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Good Shepherd E-News (30 August 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 September 2018



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

Upcoming Events

8:00 a.m. Service - - Sunday, September 2

Labor Day - - Monday, September 3, Office Closed

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 5, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 5, 7:00 p.m.

International Peace Walk - - Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Sept 12, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 12, 7:00 p.m.

Bishop's Visit - - Sunday, September 16, and Potluck

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

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 19, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Sept 20, 7:00 p.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Sept 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Gospel According to Doctor Who - - Friday,
September 28, 5:30 p.m. Nehls Hall

Upcoming 8:00 a.m. Services - - October 7;
November 4; December 2

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

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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Coffee & Donuts. It's Not About the Coffee & Donuts.

As another academic year began, several of us from Church of the Good Shepherd got up early to be present to our neighbors by offering coffee and donuts on the first two days of class for Ohio University. As the morning sky brightened, some of us set up tables in front of the church, others made a sign on the big chalkboard, others ground beans and brewed coffee while others brought out the napkins, cups, sugar and creamer, and spoons. While we got ready at the church, another volunteer braved the long line at the bakery to pick up the donuts we ordered. And then all the parts came together and we were ready to greet the new school year ourselves. Not with backpacks, devices, and schedules; or even coffee and donuts, but with God's Love and Grace, which is why we all woke up so early in the first place.

Once again we greeted those who passed us by with words of good morning and calling out what we were giving away. Like previous years, most of the people passed us by. Most said no thank you; a few ignored us outright. But that is okay because our reason for being outside the first two days of class isn't to give away coffee and donuts. It's to be present, to show our neighbors we are here, and we are here to support them.

There were plenty of folks who did happily accept the coffee and donuts. Each day we gave away 50 donuts and 2 and a half gallons of coffee. This year, to promote CrossRoads Café, we also sold lattes for \$1, and sold 10. A few people who stopped wanted to give a

donation. Unlike previous years, this time we accepted the donations with gratitude because one of the things we've learned by being present is that some of our neighbors don't want charity, they want to contribute to good endeavors, and be part of what we are doing, because they feel connection. Therefore it is not wrong to accept such donations, in fact it seems important to do so because that is how connections form and community happens. I'd say that is one of the more important lessons we've learned by being present on the first days of class, and how we've been transformed. The amount we received in donations was \$8. Maybe it seems small, but perhaps it isn't the amount that matters as much as the desire to contribute. Because we weren't out there to make money.

Several of the people who stopped took the time to tell us about themselves. In addition to students, some folks who stopped by were OU staff, faculty, and people working on the nearby construction. We met one young woman who is a freshman and seemed nearly moved to tears as she expressed how we made her feel more welcome than anything she had experienced so far. We talked with a gentleman who proudly told us he was returning to college after 42 years. Quite a few people asked us for directions, and seems relieved to find plenty of folks who could point them in the right direction in a reassuring way.

For me, it was another very good experience being present to our neighbors. And I learned that maybe it is not quite Christ-like to just give away stuff free, or be acknowledged by those who populate our neighborhood. It's about being there, fully present, observing, receiving, and letting God do the rest. All that we learned and experienced could not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. I'm so grateful to everyone who generously gave of their time and energy and showed up and shared in being present: Julie Nehls, Allyn Reilly, Mike Wooten, Jack Flemming, Ted Foster, Gregory Proctor, Paul Hilliard, Geoff Buckley, Hailey Luelloff, and David Burton, who also fetched the donuts and other supplies and to Michael Luelloff who generously shared his barista skills by making lattes.

As another academic year begins I am grateful for our ministry and our neighbors not just for our opportunity to serve, but for what they can show and teach us, and how we can be a blessing to each other.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah



Getting our breath after setting up for distribution of coffee, donuts, and best wishes so very early Tuesday morning.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 2 September 2018, Pentecost 15

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers: (two sprays today) Julia Nehls and Martha Hansgen

Coffee Hour: Regina Warfel and Greg Moeller

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Leslie Flemming

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Zella Nisley

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham

Ushers: Chris Eaton and Norm Fox

First Crucifer: Hailey Luellhoff

Gospel Book: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for Pentecost 15 - Song of Solomon 2:8 - 13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 (Sung); James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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 for Our Saviour, Mt. Auburn, and Redeemer, Hyde Park. We pray also for the Community of the Transfiguration and Bethany School.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Elect, 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 Vestry and for Johnathen Sweeny, who is about to be received into the Episcopal Church.

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

Anniversary: Bill and Cynthia Kaldis (8/7)

Birthdays: Lyn Butrick (9/3), Doris Green (9/5)

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Anne Hardman by Julia Nehls.

Altar Flowers are given celebrating the Swardson family sharing shiny, sunny times with us in Athens. And to acclaim gladly and happily that Roland was an OU English professor of the classics and Mary Anne was the Chairperson of the Department of Mathematics. A universal celebration given by Martha Hansgen.

* 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.

CrossRoads Café Update



We are nearly ready to open! We have been advertising that we are hiring part time employees since the week of Aug. 20 and have been receiving lots of interest in the part-time positions. We are hiring a manager and baristas. Mother Deborah, David Burton, and Gregory Proctor have been interviewing candidates and have been delighted and impressed by the people who we've talked to. Once the decisions are made, the employees will receive training and the cafe will be ready to open.

How You Can Help

- Get the word out. Tell your friends, help us put up fliers, and invite friends and colleagues for coffee/tea.
- Stop in and get to know the staff when they have been hired.
- Help get the word out. We can't emphasize this one enough. Word of mouth may be the best form of advertisement.
- Volunteer for the listening ministry and attend training Sat., Sept. 8th. Please contact Mother Deborah or the Rev. Leslie Flemming for more information.
- Look for additional volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

Additional Ways to Help CrossRoads Café

As we get closer to opening the cafe in a week or so, here are a few ways you can help as we move forward with this exciting new ministry:

- Teapot donations

The cafe would like to have the option of serving tea in a teapot for the customer or customers not in a hurry. All sizes and shapes welcome!

- Emergency Contact Volunteer

Someone willing to be "on call" should emergencies arise in order to help the cafe manager and/or baristas with issues that arise.

Such as:

- * helping them find cleaning equipment
- * directing them who to contact in the church for issues like

plumbing, getting soap for restrooms, etc.
* being a reassuring presence

Gospel

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and

there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk (Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.)



The Eighth Annual 9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk will take place Tuesday, September 11, at 7 pm, starting at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, at 64 University Terrace in Athens. Hosted by United Campus Ministry and the Better Together campaign at Ohio University, the theme of this year's Peace Walk is "Walk for Peace, Work for Justice." Along

with many other Athens-area faith communities and social-justice organizations, we are urging our members to help us create a vision of the Beloved Community. Ohio University President Duane Nellis and United Campus Ministry Director Rev. Evan Young will offer remarks, and a Justice Choir will perform and lead us in song at the end of the walk. Sponsors include United Campus Ministry, Better Together at Ohio University, the Appalachian Peace & Justice Network, the Athens Catholic Community, Athens Friends Meeting, Athens First Presbyterian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), First United Methodist Church of Athens, Hillel at Ohio University, the International Student Union, the Ohio University Multicultural Center, the Muslim Student Association, the Office of the Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion at Ohio University, the Ohio University LGBT Center, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Southeast Ohio, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens, and the Ohio University Women's Center.

Please join us. The walk begins at the church, moves through uptown, and ends at the Islamic Center with prayer.

Holy Hike - a Student Retreat Oct. 6-7 in Columbus

All University students are invited to join with other students in Southern Ohio for a retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The retreat will feature a hike through the city of Columbus, stopping at places like the science museum to learn and the Capitol to pray for justice. The retreat also includes opportunities to listen to some of the homeless in the city, and worship with a street church. This retreat is free, including meals and accommodations.

Please contact Mother Deborah if you are interested
revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On August 29 Group 2 served 59 people 78 servings.

The menu was cheese sandwiches and egg sandwiches along with tossed salad, fresh fruit, drinks, and dessert.

The volunteers were Phyllis Dean, Thaddeus Semsel, Betty Hollow, Esther Hernandez, Helen Chila, and Tom Meyers.

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.

Kairos SCC-I #1 set for October 4-7, 2018.

Some of you may recall that the state prison at Nelsonville, Hocking Correctional Facility, later known as Southeast Ohio Correctional

Complex-Hocking, was closed last winter. However, volunteers comprising Kairos of Ohio HCF have regrouped and are initiating a first Kairos weekend at SCC-Lancaster, beginning Thursday October 4 and extending through the weekend.

Since SCC-L is larger than the Nelsonville facility, the need for Agape in the form of prayer, cookies, and monetary donations is even greater than before. We are asking you, therefore, to contribute what you can toward the goal of making Kairos SCC-L #1 an even more joyful and productive weekend than the previous 20 weekends at Nelsonville!

Norman Fox, Gregory Proctor, and myself will be downstairs at Coffee Hour beginning this Sunday, September 2nd, and will continue to be there the following Sundays until the 30th of September. Please prayerfully consider making a donation of prayer, and/or baking cookies, or making a monetary donation, checks payable to Kairos of Ohio, with "SCC-L #1" in the memo line.

The prisoners at Lancaster will be grateful for your generous donation!

Allyn Reilly

NAME TAGS, NAME TAGS, NAME TAGS - - -

It has been said that we never get a second chance to make a first impression. And as members of Good Shepherd it is our duty and our opportunity to extend the welcome of Christ to all visitors and newcomers to our parish. This is especially important at this time of year when many people are coming to Athens for the first time.

To help in this effort we have made many new name tags and have moved the name tag rack downstairs by the entrance to Nehls Hall. Please take your name tag and wear it whenever you come to the coffee hour. If you can't find your tag and did not inadvertently take it home, please let me know and I will provide you with a new one.

Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd. (Jack Flemming)

Road Closure

Beginning on Aug. 27 and continuing, construction at the bottom of University Terrace, from South Green Dr. to Race St., will limit access to the church from the south. The easiest way to get to the church will be Richland Ave. to W. Mulberry to Court St. and then Park Place to the church.



Some Photos this week:

Top right, a "barn quilt" made from local hardwoods by Michael Luelloff which he installed on their house.

Left and below coffee and donuts visitors. We even offered water to four-legged visitors.



The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO: Finding God in All of Time and Space



If you are a life-long Whovian, a fan new to the series, or have never seen the show, please join Mother Deborah for a series of adventures with Doctor Who, as she explores the Christian themes she sees in this popular television series.

All sessions will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Nehls Hall with a light meal included.

Sept. 28 **Rings of Akhaten/Sing to the Lord a New Song**

Where the Doctor and Clara meet a remarkable young girl named Merry Galel whose song brings to mind that of another young woman named Mary whose remarkable song we still sing. We'll explore similarities to Mary of Galilee in Luke's Gospel and learn more about her magnificent song.

Oct. 12 **A Town Called Mercy/God's Judgement**

This time it's the Doctor with Amy and Rory who visit a town in the Old West that lives by its name of Mercy. We'll explore the theological definition of mercy and justice as we consider what those terms mean to us and how we do or do not live into them as we watch how the Doctor and his companions do the same.

Nov. 16 The Husbands of River Song/Believing God Loves You

A rollicking good Doctor Who Christmas special that features River Song, a character who loves The Doctor but does she believe someone like The Doctor can love be vulnerable enough to love her back? Our conversation will look at scripture and parts of the episode to help us ask the same of God. Jesus says God loves us, but is that an easy thing to believe?

Repeat Material Below

Upcoming Changes to the 8:00 a.m. Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd

One of the tasks of clergy and laypeople that is often challenging is paying attention to changes in programs, worship services, and the neighborhood in which our parish is located and attempting to discern connections. There have been several changes in all three in the last three and a half years, and Mother Deborah and the lay leaders have been paying attention.

One of these changes has been the Sunday morning Rite I Eucharist service held in the chapel at 8:00 am. Three and a half years ago, this service had an average Sunday attendance of 6 (excluding the priest). Now this same service boasts an average Sunday attendance of 2 (excluding the priest), occasionally 3. The reasons for the decline include two of the people who attended this service have passed away, two are no longer physically able to get to the service. In conversation about this decline Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and Vestry decided to try changing the celebrant/preacher for that service, to see if that would make a significant impact on the service. Thanks to our retired priests in the parish, The Rev. Katharin Foster, The Rev. David McCoy and The Rev. Leslie Flemming, we were able to try it and gain their insight on this service. However, after 8 months of trying different priests at the 8:00 am service, very little has changed.

At the August Vestry meeting, Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry revisited their conversation about the concerns with this service. The conversation included moments of thoughtful silences and observations, such as:

* the practical reason for providing more than one Sunday morning worship service is the size of the congregation is too large for the building's worship space. This is not the case here at Church of the

Good Shepherd. We are fortunate to have ample space in our nave for members and still have room to make visitors feel welcome.

* therefore the reason for offering a secondary service seems to be convenience of time of day the service is offered and providing a different style of worship.

* following this reasoning, it appears that the secondary service is perhaps no longer as convenient as it once was and/or that particular style of worship is not as desired.

* observing behavior in the neighborhood, it is regularly observed there are not many people awake and outside at 8:00 am on a Sunday morning, with the exception of people doing early morning exercise. It was again noted that several elderly members cannot make it to church in the early morning, and some cannot make it to the 10:30 service.

* the comment was made that Sunday afternoons, there are more people walking around the neighborhood, and when the church building was open in the afternoon, there have been folks who stopped in the church building for prayer.

* a comment was made that several mainline denominations, like the Roman Catholic Church, have started offering worship services on Sundays in the late afternoon or evening, which has been appealing to both the elderly who struggle in the early morning, and families who often have sports and other events on Sunday mornings.

Together, Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry came to the point in this conversation where no one wanted to cancel or discontinue to offer two services. They feel offering two services does fit with our mission to serve our community and neighborhood. They all wonder if perhaps the way forward is to make other changes to the secondary service, such as moving it from early in the morning to later in the afternoon or early evening. This change seems to better reflect the activity in the congregation and the neighborhood. They also wonder about changing the style of the service.

Mother Deborah, the Wardens, and the Vestry want to try these changes and see what happens. These changes are a bit more complicated than changing clergy, so there will be a period of transition as we move toward that change. Starting in September, the secondary service will continue to be Rite I Eucharist at 8:00 am but will only be once per month. This will continue through December. During this time, Mother Deborah will be working with leaders and volunteers on planning the details of the changes such as deciding the time and style. Then, starting in January, the secondary service will be at its new time in the late afternoon. We will try this for a while and see how it goes.

If you are interested in helping with the changes in the secondary service, please let Mother Deborah know. If this change is a shock or

surprise to you, please know the leadership does not want to hurt anyone. Instead they are trying to offer what we as a parish are and what we have to a changing neighborhood and changing congregation so that we all can participate in the Body of Christ. We hope to try and see what happens. As always, questions, concerns, support, etc. can be brought to Mother Deborah.

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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