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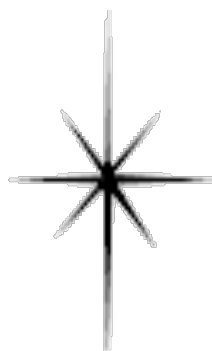


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## Good Shepherd E-News (25 January 2018)

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: 28 January 2018



Rite II-A

### Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**8:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist

Rite I

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist

## Upcoming Church Events

Free Lunch - Wednesday, January 31, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Mérida Report - Sunday, Feb 4, following the 10:30 service

Annual Reports for the Annual Meeting due in office - February 4

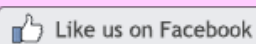
Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, February 6, Julie Nehls

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 7, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Brunch - Sunday, February 11, noon

Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper - Tuesday, February 13,

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

**"José's Weekly  
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4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 14, noon

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - February 15, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting - Sunday, Feb 18, following 10:30 service

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 21, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

Spiritual Retreat in Lent - Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, February 27, **Doris Green**

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 28, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.



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## Participants scheduled for

This Sunday, Jan 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Huges, Joanne Larson, and Hailey Luellhoff

**Altar Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Marsha Dutton and Martha Hansgen

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster

**Lector:** Joanne Larson

**Prayer Leader:** Earl Stump

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Earl Stump

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and David Burton

**Ushers:** Chris Eaton and Julie Nehls

**First Crucifer:** Lynn Graham

**Lessons:** for Epiphany 4 - Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111 (sung); I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28. <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 Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills, and the Episcopal Community Services Foundation.

**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 Wednesday free lunch and Gregory Proctor, our treasurer.

**Those for whom our Prayers are Requested:** Ella and family, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Linda, Pam, Jill and family, Jane, Louise, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Ted, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Ann, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Ernst, Monya, Patricia, Julie, Paul, David, Mark, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Bob and family, Ann, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Joe, Arvin, Sandi, and June, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Ruth Ann Clever (1/30), Michael Luelloff (1/31)

## Gospel

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have



you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## Mérida Through our Eyes (Feb. 4)

**February 4th  
during Coffee  
Hour following  
the 10:30 am  
service**

Listen and see what our parishioners whom we sent to St. Luke's in Mérida, Mexico experienced there.

Please join us as we take these next steps to forming a friendship with our brothers and sisters in Mexico.





## Burning of the Palms Sunday Feb. 11

**After the 10:30 am service --** Please bring your palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday to church on or before February 11 for the Burning of the Palms ceremony immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. Traditionally, this was how the ashes were prepared for Ash Wednesday services; now we still observe the tradition as a way to prepare our hearts and minds for the start of Lent. Please join us for this lovely,



short ceremony.

## From Bondage to Liberation: 2018 Lenten Series

Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal, along with the Rev. Karl Stevens and Rabbi Daniel Bogard, will lead a Lenten Series, "From Bondage to Liberation," at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21. The cathedral, in conjunction with the bishop's staff, is pleased to offer the series to the entire diocese via livestream technology. More information about this exciting learning opportunity is coming soon.

## Vestry Meeting Review (Jan. 18 meeting)

**Café:** On January 5th via The Rev. Jason Leo a final proposal was submitted to Bishop Breidenthal. The Bishop's initial response is "thumbs up." Our parish has also been encouraged apply to Province 5 Campus Ministries; Mother Deborah is in the process of writing the proposal.



**Sanctuary Churches:** Mother Deborah has not been able to attend the local meetings; she is asking someone else to represent the church to attend these meetings.

**Assessment Exercise:** This exercise form (completed by vestry members before tonight's meeting) has been used the past three years and submitted to The Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands. After the assessments were tallied and compared to previous years there seemed good consistency and any variations easily explained. The high overall scores show that Good Shepherd is a vibrant and healthy congregation and seems easily to shift its attention to where it is called to go.

**Discernment/Review:** The three-year letter of agreement between the vestry and Priest in Charge ends Jan 26th this month. However the renewal process calls for a six-month convoluted review process. The Rev. Jane Gerdson recommended that we ask The Rev. Jason Leo to help with and shorten the process (we were given a six-month extension of the current contract). Allyn Reilly moved and Alex Buckley seconded that we contact The Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands to ask The Rev. Jason Leo to act as our third party and facilitate the process. All approved.

**Vestry Secretary:** As per the by-laws the vestry must nominate a current vestry member as secretary to include on the slate presented at the annual meeting. Alex Buckley volunteered and was nominated to be Vestry Secretary.

**Budget:** So far this year the parish has 38 pledges totaling \$94,000 versus \$119,000 pledged last year. Therefore we need to figure out how to make do with approximately \$20,000 less than we had initially budgeted for this year. Better



news is that it appears our overall expenditures for this past year will be close to what was budgeted.

**Organ:** The Black family has starting contributing to the organ restoration fund, and we are able to jump start the restoration project. The fund has been renamed the June M. Black and Jan Black Mortensen Fund.

## Nicole Siemental recital at Galbreath Chapel (January 30)

Please join us for a recital at Galbreath Chapel on **Tuesday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.** by Nicole Siemental, currently the Assistant Director of Music and Principal Organist at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio. While continuing her formal education, Nicole has held many posts as a church musician and university accompanist across the country. Nicole also maintains an active performing career. In 2015, Ms. Siemental played in a "Rising Stars" concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. In 2016 she won the Immanuel Lutheran Organ Scholar Award and she was the co-winner at the First Sursa American Organ Competition at Ball State University. Additionally, she was a semifinalist for the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. Most recently, in September of 2016 she was awarded 1st prize and a Diploma for the best performance of the obligatory piece at the IV International Goedicke Organ Competition at the Moscow Conservatory in Moscow, Russia.



Her program at Galbreath will include works by David Briggs, Sweelinck, Bach, Widor, Mendelssohn, Calvin Hampton and Vierne.

## NAMI Family-To-Family Class for Spring 2018 (03/06/2018 - 05/08/2018; 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

Do you have a loved one with a mental illness? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Athens Ohio affiliate is offering a course for family members of adults who have a mental illness. NAMI Family-to Family is a FREE, 12-session education program, for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions. Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness.

The spring class begins March 6, 2018. Registration is a requirement to attend this FREE class. Please call 740-593-7424 or email [namiathens@gmail.com](mailto:namiathens@gmail.com) for more

information and to register.

## Lay worship leader training in Gallipolis, OH

Dear Friends,

The Diocese will be offering a two-day training for those who are interested in becoming lay worship leaders (or who are perhaps interested in further developing their own spiritual practices but not necessarily in leading worship!) on April 28th and May 12th, 9am to 3pm. It'll be held at St. Peter's in Gallipolis (541 Second Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631), which is much more convenient for many of us than Procter.

Please consider announcing these trainings during announcement times and including them in e-news or newsletters. The training needs 6 or 7 people to be viable, but we'd love to have more! The cost is \$20/session, and then they ask that each person provide a \$10/session donation to the church to cover food costs.

Link to the calendar event that gives a description and has the registration form:  
<http://diosohio.org/events/event/lay-worship-leader-training-part-1/>

Link DIRECTLY to the registration form:  
<https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/sf0lejg1a35d82/>

**NOTE THAT YOU ONLY REGISTER AND PAY ONE TIME FOR BOTH SESSIONS**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (see below)

Peace to you all!

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Priest Associate, Christ Episcopal Church (Ironton, OH)

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On January 24, Group IV fed 39 people 46 servings. The menu was Texas stew and/or lentil stew over rice. Salad, fruit, dessert, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Alex Buckley, Ester Hernandez, Louise Maysaenko, Anne Walker, David Burton, and Maryann Gunderson.



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.

## Mark your calendars ....

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 13) Mark your calendars -- Tuesday, February 13th.

Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
(Details forthcoming.)



**Yummy!!**

## Friendly Reminder (Fair Trade Table)

For those who purchased items from the Fair Trade table at the Holiday House after the Advent Festival but were not able to complete your purchase transaction, please contact Essam Mikhail at [eamikhail@yahoo.com](mailto:eamikhail@yahoo.com) or mail your checks to him at P.O. Box 695, Athens, OH 45701.

Thank you!

## Repeat Material Below

## 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](http://episcopalrelief.org), to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

## 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](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?ref=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).  
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