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## Good Shepherd E-News (23 March 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 March 2017 Lent 4



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

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**9:30 a.m.:** Sunday School

## Upcoming Church Events

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

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 28, Doris Green

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 29, 12:00 noon

Soup & Bread Lenten program: Wed, March 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten small group: Sunday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.

Soup and Bread Lenten program with Evensong: Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday: April 9

Lenten Small Group: Sunday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.

Tenebrae: Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 p.m.



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Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.  
(Watch all night).

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Decorating the Church: Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 16

Early Easter Service - 8:00

Easter Breakfast and Flowering of the Cross - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Service - 10:30 a.m.

Easter Potluck at the Fosters - 1:30 p.m.

## Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Huge and Julie Nehls

**Coffee Hour:** Dygas family

**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-A

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Jennifer Hastings

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

**Ushers:** Anne Braxton and Norm Fox

**First Cross:** Sharon Huge

**Second Cross:** Pely Brient

**Gospel Book:** Ella Cottrill

**Lessons:** I Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23 (sung), Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.

<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 Christ Church, Springfield; St. Thomas', Terrace Park; and Trinity, Troy.

### **In our parish,**

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, the Rev. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for Habitat for Humanity, and Marsha Reilly, our music director.

### **Those for whom our prayers are requested: \***

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

**Birthdays:** Brogan Reilly Shannon (3/19), Julie Nehls (3/27), Amy Larson Dinger (3/29), Zella Nisley (4/1)

**For Those Who have Died:** Sister Edith Scholl

\* 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](mailto:grahammowery@aol.com).

## Soul Biscuits -- this Friday (March 24)



Many people know about Queen Elizabeth Tudor, and some know about Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine. But there was a princess of royal blood in English history who was every bit as great as these leaders, but who now is mostly forgotten, except by scholars: **Æthelflæd**. The reasons for this are many, but the principal one is that she belongs to a cultural age that was mostly supplanted by the later Norman Conquest.

Please join us this Friday, March 24, as Todd Bastin, a graduate of OU's Department of History, class of '95, discusses this extraordinary individual and her times; Todd currently works as a professional librarian at the Athens public library.

Wine and cheese from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and event from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Appetizers and wine provided; donations gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd, 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/intellectual nurture. Please contact Elizabeth at [elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com) for more information.

## Quiet Day: "Embracing Joy" (March 25)

Please join Sr. Faith Margaret on Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am - 12 noon as she guides us on a spirit-filled exploration of joy and how we can all embrace joy no matter what is happening in our lives.

All are welcome; invite a friend.

## TIME CAPSULE INVATION

## This Sunday !!

Alex Vasel, our student representative on the Vestry, has graciously invited the Church of the Good Shepherd to participate in a OU time capsule project she initiated and is helping to organize and facilitate. This time capsule will be opened in 30 years, giving a new generation of students, faculty, administrators, and staff a look at the campus and community as it is now. Because the Church of the Good Shepherd has meant so much to Alex, she wants to include us.

**On Sunday March 26, please join a parish picture** that will be put into the time capsule; we'll take it on the steps of the church after the 10:30 am service. After the service, there will be a large piece of newsprint on an easel in Nehls Hall where you are invited to write a memory or note about how we enjoy being neighbors with Ohio University. Thank you for helping contribute to a present and continuing connection with OU!

## Wednesday Soup & Reflection Series



5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Nehls Hall

Join us for soup at 5:30, program at 6:00 pm. Come for all or part of the evening.

A **sign-up sheet** is available in Nehls Hall for people to sign up to bring soup or bread to the Wednesday Lenten series. Two people are needed for soup and one person for bread.

The series continues on March 29 and April 5. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Life Committee (Lois Wagner and Joanne Worstall).

## Lenten Programs

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm.

Join us for a weekly discussion of the Lenten devotional, *Living Well Through Lent*



At Mother Deborah's house.

## 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 Hugel or put in Barb Martin's mailbox. The deadline for ordering is **this Friday, March 24.**



## Gospel

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 9:4-21



As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

## Music Lovers ....

Upcoming music programs at Christ Lutheran Church, Mill Street.

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 A Celebration of Reformation music with members of the Choral Union.

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 An organ recital by Rod Gorby.

Sunday April 23, 4:00 A voice recital by Nick Nesbitt.

## HOW DO FAITH COMMUNITIES HELP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR FAMILIES (April 22)

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OHIO HEALTH AND THE ATHENS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

A half-day FREE workshop to assist faith communities in reaching and giving hope to people with mental illness and their families.

# **“Bring Mental Illness Out of the Shadows”**

**April 22, 2017**

**Starts @ 12:00pm**

**Basement of OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital  
Athens, Ohio**

**(Lunch provided by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital)**

**REGISTER: NAMI Athens 740-593 7424  
spaces are limited**

Wednesday Lent Soup & Reflection Series



2017 WEDNESDAY LENT SOUP & REFLECTION SERIES

*SPIRITUAL & PRACTICAL ART OF RESILIENCY*

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WED. MARCH 15 *ATTENTION*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE PAY ATTENTION TO CHANGES IN LIFE.

WED. MARCH 22 *OPPORTUNITY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW CHANGE CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.

WED. MARCH 29 *JOURNEY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE RESPOND TO CHANGE CAN BE A LIBERATING JOURNEY.

WED. APRIL 5 *WORSHIP*

JOIN US FOR THE LOVELY SERVICE OF EVENSONG AT 5:30 PM

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5:30 PM SOUP & BREAD 6:00 PM PROGRAM  
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD [WWW.CHOGS.ORG](http://WWW.CHOGS.ORG)



# Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

**MEALS**



On March 22, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group IV provided 80 people 93 servings. The main dishes were Texas Hash over rice and/or Lentil Stew over rice. Veggie salad, fresh fruit, cake or cookies, and beverages rounded out the menu.

The volunteers were Esther Hernandez, Anne Walker, Maryann Gunderson, Alex Buckley, Sirlei Martin, Gio Esquivel, 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.

## Photos



**Top:** Wednesday Night Lent Soup -- "Change can be an opportunity to grow."  
**Bottom:** Look who greeted Barbara when she arrived to work Monday.

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.

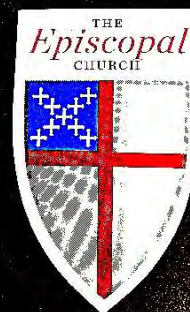
If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech, our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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

Sharon Huge

## Episcopal Shield Stickers -- FREE !!

Thanks to a generous donor, the remaining stickers are now free.



## 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.



## Repeated Information Below

### 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](mailto: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.



## Make the Connection

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](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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