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Good Shepherd E-News (2 November 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: 5 November 2017



ALL SAINTS, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. **Deborah Woolsey**

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Time change -- "Fall Back"

Upcoming Church Events

Second Sunday Brunch - Sunday, Nov. 12, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, Nov 14, June Wieman

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov 22, 12:00 noon

Thanksgiving Day Service - Thurs, Nov 23, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Potluck - Thursday, November 23

Christ the King Sunday - Sunday, November 26

Free Lunch - Wednesday, Nov 29, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

In-Gathering Sunday - December 3

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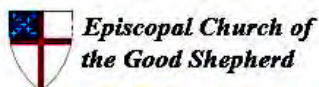
From our friends St.
Luke's Episcopal
Church in Mérida,
Mexico.

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Episcopal Church of
the Good Shepherd

Special Services

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

10:00 am Church Service
1:30 pm Dinner



Advent Festival December 3

4:30 pm (Readings and Music)



Messiah Sing December 15

6:00 pm (Reception following)

Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 pm Family Service
10:30 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 am Peaceful Celebration

For more info visit chogs.org

The Value of All Saints Day

It's easy to see how enthusiastically the celebration of Halloween is embraced here in Athens. As you probably already know, Halloween is a modern day version of the pagan Celtic festival Samhain, which marked the beginning of winter and first day of the new year. This festival was simultaneously a time to celebrate the harvest that was being gathered in and face the reminder of human mortality. It was believed to be a time when the souls of dead family members returned to their homes and bonfires were lit on hill tops to frighten away evil spirits. This festival was popular at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity, and the Church saw wisdom in seeing the increasingly dark and cold days as a time to remember those who had died and celebrate their lives. That is how the ancient pagan festival of Samhain helped the Church decide to observe All Saints Day the day after All Hallows' Eve.

All Saints Day is considered a Principal Feast Day, which means for the Church All Saints is as important as Christmas and Easter. However, unlike other Principal Feast Days, the rubrics (church word for rules) allows parishes to celebrate All Saints Day on the closest Sunday following its calendar date of November 1. This means parishes never miss a chance to lift up the saints who helped form and build the Church.

On All Saints Day we read a list of parishioners who died during the year. While these individuals were remembered and celebrated at their funeral services, remembering them on All Saints Day is part of acknowledging their life and contributions to the parish and the whole Church. It is a way for us all to once again be reminded of the gifts they gave and be inspired to live our lives generously sharing our time, talents, and treasure too. And, perhaps most importantly, All Saints Day is when we are reminded of the Love of God that keeps us connected to all those who have died, for God's Love does not die.

This year I pray we all find hope in the lives of all the saints, especially those we have recently lost, so to live our lives in faith.

Day of Change (this Sunday, All Saints)



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning, November 5th, so enjoy that extra hour. The "Day of Change" white bucket will re-appear in the narthex if you want to empty your pockets of spare change (folding stuff also accepted) or bring what you have been hoarding for this little twice-a-year ritual. The change raised will be presented at the offertory, and all of it will go to support outreach.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints)

Altar Guild: David Burton and Zelma Coleman

Altar Flowers: Savage family

Coffee Hour: Joanne Worstall and Don Frazier

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Jennifer Hastings

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and David Burton

Ushers: Norm Fox and Julie Nehls

First Crucifer: Sharon Huges

Second Crucifer: Lynn Graham

Lessons: for All Saints - Revelation 7: 9-17, Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 (sung), I John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12. <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 Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Mark's, Upper Arlington and St. Andrew's, Washington Court House.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Priest Associates, 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 the Marthas.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Pam, Annette, Jane, David, Louise, Dot, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, Alejandro, Candace, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Reid, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Betty Larson (11/5), Katherine Dygas (11/5), Adam Hillard (11/6)

For Those who have died: Suzan Woodhead

The Altar Flowers are from the Arthur and Bonnie Savage families to the Glory of God and with grateful hearts for blessings past, present and to come.

* 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

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the



best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-- the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Stewardship, Every-Member Canvas

The time of year has arrived for the vestry to gather information to plan for this coming year's programs and finances. Allyn Reilly will start things off with an announcement this Sunday morning. In-gathering Sunday (bringing in pledge cards) is planned for December 3rd.

A Message from the Bishop

Recently the following article by Bishop Tom Breidenthal appeared in CONNECTIONS and if you have not read it we have provided a link to the whole message. It starts ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been shaken lately by so many women's accounts of sexual harassment, intimidation and rape. This is nothing new, of course. When I was in campus ministry, we were painfully aware of the sexual exploitation of female students by their male peers. But when one was dealing with teenagers and young adults, there was always the hope that patterns of behavior could be addressed and corrected. It feels different when women well launched in their profession and personal life talk about men with power over their careers using that power to gain sexual favors.

But surely the underlying problem is the same. Sexual intimidation always involves the exploitation of a power differential. Sometimes it is physical power, sometimes it is the power to promote or demote. But there is a more pervasive power which we often do not acknowledge. This is the power accorded to males in any culture which explicitly or implicitly gives them the right to rate the worth of any woman, for whatever reason, be it beauty, intelligence, talent, or sheer usefulness.

[To the full message, read more](#)

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23

Let us give thanks together.

Please join us in pausing from the routines and demands of life to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, including the gift of each other. Our Thanksgiving Day celebrations include:

10:00 am Church Service with sermon and Holy Communion

Part of what it means to worship is giving thanks or expressing gratitude to God through prayer, music, scripture readings, and receiving Holy Communion. All are welcome, including families.



1:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner in Nehl's Hall

Everyone is welcome to join Mother Deborah and her family for Thanksgiving Dinner. She'll provide the turkey; bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Sign up sheet for dishes is located in Nehl's Hall.

You are welcome to participate in one or both opportunities to gather together and give thanks to God.

You are Invited

As an expression of their gratitude for being here at Church of the Good Shepherd, Mother Deborah and her family will continue the practice of hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, at 1:30 pm in Nehl's Hall. This has become such a joyful way to celebrate Thanksgiving by coming together to share a meal we all contribute to, just as we all contribute to creating a Christ-centered ministry of presence here at Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is welcome! Mother Deborah's family will provide the turkey and ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign up sheet in Nehl's Hall.

Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, episcopalrelief.org, to donate, volunteer, and learn

more.

Update on Reid Sinclair

Reid Sinclair's son, Rich, and daughter, Liz Sinclair, report that Reid has entered hospice care. Reid is in good spirits and alert. Hospice care is in Reid's apartment, so the information in the Directory is correct. Reid no longer does email, but would greatly appreciate cards, letters, and any news about Athens as well.

Sale of Christmas Coffee

Once again we are offering a selection of twelve varieties of coffee roasted by Silver Bridge Coffee in Gallipolis. We are including four new flavors, which I am advised do well in Athens. The cost is \$11.00 per bag and order forms will be available through the month of November. This coffee makes an ideal Christmas gift and the profits will go toward our Outreach ministries. All the coffee being offered is Fair Trade Coffee. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)



Last Call - Nominating Committee Slate

The time has arrived to select new vestry members and the officers -- three vestry members, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and lay delegates to Convention. The Nominating Committee consists of departing vestry members Ted Foster, Lynn Graham, and Lois Wagner, plus Mother Deborah. If you are interested in any of these opportunities for yourself, or have suggestions, any one of us would like to hear from you.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On November 1, Group I fed 63 people 83 servings.

The main items were Bar-B-Q Sandwiches and/or Veggy Sloppy Joes. Tossed salad, fresh fruit, beverages, and desserts were also served.

The volunteers were Ronda Clark, Rosemary and Carol Stephens, Amora Albano, Jessica Knotts, Gregory Proctor, Dana and Richard Carlson, Norm Fox, and Phyllis Dean.

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.

Past Wednesday Free Lunch had three new student volunteers.



Fall Colors



Not much in the way of fall leaf season this year but the smaller stuff brightens up with the help of the pond's reflections in the background.

Repeat Material Below

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>, 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 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.

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).
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