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## Good Shepherd E-News (27 December 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, 30 December 2018



### First Sunday after Christmas

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II-B

## Sunday December 30, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols w/Holy Communion

Please join us for the 1st Sunday After Christmas as we celebrate the Season of Christmas with a service that features Scriptures and Carols of Christmas. In keeping with tradition, there will not be a sermon with this service, but we will celebrate Holy Communion.

## Upcoming Events

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 2, noon

**No** Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 2

8:30 a.m. Service - - Sunday, January 6, Chapel  
(Note time change, service details TBA by Vestry.)

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

"José's Weekly  
Reflection"

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Closed for  
Winter Break,  
Reopens  
January 14

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To this week's  
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Choir Rehearsal - - Sunday, January 6, 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tues., Jan. 8, Betty Larson

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 9, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

**No** Second Sunday Brunch - - Sunday, Jan. 13

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 16, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Sunday - - Sunday, January 20

Afternoon Eucharist - - Sunday, Jan 20, 4:00 p.m.  
(Details TBA)

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tuesday, Jan 22, Julie Nehls

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 23, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan 23, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry meeting - - Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting - - Sunday, January 27, 12:00 noon

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 30, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m.

## Annual Meeting January 27

Please join the Rector,  
Wardens, Treasurer, and  
Vestry for the Annual Meeting  
of the Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Sunday, January  
27, in Nehls Hall after the  
10:30 a.m. service.



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## Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 30 December 2018, First Sunday after Christmas

**Altar Guild:** Hailey Luelloff and Sally Spero

**Eucharistic Visitor week of** December 30 - Gregory Proctor

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gregory Proctor and Allyn Reilly

**Ushers:** Anne Braxton and Ted Foster

**First Crucifer:** Hailey Luelloff

**LESSONS and Carols** for Christmas 1 Readers - Gregory Proctor, David Burton, Allyn Reilly, and Richard Carlson

## 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.

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

**Birthdays:** George Karageorge (12/30), Lauren Spero Wiener (1/2), Elizabeth Sayrs (1/4), Bob Shelley (1/5)

\* 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).

## Epiphany Carol Walk

January 5

The American Guild of Organists Southeast Ohio Chapter will be have an Epiphany Carol Walk on Saturday, January 5! The event will include twenty-minute programs at three Athens churches:

- 3:00 p.m. First Methodist Church
- 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Catholic Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church

The program is designed to allow time for an easy stroll from one venue to the next. At each location there will be performances of seasonal music by resident musicians and, of course, carol singing! Plan to attend! Bring a friend!

## Wednesday Free Lunch Report

On Wednesday, December 26, Group 4 served 15 people 35 servings of vegetable and/or ham and/or turkey Subways, with fresh fruit, vegetables, chips, drinks, and cake. (see photo).

The lunch volunteers were Lois





Wagner, Lynn Graham, Katharin and Ted Foster, and Louisa Baragamu.

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.



**The Night before the Greening**





## Greening of the Church



Service

And after the Service

Before the Christmas Family





**Procession, Christmas Eve Service**



**Reading the Gospel Christmas Eve.**

**Repeat Material Below**

**Big Read** with the Diocese of Southern Ohio:  
Luke and Acts



Starting the first of the new church year, we have been invited to join our diocese in the new Big Read. It is the hope of our bishop that by everyone in the diocese reading the same books of the Bible together we will grow as a diocese and be part of the Beloved Community initiative that focuses on reconciliation. This is also part of the Presiding Bishop's challenge to Practice the Way of Love by devoting time to Learn, Turn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Rest, Go.

This year, the Big Read will be on Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. We will participate in the Big Read by publishing the weekly schedule that breaks each book down into sections. On each Sunday, Mother Deborah will facilitate a conversation on the weekly reading after the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to read along and participate in the weekly conversations.

Big Read Schedule Week of:

Dec. 3 Luke 1-3  
Dec. 10 Luke 4-6  
Dec. 17 Luke 7-9  
Dec. 24 Luke 10-11  
Dec. 31 Luke 12-14

Feb. 4 Acts 2-4  
Feb. 11. Acts 4-6  
Feb. 18 Acts 7-9  
Feb. 25 Acts 10-12

Jan. 7 Luke 14-17  
Jan. 14 Luke 17-20  
Jan. 21 Luke 21-23  
Jan. 28 Luke 23-Acts 1

March 4 Acts 12-14  
March 11 Acts 15-17  
March 18 Acts 18-21  
March 25 Acts 22-27

## **Jesus and the Fish with a Coin in its Mouth Revealed** Matthew 17:24-27

Congratulations to the two people who took the time to look up the story of Jesus and the fish with a coin in its mouth. It's an odd story and one most folks are unfamiliar with. Scholars and commentators have no firm explanation on this story. The most intriguing one I heard was from the perspective of the fish, who saw a coin fall through the water one day and later was told by God to find the coin, pick it up with its mouth, and swim to a hook in the water





and bite the hook, and then Peter pulled the fish from the water. The fish spit the coin in Peter's hand, and he returned the fish to the water, having what he needed to pay the temple tax. The moral was: sometimes God might ask us to do things that seem odd or don't make sense to us, but our obedience is integral to someone else's life. I've heard people tell me about the time they picked up milk at the store when they didn't need it but felt the call to buy it, and upon leaving the store came across someone who needed the milk but had accidentally left their money at home, or similar stories. Those accounts remind me of this story from Matthew, and I can see why it is categorized as a miracle, even if we never find out if Peter did as Jesus instructed.

*When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of earth take toll or tribute? From their children or others?" When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. However, do that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me" (Matthew 17:24-27)*

## 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 (cell) 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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