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Good Shepherd E-News (3 January 2019)

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.



Epiphany

This Sunday, 6 January 2019

8:30 Service

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II-B

Feast of the Epiphany January 6

Tradition holds this is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Magi, who followed a certain star to find where Jesus is born. This year we are fortunate that January 6 falls on a Sunday, so in the service we will hear the story of the Magi's journey and sing hymns celebrating their gifts.

Upcoming Events

Epiphany - - Sunday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Service - - Sunday, January 6, Chapel

Choir Rehearsal - - Sunday, January 6, 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tues., Jan. 8, Betty Larson

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CrossRoads Cafe



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Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 9, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

No (?) Second Sunday Brunch - - Sunday, Jan. 13

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 16, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Sunday - - Sunday, January 20

Afternoon Eucharist - - Sunday, Jan 20, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting - - Tuesday, Jan 22, Julie Nehls

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 23, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry meeting - - Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting - - Sunday, January 27, 12:00 noon

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, January 30, noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to 2019!

We hope the new calendar year is off to a good beginning and will be a year blessed with hope, peace, and the continued presence of the Holy Spirit.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, Epiphany, 6 January 2019

Altar Guild: Christy Ortman and Sally Spero

Eucharistic Visitor week of January 6 - Lynn Graham

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-B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Eucharistic Ministers: David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Sharon Huge

Ushers:

First Crucifer: Lynn Graham

LESSONS for the Epiphany - Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Sung); Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

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 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 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.

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

Anniversary: Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luelloff (1/7)

Birthdays: Julie Spero (1/7), Sophia Karageorge (1/7), Carey Busch (1/8), Tyrone Carr (1/8), Ella Cottrill (1/12)

* 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

Matthew 2:1-12



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the

people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"` And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there,

ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Much Gratitude . . .

To everyone who helped make Christmas at Church of the Good Shepherd so beautiful this year: to the Altar Guild who did a lot of extra cleaning and set up and decorating, the acolytes, readers, ushers, and LEMs, the members of the choir, Lynn Graham, who did extra scheduling, volunteers who helped out, and everyone who stepped up and helped out with joyful hearts. Sharing this work with you all makes it a labor of love. Thank you!

Epiphany Carol Walk

January 5

The American Guild of Organists Southeast Ohio Chapter will be have an Epiphany Carol Walk on Saturday, January 5! The event will include twenty-minute programs at three Athens churches:

- 3:00 p.m. First Methodist Church
- 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Catholic Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church

The program is designed to allow time for an easy stroll from one venue to the next. At each location there will be performances of seasonal music by resident musicians and, of course, carol singing! Plan to attend! Bring a friend!

Annual Meeting January 27

Please join the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, and Vestry for the Annual Meeting of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sunday, January 27, in Nehls Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.



It's Report Writing Time!

Annual Reports due January 20

If you are a warden, chair, or co-chair of a committee, your annual report of one or two paragraphs is due to Barb no later than January 20, 2019. Reports can be emailed to Barb at barbara@chogs.org or dropped off in person Monday through Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or put in her church mailbox. These reports will be printed in the annual meeting packet for the parish to read. Thank you for getting your report in on time!

Thank You!

For supporting CrossRoads Café's gift-pack fundraising. In about one week, we made just over \$100. Wow!

We hope your friends and family enjoyed their bags of Deeper Roots Coffee. Since we made a good amount in such a short period of time, we will continue to sell bags of Deeper Roots Coffee Beans for \$10 a half pound. CrossRoads opens on January 14, but we are taking

pre-orders now. Look for sign up sheets in the church office, narthex, and Nehls Hall. You might want to try the new roast called "Cabin Fever" we'll be featuring in January!



Wednesday Free Lunch Report



On Wednesday, January 2, Group 1 served 32 people 40 servings of loaded potato soup or Spanish potato soup, with fresh fruit, vegetables, drinks, and cake. (The unloading of new arriving appliances provided lunch entertainment -- see photos.)

The lunch volunteers were Gregory Proctor, Dana and Richard Carlson, Norm Fox and Phyllis Dean (they also helped unload!).

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, or Zelma Coleman, or David Burton, or Lois Wagner, or Lynn Graham.

Well Done !! Wednesday Lunch Teams!

With the kitchen renovations in full swing, it has been a challenge to our Wednesday Lunch ministry to continue to serve a free lunch each week. I am very proud of the teams for coming up with creative ways to continue to serve lunch while we are unable to use the kitchen. There are people who depend not only on the food, but the community time Wednesday Lunch provides and it means a lot to them that you found a way to keep that going during a time of change. Finding new ways to serve lunch shows you care a great deal for the folks who come for lunch. Thank you for your persistence, flexibility, adaptability, and creativity, and most important, for caring.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah



The stove, freezer, and refrigerator were too big for the kitchen doors and were lifted over the counter.



Removing the protective film was a big job!

Lifting the new freezer over the counter -- up! -- on top! -- and over!







Repeat Material Below

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



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 a.m. 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

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 (cell) 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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