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Good Shepherd E-News (28 January 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: 31 January 2016 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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

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

Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:00 a.m. Adult Forum

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING after 10:30 Service

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

Upcoming Church Events

Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 31, noon
Prayer Shawl Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, Doris Green
Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, February 3, 12:00 noon
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Karl Stevens' visit, February 7, during 10:30 service
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 9, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Prayers & Ashes, Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 10, 6:15
Ash Wednesday service, Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Shawl meeting, Tuesday, February 23, Lois Wagner

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Gospel



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 4: 21-30

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah,

This Sunday - Epiphany 4 (31 January 2015)

Altar Guild: Julie Nehls and Lynn Graham

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sharon Huges and Sally Spero

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: Alex Buckley

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Norm Fox

First Cross: Kate Dygas

Second Cross: Bella Martin

Lessons: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 (sung), I Corinthians 13: 1-13, Luke 4:21-30 <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 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 Holy Trinity, Oxford; St. Andrew's, Pickerington; and St. James', Piqua.

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 Vestry.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Catie, Lydia and her mother, Michael, Roger, Pam, Jim, Winston, Harrison, Wanda, Louise, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Jan, Ruth, Pat, Ellen, Ray, Beverly, Janice, Bela, William, Rachel, Adam, Brent, Andy, Patricia and George, Douglas, Richard, Jennifer, Holly, Robert, Dorothy, the Schave family, the Shultz family, Pat, Earl, Nancy, the Rev. Tim, Arvin, Suzan, Loretta, and Bill and Karen, and we pray for all who care for them.

when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Birthdays:

Michael Luelloff (1/31), Eli Redfern (2/2), Gordy Ruchti (2/3)

Anniversary:

The Rev. Henry Millhorn and Jane Unger (2/4)

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Anastas by Lynn Anastas.

* 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 Forum (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

This Sunday, Jan. 31, Jack Flemming will lead the last session discussing the 39 Articles from the Book of Common Prayer. We have had some really good and far-reaching conversations about these documents and about thoughts and questions they prompt. In February we hope to maintain that level of enthusiasm as Mother Deborah introduces us to a book on everyday women in the Bible: Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context, by Carol Myers, a professor of religion at Duke University. On Feb. 7 the discussion will focus on Eve, and then over the following weeks we will move on to other women. We meet in Hobson Lounge from 9 to 10 on Sunday mornings: everyone is encouraged to come.

Parish Annual Meeting this Sunday (Jan. 31)

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held at 12:00 noon, following the 10:30 a.m. service, in Nehls Hall.

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Nominating Committee Report

Departing Vestry members:

Gregory Proctor, Chris Eaton, Doug Dygas, Alex Vasel (student representative)

Executive Committee (term expires 2017):

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden

Ted Foster, Junior Warden
Gregory Proctor, Treasurer
David Burton, Secretary

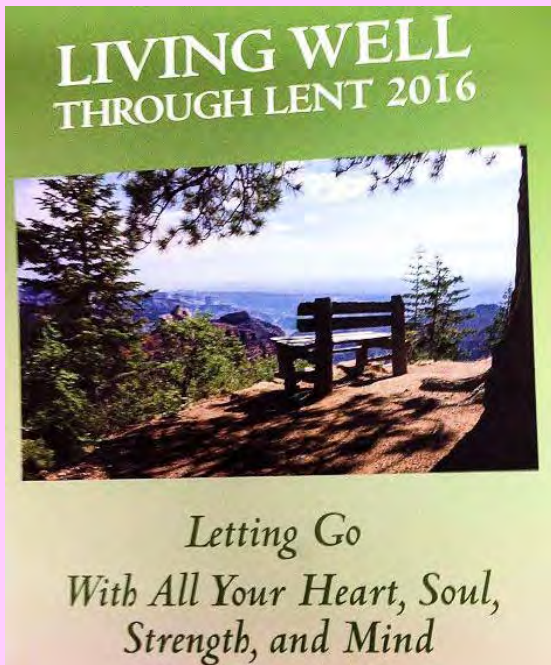
New Vestry Members (term expires 2019):

Anne Braxton
Nancy Covington
Norman Fox
Student Representative (term expires 2017)
Alex Vasel (first half) and Nikhil Dhinagar (second half)

Delegates to Convention: Allyn Reilly, Ted Foster, Anne Braxton, Jack Flemming

Alternate Delegates: Don Frazier and Joanne Worstall

Please note that additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, shall be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.



FREE Daily Lenten Resource

Living Well Through Lent - Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

Designed to help us all engage more fully in the season of Lent. Traditionally Lent is a time when we examine our lives, especially our relationship with God. Many of you may be familiar with the tradition of giving up something for Lent. Others might take on a new or additional spiritual discipline for Lent. Either way, this book offers an opportunity to participate in the gift of the season, and we have one for you.

Please help yourself to a free copy. We hope you experience a holy Lent.

The Rev. Karl Stevens' Visit

(Feb. 7)

The Rev. Karl Stevens will be visiting us on Sunday, February 7 at the 10:30 a.m. service and will be available during coffee hour. Karl is the Canon Missioner for Campus Ministry for the Diocese, and we are delighted he'll be with us again.

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER

(Feb. 9)



Mark your calendars ---

Tuesday, February 9th
Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes and fixins

Open Stage

Details TBA

Ash Wednesday's Ashes to Go

(Feb. 10)

Prayer & Ashes

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Front of Church, inside/outside depending on weather.)

Lent Opportunities

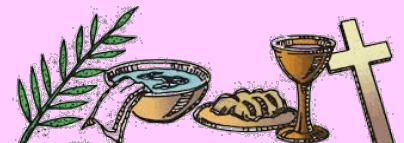
Wednesdays Soup and Spiritual Practices



Join us 5:30 pm in Nehls Hall for an hour of exploring spiritual practices and ways to enhance your own spiritual practice. A light meal of soup will be provided. All are welcome.

Starting Wed. Feb. 17

Sunday Discussion Group



At 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in Lent you are invited to Mother Deborah and Michael's home for an hour's discussion on the Free Lenten Daily Reading Book *Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. All ages are welcome.

Begins Sunday February 14, 4:00 p.m.,
8074 Rolling Hills Drive

Groundhog Day (Feb 2):

Groundhog day slipped up rather fast this year, and the Rt. Rev. P. (for Percival) Hocking Marmota Monax Chogs is NOT going to make an appearance this year (on time at least).

In order to have some peace and quiet from his rapidly growing family, The Rt. Rev. has moved back by himself ALONE to his chamber the front porch.

In light of those huge mounds of snow piled in front of the church porch, The Rt. Rev. has asked me to announce to the parish that he has no plans to participate in Groundhog Day festivities this year. Regrettably he will permit 'good ole Phil' take the spotlight.

So we will have to make do with two photos of the 'year in review'.



Above, getting motivated to preach.

Left, The Rt. Rev's family moving to the Alumni Center this past summer. It was no question they had out grown the quarters under the porch.

The Anglican Communion Decision and Response

What is the Anglican Communion? The Anglican Communion is a network of thirty-eight autonomous national and regional churches and six additional provincial churches and dioceses, all of which are in a working relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury. These churches are from all around the world and share a common history, liturgy, and expression of Christianity called Anglicanism. The Episcopal Church is one of the churches in the Anglican Communion. The purpose of the Anglican Communion is primarily networking, as it has no authority of governance over its members.

What Decision? On January 14, 2016, the Primates (leaders of the churches in the Anglican Communion) released a statement informing the world that they had voted to

restrict the activity of the Episcopal Church in a few of the Anglican Communion's activities for a period of three years. According to the document, the Episcopal Church is not invited to represent the Anglican Communion on any of the interfaith committees it is connected with and may not serve or vote on committees dealing with decisions of doctrine or piety.

What brought about this decision? Some members of the Anglican Communion are not supportive of the vote at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July 2015 to allow same-gender marriage and to change our Book of Common Prayer to reflect that change in the marriage ceremony.

What does this mean for the Church of the Good Shepherd? The short answer: nothing. The Anglican Communion does not have authority over us; our authority comes from General Convention, Diocesan Convention, our bishop, and parish by-laws. The statement does not change anything. The Church of the Good Shepherd will continue to be a parish that welcomes all people, whoever they are, recognizing that all human beings are created in God's image, including men and women who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, just as it includes men and women who are heterosexual, married, divorced, single, or remarried. We also welcome people of all races and nationalities, and we welcome children, teenagers, students, adults, and aging adults. At the Church of the Good Shepherd we strive to see Christ in all persons and to serve all persons in Christ, living our belief that "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Our Response: Let's Walk Together. It has been said that life is a journey. Not only is life a journey of ups and downs, but additionally, we get the opportunity to meet so many different people along the way. Some will be easy to get along with, and others will be challenging. It can be hurtful when we feel slighted, rejected, punished, or put down. A first response might be to fight back or lash out. But as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., reminds us, there is another way--a way where we walk together, especially with people who do not agree. Standing in love for all people may be the way genuine, authentic change can happen. Our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, has called us to live what we believe, to be the "Jesus Movement." You can hear more about his response by following the link below to a video where he responds to the decision of the Anglican Communion.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMq0R4X7lQU&sns=em>

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On Wednesday, January 27, Wednesday Lunch Group IV served 65 people 92 servings. The meat dish was Chili Noodle Casserole, and the vegetarian dish was Lentil Stew. Salad, fruit, beverages, and desserts were also available.

The volunteers this week were Alex Buckley, David Burton, Chris

Eaton, Maryann Gunderson, Ester Hernandez, and Anne Walker.

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.

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).

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.



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 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).
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