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## Good Shepherd E-News (3 March 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: 6 March 2016 Fourth Sunday in Lent



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

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**9:00 a.m. Adult Forum**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**Starting at 10:15 a.m. fully staffed nursery care is available.**

## Upcoming Church Events

Brief Choir Rehearsal, Sunday, March 6, after 10:30 service

Lenten Discussion, Sunday, March 6, home of the Rev. Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luellhoff

Prayer Shawl meeting, Tuesday, March 8, home of June Wieman

Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, March 9, 12:00 noon

Wednesday Soup and Spiritual Practices, Wednesday, March 9, 5:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Brunch, March 13, following 10:30 a.m. service

Lenten Discussion, Sunday, March 13, home of the Rev. Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luellhoff

## Gospel



### Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Luke 15: 1-3,  
11b-32**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he

## Books of Leviticus and Numbers: Sunday Mornings, 9:00 am

In March, the Adult Forum will move into a broader look at the Bible's presentation of people and their lives as Gregory Proctor leads us in an examination of the prescriptions and proscriptions in the books of Leviticus and Numbers.

## Sunday Discussion Group (Feb 14 - )

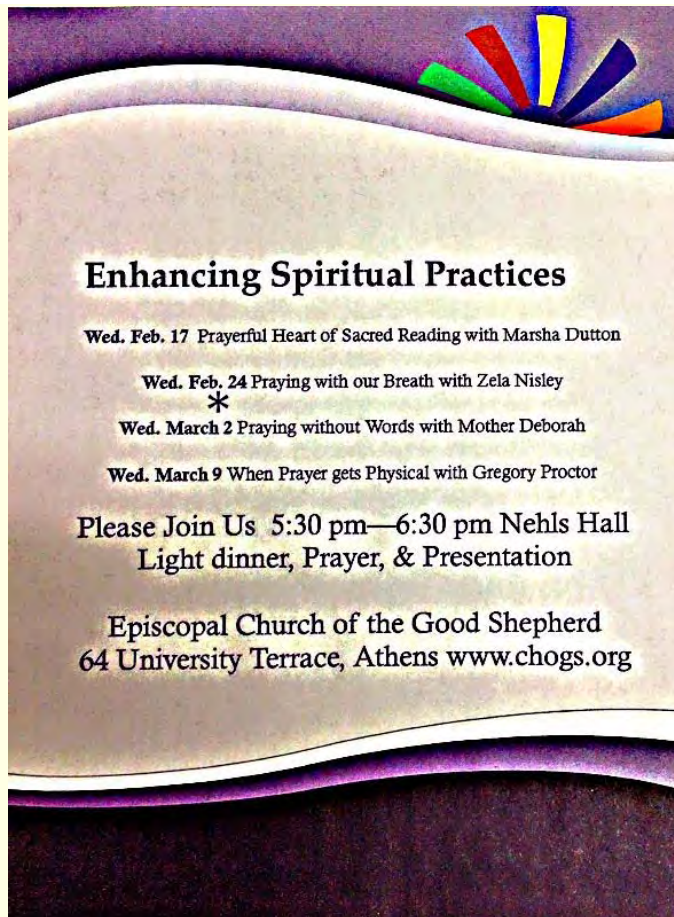


At 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in Lent you are invited to Mother Deborah and Michael's home for an hour's discussion on the Free Lenten Daily Reading Book, *Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. All ages are welcome.

Began Sunday February 14, 4:00 p.m.  
8074 Rolling Hills Drive.

## Lent Opportunities

**Please join us in Nehls Hall this Wednesday, March 9th, for our final session of Soup and Enhancing our Spiritual Practice. Gregory Proctor will lead us in exploring how our bodies can be part of our prayers.**



## Enhancing Spiritual Practices

**Wed. Feb. 17** Prayerful Heart of Sacred Reading with Marsha Dutton

**Wed. Feb. 24** Praying with our Breath with Zela Nisley

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**Wed. March 2** Praying without Words with Mother Deborah

**Wed. March 9** When Prayer gets Physical with Gregory Proctor

Please Join Us 5:30 pm—6:30 pm Nehls Hall  
Light dinner, Prayer, & Presentation

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began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the

### Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Lent 4 (6 March 2016)

**Altar Guild:** Doris Green, Hailey Luelloff, Sally Spero

**Coffee Hour:** Don Frazier and Joanne Worstall

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector/Prayers:** Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

**Officiant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** David Burton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jack Flemming (Prayer leader) and Lynn Graham

**Ushers:** Zelma Coleman and Norman Fox

**First Cross:** Kate Dygas

**Second Cross:** Pely Brient

**Lessons:** Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32 (sung), 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for

## 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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of the Supreme Court, and the members of the U.S. 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, for 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. We pray also for the Altar Guild.

### **Those for whom our prayers are requested: \***

Catie, Lydia and her mother, Michael, Roger, Pam, Jim, the Berry family, Winston, Wanda, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Jan, Pat, John, Ellen, Ray, Beverly, Janice, Bela, William, Kathy and Phil, Rachel, Adam, Andy, Patricia and George, Douglas, Richard, Ed, Blanche, Jennifer, Holly, Robert, Dorothy, the Schave family, the Shultz family, Earl, Nancy, the Rev. Tim, Arvin, Suzan, Loretta, and Bill and Karen, and we pray for all who care for them.

### **Birthdays:**

Peter Buckley (3/6), Sister Faith Margaret (3/6), Roseanne Ruchti (3/8), Lia Knox (3/8), the Rev. Deborah Woolsey (3/10), Richard Carlson (3/10), Arvin Wells (3/10)

### **For those who have died:** Wilbur Parmitor

\* 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](mailto:grahammowery@aol.com).

## EASTER LILIES: DEADLINE MARCH 13

If you would like to reserve an Easter Lily to celebrate and brighten Good Shepherd on Easter morning, please complete a form, which can be found in the Narthex, along with a check made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with Easter Lilies in the memo line. Each lily will be \$20. Completed



him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

forms can be placed in an envelope marked Easter Lilies, also in the Narthex, and then put it in the mailbox of Barb Martin, our Parish Administrator, or in the Offering Plate. The deadline for ordering lilies is March 13. Questions? Please contact Sharon Huge at 593-5178 or [huge@ohio.edu](mailto:huge@ohio.edu).

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## OU Singers (March 13)

The OU Singers will present a concert on Sunday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The group is directed by Daniel Hall.

<https://www.facebook.com/OUSingers/>

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## Easter Parish Potluck (March 27)

The Fosters again will host the traditional Easter potluck at their home. The potluck will begin at about 1:30 on Easter Sunday afternoon. Ham and fried chicken will be provided. Those attending can bring beverages, side dishes, or a dessert. All are invited. Plan to come, because it is a great time. There is plenty of room inside if the weather is inclement and outside if the weather cooperates. Outside there are opportunities for hiking.

The Fosters' address is 7919 N. Coolville Ridge Road, Athens. For directions, please GPS or speak to Ted or Katharin (740-593-8615). Maps available in Narthex.

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## "An Afternoon with Johann Sebastian Bach"



Come and celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday with First Lutheran and Christ Lutheran!

**On March 20th** at 3:00 pm, the sister churches will be co-hosting a Bach organ recital at First Lutheran in **Parkersburg**. Dr. Paul Barte will be dressed as Bach and will perform the organ music of J. S. Bach.

Dr. Barte has been a member of the music faculty at Ohio University School of Music since 1997. As a tenured and Associate Professor at OU, he teaches organ and harpsichord, and classes in organ literature and pedagogy and music history. In 2005, he was the recipient of the School of Music's Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he also serves as University Organist.

We are honored to have Dr. Barte portray and share his extensive knowledge and expertise on the music and life of Bach. As March 20th is the day before Bach's birthday, we will celebrate with a birthday cake reception following the recital. Come and enjoy the music of Bach!

Directions to First Lutheran in Parkersburg, WV 26101: Rt. 50 east to Parkersburg; cross Memorial Toll

Bridge (\$.50); Turn right at the first stop light. Garfield Ave.; Next stop light. Turn left on to 19th St.; at 2nd stop light. Turn right. On to St. Mary's Ave. beside McKinley Elem.; Quick light. Back on to 19th St.; About 1/4 to 1/2 mile down 19th St. To First Lutheran on the left. 1701 19th St. (Church #304-428-6174)

## Language of Liturgy: "Pew Aerobics"

I found the question "Do we have to stand?" written on the back of an information request card in the church narthex. I was surprised to see the question left behind on the floor, so I am not sure if it was answered. The question reminded me that worship in the Episcopal Church includes the opportunity to worship with our whole self, heart, mind, soul, and body, as we are able. For Episcopalians liturgy is not just the work of the clergy or servers; it is the work of the people. It is not a spectator event. Sometimes a person may not be able, because of a physical disability, to stand or kneel, and that is certainly understandable. But our movement, be it standing, sitting, or kneeling, has meaning and reason.

**Standing:** we stand to show respect when we proclaim, and sometimes when we pray. That is why we stand during the Gospel Proclamation (when the Gospel is read) and when we say the Creed. Some people stand during the Eucharistic Prayer, and that is okay, because standing can be a prayer posture. We also stand when we sing in part because singing is a type of proclamation and because we make a better sound.

**Kneeling** is a posture of prayer and contrition for sin. We kneel when we confess our sins and receive absolution. Some people kneel during the Prayers of the People, during times of private prayer before and after receiving Holy Communion, and during the Eucharistic Prayer.

**Sitting:** in the Episcopal Church sitting means that we are ready to learn; it is a posture that conveys that we are listening and paying attention. We sit during the reading of the First and Second Lessons/readings, the Psalm, and the sermon.

We Episcopalians are known for our liturgy and our love of liturgy. Growing up in the Episcopal Church, I have always valued our liturgy because I found the movement of it inclusive, allowing me a way to participate before I could read the words. For those who have physical limitations, knowing why these movements are happening can help you participate spiritually, which is one reason why we say "as you are able."

In his book "Naked Spirituality" prominent Christian writer Brian McLaren writes about how positioning our bodies in certain ways (his own interpretation of standing, kneeling, and sitting) during worship services can allow us to participate more fully in that service. While this is a new concept for some Christians, it has been part of the Episcopal Church for generations.

While I may never find out where the question on the floor came from, I am grateful for the opportunity it gave me to remember and to share that reminder. (Mother Deborah)

## The Week



**Top:** The Choir warming up. **Bottom left:** First Spring wildflowers. **Bottom right:** The Christmas cactus is finally getting around to blooming.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



This Wednesday, March 2, 2016, Wednesday Lunch Group I provided 40 guests with 60 servings. The meat dish was Mac and Franks, and the vegetarian Mac and Cheese. Salad, fresh fruit, beverages, and dessert were also offered.

The helpers were Norman Fox, Phyllis Dean, Lia Knox, Gregory Proctor, and Chris Eaton.

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.

## 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 Huges (740-592-5178 or [huges@ohio.edu](mailto:huges@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 Huges 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.

**A Fully Staffed Nursery:** Nursery care is provided downstairs for children age 5 and younger on Sundays beginning at 10:15 a.m. However, should parents prefer, children of all ages are of course always welcome throughout the entire service.



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](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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