), Laura Dukes (3/3), Thaden Brient (3/3), Julie Stout (3/4)

Anniversaries: Dick and Phyllis Dean (3/3)

For those who have died: Ruth Ingham, William Vogele

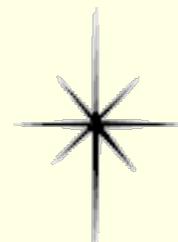
The Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Edwin Burton.

* 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.

Last Sunday after Epiphany

The last Sunday in Epiphany is a day when we have one eye on the liturgical horizon as we are mindful of the parts of worship that are ending today before Lent begins in a few days on Ash Wednesday. At the Church of the Good Shepherd today is also a day to participate in some church traditions that help us prepare ourselves for the days to come.



Burying the Alleluia

This is an old custom, in which the entire congregation follows the priest outside during the final hymn to the columbarium, where together we ceremoniously bury an alleluia banner. The symbolism is practical in that it reminds us not to say the word *alleluia* during the season of Lent. It is also symbolic of our trust in

resurrection life, as the word alleluia will return during the Great Vigil of Easter.

Burning of the Palms

For many, many years, churches would burn the dried palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday in order to make the ashes that would be distributed on Ash Wednesday. Immediately following the burying of the alleluia, you are invited to join Mother Deborah in front of the steps of the church for the ceremony of burning last year's palm branches.

Burning of the Palm Branches Sunday, February 26



You are invited to bring your palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday service to church on the last Sunday in Epiphany and add them to the pile to be burned into ashes. This is an old tradition that not only signaled the end of a church season but also allowed parishes to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday services. After the 10:30 am service

we will gather outside on the front steps of the church, where we will have a small contained fire; after a special prayer we will add the palm branches to the fire and watch them become ashes. It's a good way for all of us, no matter our age, to prepare for Ash Wednesday's message of "From dust you came, and to dust you shall return." Even if you don't have palm branches, we hope you join us for this old tradition!

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 28)

Mark your calendars ---

Tuesday, February 28th.

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30
p.m.

The menu is expanded this year to provide additional nutritional opportunities.

There will also be an open stage for anyone. Choir members may do a little song and dance. However, a good many families in our parish have family members (youngish and adultish) who play instruments, sing, or

Church of the Good Shepherd invites you

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser

Feb 28th 4:30-6:30 PM

64 University Terrace

Suggested donation: \$5 per person

Scrumptious items include whole wheat and white flour pancakes with maple syrup, cheesy/veggie breakfast casserole, ham, fruit, veggies and dip, coffee, and juice



have other performance skills. Don't be shy; you will be among friends. The piano, along with a microphone or two, will be available.

As before, freewill donations will be accepted at the door, with proceeds going to the June Black Memorial Music Fund.

Easter Lilies

Please complete a request form (located in the Narthex) to order Easter lilies. They are \$16 per plant. Make checks payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," putting Easter lilies in the memo line. Return forms and checks to Sharon Huge or put in Barb Martin's mailbox. The deadline for ordering is March 24.



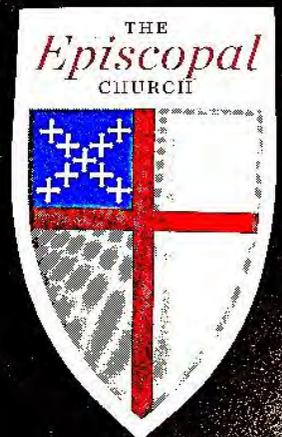
FREE Lenten Devotional

Please accept a free copy of the Lenten Devotional *Living Well Through Lent 2017, Listening With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. This devotional features daily readings and opportunities for deeper reflection and is one way to observe the Season of Lent every day.



Episcopal Shield Stickers

Episcopal Shield Stickers are available again. Apply one to your car, device, front door, desk, or any place you want to display your church. Stickers are only \$1 each, proceeds benefit campus ministry.



American Guild of Organists - February Fest. (Feb 26)



AGO members and friends, come to one or more of a series of short organ and choral music programs this Sunday 2/26.

3:00 First Presbyterian Church

3:30 St. Paul's Catholic Church

4:00 Christ Lutheran Church

Singers from First Presbyterian and Good Shepherd will sing the Vaughn-Williams "Old 100th."

Ashes-To-Go Volunteers Needed Wednesday, March 1, 11:00 am - 1:00pm

Help Mother Deborah and Mother Katharin distribute ashes in front of the church steps! Last year, in addition to ashes, we also gave away cups of hot apple cider. We discovered that this was a good addition and provided additional opportunity for conversation with our neighbors. If you would like to help, even if for only part of the time, please let Mother Deborah know



at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and in Nehls Hall.

Vacation



Mother Deborah and her family will be on vacation during spring break, March 4 to March 13. While she is gone, the Rev. Katharin Foster will be available for all pastoral emergencies. The Rev. David McCoy will celebrate and preach on Sunday, March 5, and the Rev. Katharin Foster will celebrate and preach on Sunday, March 12. Please keep Mother Deborah and her family in your prayers while they are traveling.

Seeking a Junior Warden

As was reported earlier this week, Lia Knox submitted to the Vestry her resignation as Junior Warden. She had signed on as Junior Warden in good faith, but her situation has changed. Lia's extremely important work with Trans Lifeline and the LGBT center is coming along well, and she has also been named Vice Chair of the board for the upcoming Southeast Ohio LGBTQ+ Center. Her situation has come to the point of her not being able to fulfill both missions with the degree of good feeling and living in to responsibilities as she would like. The Vestry reminded Lia that her work with LGBT issues is also "church" in our view. We appreciate the junior warden work she has done for us this past month, and we are deeply grateful for her candor in being able to come to this conclusion quickly, giving us a chance to address the fact that the junior warden position, as currently practiced, has become overwhelming for one individual to handle.

After discussion, the Vestry decided that we need to organize a group of parishioners to handle property maintenance, with the junior warden's role as a **coordinator position for asking parish volunteers to work on projects and call appropriate professionals when necessary**. According to our bylaws the Vestry selects a successor for this position when it is vacated. As a very temporary measure Allyn Reilly will coordinate maintenance, and he will take calls regarding maintenance issues (740-818-5476); Mother Deborah is the person to call for emergencies (937-689-8895).

As now defined, the position of Junior Warden as coordinator needs to be filled as soon as possible. We would like to select someone by February 28th. **The position is open to anyone in the parish; the Vestry is seeking a volunteer.** For more

information, or to volunteer, please contact Allyn Reilly at 740-592-2596 (home) or at 740-818- 5476 (cell) or by email at reillya@ohio.edu.

Please give this a thought, and thank you,

Episcopal Migration Ministries

If you are looking for ways to help support immigrants, check out the work the Episcopal Church is doing to help refugees find a welcoming home in America.

Visit episcopalmigrationministries.org for more information and learn about ways you can get involved.



Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On February 22, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group IV provided 69 people 77 servings. The meat dish was Texas hash over rice, and the vegetarian dish was Lenten stew over rice. Salad, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages rounded out the menu.

The volunteers this week were Giovanni Esquivel, Alex Buckley, Geoff Buckley, Lynn Graham, Maryann Gunderson, 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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

Over the last several years, some of the folks who ordered altar flowers have left the area or prefer not to donate flowers as often. I hope that this new procedure will give you an opportunity to look at open dates on the calendar and give you a procedure to follow to order them.

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.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech, our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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

Sharon Huges

Special Vestry Announcement

It is the joyful honor of the Vestry of Church of the Good Shepherd to announce that at our Vestry Meeting on February 16, 2017, Mother Deborah approved and we unanimously voted to give the Rev. David McCoy the title and role of Associate Priest of Church of the Good Shepherd. Fr. David joins Mother Katharin as a retired priest; by their service to the parish, along with that of our Priest-in-Charge, we are blessed and honored.

Vestry Meeting Summary



The Vestry held its regular meeting Thursday, Feb 16. Vestry regretfully accepted the resignation of our junior warden with understanding and addressed the fact that the junior warden position, as currently practiced, has become overwhelming for one individual to handle. The Vestry will seek another Junior Warden with specific and manageable responsibilities. (Please see the article "Seeking Junior Warden" for details.)

It was decided to open a bank account at Hocking Bank for the Marthas, exactly the same as the June Black fund, so the Marthas can sign their own checks, etc.

The Vestry is quite happy with trends manifest in both the financial numbers and the membership parts of the parochial report.

The monthly treasurer's reports and Vestry minutes will be posted on the bulletin board on the stairwell (after approval, month's delay).

Vestry approved listing the Rev. David McCoy as Priest Associate. (Please see the article "Special Vestry Announcement" for details.)

Vestry discussed the Episcopal Church Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation's call for grant proposals. (Please see the article "Advisory Council" for details.)

With the water main breakage leading to the closing of the Campus it turned out the Church itself had water, so Mother Deborah posted a large yard sign that fresh water and restroom facilities were available; there were many grateful takers.

Mother Deborah has been invited to speak at the Black Lives Matter in Appalachia event.

The Holy Week and Lenten programs have been worked out by the Worship Committee.

Mother Deborah reported on a good conversation with Bishop Breidenthal about her balancing campus ministry and being convener of the campus ministry collaborative and balancing these with the parish ministry. She noted that the bishop thinks Good Shepherd is not a traditional parish but that it represents a "fresh expressions" church, because of the way we connect to the community, representing a future direction that the Bishop wants the Diocese as a whole to go.

(Ted Foster, Vestry Secretary)

Mark your calendars -- upcoming special events/services for the busy season ahead.

Sunday, February 26 Burning of the palm branches after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, March 1 Ashes-to-Go, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15 Soup & Salad Lenten Program 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 19 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22 Soup & Salad Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 26 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29 Soup & Salad Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5 Evensong followed by soup & salad, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 9 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11 Tenebrae, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm Watch all night

Friday, April 14 Good Friday, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 15 Great Vigil of Easter, 7:40 pm

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday Breakfast & Flowering of the Cross, 9:00 am;
service 10:30 am; 1:30 pm Easter Potluck at the Fosters

Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation

The Episcopal Church Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation is accepting applications for grants (up to \$10,000) that focus on local faith-based projects for mitigating climate change and safeguarding the integrity of Creation.

Episcopal Church congregations, seminaries, schools, monastic communities, non-

profits, dioceses, provinces, etc. are encouraged to develop projects that find and establish connections between eco- and social justice and engage the local community as partners and participants. The projects should seek to foster cooperation between communities of faith and civic, scientific, and educational organizations. Projects should have specific outcomes that create lasting impact, enhance faith formation and social understanding, and serve groups and/or regions that are vulnerable and/or underrepresented in the church. Projects that include intergenerational engagement, demonstrate innovation and creativity, and promote church-wide learning, understanding, and practical application are welcomed. Projects should not be solely focused on materials or capital expenses.

Application information is available here:

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/a030_grant_application

The deadline for applications is March 31.

Editors note: This was opportunity was discussed by the Vestry last week. Our Parish is a good fit in many ways and if you have any ideas, or want to participate in a proposal please talk to anyone on the Vestry, or to Mother Deborah.

Sound panels installed



Adult forum

Repeated Information Below

The Latest on the Book Sale

Since 2011, when we began selling books you have donated on Amazon, we have sold exactly 999 books. Along with our annual front porch book sale, we have netted a profit of close to \$8,000 over this period.



This is not a trifling sum, even in an organization of our size. But like many parishes in our situation, we must continue to develop our income beyond the traditional sources of pledges, rentals, and endowments. Selling books on Amazon helps, and the fundraising work of the Marthas helps a whole lot. But to continue as a strong parish spiritually we must continue as a strong parish financially.

With all the smart people at Good Shepherd, I am sure there are additional fundraising ideas that can be implemented. Let's put on our thinking caps and see what we can come up with so we will be able to continue bringing the Gospel into our community. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

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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).

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>, 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 building and 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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