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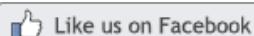
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## Good Shepherd E-News (3 May 2018)

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: 6 May 2018



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

## Upcoming Church Events

Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, May 8, Jude Pizzolato

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 9, noon

Lenten Leftovers: Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m., Gifts from Other Times

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

Second Sunday Brunch - May 13, 12:00 p.m.

Marthas' meeting - Monday, May 14, 1:30 p.m., Nehls Hall

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 16, noon

Lenten Leftovers: Wednesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Hallmarks of Emergence

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

Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 20



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help the  
Church**

**Altar Flowers  
How to Order**

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

"José's Weekly  
Reflection"

**ENGLISH**

**SPANISH**

Wednesday Free Lunch - Wednesday, May 23, noon

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



## **Participants scheduled for This Sunday, May 6, Easter 6**

**Altar Guild:** David Burton and Zelma Coleman

**Altar Flowers:** Lois Wagner

**Coffee Hour:** Bonnie Savage and Lois Wagner

**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-B  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey  
**Lector:** Alex Buckley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marsha Dutton (Prayer Leader) and

Gregory Proctor

**Ushers:** Lynn Graham and Julie Nehls

**First Crucifer:** Peter Buckley

**Second Crucifer:** Owen Buckley

**Lessons:** for Easter 6 - Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98 (sung); 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17. <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 Epiphany, Nelsonville, and All Saints, New Albany.

**In our parish**, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, 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 acolytes, the Wednesday lunch, and Gregory Proctor, our treasurer.

**Those for whom our Prayers are Requested:** Chic, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Pam, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Addison, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Daniel, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, Elizabeth, William, Mia, Sharon, Monya, Angie, Patricia, Brenda, Paul, Dan, David, Elizabeth and Adam, Mark, Robert, Don, Bob, Steve, John, Roland, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Joe, Beth and George and their daughters and families, and Arvin, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Therese Lackey (5/6), Anne Braxton (5/7), Doug Dygas (5/12)

**Anniversary:** April Almond Knox and Lia Knox (5/6).

**The Altar Flowers** are given in thanksgiving for my daughter Connie Gilkey's birthday.

## Gospel

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:9-17



Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

## Summer Hours & Welcoming the Visitor

About this time every year it is customary to start getting the word out about changing the start time of the 10:30 am service. This year, however, Mother Deborah went to the Vestry with a concern she has about the yearly change in service time. Mother Deborah shared with the Vestry observations she made during the "summer hours" last year: She noticed a woman who had started attending Sunday services come too late the Sunday the start time changed, the woman was gracious, but did not return. A young man who started coming in the summer didn't receive word of the time change at the end of summer and didn't return after he came too early the Sunday it changed back to 10:30. While there could have been other reasons for these folks to disengage from Church of the Good Shepherd, the time change seemed to contribute to it.

It is tempting to place blame on how the time change is communicated, but Mother Deborah wondered if the time change, while easily understood by long-time parish members, could be unwelcoming to visitors and newcomers as it makes it too confusing to figure out when the church service starts. It can be easy for us all to forget that we are all inundated



with information all the time, and changes like the start time of the church service can be easily overlooked in the information overload.

Since it is one of the parish's core values to be welcoming and hospitable, Mother Deborah asked the Vestry to consider not changing the start time of the church service this summer to see how it goes. The Vestry agreed to try it this summer. Please note we will keep the Sunday service times the same: 8:00 am and 10:30 am this summer. If it doesn't work out, we can always go back to the way we usually do it next summer.

If you are concerned about the temperature of the building, we seem to have found a good way to keep the church pretty cool on hot days. If the heat bothers you, please remember the 8:00 am service is held in our chapel, which is air conditioned. If there would be a morning that is unusually hot we can always have the 10:30 am service in Nehls Hall, where there are air conditioners. Of course LEMs and Acolytes will not vest during the summer.

Thank you for your understanding and willingness to try something new. Mother Deborah and the Vestry hope you receive this in the spirit of hospitality toward visitors it is intended for. As always, if you have concerns you feel you need to share, you can always contact Mother Deborah directly.

## **CrossRoads Café Update:**

### **Who Wants to Learn How to Operate the New Espresso Machine?**

The equipment for the coffee shop will be delivered sometime in the next two weeks. Deeper Roots Coffee, a coffee roasting and consulting company based in Cincinnati, will be delivering and setting up the equipment and teaching how to use it. Unless you have a commercial grade espresso machine in your kitchen, this equipment is different from what most of us have in our homes or at church, and special training is required in order to learn how to use this equipment.



If you would like to learn how to use the new espresso machine so you can

- \* help train future employees & other volunteers
- \* volunteer in the cafe making and serving coffee and coffee drinks
- \* gain more understanding of how the equipment works,

please contact Mother Deborah at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com) right away.

Here's to moving forward in making beautiful ministry together!

## Lenten Leftovers: Embracing Emergence Christianity with Phyllis Tickle

Several of you were enjoying this year's Lenten program so much that you wanted to hear more from Phyllis Tickle. We'll take up where we left off on Wednesday evenings in May at 5:30 pm. Please bring a salad to share; we will provide beverages.



May 9 Gifts from Other Times  
May 16 Hallmarks of Emergence

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

**MEALS** 

On May 2 group 1 fed 39 people 59 servings. The menu was mac & cheese with sausage, with salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages. The vegetarian option was mac & cheese.

The volunteers this week were Dana Carlson, Richard Carlson, Phyllis Dean, Norm Fox, and Gregory Proctor.

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.

**Photos** -- Bonnie and Haley test drive two of the stools donated by Lois for the café. (Right) Dogwood in church front yard. (Bottom) The barista cart being crafted by Michael is beginning to take shape.







## Repeat Material Below

### The Transition Process

On behalf of the Vestry, as Senior Warden, I am writing this to invite parishioners to participate in Mother Deborah's transition process. As you recall, in the fall we were to go through a "discernment" process following the three-year term of Mo. Deborah as Priest-in-charge. For whatever reasons, that process got postponed. Since January, Bishop Breidenthal has extended Mo. Deborah's Letter of Appointment on a month-by-month basis. The original process would have taken up to six months. But now, under the guidance of the Rev. Canon Jason Leo, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, the plan is to move Mo. Deborah from Priest-in-charge to Rector, completing the process by the third week of July. Canon Leo wishes that the process be quick, easy, and positive.

Over the next twelve weeks, I will be sending out three questions eliciting responses from the congregation that will help the Vestry make the decision to call Mo. Deborah as our Rector. The plan is that beginning May 6, the congregation will receive a question directed at the spiritual life of Good Shepherd every three weeks. The period of three weeks between each question gives everyone time to consider prayerfully their response and to turn it in (explained below). The remaining two questions will be submitted to the congregation on May 27 and on June 17, respectively.

The responses will be treated as anonymous. You may put your response in the offering plates, or in a special basket so marked in the Narthex, or in my mail box in the lobby outside the church office, or you may mail them to the church office.

In my capacity as Sr. Warden, I will transcribe the responses received for each question into documents to share with the Vestry and with Canon Leo. Only the Vestry and Canon Leo will read those responses. The original responses will be destroyed once I put them into the documents. Once the responses for the three questions have been received and studied, Canon Leo will meet with the Vestry. His plan is that on Sunday, July 29, he will return to Athens to announce, and to celebrate in an all-parish meeting, the decision that the Vestry has made.

The first question for the congregation is

**Where are we as a congregation now?**

We would like to have your response to this first question on or before Sunday, May 27.

If you have questions, you may ask any Vestry member.

Sincerely,  
David Burton, Sr. Warden ([drabeja02@yahoo.com](mailto:drabeja02@yahoo.com))

## 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](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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at [drabeja@yahoo.com](mailto:drabeja@yahoo.com)

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Senior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at [carlsondana@hotmail.com](mailto: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).  
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