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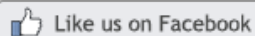
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GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd E-News (29 November 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, 2 December 2018



First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Upcoming Events

Cookies for Advent Festival due - - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.

Advent Festival Dress Rehearsal - - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - December 2

Advent Music Festival - - Sunday, Dec 2, 4:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12:00 noon

Second Sunday brunch - - Sunday, December 9, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Breakfast - - Tuesday, December 11, Bob Evans

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 12, 12:00 noon

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

"José's Weekly
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CrossRoads Cafe



Open:
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Closed:
Wednesday and
Saturday.

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Dec 13, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Sunday - - Sunday, December 16

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec 19, 12:00 noon

Preparation for Christmas services - - Sunday,
December 23, 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Family service - - Monday, December 24,
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve service - - Monday, December 24,
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day service - - Tuesday, December 25,
11:00 a.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec 26, 12:00 noon

Parking, Sunday, December 2nd.

The parking meters on University Terrace will be bagged on Saturday, December 1st; however, they will be date- and time-specific to Monday, December 3, starting at 6 a.m. Each bag will clearly state the time and date. Church and Advent Festival-goers are more than welcome to park at the bagged meters, as the restriction will not start until Monday morning.

Dishes

If you have left any dishes in the kitchen and have not collected them, please do so by Sunday, Dec. 16. Since the kitchen will be undergoing a major remodeling in December and January, anything left on the window ledge above the chest freezer or any other place in the kitchen will find a new home.

The Work of the TARDIS

Since September, there has been a big blue box on the front steps of Church of the Good Shepherd. Fans of the long running BBC science fiction television series Doctor Who are quick to recognize it as a replica of the TARDIS, the vehicle The Doctor uses to travel through space and time. Our intended purpose for creating this replica was to advertise our fall Gospel According to Doctor Who series. And while that purpose has been accomplished, we have been pleasantly surprised by the powerful and unexpected interactions we've had with our neighbors because of the TARDIS.



Joy and Excitement:

The most popular reaction from passers-by has been positive.



Inviting:

We have observed people of all ages taking pictures of themselves with the TARDIS. Student groups who meet with Mother Deborah ask about it, and she uses it as a way to answer them that introduces them to the Episcopal Church. A few students have attended church services because they saw the TARDIS.

Iconic:

People of all ages recognize it, even people who are not fans of the television show. While visiting Athens during Homecoming weekend, an alumnus who owns a business in Dayton saw the TARDIS, took a picture with it, posted the picture with a description of the church, and promoted the Gospel According to Doctor Who program on their business's Facebook page.

Welcoming:

The TARDIS has been viewed as welcoming by parishioners and

people who do not attend church. Example: During the parish book sale, a young woman stopped by and bought two books because when she saw the TARDIS, she said it felt like a sign she would be welcomed. She also said she doesn't think about church very highly because of the stories you see in the news about predator priests, but the presence of the TARDIS makes her realize not all churches are bad.

Fun Way to Interact:

One day we found a quarter in the call box part of the TARDIS (where the phone is). It is a playful way of engaging with us by saying they "paid" to use the phone.

Community building:

OU's Music Department borrowed the TARDIS for this year's Hallowpalooza for area school children.

Connection:

When we took the TARDIS across the street for Hallowpalooza, several passersby expressed concern that the TARDIS was leaving. When it returned, several students applauded as we reassembled it on the church steps.



Conversation:

The Senior Warden was stopped by a colleague who asked about the TARDIS, which turned into a positive way to talk about the parish and learn more about a colleague. There have been many times passersby have stopped to talk to the priest or parishioner outside the church and ask about the TARDIS, and it has been a way for them to learn about the Episcopal Church.

Commonality:

It has been a wonderful opportunity to explain that when the Church is at its best, it is very much like the TARDIS: symbolizing hope, a place for help, and bigger on the inside, which means it shows us something larger than ourselves and has room for all people.

Discovery:

Several parishioners who did not know about Doctor Who have been delighted to learn something new, and appreciate learning to look for the sacred in the secular. And we have discovered a way to make a positive connection, be authentically presence to our neighbors, and

send a message of hope without using words.

The TARDIS is amazing and has given us at Church of the Good Shepherd a new and surprisingly effective way to engage in campus ministry.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 2 December 2018, First Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Regina Warfel and Greg Moeller

Eucharistic Visitor week of December 2 - The Rev. Leslie Flemming

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

Celebrant: The Rev. David McCoy

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Norm Fox

Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Hailey Luelloff

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for the First Sunday of Advent - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9 (Sung); I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.

<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 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. We pray also for Epiphany, Nelsonville; All Saints, New Albany; and the Northern Miami Valley Cluster.

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. We pray also for the Acolytes, for the free Wednesday lunch, and for Gregory Proctor, our treasurer.

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

Birthdays: Lynn Graham (12/8)

Those who have died: Sharon Horel

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, and for a blessed Advent season.

* 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.

Gospel

First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear



and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Season of Advent

The new Church Year begins with the Season of Advent. Advent is a word that means "coming" or "arrival". While it is often connected with preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Advent is also a time when we make space for our longing for Jesus to come again. It is a time when we acknowledge that we are still waiting for God's Kingdom to be fully realized in a world of sin, loneliness, and pain.

The color for the season is purple or blue. The Advent Wreath is how we keep track of where we are in the season and can remind us how we wait for Christ's coming again: with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Pre-Order Christmas Poinsettias Now Through Dec 16



Anyone wishing to pre-order a poinsettia to decorate Good Shepherd for the Christmas season may do so by completing an order form along with a check or cash. Checks should be payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and needs to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Huges at huges@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178.

"Ask Sebastian"

The "Ask Sebastian" column answers questions about our historic Aeolian-skinner pipe organ.

Anyone with questions may submit them to "Johann Sebastian's Question Box". There are two boxes - one in Nehls Hall and one in the narthex.

Question: Where are the pipes and how many are there?

Answer: The pipes are in a special room in the attic. This room is called the chamber. As you look toward the chancel look to your left. You will see a mirror and a screen above the mirror.

The pipes are visible behind that screen.

There are 824 pipes.



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

Luke/Acts Big Read kick-off

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 am 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

FREE Advent Gift



Please take a copy of the free Advent daily devotional *Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Generosity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. These books are free to you because Mother Deborah used to work for Living Compass, the Episcopal ministry that writes and prints them. Mother Deborah worked with Living Compass in its earliest days and producing an Advent devotional was one of her ideas and contributions to

the ministry. She and the Rev. Scott Stoner (who started Living Compass) wrote the first two Advent devotionals. Now the writers come from all over the Episcopal Church. This year's Advent devotional features contributions from clergy and lay people actively involved in Christian Formation. The reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Advent was written by the Rev. Shannon Kelly, who used to be in our diocese and celebrated a few Sundays here at Church of the Good Shepherd. We hope this daily devotional helps you engage the season of Advent a bit more deeply this year.

Cookie Bakers Needed

Following the December 2 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be hosting a reception. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Saturday morning, December 1. If enough cookies are received, some will be available for sale. Also on Sunday, December 2, help will be needed to set up tables and prepare for the reception. This will be done right after coffee hour.



Please contact Julie Nehls, jnehls16@gmail.com, 593-7354, if you want to donate cookies or assist with set up.



Advent Festival

Sunday, December 2,
4:30 p.m.

All Creation Waits

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd presents its annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Restoration Fund.

A reception follows the program.

Featured are Carols, hymns and anthems from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

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64 University Terrace

For more information contact:

www.chogs.org

740-593-6877

Editor's Note: We can be assured the reception will be replete with homemade cookies and an opportunity to purchase Deeper Roots Coffee Gift sets and items created from local re-purposed wood by Michael Luellhoff (see below).

CrossRoads Cafe Coffee Gift Sets

Looking for a gift for you or a coffee drinker who likes to make a difference? Starting Sunday, December 2, CrossRoads Cafe will be selling half pound bags of Deeper Roots coffee beans (whole bean or ground) with a mug for \$10. Profits go directly back into this new coffee shop ministry and will be designated to help purchase a card reading system so we can take cards and cash. CrossRoads Cafe provides jobs for local individuals and directly supports the coffee farmers and their communities. Want a full pound? We can do that too for \$15.



Re-purposed Wood Gift Items

Here are pictures of some items that Michael has made that will be available at the reception after the Advent festival. Profits benefit the woodworking ministry at good Shepherd.



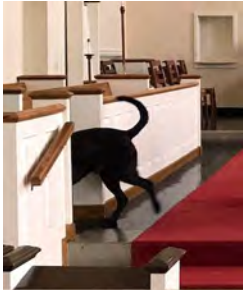
The shields are spalted butternut and are \$35.00 each.

The heart cross (center) is made from a retired Good Shepherd pew (maple), and is \$25.00.



The phone/tablet holders are red oak from the tree in the rectory backyard. They are \$15.00 each.

The Morning the Church of the Good Shepherd Went to the Dogs



This week we were again invited to host a training morning for Ohio University Police Department's K-9 Unit team of Officer Tim and his partner Alex (top two photos). This year they were joined by Officer Mike and his partner Chloe from Ohio Homeland Security (bottom photo). Both dogs have been trained to sniff out elements used in making explosive devices. And both dogs are very good at their jobs.

By letting the dogs in the church, we are not only being good neighbors; it is also an opportunity to learn more about the work both OUPD and Ohio Homeland Security do on campus and in the state. It's good for the dogs too, because it familiarized them with our church, and if we ever have need of them, they are ready to help.

This kind of preparation shows a care for the community, and it is one reason we don't need to be afraid of any potential danger, because we have some good neighbors helping watch over us.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

On November 28, Group 4 served 48 people 57 servings.



The menu was Texas hash/shepherd's pie (over rice if desired), and the vegetarian option was lentil stew (over rice if desired). Fresh slaw, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages were also available.

The volunteers were Thaddeus Semsel, Anne Walker, Alex Buckley, Martha Hansgren, Maryanne Gunderson, 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, or David Burton.

Thanksgiving Dinner -- nice group, great company, food!!



Repeat Material Below

SCAM EMAIL ALERT!



There is a SCAM email going around that mimics Mother Deborah's email address. It will usually have the word "Hello" and your name in the subject line. The email will ask for help in the form of iTune cards (or something similar). If you get an email that fits this description, DO NOT OPEN IT. DO NOT REPLY TO IT. DO DELETE IT. If you do engage it, expect more emails to

come.

The mimic is NOT connected to Mother Deborah's account, so it will not help to contact her. If you want to report it, please contact the Athens Police.

God has two dwellings, one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart." - Izaak Walton

I recently read an opinion piece that went on and on, about how awful and terrible it is to tell another person to be thankful. The opinion holder was of the belief that life is hard enough with all the already unattainable demands made on us human beings that giving us the demand to be thankful is just giving us another reason to fail to live up to another's expectations. It was an explanation of an opinion that was pretty devoid of hope. Until the last paragraph that said we don't need to be thankful because God has forgiven us, so all we need to do is receive that forgiveness.

While I can empathize with the sense of being overwhelmed by the world and all its demands and expectations, fear of failure, and worry about "not being good enough," I found the conclusion empty. Especially because I don't believe God's forgiveness implies passivity on our part. The opinion implies forgiveness is a gift we receive then put on a shelf to give us comfort when we feel inadequate. Instead I believe forgiveness is received by living, practicing, and reciprocating. Because God does forgive us, that means we have the means to forgive others and ourselves. Even when we feel we have failed, or missed the mark, or feel "not good enough."

For me, practicing forgiveness is one way we followers of Jesus can

help show the tremendous Love of God in Christ to the world. And this opinion reminded me there are plenty of people in the world feeling burdened by their humanity. One way that burden has been lifted from me is forgiveness; being reminded of God's forgiveness keeps me from dwelling on the things I am powerless to change and helps me recognize what I can do. One thing I can do is practice being thankful. Practicing thankfulness has helped me feel connected to God and my friends and family in even the worst of times.

Of course this practice is for more than one day. It is a way of life. Not just the life of errands, jobs, family, bills, ups and downs, loneliness and pain, disappointment and beauty. It is the very Presence of the Giver of Life present in our lives.

So, my prayer for you this Thanksgiving Day is for such a life of thankfulness everyday. One of the things I am very thankful for is being called to be the Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, for the opportunity to serve our neighbors with all of you, and for all of you and the gift and blessing you are.

May you and yours have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day,

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Episcopal Shield Stickers Are Back!

For just \$1 you can get a new Episcopal Shield sticker for your car, house, computer, tablet, anywhere at all you want to display our denomination.

This year we have two styles: window cling for clear windows and the same sticker style we had in the past. Get 'em while they last! Proceeds will go toward campus ministry. Thank you!



Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has met to discuss the possibilities for the following ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd:

Vestry (3-year term)

Student Representative to Vestry (1 year)

Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention
Leadership roles: Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary of Vestry

Every year these positions are discussed so that they can be brought to our parish's annual meeting, which is usually in January. Some positions, like Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, can be continued by the persons currently serving, if they choose. Others, like vestry members, will need new people to fill those roles because the positions are for a limited amount of time.

To learn more, or if you are interested in participating in a ministry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah (chair), Anne Braxton, Nancy Covington, and Norm Fox, with Senior Warden David Burton serving ex officio.

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>, 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 (<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 (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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at 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. **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).

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