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## Gospel



## Good Shepherd E-News (28 April 2016)

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: 1 May 2016 The Sixth Sunday of Easter



**8:00 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II-B  
**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**9:30 a.m.: Sunday School**

**Starting at 10:15 a.m. fully staffed nursery care is available.**

## Upcoming Church Events

Kairos weekend: Thursday, April 28-Sunday, May 1

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, May 4, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, home of Doris Green

Summer Worship Schedule Starts: May 29.

## Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Easter 6 (1 May 2016)

**Altar Guild:** Sally Spero, Lynn Graham, Hailey Luellhoff

**Coffee Hour:** the Buckley family

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector/Prayers:** Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Zella Nisley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jack Flemming (Prayer leader) and Dana Carlson

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### John 5:1-9

**A**fter Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

**Ushers:** Anne Braxton and Daniel Dygas

**First Cross:** Peter Buckley

**Second Cross:** Owen Buckley

**Lessons:** Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 67 (sung), Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5, John 5:1-9. <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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of 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 St. Timothy's, Anderson Township; St. Alban's, Bexley; and St. Paul's, Chillicothe.

#### **In our parish,**

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for the Rev. Katharin Foster, for the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for the Athens County Food Pantry, for the Kairos Prison Weekend, and for Ted Foster, Junior Warden.

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

Catie, Lydia and her mother, Michael, Suzie, Karen, Pam, Jim, the Berry family, David, Winston, Ben Lei, Wanda, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Nona, Jan, Pat, John, Ellen, Ray, Beverly, Hannah and Colleen, Connie, Kim, William, Kathy and Phil, Amanda and family, Adam, Andy, Patricia, Carolyn, Douglas, Richard, Ed, Jennifer, Holly, Robert, Dorothy, the Schave family, the Shultz family, Earl, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Loretta, Bill and Karen, and Rodney, and we pray for all who care for them.

#### **Birthdays:**

Amelia Dygas (5/1), A. J. Stack (5/1), Carol Patterson (5/4), Lois Wagner (5/5), Peg Kennedy-Dygas (5/5), Therese Lackey (5/6), Anne Braxton (5/7), Jane Palmer (5/7)

**The Altar Flowers:** given in thanksgiving for my daughter Connie Gilkey's birthday by Lois Wagner.

\* 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).

# Graduation's Endings and Beginnings

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."



I may be dating myself by quoting these words from alternative rock band Semisonic's 1998 hit song *Closing Time*, but this lyric always comes to my mind at graduation time. This weekend OU will be celebrating its graduates with ceremonies, and in about another month Athens High School will be doing the same. In both cases students who have completed the necessary work will be given the degrees they have earned. The moment is both an ending and a beginning at the very same time, as it seems graduates have very little time to celebrate their accomplishment before they are

thrust into the reality of whatever is next. And that whatever is next can be exciting, frightening, known or unknown to the person who is leaving one place to venture into the next step in life.

While many more of us are not graduating this spring, graduation can be a way for us to recognize other moments where the endings and beginnings are so close that they are really one and the same thing. Graduations usually take place in the spring, often when the Church is still celebrating the season of Easter, those 50 days when we celebrate Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Resurrection is both a reality and mystery, something that happened and something that we might struggle to understand. Jesus' resurrection from the dead is both the end of death's power over us and the beginning of new life. It might be difficult to live into this amazing belief because we can't always see a change or difference. People still die, after all, and injustice is all too common, as are violence and abuse of power. We might ask: so where is the new? It can seem like things haven't changed since Jesus died on the cross, and they never will.

Maybe Jesus' resurrection is like that lyric I think of every graduation. The lyric doesn't speak of a new fully established way of being; instead it is about something that is just starting. Beginnings aren't fully formed; they are too new, they contain far more that is unknown than is known; just ask graduates who are leaving what they know to move into something new. They might know some of what is next, but there is no way they can know everything that will happen or what life will be like for them. All they can do is move forward the best they can and live into this new beginning, understanding that it too will one day end as something else begins. Instead of being a never-ending cycle, perhaps Resurrection takes the cycle deeper, like a spiral, a spiral that centers around and draws us closer to God. The closer we come to God, the more we can recognize resurrection life in our midst.

Thank you graduates for working hard and achieving your degrees, thank you for your hard work and dedication, your willingness to make mistakes and learn, not to give up, and thank you for teaching us about the courage to celebrate endings and embrace new beginnings.

Godspeed.

## TIME TO RE-ENROLL in Kroger Community Rewards



If you shop at Krogers, you can help the Church of the Good Shepherd. At your request Kroger's donates about 1% of what you spend using the Kroger's Plus Card to the non-profit of your choice. Please register today; it will cost you nothing. Many of you are doing this already, and it is quite helpful to the church in fulfilling its mission. Many thanks to everyone who has participated.

Before the Church sees any benefit you need to enroll (register the plus card) in the Community Rewards program and **then re-enroll during April each year.**

It's simple and takes just a few minutes. For instructions to enroll or to re-enroll see the following: <http://www.chogs.org/kroger.htm>

Please get a Kroger Plus Card at the store if you do not have one, and enroll or re-enroll in the Community Rewards Program today! This is a significant help to the church.

## Vital Papers Project

Parishioners are invited to complete a Personal Information form and file it with the church. Our goal is to benefit those who would like to save such information in a central and easily remembered place, so that family members and friends can consult it and any attached documents if they can't find their own copies of this information.



You may fill out this form on your computer and then print it out to mail, attaching any additional documents you want to include. Choose a link to the form as follows:

<http://www.chogs.org/chogarchives/PersonalForm.docx> (DOCX: Word format, without lines, so it is easy to fill out on the computer)

or

<http://www.chogs.org/chogarchives/PersonalForm.rtf> (RTF: use this format if you do not use Word or if your version of Word will not open the document).

You may wish to print out the form using the link below and fill it out by hand. Printed forms are also available in the **narthex** at the church.

<http://www.chogs.org/chogarchives/PersonalForm.pdf> (PDF, use this format if you want to print out the form and fill out by hand or typewriter).

For your own protection, please do not email the forms or attachments to the church. You may give, or mail, your materials to Marsha Dutton: 161 Grosvenor, Athens 45701; [dutton@ohio.edu](mailto:dutton@ohio.edu); 740-594-5121. They will be kept in a file cabinet in a locked closet at the church, with only people who have keys to that closet having access to them.

This is not a legal document, and no one is required to complete it all or any particular portion of it. Anyone who elects to fill out a form may add any additional information or documents desired.

Each person who fills out a form will be assigned a folder containing the **form** itself and any other desired documents, such as a **Living Will**, an **Advance Directive**, a **Do-Not-Resuscitate** form.

Participants will be invited to update their information each year.

Links for useful documents:

FREE:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/pdf/forms/dnrfrm.pdf> [Do-not-resuscitate forms]

<http://www.doyourownwill.com/living-will/states.html> [living will forms for all states, both pdf and doc]

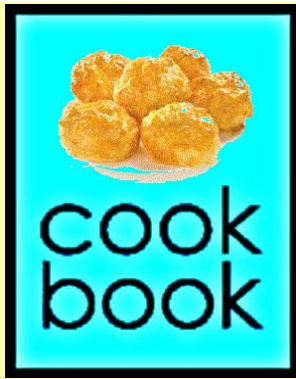
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

<https://www.ezestateplanner.com/legalforms/health-planning-forms/?gclid=CL20qpTXxckCFZAAaQodIX8DOA> [Forms for living will, revocation of living will, medical power of attorney, revocation of power of attorney]

<https://www.ezestateplanner.com/legalforms/free-docs/> [Forms for banking information, financial contacts' information, organ donor statement, Ohio living will, revocation of forms]

## COOKBOOK

The Marthas are planning to publish a CHOGS cookbook in early Fall, in time for Christmas giving. The cookbook will feature your favorite recipes in a number of categories. We are asking for your recipe contributions to make this endeavor a culinary and financial success. If you have even one recipe that your friends and family always beg for, that would be great, but three or more would be even greater!



Your name will be included with the recipe[s] unless you prefer not to have "bragging rights". In that case, please note with your submission that you do not want your name included.

The cookbook will be professionally published in an attractive format. The Categories to be included are the following:

- Appetizers and Beverages
- Soups and Salads
- Vegetables and Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads and Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies & Candy
- This and That

Gluten-free recipes will be included in the appropriate category. Please indicate in the recipe title that the recipe is gluten free.

Deadline for submitting recipes is **July 1st**. Recipes should be either typed or in legible handwriting. Please submit recipes to David Burton ([drabeja02@yahoo.com](mailto:drabeja02@yahoo.com)) or Jean Thomas ([longsam@columbus.rr.com](mailto:longsam@columbus.rr.com)) in person, by snail mail, or by e-mail. The proceeds from sales will go to help the work of the Marthas, and we look forward to an appetite satisfying response to our request.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd 45701 added a new video.

Posted by Deborah Woolsey

Yesterday at 6:23 PM · 🌐

Live music at tonight's pancake supper.



Last night's pancake supper was quite fun and successful, report next week.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

**MEALS**

On April 27, 2016, Wednesday Lunch Group IV provided 60 people 80 servings. The menu was Texas Goulash over rice and/or Austin Lentil Stew over rice. Cole slaw, fresh fruit, cake, and beverages rounded out the menu. The volunteers this week were Alex Buckley, Anne

Walker, Ester Hernandez, Jean Thomas, David Burton, Chris Eaton, Sirlei Martin, and Maryanne 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.

## Coming up - FLEA Market (June 4)

The Marthas' Spring flea market will take place on Saturday, June 4, from 8 to 2 at Jean Thomas's house, 14 Charles Street. More information will follow.

HUGE FLEA MARKET

## Sermons on the Website:

Miss a sermon? Out of town? Or maybe you just want to read it yourself? Thanks to our technological team, the sermons from Sunday are posted on the Church of the Good Shepherd website a few days after they are preached. Check out the ones you missed, go over a favorite, or share. <http://www.chogs.org/sermons.htm>

## 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.

## Altar Flowers



To reserve flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please speak to or contact Sharon Huge (740-592-5178 or [huge@ohio.edu](mailto:huge@ohio.edu)).

Hyacinth Bean Florist provides our arrangements for the back altar on Sunday. A single arrangement in a triangular design is \$60 plus \$9 for delivery. Sharon Huge coordinates, providing our florist with the name and address of donors for billing purposes. If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly 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.

**A Fully Staffed Nursery:** Nursery care is provided downstairs for children age 5 and younger on Sundays beginning at 10:15 a.m. However, should parents prefer, children of all ages are of course always welcome throughout the entire service.

**Make the Connection**



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 building and maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or call Ted Foster (Junior Warden) at 740-593-8615.

**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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