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## Good Shepherd E-News (25 October 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 October 2018



### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Upcoming Events

Advent Festival Rehearsal - - Sunday, October 28,  
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

All Saints' Roll names due - - Monday, October 29

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, October 31, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, October 31, 6:30  
p.m.

All Hallows Eve Vigil - - Wednesday, October 31,  
8:00 p.m.

All Saints Day - - November 1

OU Singers Concert - - Saturday, November 3, 8:00  
p.m., Good Shepherd

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - November 4

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, November 7, 12:00  
noon



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**Altar Flowers How to Order**

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

**"José's Weekly Reflection"**

**ENGLISH**

**SPANISH**

**To this week's United Campus Ministry Happenings**

Prayer Shawl meeting - - Tuesday, November 13, Stephanie Goldsberry

Campus Orchestra Concert - - Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., Good Shepherd

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, November 14, 12:00 noon

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

Gospel According to Dr. Who - - Friday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, November 21, 12:00 noon

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, November 28, 12:00 noon

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - December 2

Advent Music Festival - - Sunday, December 2, 4:30 p.m.

## **The Church Office Is Closed Today (Thursday, Oct 25)**

**Barbara will be out of the office on Thursday, October 25 and Mother Deborah will be out of her office the afternoon of Wednesday October 24 and on Thursday October 25 in order to participate in the Province V Campus Ministry Gathering via video conference. Participating in this gathering is part of her Convener of the Campus Ministry Collaborative of Southern Ohio duties. Thanks to modern technology, Mother Deborah is able to stay in Athens and can call in via video conference to participate in the gathering of campus ministers from other Episcopal Dioceses in the Midwest.**

## **Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 28 October 2018, Pentecost 23**

**Altar Guild:** David Burton and Julie Nehls

**Altar Flowers:** Altar Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Anne Braxton and Lynn Graham

**Eucharistic Visitor:** week of October 28 - Rev. Leslie Flemming

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Richard Carlson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

**Ushers:** Preston Denton and Curt Sherman

**First Crucifer:** Lynn Graham

**Lessons:** for Pentecost 23 - Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22) (Sung); Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52.

<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 asylum seekers, immigrants, and 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 St. Peter's, Gallipolis; Christ Church, Glendale; St. Luke's, Granville; and St. Paul's, Greenville.

**In our parish,** we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector, 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, Don,

Jodi, Karen and Rayna, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Linda, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Mary, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, Alejandro, Candace, Lalena, Bill, Miriam, William, Patty, Sharon, Hank, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, Don, John, Jim, Laura, and Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Carolyn Reilly Sheehan (10/29), Mark Eaton (10/31)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Liliana Mae Wiener, daughter of Lauren and Josh Wiener, sister of Quinn and granddaughter of Sally and Bob Spero.

\* 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).

## Gospel

### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:46-52



Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**How I Used The Rector's Discretionary Fund as a Bridge**

A routine visit to the vet for one of our cat's yearly checkup and vaccinations on my day off this week turned into an unexpected moment when, thanks to your generosity, I was able to help someone in distress.

When we arrived for our cat Elwood's appointment, we noticed the parking lot was unusually full and so was the waiting room. The folks who were waiting with us were very talkative, and we had a lovely conversation, especially since their cat had cancer, and you might remember we lost a cat to cancer early this year. It is a beautiful moment when strangers share a connection, even a sad one, because it somehow changes strangers into something friendly. As we waited, I noticed a young couple who kept coming and going from one of the examination rooms with distressed looks on their faces, and I assumed the reason we were waiting longer than usual was because there was an emergency.

As people and their pets came out of the other examination rooms, they asked the couple how they were and how their dog was with such compassion and empathy I couldn't help but be impressed.

Indeed here was an emergency and the people who happened to have appointments at the vet that day were forming a little community of love and empathy for a young couple whose dog had been in a bad accident. I could not help overhearing the dog had a badly broken leg that required surgery. I also could not help overhearing the surgery was going to be expensive and couple could not afford to pay for it. I saw looks of sadness on the faces of the other people in the room, and powerlessness, that feeling of wanting to help but not knowing how.

It was at that point we were called in for Elwood's checkup, so we got up and went into the examination room, but my heart and my mind were not in that moment. I thought of the times in my life when I have been in that place where I did not have the money for what was needed, and how in those moments someone helped me out and gave me what I needed. They gave me more than money, they empowered me to do what needed to be done in emergencies or tough situations.

They gave me peace and hope.

It turns out I had my discretionary fund check book in my purse. And thanks to your generosity and that we haven't had many recent calls asking for utility assistance, I had several months' worth of discretionary Sunday deposits in the account. So I left Michael to handle Elwood's check up and went to the couple who were on the phone trying to get a loan to pay for their dog's surgery with tears in their eyes and told them I wanted to help.

At first they didn't seem to believe me, so I explained I am a priest at a local church and I have a special fund for situations like this and I wanted to use that fund to help them, to make sure the surgery is paid for so they didn't have to make a decision about a dog they love based on whether or not they could afford the surgery. Then they accepted, although they seemed to have a hard time believing anyone would do what I was doing for them.

As I wrote the check to the vet, the couple asked my name again, even though I had introduced myself earlier. And I told them again. They asked what church I am from and I told them. I asked them to tell me their dog's name and they told me so much more than that about how this dog had been a part of their life together. When I took my leave, there were hugs all around, and the tears seem to have dried, and I felt that they were experiencing hope. Now they could move forward with the important decisions they had to make for their dog.

It occurred to me later that this couple is probably very different from me in lots of ways, and maybe different from all of you. But there is one thing that makes us less strangers and more friends and that is the love we have for our pets. It's another way love bridges many gaps, and that is God With Us.

The day made me extremely grateful for the many people who have helped me when I've needed it. And while I have not been able to repay their generosity (they have never asked or wanted me to), Monday was an opportunity for me to pay it forward. Which I would never have been able to do without the generosity of all of you who have contributed to my discretionary fund. I am so grateful for you!

Together, we gave some hope to two people in despair and made the Kingdom of God a little closer to folks who were not expecting it. Thank you for giving me the means to be able to provide what was needed when routine turned into a chance to be community blessed by the Presence of the Love of God. I am so very grateful for you!

Many Thanks, Mother Deborah

## **Upcoming Class -- History of American slavery**

The Equality and Justice Committee of Christ Lutheran Church will be offering a five-week class on Sundays concerning the history of American slavery. The curriculum will follow the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance summary objectives for the hard history of American slavery. A class outline will be passed out for each session. The hour and half classes will be starting at 11:15 am at the church on the following dates: October 28, November 4, 11, 18

and 25. If you have any questions please call the church office, 740-593-3144, or email the church office at [clcathens@gmail.com](mailto:clcathens@gmail.com).

## **Worship Committee Meeting**

Tues., Oct 30, 9:00 a.m.

The following people are serving with Mother Deborah on the Worship Committee: Marsha Reilly, Lynn Graham, and the Rev. Leslie Flemming.

At our first meeting we will be talking about the new time for our secondary service on Sundays. If you would like to share an idea about the service or what time in the afternoon/early evening might work, please let Mother Deborah or one of the other members know.

## **All Saints Sunday (Nov. 4)**



All Saints Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, November 4, 2018. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one added to the All Saints' Roll to be read during the service, please notify our Parish Administrator, Barbara Martin, no later than Monday, October 29, for inclusion in this year's Necrology. The Church Office telephone number is 740-593-6877, or you can submit names by email at

[barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org).

## **All Hallows' Eve Vigil** (Wednesday October 31, 8:00 pm)



Folks of all ages are invited to join us for this very traditional observance of All Hallows' Eve. This service can be found in the Book of Occasional Services, which is an official supplement to the Book of Common Prayer and is approved for use by General Convention. Featuring music, hymns, readings from the Bible, and prayers, this service is traditionally

held the night before All Saints Day, which falls on Nov. 1.

The point of the service is that we followers of Jesus have no need to fear death; because of Jesus' resurrection, death has no power over

us. So on a night known for giving people frights, we will gather to sing and pray and celebrate the light that no darkness can ever overcome.

Join us, won't you? Costumes are welcomed and encouraged!



## NAMI Athens Speaker Series (Nov 1)

**A Survivor Speaks on the Psychological Impact of Childhood Incest -- Dr. Nan Mykel** The trauma inflicted on her when she was a victim of incest in early childhood drove the life of this now eighty-three-year-old woman. Arming herself with a Ph.D. in Psychology, Nan Mykel would go on to create and, for many years, run a program for sex offenders at the Hocking Correctional Facility in Nelsonville. In 2014, she published *Fallout: A Survivor Talks to Incest Offenders*.

In this informal setting, Dr. Mykel hopes to share the impact intergenerational incest has had on her as well as what she has learned about protecting children from incest and other forms of molestation. Punch will be served, but to facilitate frank exchange with the audience, no videotaping will be allowed. For a preview, listen to her NAMI interview at <http://namiathensohio.org/radio-program/>.

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: Athens Public Library, 30 Home Street, Athens, OH 45701.

## Make a Joyful Noise





## SING, LEARN, SHARE

Come share your favorite hymns, learn new and accessible hymns in our tradition, and experience different forms of worship!

This FREE event is being held in 5 locations in the diocese. Lunch will be provided.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER: [bit.ly/DSOJoyfulNoise](http://bit.ly/DSOJoyfulNoise)

St. James, Clintonville.....Sep 29

Trinity, Newark.....Oct 06

St. Paul's, Dayton.....Oct 20

Indian Hill Church, Cincinnati.....Oct 27

St. Peter's, Gallipolis.....Oct 27

Events will run

10 AM to 2 PM

Please contact Marsha Reilly ([mareilly1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mareilly1@columbus.rr.com)) to register. Note the session in Gallipolis, October 27.

## Passion Works 20th Anniversary Celebration:

All are invited to a celebration of Passion Works' twenty years of connection to the Athens community. The evening begins with "A Story of Flying" exhibit and light reception at the Kennedy Museum of Art and then moves to the Ridges Auditorium for highlights of Passion Work's unique story and a performance by nationally acclaimed writer, speaker, performer, and Ohio University alumna Anne Randolph in "Inappropriate in All the Right Ways" on Saturday, November 10, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. For further information, call (740) 592-3673 or email to [susan@passionworks.org](mailto:susan@passionworks.org). For tickets, go to [passionworks.org](http://passionworks.org) by October 23.

## Coffee Time and the Sippin' is Easy



It is time once again to begin preparing our annual Christmas order of Silver Bridge Coffee. We will be offering ten flavors of "regular" coffee and two flavors of decaffeinated coffee, and the price will again be \$11.00/bag. Order forms will be available next Sunday and the order deadline will be Sunday, November 25. Delivery will be as soon as possible thereafter. Bags of

gourmet coffee make excellent Christmas gifts, and by placing an order you are supporting Good Shepherd and are also helping a local Ohio business.

Thank you for your order. (Jack Flemming)

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On October 24, Group 4 served 55 people 61 servings.

The meat dish was Texas Goulash over rice and the vegetarian dish was Lentil Stew over rice. Fresh slaw, fruit, cake, and beverages were also served.

The setup, cooking, and serving volunteers were Ester Hernandez, David Burton, Alex Buckley, Lynn Graham, Thaddeus

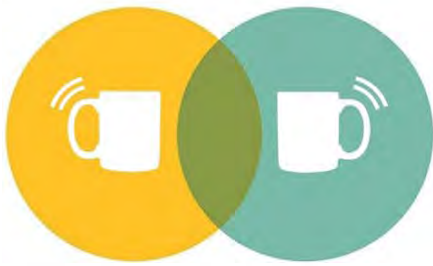
Semsel, and Martha Hansgen. The cleanup crew volunteers were the above.

With the opening of our Crossroads Café it is imperative that the church kitchen be kept spotless. In an effort to push for a cleaner kitchen, we are asking for second-shift clean-up crews, and we also are putting out a sign asking for guest clean-up helpers. If cooking is not your thing but you'd be willing to contribute to our Free Lunch Program as part of a second-shift clean-up crew, please contact Phyllis Dean at 740-591-1591 or at [phyllis.d.dean@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.d.dean@gmail.com).

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, or David Burton.

## Listening Ministry - A Volunteer Opportunity

**Combining the practices of presence, listening, discernment, and prayer, listening ministry is the opportunity to be fully present to another human being in a way that is non-judgmental, loving, and kind. In a world where loneliness is often named as one of the major problems in society, a listening ministry seeks to counter the misconception that God is**



We Are Here  
To Listen.

absent and doesn't care by offering to be fully present to someone, maybe even someone you don't know.

This ministry is one we'd like to offer at our CrossRoads Café this fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be asked to commit to being present during café hours as they are able and to be available to anyone who comes into the café who might want someone to listen to them. This ministry will require some special training, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

## "Going Viral"



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Doctor Who Found in Athens Ohio?

While in Athens Ohio for The Ohio University's Homecoming Weekend, Greg and his wife Barbie found Dr Who's Tardis on the steps of the Episcopalian Church. So you ask are Alien Evil doers planning an attack in Ohio? Or does Dr Who foresee a winning costume entry in Ohio University's World Famous Halloween Party?

As it turns out the church located at 64 University Terrace had this replica made as part of it's Youth Ministries Program. Apparently the church's priest sees many correlations between various Dr Who episodes and passages within the Christian Bible. We were told that Reverend Deborah Woolsey has succeeded in drawing many young people to her bible studies program with this modern day approach.

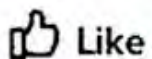
As for Greg and Barbie did they take advantage of the Tardis to expedite their journey back to Dayton? All we can say is that they made it back in record time...

For your very own Doctor Who collector items we invite you to visit our web page [www.wisechoiceuk.com](http://www.wisechoiceuk.com)

P.S. For those interested, Rev Woolsey's next Doctor Who program is November 16 at 5:30 pm.



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Gavin Power Plant



From our ridgetop vantage point we are able to see the steam from the cooling towers of the Gavin plant about 45 miles away (near Gallipolis, Ohio). We don't need to step outside to determine the temperature or prevailing wind direction. Gavin's infamous tall smoke stack has been torn down and replaced by a larger, but shorter one which mixes steam with the exhaust and operates all the time (one plume). If the weather is cold, hot, one of the cooling towers is also operating (two plumes) and in extreme conditions both cooling towers chugging along (three robust plumes).

**Repeat Material Below**

# Worship Planning

As we move forward with the changes in our secondary service, Mother Deborah is looking for folks who would like to help her envision what that service could be like once it is moved to the late afternoon. If you would like to be part of that envisioning and planning, please contact Mother Deborah.

[revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)

**CrossRoads Café** <http://www.chogs.org/crossroads.htm>

CrossRoads Café Is Open: Help us spread the word! Invite your friends for a cup of Deeper Roots coffee or a nice cup of tea. Stop in and meet our café staff - Eleanor, Dylan, and Naomi. The café hours are 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Sundays, it is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The café is closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Follow the above link for the story behind the cafe.



## MONEY



Senior Warden David Burton and Mother Deborah are looking for someone to join them in planning and executing this year's stewardship program. The opportunity this year is we don't have to do it the way it's been done before. This ministry is important because it is how we fund the other ministries we are engaged in and can continue to grow.

Please contact David Burton [drabeja02@yahoo.com](mailto:drabeja02@yahoo.com) or Mother Deborah [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com) if interested.

## The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO: Finding God in All of Time and Space

If you are a life-long Whovian, a fan new to the series, or have never seen the show, please join Mother Deborah for a series of adventures with Doctor Who, as she explores the Christian themes she sees in this popular television series.



All sessions will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Nehls Hall with a light meal included.

**Sept. 28 Rings of Akhaten/Sing to the Lord a New Song**

Where the Doctor and Clara meet a remarkable young girl named Merry Galel whose song brings to mind that of another young woman named Mary whose remarkable song we still sing. We'll explore similarities to Mary of Galilee in Luke's Gospel and learn more about her magnificent song.

**Oct. 12 A Town Called Mercy/God's Judgement**

This time it's the Doctor with Amy and Rory who visit a town in the Old West that lives by its name of Mercy. We'll explore the theological definition of mercy and justice as we consider what those terms mean to us and how we do or do not live into them as we watch how the Doctor and his companions do the same.

**Nov. 16 The Husbands of River Song/Believing God Loves You**

A rollicking good Doctor Who Christmas special that features River Song, a character who loves The Doctor but does she believe someone like The Doctor can love be vulnerable enough to love her back? Our conversation will look at scripture and parts of the episode to help us ask the same of God. Jesus says God loves us, but is that an easy thing to believe?

## 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 cell number is 937-689-8895.

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 (<https://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>).

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 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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at [drabeja02@yahoo.com](mailto:drabeja02@yahoo.com)

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at [carlsondana@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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