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Good Shepherd E-News (25 May 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: 28 May 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

9:00 a.m. Adult Education,
led by Gregory Proctor

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-B
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, May 31, 12:00 noon

Pentecost: Sunday, June 4

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, June 7, 12:00 noon

Worship service time change: Sunday, June 11,
Summer Schedule -- 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Vestry June Meeting: Sunday, June 11, 2:00 p.m., Hobson

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, June 13, Doris Green

Area Confirmations: Saturday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Service for Ruth Cox: Sat., June 17, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, June 27, Zelma Coleman

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Vestry Meeting Report



At it's May 18th meeting vestry discussed two main items of business.

The first was Mother Deborah's report on experience at Cincinnati last week pertaining to the diocese's ambitions for a Café at Good Shepherd modeled on the one near the University of Cincinnati campus. Please see Mother Deborah's article below for more information. Having numerous questions mixed with excitement about the idea the Vestry decided extend an invitation to the Rev. Jason Leo to come and visit Good Shepherd.

Second, vestry discussed a potential relationship with St. Luke's Anglican Mission in Merida, Mexico. There are quite a number of American and Canadian expats in this area. Please see David Burton's article below. The Mission is culturally isolated from other churches in the area but is strong in attendance (both Spanish and English services) and doing well finance-wise. The parish wants a relationship with another like-minded Episcopal church, not for money, but they are hungry for relationship. They have invited us to come and be friends and talk, and celebrate together and we would return the invitation. We could reach out to students and others.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson

Coffee Hour: Dana and Richard Carlson

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-B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Jennifer Hastings

Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Norman Fox and Julie Nehls

First Crucifer: Lynn Graham

Second Crucifer: Pely Brient

Lessons: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (sung), I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11,

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 the Parish Health Ministries and the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries.

In our parish,

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associates Priests, 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 Anglican Mission in Merida, Mexico. We pray also for the Worship Committee.

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, Sally and Sambu, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Mitchell, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Bonnie, Arvin, Sandi, Suzan, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Anniversaries: Alex and Geoff Buckley (6/2)

* 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.

Adult Education: May 28, 9:00 a.m.

On this last Sunday before Pentecost, Gregory Proctor will continue to lead discussion of the oldest poem in English, "Dream of the Rood," in which the cross narrates its experience of the crucifixion and its meaning. Copies of the poem will be available. We will meet in Hobson Lounge from 9 to 10 on Sunday morning, May 28.

This will be the last meeting of the Adult Forum until Fall, when we will join in the

Memorial Day Service on the Ridges (May 29, 1:00 p.m.)

The Memorial Day Service at the cemeteries on the Ridges will take place on Monday afternoon, Memorial day, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mother Deborah will be giving the prayer. Here is a link via [NAMI](#).

Day of Pentecost Sunday, June 4

Next Sunday, remember to wear red to church in honor of the Day of Pentecost, the day that is sometimes called the birthday of the church because that is the day the Holy Spirit descended into the midst of the apostles, filling them and inspiring them to leave where they were to tell the world about the love of God made known through Jesus Christ.

"Under the Elms" Summer Concert Series

May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, and June 28

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the series' beginning, in June of 1947, as part of the Ohio University "Summer Band Clinic-Workshop."



The concerts are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the College Green. Rain location is Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Below is a quick summary of dates, themes and guests.

May 31 STRIKE UP THE BAND | Music for Stage and Screen

June 7 BE OUR GUEST | Dylan Chase & Erich Haller, trombone and Guest Band Directors

June 14 ANNIVERSARIES | Mitchell Spray, Command Sgt. Maj. (ret.) of The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own", trombone, the OHIO Horn Studio, and the OHIO Summer Music Camp

June 21 TROMBONE-PALOOZA | Lucas Rego Borges & Joe Brown, trombone

June 28 CELEBRATE AMERICA! | Annual Independence Day Observation Concert

Safe Church trainings scheduled (June 3 and Aug. 26)

Two comprehensive ("in-person") Safe Church trainings have been scheduled for 2017. Both trainings will take place at the Procter Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. Trainings will be held on Saturday, June 3, and Saturday, August 26.

Read more

www.dsoconnections.org

Vestry Meeting Reminder (June 11)



The June Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m. in Hobson.

Regional Confirmation & Reception (June 17)

On Saturday, June 17, The Church of the Good Shepherd will host the Regional Confirmation and Reception, and we will welcome Bishop Breidenthal and members of area Episcopal parishes for a Confirmation and Reception service. If you feel it is time for either your Confirmation or your Official Reception into the Episcopal Church, please let Mother Deborah know by emailing her at

revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

Gospel

Seventh Sunday of Easter John 17: 1-11



Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

A Day in Cincinnati



Last week, Michael and I spent some time in Cincinnati at the invitation of the Rev. Jason Leo, a friend of Church of the Good Shepherd and member of the diocesan staff. Michael and I stayed in a beautiful guest apartment in Christ Church Cathedral where we were warmly welcomed by the Cathedral Dean and her staff and had some positive conversations about the Church of the Good Shepherd's

ministry to Ohio University.

The reason we were invited to Cincinnati was to visit another church's vibrant ministry to the University in Cincinnati through what is called Rohs Street Cafe. Started in 2003, the Cafe was the inspired ministry of University Christian Church. The church members wanted to start a cafe after meeting a coffee grower on a mission trip in Guatemala. At the time, we were told by Nathan Smith, Associate Pastor at University Christian Church, the goal of the cafe was to provide a venue to purchase direct trade coffee and was primarily a social justice ministry. University Christian Church modified its fellowship hall to accommodate a cafe, which they also rented to groups and which hosted musical performances. While this plan might sound like a recipe for success, Nathan told us with a twinkle in his eye that by 2008 the church had almost decided to close the cafe. The failure that troubled them was that the cafe was becoming something too different from the church; it had become known as the "hipster" coffee shop and did not reflect the values of the church.



Instead of closing, however, the church did some prayerful reflection and realized that the failure of the cafe was its failure to reflect the church's mission and vision. They realized that the cafe's true purpose was to be their campus ministry. So they made some changes: parishioners now volunteer to help the paid baristas, manager, and staff of the cafe, Nathan and the other pastors hold meetings and spend time being available for conversation in the cafe during business hours, parishioners share in being available for conversation with customers by sitting at tables designated as conversation tables.

This approach helped change the culture from exclusive to inclusive, and the café is now a place where something really powerful and unique is happening: people who have been hurt by the church, who are curious about church or religion, or who have never experienced a church can do so without attending worship first, as the café allows the opportunity to form a relationship with a church person in a non-threatening environment that is still connected to a church. Nathan told us about several people who are now members of his church whom he met through the Rohs Street Cafe.

As Michael and I listened to Nathan and sipped truly delicious coffee, I couldn't help but think how a ministry like this reminds me of our campus ministry here at the Church of the Good Shepherd. At the heart of the Rohs Street Cafe is the same love of God and love of community that manifests itself in presence, hospitality, and relationship. Thoughts of Wednesday Lunch and Soul Biscuits popped into my

head as examples of ways the Church of Good Shepherd already embodies its similar ministry and made me realize that this type of ministry is a natural next step in our ministry together. A cafe similar to Rohs Street Cafe would allow for a deeper engagement with the community for more than one hour a week, would give job opportunities in a community in desperate need of them, would provide opportunities to partner with local business, and would allow us to further our ministry of presence.



After the visit to Rohs Street Cafe, Jason told me that Bishop Breidenthal has been wanting to start such a ministry in an Episcopal parish in our diocese, and Jason's next question was whether I thought Church of the Good Shepherd would be willing to partner with the diocese and try such a ministry. Because I thought it would be a natural fit and a next step, and because I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in that visit, I told the Vestry about the diocese's intentions. The vestry's response was one of encouragement, so the vestry and I have invited the Jason to come and talk with us about this endeavor. I invite you to pray for our parish in what will be a new time of discernment as we explore a new partnership with the diocese and a deepening of our ministry to the University and community. Undoubtedly there are many, many more conversations to come, and I am honored and excited to be here with you now, in this time of the history of the Church of the Good Shepherd's. Perhaps this is just one of the ministries God has called us together for.

- Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Rohs Street Cafe' <http://www.rohsstreetcafe.com/>

For additional related items search rohs street cafe cincinnati oh

Exploring new friendships

Perhaps some of you know Carolyn King, parishioner at Good Shepherd. For some time she and Crystal Kynard have had property near Mérida, Mexico, where they spend a great deal of their retirement. They attend an Anglican mission church, St. Luke's, in that Mexican city. About a year ago, Carolyn asked if Good Shepherd had any old prayer books and hymnals that we might give to St. Luke's. We did, sending them with her in the fall. Recently another of the parishioners at St. Luke's, Sharon Mackwell, was in Athens to visit family that has just moved here. Carolyn had arranged for Sharon to meet with Mother Deborah and David Burton (he directed an OU Spanish study abroad in Mérida for over 20 years). There are obvious strong connections and ties with Good Shepherd that already exist. This would be yet another opportunity to deepen those bonds.



In Mother Deborah's office and over Wednesday lunch, Sharon told how St. Luke's would like to establish a friendship with another Episcopal parish. Their interest is not financial, but rather to have and build those common ties that bind us as Episcopalians. They are a vibrant, growing congregation with a dynamic bilingual priest who left the Roman Catholic Church to be accepted as a priest in the Anglican Communion. Sharon told how, in a little more than a year, the mission has grown to offer two services each Sunday, one in English and one in Spanish, with a combined attendance at well over 30. The English service is attended by many Canadian and US citizens who, like Carolyn, Crystal, and Sharon, have chosen either to spend part of the year or to live permanently in Mérida. The Eucharist in Spanish has a healthy following, given the religious atmosphere of the country. They have two youth groups: one for young people of middle and high school age and another for young adults. This Anglican presence in Mérida offers a viable connection to the Body of Christ that is a courageous departure from other denominations that might not be as open to critical thinking as the Anglican Church has traditionally been.



St. Luke's Anglican mission in Mérida, Yucatán

How will Good Shepherd move into this new relationship based on friendship and our common Anglican roots? First, we will begin to pray for our sister congregation, St. Luke's, in Mérida. Then, through applying for grants, we hope to send a first group to Mérida in early January 2018 on a Friendship Building visit. The group would be small (10-15 persons) and intergenerational with the hope of offering scholarships to offset the cost of travel. In addition to parishioners from Good Shepherd, we also want to offer this opportunity to students at OU. Parishioners at St. Luke's would house our group. We would gather for meals, for visiting, for some sightseeing, and for sharing the Eucharist. To reciprocate, we would invite a contingent from Mérida to come to Athens at some future time.



Our mission would be to go as friends, to meet and interact with other Episcopalians who yearn to have contact with others of their own denomination. It would offer an opportunity for congregants at Good Shepherd and at St. Luke's to participate in a ministry of relationship that would make strides in building bridges among cultures and peoples.

Their webpage is <https://stlukesmerida.org/>
Check it out!

David Burton
Liaison for the "Encuentro" [Meeting] between Good Shepherd and St Luke's

Above right: The Rev. Dr. José Vieira (or just José, as he likes to be called)

For additional related items search: "St. Luke's Anglican Mission in Mérida, Mexico"

St-Luke's Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Lukes-Anglican-Mission-in-Merida-1890462657891042/>

Curry sermon available online

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon, preached at the Bicentennial kick-off

celebration May 21 at Christ Church Cathedral, is available for viewing online [HERE](#).

Music that Makes Community

The Diocese of Southern Ohio and Praxis Communities are sponsoring a three-day training June 28-30 to learn the principles of engaging faith communities in singing as a spiritual practice. The training is offered by [Music that Makes Community](#), a non-profit organization that works with ecumenical communities and leaders to empower and liberate their spiritual life through singing.

During the training, we will explore the ancient and new practice of paperless music leadership, sharing songs as people did before music or words were written down. Renew and revive your worship with a style of music making that is fresh and engaging to people of all ages and musical experiences. You will learn practical skills and strategies for incorporating and leading paperless song as a resource for your faith communities.

The music and practices shared through this training are grounded in a theology of welcome and generosity for the benefit of musicians, clergy, congregants, students, and lay leaders who want to use the practice to enrich and enliven their worship and community life.

The workshop begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30, at Calvary Church in Clifton. The cost is \$300 for people from the Diocese of Southern Ohio who use the code DSO when registering. To register, please visit

www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/mmc_at_calvary_cincinnati.

Another workshop will be offered on Saturday, July 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Church. The cost of \$50 will include refreshments, a light lunch, and workshop materials. To register for this visit

www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/holistic_leadership_practices.

For more information please visit

<http://www.dsoconnections.org/2017/05/03/music-that-makes-community/>

Episcopal, ELCA presiding bishops issue joint statement calling for prayer, fasting for hunger awareness

[HERE](#) is a link to a recent Episcopal News Service release from the Presiding Bishop about the ecumenical initiative to Fast, Pray, Advocate.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On May 24, Group IV fed 50 people 59 servings.

They served chicken pasta salad and Greek pasta salad. Fresh tossed salad greens, fruit, dessert, and beverages were also provided.

The volunteers were Lynn Graham, Hailey Luellhoff, Ester Hernandez, Jean Thomas, David Burton, Maryann Gunderson, Louise Moysaenko, Sam Riley, and Sirlei Martin.

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.

Previously Published Material Below

Altar Flowers -- how to order



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.

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

Sharon Huge

If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly Creech, our florist, 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. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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 Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at 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.
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).

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