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Good Shepherd E-News (4 February 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: 7 February 2016 Last Sunday after the Epiphany



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

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

Officiants: The Rev. Karl Stevens is preaching, The Rev. Deborah

Woolsey is the celebrant.

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

Soul Biscuits (writing workshop), Friday, Feb 5, 5:30 p.m.
The Rev. Karl Stevens' visit, February 7, during 10:30 service
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 9, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Prayers & Ashes, Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, February 10, 12:00 noon
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 10, 6:15 p.m.
Ash Wednesday service, Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Shawl meeting, Tuesday, February 23, Lois Wagner
Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, February 17, 12:00 noon
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

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**Soul Biscuits, Writing Workshop,
This Friday, Feb 5**

Gospel



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

Once upon a time ...



After a winter hiatus, Soul Biscuits is back with some great events.

This Friday, February 5, we hope you'll join us for the perennially popular creative writing workshop. We are -- mostly (I'll speak for myself) -- neophyte creative writers who, inspired by the exercises found and designed by our leaders and set at ease by the **very** low expectations of the setting, flirt with our neglected muses as we sip a glass of wine. We hope you'll join us!

On February 19, Theresa Moran and Art Trece will report on and share pictures of their trip to Cuba in a talk titled "Food for the People: Policy and Practice in Cuba." Instructors in the A&S food studies theme, Art and Theresa recently took their class on the road to explore the food culture of Cuba. We're excited that they are able to come and share their experiences with us.

And there's more! An evening of brass chamber music, a Broadway and jazz revue offered by students and faculty of the School of Music, the OU trombone choir, a guided meditation and visualization class, and more. We'll keep you updated as dates and plans are solidified.

In the meantime, please join us this Friday for wine, cheese, and creative writing!

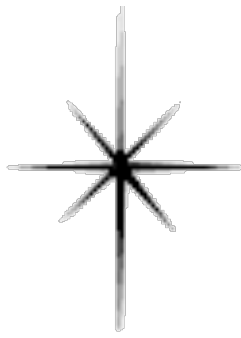
Wine and cheese from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and event from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Appetizers and wine provided; donations gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd, Corner of University Terrace and Park Place.

Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic/intellectual nurture. Please contact elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, February 7

Last Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

One of my favorite things about the Season of Epiphany is that it goes out with a real liturgical bang. This is our last time to gather for worship before Lent, when the Church will be in a time of reflective fasting, symbolized



"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed

by the absence of the word "alleluia," the more joyful hymns, and festive vestments and flowers. Before we pack those beautiful parts of worship away for Lent, they will be given special attention in Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service. The alleluias in particular will be featured as they are brought into the church at the beginning of the service, and at the end of the service, as a congregation we'll process them in a grand procession featuring singing and special instruments to the columbarium to remind us that they will be put away until we celebrate Christ's Resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. We hope you will join in! Children of all ages are especially invited to help us with this special day, as the children will have the honor of carrying the alleluias in procession.

Adult Forum (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

This Sunday we hope to maintain the high level of enthusiasm from last month as Mother Deborah introduces us to a book on ordinary women in the Bible: *Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context*, by Carol Myers, a professor of religion at Duke University.

On Feb. 7 the discussion will focus on Eve, and then over the following weeks we will move on to other women. We meet in Hobson Lounge from 9 to 10 on Sunday mornings: everyone is encouraged to come.

Sunday School (Sunday, 9:30 a.m.)

This Sunday our two classes will continue our study of the Christian year, preparing for the movement from Epiphany to Lent by making Alleluia posters to display in the church service. As we consider what it means to be exiled from Paradise and from easy relationship with God, we will make collages showing closed doors and gates. Our two classes meet from 9:30 to 10:15 in Nehls Hall and the nursery classroom.

Participants scheduled for

him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

This Sunday - Epiphany 5 (7 February 2016)

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges, Hailey Luellhoff, Doris Green

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lois Wagner and Lynn Graham

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-B

Officiant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Sermon: The Rev. Karl Stevens

Lector: Zella Nisley

Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer leader) and Lynn Graham

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Zelma Coleman

First Cross: Peter Buckley

Second Cross: Owen Buckley

Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 (sung), 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

<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 the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, 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 Grace, Pomeroy; All Saints', Portsmouth; and St. Francis, Springboro.

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 Barbara Martin, Parish Administrator.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Catie, Lydia and her mother, Michael, Roger, Pam, Jim, Winston, Harrison, Wanda, Louise, the D'Andrea family, Gifford, Jan, Ruth, Pat, Ellen, Ray, Beverly, Janice, Bela, William, Phil & Kathy,

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The Rev. Karl Stevens' Visit (Feb. 7)

The Rev. Karl Stevens will be visiting us on Sunday, February 7 at the 10:30 a.m. service and will be available during coffee hour.

Karl is the Canon Missioner for Campus Ministry for the Diocese, and we are delighted he'll be with us again.

Parish Annual Reports

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Meeting packet.

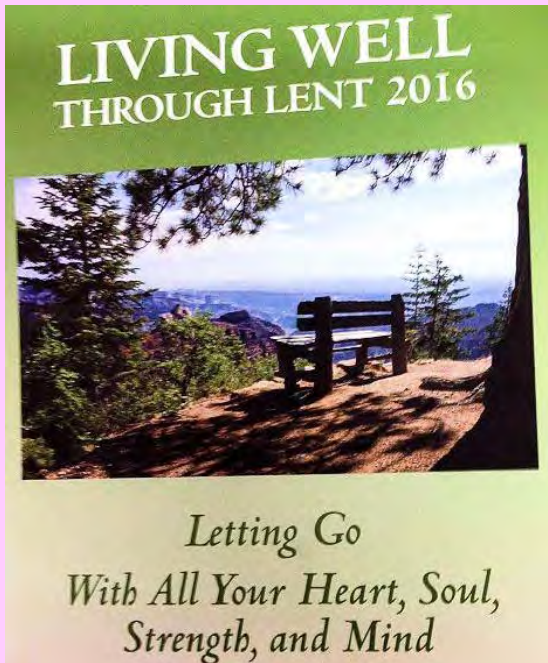
Rachel, Adam, Andy, Patricia and George, Douglas, Richard, Jennifer, Holly, Robert, Dorothy, the Schave family, the Shultz family, Pat, Earl, Nancy, the Rev. Tim, Arvin, Robert, Suzan, Loretta, and Bill and Karen, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays:

Michele Parsons (2/8)

* 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.



FREE Daily Lenten Resource

Living Well Through Lent - Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

Designed to help us all engage more fully in the season of Lent. Traditionally Lent is a time when we examine our lives, especially our relationship with God. Many of you may be familiar with the tradition of giving up something for Lent. Others might take on a new or additional spiritual discipline for Lent. Either way, this book offers an opportunity to participate in the gift of the season, and we have one for you.

Please help yourself to a free copy. We hope you experience a holy Lent.

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 9)

Mark your calendars ---

Tuesday, February 9th

Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes (with/without blueberries), with butter, syrup, and honey, and ham.



Open Stage: There will be an open stage if anyone is willing to contribute musical entertainment. Choir members may do a little song and dance. **HOWEVER**, a good many families in our parish have family members (youngish and adultish) who play instruments, sing, or have other performance skills. Don't be shy; you will be among friends. The piano, along with a microphone or two, will be available. Otherwise just bring along your instrument(s) as needed. The only rule: no karaoke!

As before, freewill donations will be accepted at the door, with proceeds going to the June Black Memorial Music Fund.

Ash Wednesday: Your Invitation (Feb. 10)

**Ashes to Go 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Church Service 7:30 pm**



Receiving an invitation can be a significant experience; it can signify that someone thought of you and wants you to participate in whatever they invited you to. Wednesday, February 10, is Ash Wednesday, a day that is not just the first day of the season of Lent; it is also our invitation (as page 265 in the Prayer Book puts it) "to observe a holy Lent." Today we are all invited prayerfully to reflect on how our mortality influences our humanity and our faith. This reflection begins with ashes placed on our foreheads and continues 40 days until Easter. This invitation comes from the Church as a way of saying that you matter, and where you are in your spiritual journey matters.

This year, Church of the Good Shepherd will observe Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes in the style of Ashes to Go in front of the church from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The full church service with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion will be at 7:30 pm. You are invited to participate in one or both Ash Wednesday experiences as together we begin the holy season of Lent.

Lent Opportunities

Wednesdays Soup and Spiritual Practices (Feb. 17 - March 9)



Join us at 5:30 pm in Nehls Hall for an hour of exploring spiritual practices and ways to enhance your own spiritual practice. A light meal of soup will be provided. All are welcome.

Starting Wed. Feb. 17.

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.

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

Talk about sticking your head out: these spring shoots may be a bit optimistic about winter being over.



Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS 

This Wednesday, Feb. 3rd., Wednesday Lunch Group I provided 88 guests with 88 servings. The meat dish was meat Mac & Franks; the vegetarian dish was Mac and Cheese. Baked beans, salad, beverages, fruit, and desert were also offered.

The volunteers this week were Sally Spero, Norm Fox, Gregory Proctor, Lia Knox, Phyllis Dean, 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 Huge (740-592-5178 or huge@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 Huge 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>, 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 (<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.

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.

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).
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