



Good Shepherd E-News Extra (3 March 2018)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio, is a diverse, welcoming, growing congregation, committed to seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

Café/Coffee Shop Update

It is with happy excitement that I bring you all the news that the Bishop has sent us a check to begin the café/coffee shop ministry. This means we will begin moving forward, and will be needing volunteers, especially those volunteers interested in helping with making signs and helping with the hiring process.

We have decided to name it "CrossRoads" because of something Gifford Doxsee wrote about Church of the Good Shepherd. He wrote that Church of the Good Shepherd reminded him of a crossroads because so many different people from different places came, especially during his years as Senior Warden and when he was involved with international students. After reading his thoughts, it occurred to me the parish is also at a physical crossroads, and the spirit of our Incarnational ministry of presence is a spiritual type of crossroads, where the spiritual and secular intersect to meet the campus community where it is. Thus, CrossRoads Café or simply CrossRoads, seemed a good name, and another inspired gift from Gifford.



Please remember the overall vision is to build on our ministry to the campus, and to create what is often called a "Third Place" where people feel welcome, and where they feel they can have conversations about faith, religion, etc. Another aspect of the vision is to provide employment and training and experience for volunteers. I very much want all of you to feel the café/coffee shop ministry has space for you, if you want to get involved. As we move forward, there will be other opportunities for us. I will try to update you as we go along.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah