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## Good Shepherd E-News (27 July 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: 30 July 2017 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



**8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster

**9:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II-C  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster

## This Sunday, July 30

**An open invitation to all who like to sing.**

**The summer-Good Shepherd choral ensemble**

**Rehearsal: Sunday, July 30, 8:45 a.m. in the nave to prepare a lovely setting of "Fairest Lord Jesus" for the 9:30 service.**

**All singers 5th grade and up are welcome.**

**Marsha Reilly, director and organist**

## Vacation

Mother Deborah and her family are on vacation Thursday, July 20, through Friday, August 4. While she is vacationing, the Rev. Katharin Foster will be on call for all pastoral emergencies. Please pray for safe travels for Mother Deborah and her family.

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We are grateful for the Rev. Katharin Foster, who is supplying for Mother Deborah who is on vacation this week.

Your Kroger Plus card can help the Church

## Upcoming Church Events

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 2, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, August 8, Zelma Coleman

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 9, 12:00 noon

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 16, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, August 22, Lois Wagner

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 noon

OU Classes resume - Monday, August 28

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, August 30, 12:00 noon

Welcome Back Picnic - Sunday, September 3, following 10:30 a.m. service

## Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**Altar Guild:** Julie Nehls and Sally Spero

**Altar Flowers:** Julie Nehls

**Coffee Hour:** Zella Nisley and Lois Wagner

**8:00 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster  
**Lector:** Joanne Larson

**9:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite II-C  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster  
**Lector:** David Burton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming  
**Ushers:** Chris Eaton and Norm Fox

**First Cross:** Sharon Huge

**Lessons:** Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 128 (said), Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. <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 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 following churches in Columbus, St. Philips, St. Stephen's and Trinity.

### **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. 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 lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and Eucharistic visitors.

### **Those for whom our prayers are requested: \***

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Jeff, Isaiah, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, William, Evelyn, Patricia, Paul, David, Aletta, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Bonnie, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, Mark, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthday:** Marsha Reilly (8/2)

**Anniversaries:** B. J. and Kate Cottrill (7/31), Ted and Katharin Foster (8/1), Margaret and Doug Dygas (8/3)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward and Goldie Nehls by Julie Nehls.

\* 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).



Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

## Friendship-building trip to Mérida, Mexico

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico has invited a group from Good Shepherd to visit them January 10-15. With Vestry approval to move forward, we're looking for a diverse group of no more than 10 who would be interested in participating in this *encuentro* (meeting) with fellow Episcopalians in Mérida who yearn for a relationship with other like-minded Christians. This is a trip during which we have been invited to stay with families from St Luke's, to deepen our bonds of friendship, and to share in their remarkable journey in establishing a permanent Episcopal church in Mérida. We'll not build houses or churches but rather friendships.

The cost would be only airfare to Mérida and perhaps some extra spending money. We would like to have an idea of participants by August 31. If you are interested, talk either with David Burton or Mother Deborah. See pictures of St. Luke's new building (they moved on Pentecost, and there are pictures of Carolyn King with Fr. José and another of Carolyn and Crystal) on their Facebook page: St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Merida. Make sure to "Like" it.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:



The number of teams available to host coffee hour is dwindling, and we are in need of new volunteers. Hosting coffee hour requires the team to set up for coffee hour, serve refreshments, and clean up. There is a guide sheet in the kitchen for set up and clean up. Refreshments may be store bought or homemade. Fruits, cheese, and crackers are also enjoyed by those being served. If you are interested in participating in this ministry,

please contact Lois Wagner, Parish Life Committee, [loiswgn@gmail.com](mailto:loiswgn@gmail.com).

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

**MEALS**



On July 26, Group IV fed 47 people 53 servings.

The menu was Chicken Pasta Salad and Greek Vegetarian Salad with fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages.

The volunteers were Jean Thomas, Alex Buckley, Louise Burton, Esther Hernandez, Lynn Graham, Kilsey Gerard, 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.

**Join Us In Reading The Book Of Exodus Together**

**What does it mean:** **to be a stranger in a strange land?**  
**to leave behind all the things we thought we knew?**  
**to see our communities change?**



Together, as a diocese, we will have several opportunities to ponder the questions raised in the Book of Exodus and how they apply to us, here and now.

Beginning August 27, 2017, and running to April 7, 2018, we are invited to come together to read the Book of Exodus. Follow this link to more information: <http://diosohio.org/exodus/>

**One part of this program is a series of Adult Forums.**

We are in the process of creating five video classes for adult forums. The first class is up and ready to use. You can see it by going to <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>. There you will also see working titles for the other four classes in the series. We suggest that you wait until after August 27th to begin using these classes.

The forum format for which these videos are designed is simple: watch the fifteen-minute video, then spend thirty to forty minutes talking about the three discussion questions. All that's needed to lead a forum like this is a computer, projector (unless your group is small enough to gather around the computer screen), and someone to hit play.

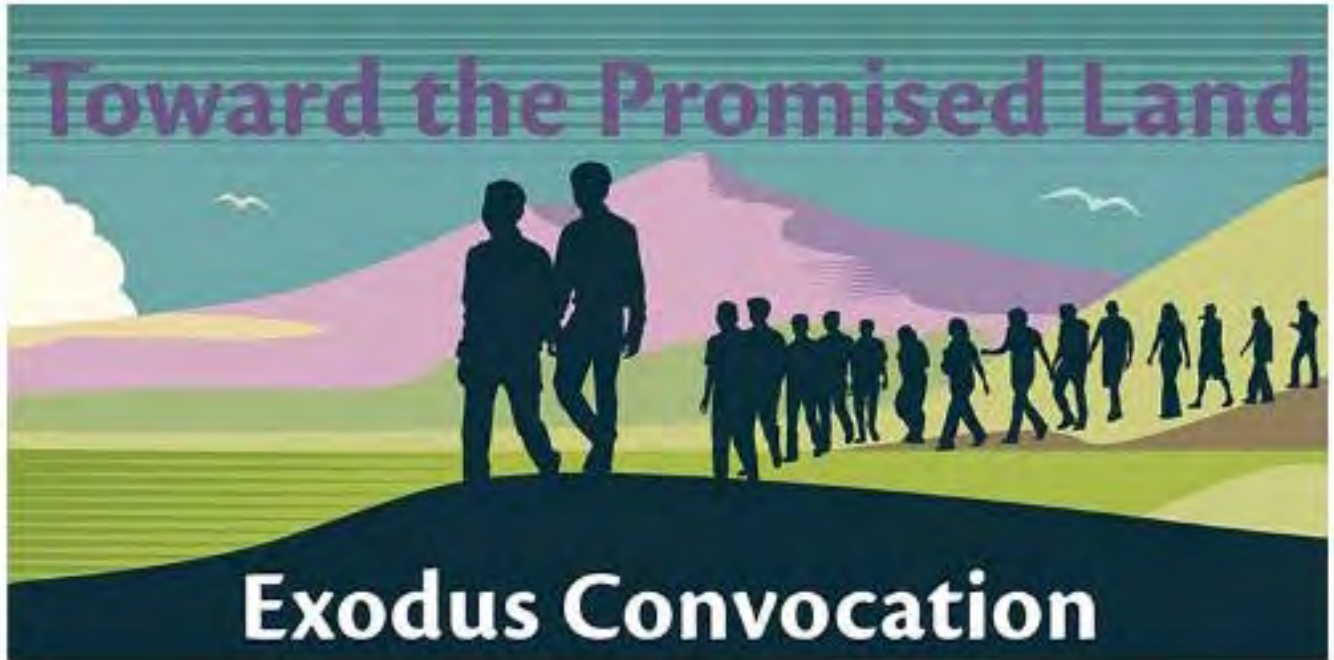
The videos are streamable through Youtube and are also downloadable. Links to



both streaming video and download are available at <http://adsobigread.org/for-adult-forums/>.

Visit [adsobigread.org](http://adsobigread.org) to explore resources we have available for individuals, for meetings, for adult forums, and for diocesan-wide events. And please don't hesitate to offer suggestions and helpful critiques by emailing me or using the forms available on the site. For questions or comments please contact Rev. Karl Stevens, [kpbstevens@gmail.com](mailto:kpbstevens@gmail.com).

## Registration now open for Exodus Convocation



**Toward the Promised Land  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Procter Center**

Join us for a unique day of dreaming and discernment. Help to shape the direction of the diocese as we learn to leave behind what holds us back and move out into our neighborhoods.

If you are passionate about making our Church/the Gospel relevant to our neighborhoods and the world today, this is the day for you! Come together for a day of deep discussion and practical learning about identifying our "Egypt" and how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us out of our buildings and into connection with the people around us.

Several workshops will be offered by people who have already done it-gone into their neighborhoods and listened and engaged with both institutions and individuals. Talk with and learn from those who are

already embracing connection with old people, young people, homeless people, people of different faiths and cultures. They will share wisdom and resources that will inspire and redefine our own ministries.

There is no cost to attend the Exodus Convocation, but registration is required. <http://diosohio.org/convocation/>

Wildlife









Casey, our poodle, likes to sit on the retaining wall in this strange manner while awaiting a morning walk in the woods.

This morning we were pleased to encounter two creatures that we don't see as often as we would like. The box turtle (males have red eyes) is rooting for nice squirmy things in the creek, and this baby blue-tailed skink is stalking an ant. This seems to be a good year for wildlife, except for the very few lightning bugs for some reason.

The tree on the right was less fortunate. Its main sin was growing tall and elegant-- just inviting itself to be brought down. The other afternoon a small cloud formed overhead, produced a little rain, and W-H-A-M !!! one lightning bolt, just one, and then the cloud dissipated and moved on. Now there is a nice sunny spot in the woods for others to prosper.





Students used the kitchen to prepare a huge variety of tasty international cuisine for a Fulbright Scholarship event.

**Repeated 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](mailto: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](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?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](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).

The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877

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