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Good Shepherd E-News (29 December 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 January 2017 Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ



8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

11:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist
Rite II-B (Note time change.)
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

(Adult Education and Sunday School
resume Jan 8th.)

Upcoming Church Events

New Year's Day Service: Sunday, January 1, 11:00 a.m.

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

The Epiphany: Friday, January 6

Annual Reports Due: Monday, January 9

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, January 10, home of Betty Larson

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, January 11, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, January 18, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Gospel



The Holy Name

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Parish Annual Meeting: Sun., Jan. 22, following 10:30 a.m. service

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, home of June Wieman

Alternative Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 29, following 10:30 a.m. service

Heart Full of Gratitude



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services and celebrations beautiful and meaningful.

I am grateful for the hard work of the Altar Guild for the many set ups and clean ups they did for all the services and for the enjoyable way they and the volunteer helpers worked together greening the church last Friday. A special thank you to Sandi White for helping with the interactive Christmas Gospel at the 4:00 pm service. Thank you to all the readers, prayer leaders, LEMs, acolytes, ushers, and to Peter Buckley for swinging the thurible at the 10:30 pm Christmas Eve service; you all made each service lovely by sharing your gifts. A big thank you to the choir members, who added to the beauty of the music, and to Marsha Reilly and Barb Martin for all the extra work and practice it takes for helping it all come together. I am grateful for the members of the Worship Committee who helped plan and for Kyle Berkley who designed the posters again this year. Thank you to Lois Wagner, who put together a festive Christmas Day coffee hour

so we could share fellowship and worship. Most important, I am deeply grateful for all of you who made one or more of

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the worship services part of your celebration of Christmas, especially the families and children who proclaimed the Christmas Gospel with me. Thank you all for helping make the start of the Christmas Season beautiful.

Merry Christmas,

Mother Deborah

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - The Holy Name (Jan. 1)

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham and Sally Spero

Coffee Hour: Lois Wagner and Lynn Graham

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Gregory Proctor

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer leader) and Allyn Reilly

Ushers:

First Cross: Hailey Luellhoff

Gospel Book: Pely Brient

Lessons: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8 (sung), Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

<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 Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, Donald our President-elect, the Supreme Court and the members of the 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 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.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Ed and Mary, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Bill, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Don, Elliot, John, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Lauren Spero Wiener (1/2), Elizabeth Sayrs (1/4), Bob Shelly (1/5), Gail Gault Connell (1/5), Sophia Karageorge (1/7), Julie Spero (1/7)

Anniversaries: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luelloff (1/7)

For those who have died: Mary Simons

* 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.

Upcoming Annual Meeting Reports

A reminder for those doing annual reports: The Parish Annual Meeting will be held in Nehls Hall on January 22, 2017, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Committee chairs and wardens should have their reports to the Parish office **no later than Monday, January 9**. In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the alternative date is Jan. 29.



If you wish to refresh your memory, please click [HERE](#) to view previous reports.

Nominating Committee Report for 2017 **

Executive Committee (term expires 2018):

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden
Gregory Proctor, Treasurer
Lia Knox, Junior Warden
Ted Foster, Secretary

New Vestry Members (term expires 2020):

Steve Steward
Chris Eaton
Alex Buckley
Student Representative (term expires 2018) Alex Vasel

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Wardens: Allyn Reilly, Lia Knox,
Lay Delegates: Joanne Worstall & Don Frazier
Alternates: Jack Fleming & Bruce Martin

** The full report is posted on the bulletin boards. Please note that additional nominations, with consent of the nominee, will be allowed from the floor of the annual meeting.



The kids set this up and thought that Jesus was best outside for the afternoon.



There was a nice crowd of worshipers Christmas Eve!

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On December 28th, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group IV provided 24 people 33 servings. The meat dish was beans and franks over rice, and the vegetarian dish was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Veggie salad, stuffed celery, fresh fruit, cake, and beverages rounded out the menu. The helpers were Alex Buckley,

Ester Hernandez, Haley Luellhoff, Lynn Graham, Maryanne Gunderson, Joanne Larson, Lois Wagner, 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.

Repeated Information Below

"Intersections"

Check out - -

["Intersections: Where the Holy Meets Us,"](#)

a blog through the Church of the Good Shepherd started by Mother Deborah.

It is still a work in progress in terms of functionality, but take a look: click the link above.



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.



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).
The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or barbara@chogs.org).

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