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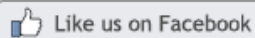
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Good Shepherd E-News (24 May 2018)

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: 27 May 2018



First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

The Transition Process #2

With question #2 we enter the middle third of the process to move our priest-in-charge to Rector of Good Shepherd. The second question for our consideration is

What is God calling us to be and to do?

Again, we will have three weeks to consider prayerfully our answers. You may place your comments either in the baskets in the Narthex, on the piano in Nehls Hall, or in my mail box in the lobby outside the office. Other options are that you may give them to Barbara, or you may email them to me at drabeja02@yahoo.com.

Thank you for taking the time to write and to send your comments as we move forward, guided as we have been by the Holy Spirit.

David Burton

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Sr. Warden

[Altar Flowers How to Order](#)

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

"José's Weekly Reflection"

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Café Equipment Training

Braydon Booher, the trainer from Deeper Roots Coffee will be at the church this Friday May 25 at 9:00 a.m. for the second training session. If you missed the first one, you are still welcome to this session.



If you can't make these sessions, we'll be holding our own training sessions at a later time.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, May 27, Pentecost 2: Trinity Sunday

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Altar Flowers: Marsha Dutton

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-B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Richard Carlson

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor (Prayer Leader) and Allyn Reilly

Ushers: Curt and Terrie Sherman

First Crucifer: Hailey Luellhoff

Lessons: for Trinity Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 (sung); Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

<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 Grace, Pomeroy; All Saints', Portsmouth; and St. Francis, Springboro.

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.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Chic, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Pam, Jane, Louise, Stephen, 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, Mia, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Brenda, Paul, Dan, David, Elizabeth and Adam, Mark, Robert, Don, Bob, Steve, John, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Beth and George and their daughters and families, and Arvin, and we pray for all who care for them.

Anniversaries: Geoff and Alex Buckley (6/2)

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Lenaghan by Marsha Dutton.

Gospel

First Sunday after Pentecost

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader



of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can

one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Upcoming Church Events

Trinity Sunday - May 27

Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 30, noon

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 6, noon

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m., College green

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 13, noon

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m., College green

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 20, noon

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., College green

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, June 27, noon

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m., College green

Summer Band Concert - Wednesday, July 4, 7:00 p.m., College green

The Presiding Bishop's Sermon and the Fire it Started at the Royal Wedding

These are heady days for us Episcopalians. Not only did the honor of giving the sermon at the royal wedding go to our very own Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, but the response to that sermon has been like the wildfire he preached. Many of us were up early to watch the wedding (I admit I was only interested in the sermon), and we were not disappointed by our Presiding Bishop, who preached the Love of God as one who receives and shares that Love. It was a powerful and positive message that obviously took the world by surprise. Even more fascinating has been watching the ways the world has responded to the message of God's Love.



World Media Attention

Almost as soon as the wedding was over, the interviews started. And our Presiding Bishop responded to the questions as authentically as he had preached his sermon: by pointing directly back to Jesus, the Gospel, and the love of the couple he married. His humble attitude is

immensely refreshing. I began to see just how impactful the Presiding Bishop's sermon was when I woke up on Sunday and my social media newsfeeds were full of the clip from Saturday Night Live's parody of the Presiding Bishop's sermon. That's not just news media, SNL is pop culture. It didn't stop there. On Sunday morning the Presiding Bishop gave an interview on NPR, and on Tuesday he appeared on three morning shows.

Whirlwind of Good News

We Episcopalians aren't used to having our leader get so much attention, especially for something positive. Yet with every appearance, the Presiding Bishop mentions scriptures, the Love of God in Jesus, and his surprise at being asked to preach, and he shares his vision of a world where all of us living the Love of God together is the way to change all the things we are unhappy about. I personally enjoy the part of his interviews where he says we all can do this. It's easy to cheer him on, and I confess I feel like I've maybe "fan-girled" a bit. It just feels so good to see someone genuinely exhibit what he believes. It is also impressive that he hasn't used these appearances to promote his other activities or agendas. He didn't once mention his upcoming prayer service and vigil. He didn't grandstand or promote himself. I'm not used to seeing that, and it's immensely refreshing, and is perhaps what is making our Presiding Bishop so appealing to the world.

An Example to Follow

The Presiding Bishop also did not use this attention as an opportunity to promote the Episcopal Church, although I've noticed that hasn't stopped many Episcopalians from trying to capitalize on the attention the Presiding Bishop is getting. I've also noticed a few of my colleagues struggling to celebrate with the Presiding Bishop, as they are quick to try and use this opportunity to promote their programs and ministries, which I am not sure is the best way to respond to this rare positive moment in history.

I believe it is good to celebrate with the Presiding Bishop and enjoy this time. We know it won't last. We know more bad news will eat away at the Good News he preached and the positive feelings it spread. I also believe Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is right now being an exemplary leader. He is courageously doing what he has been preaching to us Episcopalians for years: go out into our neighborhoods and tell of the Love of God in Jesus. However we can. Don't spread despair, our Presiding Bishop has preached, for the world already has plenty of that. What the world needs most is to know God loves the world and every one in the world, and if we don't like how things are we can change it. But anger and hate won't make the kind of changes that bring about God's Kingdom; only love and the power of love will. And he is showing us how to do it.

With pastoral generosity, the Presiding Bishop isn't telling us that we all have to preach as he does (for which I am deeply grateful!), but he does encourage us to do what we can. He's helped open wider the door to the world that we might find intimidating to walk through by being in the spotlight not to promote, but to show us how we can talk about our faith in ways that are life-giving, telling us that when we share our joy in God's love, we have the power to spread joy. We don't have to be articulate, intelligent, or the best at anything; we just have to be ourselves to make a positive difference.

In one interview, the Presiding Bishop was asked why he was invited to preach at the royal wedding by the couple. He replied he did not know. He had never met the royal couple. The interviewer said that the couple obviously knew about him. They had been watching him. And the humble Presiding Bishop sort of shrugged, because he didn't know. We might imagine the Church is seen as outdated or irrelevant by the world, but apparently the world is watching us: what we do and what we say. We're currently witnessing a hunger for Good News, and thanks to our Presiding Bishop, the world got a good taste. Yet we can't let Presiding Bishop Michael Curry do all the work; we can all do what we can to join him. Together with God's help, we can bring refreshment to the world.

Let's go!

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

If you missed it, here is a link to the full sermon:

<https://www.today.com/video/royal-wedding-see-rev-michael-curry-s-full-sermon-1237513283662>

"Under the Elms" concert series:

The "Under the Elms" Summer Band Concert Series will be with us again this summer as part of the Ohio University Summer Band Clinic-Workshop. The concerts are Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on the College Green beside the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium; the rain location will probably be inside the Auditorium. Below is a quick summary of dates. Details will be forthcoming. Bring your lawn chairs.



Wednesday, June 6: Concert
Wednesday, June 13: Concert
Wednesday, June 20: Concert (with OHIO Summer Music Campers)
Wednesday, June 27: Concert
Wednesday, July 4: Concert

Volunteers and Donations Needed for Ministry Opportunity in June

June is when New Student Orientation happens at OU. From about 9:30 am to 11am parents of new students often find themselves with free time while they wait for their students. Mother Deborah has observed some parents wait on the steps of Church of the Good Shepherd and wonders if we might try offering better hospitality by opening our doors and using our new coffee-making equipment. This might prove a good way to softly start CrossRoads Cafe and might give us all an opportunity to participate.

Here is what we need:

- *volunteers willing to open up the building, put out a sign, and make and serve coffee,
- * volunteers to make lemonade and iced tea to serve as alternatives to coffee drinks,
- * Mason or Ball glass jars for serving lemonade and iced tea.

Please contact Mother Deborah for more information

revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

A sign up sheet will be in Nehl's Hall.

Athens Pride Fest Parade (June 9)



Invitation to march with a Multifaith Group for Athens Pride Fest Parade: The Church of the Good Shepherd has been invited to participate in this year's Athens Pride Fest Parade on Saturday, June 9, at 2:00 pm. Lacey Rogers, the new Assistant Director of United Campus Ministry, has invited us to march in the parade with members of other faiths and denominations as a way to both show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and our commitment to walk with other people of faith as partners in support of the LGBTQ+ community. If you are available and interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or Lacey Rogers at lr270306@ohio.edu.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On May 23 group 4 fed 37 people 42 servings. The main dishes were Chicken Pasta Salad and Greek Pasta Salad, along with fruit, fresh salad, dessert, and beverages.

The volunteers this week were Thaddeus Semsel, Lynn Graham, Alex Buckley, Averia Wright, Anne Walker, 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.



This afternoon was a training session from Deeper Roots, learned alot about coffee and hands on how to make expresso.

Here are two of the five fox puppies that frequently play in the Shermans' back yard.



Repeat Material Below

Outreach Fundraising



As of this writing we are on pace to sell 194 books this year on Amazon at a profit of around \$5.00 per book. I hope to earn \$500 selling books "off the porch" in the Fall, and I hope for \$200 through our "Days of Change" donations in October and for \$150 through the sale of Silver Bridge Coffee at Christmas. If realized, this income will be vital to the support of our Outreach to the community.

But just as Jesus needs water to make wine, I need books to make gold, so keep those books acomin', folks. Books I cannot list on Amazon or sell off the front porch are donated to the Athens Public Library for their monthly book sale.

Thank you for your support. (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.



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 or barbara@chogs.org).

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